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The Delaware Center for Enterprise Development (DCED), in the College of Business at Delaware State University, works with secondary schools and community-based organizations throughout Delaware to provide entrepreneurial education to youth.

The JET program helps fulfill DCED's mission to educate current and prospective entrepreneurs and enterprise managers through training programs, technical and managerial assistance and by providing access to capital. Youth participate in entrepreneurial activities through a variety of experiential learning programs. JET classes are taught by certified, skilled trainers. Students create and operate a JET business funded by DCED and they present a professional business plan to judges to compete for money to sustain their business.

## Why Entrepreneurship Education?

DCED developed the Junior Entrepreneurs in Training (program in 1997 to provide entrepreneurial education for middle school and high school aged youth.

The knowledge and experiences learned in JET classes can enable students to be creative. Participation in the JET program and youth entrepreneurship in general exposes youth to ways to become self-sufficient and it is an investment in the future of business ownership, employment training and education. The skills and lessons are life lessons.

## What is learned?

The JET Program is fashioned to provide youth the opportunity to learn about entrepreneurship; to teach youth basic concepts and skills required for entrepreneurship; and to help youth understand the relationship between academic subjects and the practical world of entrepreneurship.



