



OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Mid-Ohio ESC Community School

OCTOBER REMINDERS

Oct. 6

IDEA STAR webinar,
12:30-2 PM; Science of
Reading Champions
applications due, 5 PM

Oct. 8

OSC Safety & Security
Network, 8:30-10:30 AM;
IDEA monitoring webinar,
10-11:30 AM

Oct. 9

Treasurers complete FY26
EMIS finance review

Oct. 13

FCC E-Rate comments
due

Oct. 15

Annual immunization
reports due

Oct. 22

Ohio STEM personalized
learning event, 9 AM-3:30
PM

Oct. 31

Industry-recognized
credential applications
close; OSSC kindness PSA
due

Nov. 5

DOPR paper booklet
request window closes

Nov. 20

DOPR extended OST
administration ends

General Updates

Thanks, and Congratulations!

The Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center recognizes **GOAL Digital Academy, The Tomorrow Center, and Findlay Digital Academy** for their recent State Report Card performances. Each of MOESC's three sponsored community schools was rated **Exceeds Standards** on the [2025-2026 State Report Card](#). Preliminary results indicate MOESC will be rated **Exemplary** on its Sponsor Report Card.

MOESC thanks these community schools for their data-driven, student-centered work and their continued pursuit of improvement, achievement and high performance. Congratulations to all three school communities!

Ohio Releases 2025-2026 School Report Cards

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) reports statewide gains in literacy, mathematics, attendance and postsecondary readiness. English language arts proficiency reached **62.2%** and mathematics proficiency reached **56.4%**, both five-year highs.

The 2025-2026 school year was the first full year of statewide Science of Reading implementation. More than two-thirds of the Class of 2025 earned at least one postsecondary readiness measure. [2025-2026 State Report Card summary](#).

Celebrate Kindness for School Safety Month

The Ohio School Safety Center (OSSC) invites schools to join its [October Kindness Campaign](#). Buildings earn points for kindness activities submitted through the [Kindness Tracker](#); points are recorded **per school building**. Buildings reaching **250 points** will be recognized as Ohio's Kindest Schools.

OSSC also invites one PSA video per school answering "How can kindness change someone's life?" Videos must be one minute or less and include **#KindnessIsASafetyStrategy**. The submission earns 50 campaign points. **Deadline: Oct. 31, 2026.** Send entries to [OSSC](#).



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UPCOMING MOESC PD

Oct. 6
Administrative Assistants
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
Transportation Network
9:00-11:00 AM

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

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

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

Oct. 30
Testing Coordinators
1:00-2:30 PM

BILLS TO WATCH

HB 145 Minimum school hours
House Education Committee

HB 189 Behavioral threat
management
House Education Committee

HB 191 Minimum teacher
salary: \$50,000
House Education Committee

HB 375 Small district magnet
schools
House Education Committee

HB 518 Truancy and child
delinquency
House Judiciary Committee

HB 643 EdChoice: \$500,000
limit
House Education Committee

HB 874 Community school
ratings
House Education Committee

HB 875 For-profit operators
House Education Committee

SB 48 Nonpublic school audits
Senate Education Committee

SB 144 License grade bands
Passed Senate; House
Education Committee

SB 326 High school computer
science
Passed Senate 33-0; introduced
in House

SB 330 Mental health days
Senate Education Committee

KEY LINKS

[MOESC Network Registration](#)
[FCC E-Rate notice](#)

Additional General Updates

Registration Open for October MOESC Networks

Mid-Ohio ESC's October meetings take place at **890 W. Fourth Street, Mansfield**. Sessions combine professional learning, information about Ohio's Learning Standards and Extended Standards, state education updates, networking and collaborative problem-solving.

Client district members attend at no cost; registration for non-client participants is **\$50**. [Register for the network meetings](#) | [View the meeting flyer](#). For more information, contact [Mark E. Burke, Jr.](#)

Safety & Security Network Meeting - Oct. 8

8:30-10:30 AM | ESCNEO, 6393 Oak Tree Blvd., Independence, or via Zoom. The Ohio Schools Council meeting features a bomb threat/swatting tabletop exercise, discussion of current school security technology, and legislative, grant and policy updates. [Register for Zoom](#) | [Register in person](#).

Legal & Policy Updates

FCC Reviews the Federal E-Rate Program

The Federal Communications Commission is reviewing E-Rate program integrity, administration, online safety and access to affordable broadband for schools and libraries. The proceeding seeks comment on proposals affecting E-Rate-funded networks and services.

Education organizations have raised concerns about the effect of possible funding limits on school connectivity and operations. [Education Week coverage](#). **Public comments are due Oct. 13, 2026; reply comments are due Nov. 12**. See the [FCC public notice](#).