



<p>What does it mean to be a sister university/college?</p>	<p>Akron Public Schools is establishing an unprecedented program, following the “Sister City” doctrine founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956. The idea of a “Sister City” is well-established in the public eye and has an immediate positive perception that comes along with the idea of sharing ideas and best practices.</p> <p>The concept of sister universities/colleges allows for the full integration and partnership of post-secondary institutions into our Akron Public Schools. The sister university/college partnership uses the strengths of the post-secondary institution to focus on curriculum, inquiry-based learning experiences and support for college access. These partnerships will help to bring support and resources to APS students and help them navigate choices in both colleges and careers.</p>
<p>What types of experiences will a sister university/college provide students, teachers and families at Akron Public Schools?</p>	<p>Sister universities/colleges will work closely with their partner high school(s) to provide opportunities, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Develop classroom lessons with integrated, career-themed content● Design and present real-world problem-based learning opportunities● Provide teacher workplace learning experiences to help them teach standards through the career-themed lens● Support students and families with college access testing and the rigorous FAFSA applications● Mentor college-bound students
<p>How is a sister university/college different than a named integrated partner?</p>	<p>Sister university/colleges provide extensive time and talent resources to an entire high school focused on instructional alignment with college pathways and college transition services to students. Named integrated partners provide extensive time and talent resources to a specific academy focused on workplace experiences, such as, job shadowing, internships, and career fairs. Having both post-secondary partners at the high school level and business partners at the academy level underscores the importance of BOTH the college & career aspects of the College & Career Academy model.</p>
<p>Are students required to apply to or attend the sister university/college of their high school?</p>	<p>Students interested in applying to college can choose any university or college regardless of sister university/college designation.</p>
<p>Do students applying for College Credit Plus courses have to apply to the sister university/college of their high school?</p>	<p>Ohio’s College Credit Plus can help students earn college and high school credits at the same time by taking college courses from community colleges or universities. APS students can choose any</p>

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How does a post-secondary school gain approval to be a sister university/college?	<p>Akron Public Schools (APS) school-based and central office staff work collaboratively with our key community partners (i.e., United Way of Summit County, ConxusNEO, GAR Foundation, Summit Education Initiative, and Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce) to identify business and post-secondary partners for all of our high school academies.</p> <p>Each sister university/college must be approved by the Akron School Board. The board votes final approval if it deems the partner as an appropriate fit for the high school and has demonstrated an ability to meet the requirements to be a sister university/college.</p>
Does Akron Public Schools have any sister universities/colleges?	<p>The University of Akron is the Sister University for Akron Early College, Ellet High School and NIHF STEM. Stark State College is the Sister College for Kenmore-Garfield High School.</p> <p>On March 11, 2020, University of Mount Union was announced as the Sister University for North High School.</p>
Will other post-secondary institutions be able to become a sister university/college?	Any post-secondary institution is eligible to become a sister university/college.
Will other businesses and community partners be able to support the College & Career Academies of Akron?	APS enrolls over 6,400 high school students who have unique passions and interests that require many partnerships to be forged over the next few years. College & Career Academies continually looks for small, medium and large companies or organizations that have time and talent to share with teachers and students so that we produce graduates ready for college, career and life. Partnership opportunities are currently available for sister universities/colleges, named integrated partners, and pathway partners.

The partnership between Akron Public Schools and the university or college will be represented with a sister seal.

College & Career Academies Mission Statement:

College & Career Academies of Akron gives all students confidence in their future by building a sense of belonging, through common interests and shared experiences in a supportive community that offers real-world, hands-on learning, in and out of the classroom.