



2026-2027 East Central Ohio ESC BAC Plan

1. **Name of business advisory council:** *East Central Ohio ESC*
2. **Identify the structure of the business advisory council** (school district, educational service center, joint vocational school district, or independent collaborative): *Educational Service Center*
3. **JobsOhio Region in which business advisory council operates:** *Southeast*

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Tuscarawas County				
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1. List business advisory council Business Members:

- Ohio University Eastern
- Career Pathway Support Network
- Mid-East CTC
- Zane State College
- OSU Extension - Guernsey Co.
- Plumbers & Pipefitters LU 495
- Ohio Health Medical Center
- Bi-Con Services
- AMG Vanadium
- Cambridge Packaging
- Ohio Means Jobs/JFS - Guernsey Co.
- Muskingum Valley Health Centers
- Southeastern Ohio Counseling Center
- Workforce Development Board/OMJ - Tusc Co.
- Underground Railroad Museum of Belmont Co.
- Kent State University - Tuscarawas Branch
- OMJ Business Resource Network
- Workforce Development Area 16
- Tuscarawas Co. Economic Development
- Job & Family Services - Apprentice Ohio
- CIC/Economic Development Guernsey Co.
- Cambridge Area Chamber of Commerce
- Lt. Governor's Office
- Cambridge YMCA
- Park Village Healthcare
- Belmont College
- BlueScope Coated Products
- Area Agency on Aging Region 9
- Kennedy's Bakery
- Allied Machine
- Deerassic
- Guernsey Co Soil and Water
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- Salt Fork State Park
- Murphy Tractor
- Rocky Fork Resort
- ICR Supply
- Mosser Glass
- Scott-Ogle Realty, Inc
- Surgent Construction
- Dover Chemical
- Hull Engineering



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Schedule of Meetings

2. Planning meetings for the 2026-2027 school year include:

Regional BAC Meeting:	September 22, 2026
Belmont County Workforce Collaborative:	March 9, 2027
Guernsey County Workforce Collaborative:	March 16, 2027
Tuscarawas County Workforce Collaborative:	March 23, 2027
Holmes County Workforce Collaborative:	April 13, 2027

Business Advisory Council Mission for the 2026-2027 School Year:

Building Skills, Shaping Futures

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Business advisory councils operate under [three quality practices](#): **Develop Professional Skills for Future Careers, Build Partnerships, and Coordinate Experiences.**

DEVELOP PROFESSIONAL SKILLS FOR FUTURE CAREERS

Describe how the business advisory council plans to **Develop Professional Skills for Future Careers** for the 2026-2027 school year.

	Provide member districts resources and training to increase skill attainment for students	Provide member districts credentialing programs to increase skill attainment for students
Plan or Initiatives	1. Provide training for schools that have invested in the YouScience platform to better serve our students and communities with the data. 2. Analyze YouScience/Future Plans data at BAC meetings to inform businesses/schools on trends and to close the gap with student industry exposure. 3. Provide three meetings throughout the school year to Career Navigators to provide on-going support with YouScience, coaching, mentoring, and program changes and expansion. 4. Provide on-demand professional development to Administrators/Staff on the importance of increased skill attainment, including credentials/certifications but also professional skills as well. 5. Collaborate with Career Centers to educate districts on program/credential offerings to students and career exploration	1. Supporting the current pre-apprenticeship program through ECOESC to increase the 12 points in IRCs for students in 10th - 12th grades 2. Working with CPSN's (Career Pathway Support Networks) to support school district's with IRC's. 3. Increase school report card scores under College, Career, Workforce, & Military Readiness measure
Districts Impacted	1. All member districts of BAC using YouScience	1-3. All member districts impacted.

