



SEPTEMBER 2026

NEWSLETTER

Mid-Ohio ESC Community School

REMINDERS

- Sept. 8-14**
HS EOC initial paper-order window
- Sept. 11**
Summer OST rescore request deadline
- Sept. 14**
DOPR extended OST administration begins
- Sept. 18**
Spring 2027 ACT/SAT vendor selection survey closes
- Sept. 22**
K-3 Literacy Network Leadership for Learning kickoff
- Sept. 29**
C3 Adolescent Literacy Network Leadership for Learning kickoff
- Sept. 30**
September closes as Attendance Awareness Month

General Updates

MOESC Makes 2026-2027 Instructional Networks Free for Client and Member Districts

Mid-Ohio ESC is offering both K-12 Instructional Networks - the **K-3 Literacy Network** and **Creating Connections to Content (C3) Adolescent Literacy Network** - at no cost to all client and member districts for 2026-2027.

Districts receive unlimited access to **15 sessions** across both networks, including K-3 math and intervention sessions, support for gifted and advanced learners, literacy practices across K-12 content areas, and leadership coaching and planning support.

Kickoffs: K-3 Leadership for Learning - **Sept. 22**; C3 Leadership for Learning - **Sept. 29**. Both networks meet at Mid-Ohio ESC from September through May. Non-client districts may participate for a fee.

Questions: clay-mowry.amber@moesc.net | [Content Literacy Network Flyer](#)

Ohio Launches New Dashboards Tracking Graduate Outcomes

DEW update

DEW has launched [Ohio High School Outcomes](#) and [Ohio Career and Technical Education Outcomes](#). The dashboards provide up to six years of post-graduation data for the **Classes of 2018-2023**, including education, employment, and earnings outcomes at state, regional, district, and school levels.

Ohio's State Tests: Fall Testing Updates

OST update - September 1, 2026

Summer OST results are available in [CRS](#). Rescore requests for HS EOC and grade 3 ELA tests may be submitted in TIDE through **Sept. 11**.

For approved 2026-2027 DOPR community schools, the extended OST window is **Sept. 14-Nov. 20**. Paper test booklets for documented IEP/504 accommodations may be requested **Sept. 8-Nov. 5**.

The HS EOC initial paper-order window is **Sept. 8-14**; the fall EOC administration window is **Nov. 30, 2026-Jan. 15, 2027**. [Rescore guidance](#) | [Paper testing instructions](#)



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UPCOMING MOESC PD

Sept. 8
Technology Directors
8:30-11:00 AM

Sept. 22
School Counselors
9:00-10:30 AM

Oct. 6
Administrative Assistant Network
11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Oct. 9
Preschool Network
9:00-11:00 AM

Oct. 9
Art Teachers
12:30-2:30 PM

Oct. 16
Curriculum, Instruction,
Assessment
8:30 AM-12:30 PM

Oct. 16
Special Education Coordinators
8:30 AM-1:00 PM

Oct. 16
Transportation Network
9:00-11:00 AM

Oct. 16
Testing Coordinator
1:00-2:30 PM

Oct. 22
Student Services
1:30-3:30 PM

BILLS TO WATCH

HB 106 - School Safety: Panic Alerts & Firearm Detection
Pilot grants for panic alert systems or AI firearm-detection software.
Status: House Finance Committee

HB 117 - Pledge of Allegiance
Would require the Pledge of Allegiance in schools.
Status: House Education Committee

HB 145 - Increase Minimum School Hours
Regarding the minimum number of hours in a school year.
Status: House Education Committee

HB 191 - Minimum Teacher Salary
Would require school district and ESC teachers to be paid at least \$50,000.
Status: House Education Committee

HB 473 - Public Employer Contribution Payments
Would prohibit a public employer from paying employee contributions to a state retirement system.
Status: House Public Insurance & Pensions Committee

SB 69 - Public Retirement System Reform
Declares intent to enact legislation reforming Ohio public retirement system law.
Status: Senate Financial Institutions, Insurance & Technology Committee

KEY LINKS

[MOESC Network Registration](#)

Additional General Updates

Additional Assessment Updates

DOPR STAR: Students test upon enrollment and again at least **13 weeks** later. Schools should complete the [contact identification form](#).

Spring 2027 ACT/SAT: Vendor selection remains open through **Sept. 18**. See DEW's [ACT](#) and [SAT](#) webpages.

WorkKeys: Testing is available to Ohio high school students; DEW reimbursement is available under a state testing realm ID.

September is Attendance Awareness Month

School staff and students can access resources and take the Attendance Pledge through DEW's [Attendance Awareness Month resources](#).

Legal & Policy Updates

SB 19 - Academic Intervention and Mathematics Requirements

Signed by Governor Mike DeWine - Effective September 23, 2026

Ohio Senate Bill 19 establishes new requirements for academic intervention and updates statewide mathematics and reading policies. Schools must provide **free, evidence-based academic support** to students who score "limited" on state mathematics or English language arts tests. Supports may include high-dosage tutoring, additional instructional time, or extended school calendars and continue until the student reaches a proficient level on a state test or diagnostic assessment.

For mathematics, a school building in which **51% or more** of students score "limited" on an end-of-course mathematics test must submit a Math Achievement Improvement Plan. DEW also will audit a portion of schools each year to review implementation of intervention programs.

SB 19 directs DEW to review and publish high-quality core mathematics curricula and evidence-based intervention programs. The state also will approve lists of up to six reading and six mathematics diagnostic assessments for grades K-3 and limit overlapping diagnostic testing for the same student.

The law adds mathematics competency requirements for certain new pre-K through grade 8 teaching-license applicants. Beginning **July 1, 2027**, schools also will place qualifying high-achieving students into accelerated mathematics pathways designed to support completion of Algebra I by the end of grade 8; parents may opt their children out.

Effective date: September 23, 2026. School leaders should review the new intervention, curriculum, diagnostic, teacher-licensure, and mathematics pathway requirements as implementation guidance becomes available.