

Wyoming public schools are #2 in the nation for high school graduation and state and local spending. After High School graduation, or before, students can take advantage of the local community college. **Eastern Wyoming College** is a public community college with an enrollment of 1,470 students and a Student/Faculty Ratio of 12: 1. Associate degrees include:

- **Business** - Accounting, Business Administration, Business Education, Business Office Technology, and Communications
- **Computer Science** - Management Information Systems and Network Technician
- **Agriculture** - General Agriculture, Vocational Education, Animal Science, Biology, AgriBusiness Management, Agricultural Business, and Agricultural Economics
- **Professional**- Pre-Dentistry, Pre-Medicine, Pre-Veterinary Medicine, Pre-Medical Technology, Pre-Nursing, Pre-Pharmacy, Psychology, Sociology, Statistics, Veterinary Technology, Wildlife & Fisheries Biology and Management, Criminal Justice, Economics, English, History, Interdisciplinary Studies, Languages (Foreign), Mathematics, Political Science, Physical Education, Health and Recreation, and Art
- **Education** - Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education, Secondary Education, Mathematics Secondary Education and Special Education
- **Vocational**- Welding and Joining Technology, Commercial Refrigeration & Air Conditioning

Direct Financial Incentives

EWC and the Community Training Center are available to train employees for the specific needs of an employer and the costs can be paid for by the state.

Industrial development bonds may provide financing to promote economic growth within Wyoming, and to create jobs for its residents. Loans may be used for costs of industrial plants, processing facilities, and all businesses that contribute payrolls and a tax base to Wyoming. The state is authorized to purchase up to 50% of an issue in its \$35 million program.

Wyoming Industrial Development Corporation provides financial aid for businesses and assists in the packaging of loans with banks and other government agencies, such as SBA 504 and 7(a), and HUD 108. The Small Business Assistance Act provides a secondary market for the guaranteed portion of loans from either the Small Business Administration or the Farmer's Home Administration. The program provides a reduction in interest rates of up to 3%.

Goshen County Economic Development Corp. has access to hundreds of thousands of local dollars available as low-interest rate loans. These loans are often two percentage points below prime and are administered by the Goshen County Economic Development Corp.

Community Development Block Grants offer forgivable loans based on job creation. Economic development infrastructure grants are available for roads, water, and sewer lines to specific business sites. Job training grants help businesses with employee training costs such as instructor salaries, training materials, and tuition. Planning-only grants are available to the Goshen County Economic Development Corp. to perform feasibility studies related to economic and community development. Technical assistance grants are designed to assist businesses conduct project planning and research.