	2. 2-5. All member districts of the BAC	
Businesses Involved	1-5. All BAC member businesses, including but not limited to, Chamber of Commerce Members, school districts, governmental agencies, and other entities.	1-3. All BAC member businesses, including but not limited to, Chamber of Commerce Members, school districts, governmental agencies, and other entities.
Support of Teaching Relevant, In-demand technical and professional Skills	1-5. Providing professional development and support for member and non member districts.	1-3. Provide PD and support for all member districts of the BAC
Potential Challenges	1. Districts using a different tool (OMJ or GRIT) and continued funding for YouScience 2. Missing data from schools not using YouScience or not implementing the assessment 3-5. Availability to attend meetings due to conflicts or obligations in the districts	1-2. Uncertainty of IWIP and ODEW credential reimbursements to school districts. 3. Uncertainty in funding which prevents dedicated personnel from increasing experiences which count towards this measure.
Impacting Students with Disabilities	1. All students in participating member districts have access to YouScience in the designated grade levels. 2. N/A 3. Topics at meetings do include students with disabilities. SST members are also invited for input. 4. Presentations can be tailored to any student population 5. All program development considers students with disabilities	1-3. All districts have the ability to utilize these programs for students with disabilities.



BUILD PARTNERSHIPS

Describe how the business advisory council plans to **Build Partnerships** for the 2026-2027 school year.

	Expand career exploration to member districts	Expand apprenticeship options to member districts
Plan or Initiatives	1. Expand Middle School Career Connections Program 2. Continuation of building programs that offer IRCs to member districts through Community Colleges/Career Centers to high school students 3. Continued facilitation of the County Workforce Collaborative Meetings and regional BAC	1. Support businesses that currently have an active apprenticeship program and share the opportunity with member districts.
Districts Impacted	1. Belmont, Holmes, Tuscarawas, and Noble counties 2-4. All BAC member districts	1. All school districts in the region.
Businesses Involved	1-4. All BAC member businesses, including but not limited to, Chamber of Commerce Members, school districts, governmental agencies, and other entities.	1. Support businesses in our region if they choose to create an active apprenticeship.
Drawing Feedback from business/industry	1. Follow up with all businesses/schools involved. 2-3. Continue to share and create opportunities with all schools/industry and update on deletion and reduction of IRC reimbursement. 4. Facilitate meetings to engage community/business/industry on feedback regarding career readiness.	1. Requesting feedback from any/all business and industry involved. If any feedback is received, share that with school districts that would be affected.



Utilizing Feedback	1-4. Requesting and utilizing any feedback from all entities to increase knowledge of all processes and increase worthwhile programs.	1. If submitted, utilizing feedback from any individuals and schools in the region in the program.
Co-develop in-demand skills for students	1-4. Work with BAC member businesses, including but not limited to, Chamber of Commerce Members, school districts, governmental agencies, and other entities on development.	1. Working with all entities to increase in- demand skills for apprentices.
Impacting Students with Disabilities	1-4. All programming considers students with disabilities	1. N/A

COORDINATE EXPERIENCES

Describe how the business advisory council plans to **Coordinate Experiences** for the 2026-2027 school year.

	Increase career exploration experiences for member districts	Increase pre-apprenticeship experiences for member districts
Plan or Initiatives	1. Increase the number of students that participate in Internships, job shadowing, careers fairs, industry tours, and Manufacturing days at the middle and high school level. 2. School districts that participate in “Careers in My Community” at the elementary school level.	1. Continue to support districts in the region that offer pre-apprenticeship opportunities to their students.
Districts Impacted	1. All member BAC districts 2. Cambridge City Schools, Noble Local School District, and Rolling Hills School District.	1. All member districts & non-member districts



Students to Benefit	1. All students in member districts with active PA Plans. 2. All students in member districts associated with CTPD-MECTC.	1. All students 16 years of age and older in member districts with active pre apprenticeship plans.
Business/Industry Involved	1-2. All BAC member businesses, including but not limited to, Chamber of Commerce Members, school districts, governmental agencies, and other entities.	1. All BAC member businesses, including but not limited to, Chamber of Commerce Members, school districts, governmental agencies, and other entities.
Business Role	1-2. Provide engagement to BAC member districts for WBL experiences.	1. Provide engagement to BAC member districts for WBL experiences.