



Business Advisory Council Joint Statement

JOINT STATEMENTS MUST BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE BY MARCH 1, 2025

Each business advisory council and its school board shall file a joint statement, not later than the first day of March of each school year, describing how the school district or service center and its business advisory council has fulfilled their responsibilities pursuant to this section and section 3313.82 of the Revised Code.

NAME OF BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL: [Champaign County Business Advisory Council](#)

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1. Are there any changes to your Business Advisory Councils' structure or leadership since you submitted your plan for this academic year?

[Tara Bair, Director of Community Health and Wellness has joined us and is serving as a co-chair.](#)

2. Of goals submitting in your 2024-25 Business Advisory Council Plan, on a scale of 1-10 with 10 being goal accomplished. What goals were you able to accomplish?

[The Champaign County BAC is on track to meet all of the goals set forth in the 2024-25 Business Advisory Council Plan, giving it a score of 10 on a scale of 1-10.](#)

Goal 1: Develop Professional Skills for Future Careers

[Representatives from all of the Champaign County schools have been exploring all-in-one educational platforms to document work based learning experiences, seals, industry recognized credentials and to build career plans. Platforms that have been explored include PortfoliOH,](#)





SchoolJoy, edWise and Schoollinks. Mechanicsburg is using Schoollinks. All other districts are continuing to explore the best fit for their school districts.

The Champaign County Career Expo was held on September 19, 2024 for all high school juniors and seniors throughout the county.

All 8th, 10th and 12th grade students throughout the county took the YouScience assessments. Data gathered from these assessments have been used to create focused career experiences such as Discovery Days. Students have been identifying their top three careers of interest and top 3 careers based upon their aptitudes.

The second Educator Bootcamp has been scheduled for June 2-5 and June 10, 2025. The focus will be upon healthcare careers in Champaign County.

Student Leadership Champaign County has taken place with 16 students participating this year and set to graduate from the program on April 10, 2025.

Entrepreneur Club of Champaign County continued this year with seven students in the club. Junior Achievement curriculum has been utilized and lessons have been led by Ryan Berry, owner of Berry Digital Solutions. Students have begun a podcast entitled, “Stressed Out” focusing on mental health for students and are partnering with local agencies for sponsorship and their expertise.

Goal 2: Build Partnerships

The BAC has created a slogan (Empowering Minds, Fueling Futures) and a logo to represent the BAC. A reader-friendly BAC goal chart was created for the community and schools. The BAC has created belief statements to guide their work with the slogan “Empowering Minds, Fueling Futures.”





Belief Statements:

1. **Commitment to Lifelong Learning:** We believe in the power of continuous education and skill development through the 4 E's (Enrollment, Enlistment, Employment, Entrepreneurship), equipping students with the knowledge and adaptability required for
2. sustained success in a dynamic, ever-evolving job market that ultimately leads to a thriving and vibrant community.
3. **Collaborative Partnerships:** We believe that strong partnerships between schools, businesses and community organizations are essential to bridge the gap between education and the workforce, ensuring relevant, real-world learning experiences.
4. **Equitable Access to Opportunities:** We believe every student deserves equitable access to career education and workplace experiences that align with their unique talents, aspirations and communities.
5. **Value of Soft Skills:** We believe that alongside technical knowledge, soft skills such as reliability, communication, teamwork and problem solving are crucial to workplace success, and we are committed to fostering these competencies in PreK-12 education.
6. **Industry-Driven Education:** We believe in aligning PreK-12 educational programs with current industry standards and needs to ensure that students are prepared with relevant, marketable skills upon graduation.
 - a. Note: An additional focus will be placed upon STEM initiatives.

The SWOT analysis has been reviewed and updated.

Career education experiences have continued for students at all grade levels.

The mock interview competition took place at Ohio Hi-Point Career Center and in several career education classes throughout the county.

PreK-5 - Career showcases; local businesses serve as classroom speakers; touch-a-truck; hands-on career kits; partnership with Ohio Hi-Point Career Center to invite students into elementary classrooms to teach career-focused lessons





Grades 6-8 - Local businesses serve as classroom speakers; Ninja Madness Skilled Trades Competition; YouScience for all 8th graders; Real Money, Real World for all 8th graders; Manufacturing Day at Graham Middle School; Junior Achievement Inspire Career Fair

Grades 9-12 - Student Leadership Champaign County; Career Expo for all 11th-12th grade students; YouScience for all 8th, 10th and 12th graders; Real Money, Real World for all 12th graders; Discovery Days; Entrepreneur Club; Engineer Design Challenge; career-focused field trips; local businesses serve as classroom speakers; internships; job shadowing; professional interviews

Addition of a BAC co-chair who is a local business member. Tara Bair, Director of Community Health and Wellness is now serving as the co-chair of the BAC.

A Graduate Success Coordinator was hired to work closely with school counselors to support students with the following:

1. Set goals to obtain a high school diploma
2. Develop a post-graduation plan
3. Pursue academic, social-emotional and vocational plans
4. Take students for job shadowing, job coaching and business tours
5. Conduct home visits as needed to communicate with families

An articulation agreement was created with Clark State College to offer EBE1000 Employability Skills training to all Champaign County high school students.

Thanks to a grant through the Department of Education and Workforce, job coaching was provided To students with disabilities that are housed at the Madison-Champaign ESC.

Thanks to a grant through the Department of Public Safety, over 100 students have received driver's education for the cost of \$25.





Goal 3: Coordinate Experiences

The BAC has identified resources for schools to teach professional skills, including (but not limited to) EBE1000 Employability Skills curriculum through Clark State, Ohio Means Jobs and the Ohio Readiness Seal. Awareness has been raised about the value of the Ohio Readiness Seal and the amount of students in the county that have earned the Ohio Readiness Seal has increased for the 2023-24 school year.

See Goal #2 for additional student experiences.

3. What new partnerships have your Business Advisory Council formed for the SY24?

New partners joining the BAC since September 2024 are: Edison State Community College, Prevention Awareness Support Services (PASS), Honeywell and Parker Trutec.

4. Have you added or removed any goals submitted in your SY24 Business Advisory Council Plans? If so, please provide details.

No goals have been added or removed from the BAC plan.

5. Have you received any media coverage or participated in any case studies as a Business Advisory Council? If so, please share.

The BAC received media coverage for earning a 3 star award as an exemplary Business Advisory Council. This was in the Urbana Daily Citizen newspaper and on social media through the Urbana Daily Digital.

