

SCHOOL *counts!*

In the Oil Region

Participating Schools

- ◆ Cranberry Area School District
- ◆ Forest Area School District
- ◆ Franklin Area School District
- ◆ Oil City Area School District
- ◆ Titusville Area School District
- ◆ Valley Grove School District
- ◆ Venango Catholic High School
- ◆ Venango Technology Center

In cooperation with:

 Pennsylvania
CareerLink



*Franklin Area
Chamber of Commerce*



BUSINESS/ ORGANIZATION COMMITMENT CARD

YES! I want my business/organization
To participate in the *School Counts! in the
Oil Region* program.

Business/Organization:

Address:

Phone:

Contact Name/Title:

Contact Email Address:

Return this card to:

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*Become a **School Counts!** in the Oil Region
Employer and Make a Difference Today!*

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How much does absenteeism
cost your company?

When your employees don't
take their job seriously, how
seriously does it affect you?

***BEGIN TODAY
TO CHANGE
TOMORROW.***

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Young people need to know that there is a correlation between working hard in school and finding a job-whether that job is in a Fortune 500 company or in the stockroom of a local retail store.

They need to know that attendance, punctuality, attitude and effort count and that nothing breeds success like hard work.

Employers can reinforce these messages by asking young applicants for high school performance records, or a ***School Counts! In the Oil Region*** certificate.

School Counts! in the Oil Region will help students understand that school performance is important and will help develop a more qualified workforce.

The criteria students must meet each school year to earn a certificate are:

- Obtain at least a “C” or better in every class
- Achieve at least a 95% attendance and punctuality rate
- Take more than the minimum number of required credits
- Graduate high school in eight consecutive semesters
- Demonstrate a positive behavior and no school suspensions
- Pass random drug tests

School Counts! in the Oil Region

Is an initiative that encourages employers to use high school performance records as one of the criteria used to evaluate high school job applicants.

The program also demonstrates to students the importance of building a strong work ethic in high school, as it will directly affect their future employment.

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This program was originally adapted from the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce’s ***School Counts!*** program by the Foundation of the Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce and is now being replicated here in the Oil Region.

- ✓ Sign up to be a ***School Counts! In the Oil Region*** employer.
- ✓ Use the ***School Counts! in the Oil Region*** certificate as one of the criteria used to evaluate high school job applicants.
- ✓ Encourage other companies to participate in and support ***School Counts! in the Oil Region***.

If you are interested in participating in the ***School Counts! in the Oil Region*** please fill out the form on the reverse side.

For more information and additional forms visit:

[Forest County Business Alliance](http://www.businessalliance.forestcounty.com)

www.businessalliance.forestcounty.com

[Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce](http://www.franklinareachamber.org)

www.franklinareachamber.org

[Oil Region Alliance of Business, Industry & Tourism](http://www.oilregion.org)

www.oilregion.org

[PA Career Link](http://www.nwpacareerlink.org/oilregion)

www.nwpacareerlink.org/oilregion

[Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce](http://www.titusvillechamber.com)

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[Titusville Community Development Agencies](http://www.tcda.org)

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[Venango Area Chamber of Commerce](http://www.venangochamber.org)

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