

Job shadow opportunities needed for students

“Career Readiness” is a term familiar to any individual working in the education sector.

It’s also a term becoming familiar to all students, and that parents will be hearing more frequently.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education has placed a renewed focus on Career Readiness and standards that have been in place for schools and students since 2006. The department notes that “College and Career Readiness will assist Pennsylvania students to be prepared for



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continuing to fulfill our

meaningful engagement in post-secondary education, in work force training, in career pathways, and as responsible, involved citizens.”

Career Readiness for Lawrence County School-To-Work, Inc., means

mission that was started in 1998: to partner with the community to promote the integration of business and industry, including skills and behaviors, into the classroom to facilitate the transition of students from school to work. Career Readiness is a need that all business owners and leaders look for in employees.

There are many areas covered under the Academic Standards for Career and Education Work Standards developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. One that has undergone a

recent change will affect our business community. Businesses are being asked to assist students in fulfilling a requirement called job shadowing.

Job shadowing gives the student first-hand exposure into the career they are interested in pursuing by working with business volunteers. It connects what they learn in school to how their knowledge and skills will be transferred successfully into the workplace. Each school district

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