



Business Advisory Council

The Business-Education Leader Awards for Excellent Business Advisory Councils recognizes two, three and four-star rated Business Advisory Councils throughout the State of Ohio for their exceptional work building strong partnerships to instill professional skills for future careers and coordinating experiences for students. On January 10, 2023 the Mid Ohio Business Advisory Council was awarded a 2 star rating for the 2023 Business-Education Leader Awards for Excellent Business Advisory Councils. Please see the Lt. Governor's announcement [here](#). We will work very hard to move that rating forward in the future, but for today we can celebrate that our BAC has made progress in this baseline level of recognition!

Pre-Apprenticeships and the Role of ESC Business Advisory Councils

- Students in the classes of 2023 and beyond must now meet a new set of graduation requirements. These new requirements will allow students that are unable to meet the required scores on the English language arts II and Algebra I (or integrated math) tests, to select from several new options to demonstrate "competency," and therefore graduate. One of those options that is achievable for students who are academically at risk is for the student to complete a registered Pre-Apprenticeship Program and earn the Ohio Means Jobs Readiness graduation "seal."
- ESC BACs help client school districts establish Pre-Apprenticeship Programs by becoming the "Group Provider," of the Pre-Apprenticeship so that multiple districts can "join." The role of the ESC is to work with college and business partners to sponsor the Pre Apprenticeship, collaborate with the district to align the coursework needed to align the competencies in the Pre-Apprenticeship, and to write the "Operating Plan," that gets approved by Apprentice Ohio. ESCs teach their districts how to track the requirements and support them to meet important deadlines, but once the Pre-Apprenticeship is established, the district takes over and follows the plan. We are currently working with Richland County Workforce Development to create Pre-Apprenticeship options for our client districts. The plan is to begin with Richland County, then replicate for Crawford and Morrow Counties.
- In addition, we are currently working to design a "Workforce Academy Pre-Apprenticeship" program in partnership that will be co-facilitated with the Richland Chamber Foundation. This program will provide an opportunity for students to meet the graduation requirements by completing a registered Pre-Apprenticeship and to earn the Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Seal simultaneously. Content for the Pre-Apprenticeship will be developed using the



skills contained in the Seal requirements, and delivered by way of 11 online modules (approximately 45 minutes each) that can be administered by client school staff or a Richland Chamber Foundation facilitator. Once developed and approved by Apprentice Ohio, we will be able to offer client districts a valuable graduation pathway for students who may have no other options to graduate.

The next BAC meeting date is February 22, 2023 at a business location in Morrow County.

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

AFTER SCHOOL 22-23

- Ready for Hire Program staff are kicking off the second session that began January 9, 2023 which will include Makerbot (3D printing), Sphero/coding, Drones, and Pathful Connect.
- New sites are being developed and will be located at Crestview High School and Bucyrus High School
- Mid Year evaluation data is being collected and checked
- New federal reporting requirements were released this week, and will add a new dimension to data collection moving forward

21st Century Community Learning Center Grants (at Galion)

Please enjoy the latest issue of the program newsletter located [here](#).