



Business Advisory Council

During September, the Ohio Department of Education provided new BAC guidance through two meetings targeted at strengthening BACs across the state. The “Strategies for Success” and Career Readiness Leadership meetings provided information about strategies other ESCs have used to earn 3 or 4 star BAC quality ratings. Mid-Ohio ESC was encouraged by Michelle Washington at ODE to apply for a quality rating. Though we had not initially planned to do so, because we were asked, we will submit an application, even though we expect a ranking of 1-2 stars in our current state. This will provide baseline data and feedback to our BAC so that we can continue to progress toward a 4 star ranking in the future.

In the 2022-23 school year, Mid-Ohio’s BAC “Plan” will focus on our implementation of the “Quality Practices” of Business Advisory Councils, which are: Develop Professional Skills for Future Careers, Build Business-Education Partnerships and Coordinate Career Readiness Experiences. Overarching items on the plan include:

- WAGE Tours for Superintendents (Richland 9/20, Morrow 9/21, Crawford TBA in October)
- Alignment of existing partners (Pioneer BAC, SPARC Council, Crawford County BAC)
- Adding Action Teams at the county level to focus on local business partnerships leading to educational activities for students
- Providing data updates presented by our Economic Development partners in each county
- Implementing the Ready for Hire Grant activities
- Planning a Teacher Externship for summer 2023

During the first BAC meeting in September, members of the BAC will review and approve the BAC “Plan,” which is due to the Ohio Department of Education September 30, 2022.

After School & Summer Learning Grants (SPARC Council) “READY FOR HIRE”

READY FOR HIRE AFTER SCHOOL 22-23

Program Site Coordinators have begun recruiting and interviewing staff for the programs in each county. In-district visits are also taking place for each school in each county to recruit both staff and students for the program.

- Galion High School will no longer be the site for Crawford County, as they have received a 21stCCLC grant for the high school and have requested a site change. We are working with the Crawford Success Center to secure program space.
- Kalin Wilburn is completing STEM/Career readiness programming activities and a teacher professional development plan for all three sites. This will be presented to the team on September 27, 2023.
- We have purchased Virtual Reality headsets from TransfrVR. Students will have access to virtual simulations in 23 career readiness modules covering all industry sectors, and a virtual training facility in the Skilled Trades.



- You Science career interest and aptitude assessment will be provided for each student to guide their experiences in the program.
- Additional technology supplies will be purchased as they align to the lesson plans for STEM/career readiness.

21st Century Community Learning Center Grants (at Galion)

- Mid-Ohio's 21stCCLC grant for Galion High School has been funded. This will provide credit recovery, positive youth development, career readiness and family engagement activities for students during before and after school times. I have presented the grant and its requirements to the administrative team at Galion, and provided Galion with the appropriate information and partner connections they need to put a construction Pre-Apprenticeship program in place, as a result of this grant. This program will allow students to graduate with industry recognized credentials in CITF Career Connections credentials worth 4 points each for graduation.
- Violeta Chinny is the Program Manager for each of the three 21stCCLC grants that have been awarded to us at Galion. Enrolment invitations have been provided for students at the primary, intermediate and middle schools. She is working on School Age Child Care requirements, and interviewing to hire staff for the programs.
- We will attend the mandatory ODE training for these grants on October 5th and 6th in Columbus to learn more about new requirements from the state for these funds.

