



Business Advisory Council Joint Statement

JOINT STATEMENTS MUST BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE BY MARCH 1, 2026

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?

[No changes.](#)

2. Of goals submitting in your 2025-26 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 2025-26 Business Advisory Council Plan, giving it a score of 10 on a scale of 1-10.](#)

Goal 1: Develop Professional Skills for Future Careers

[The Champaign County Career Expo was held on November 5, 2025 for all high school juniors and seniors throughout the county. A mock interview competition was added as an opportunity for students to gain interview skills by being interviewed by local businesses.](#)





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. Businesses continue to become a part of YouScience so that students may learn more about careers at their particular businesses.

The third Educator Bootcamp is being planned for one week during the month of June 2026. The focus will be upon healthcare, manufacturing, IT and business careers in Champaign County.

Student Leadership Champaign County has taken place with 14 students participating this year and scheduled to graduate from the program on March 10, 2026.

The Entrepreneur Club of Champaign County continued this year with 16 students in the club. Junior Achievement curriculum has been utilized and lessons have been led by Ryan Berry, owner of Berry Digital Solutions, and Eric Warrick, President of F&M Bank. Students have begun businesses selling products including acai bowls, 3-D printed products, recycled golf balls, Dirty Alani drinks and freeze dried candy. This required them to receive permits from the Health Department and meet with the city of Urbana Second Saturday planning committee to receive permission to sell their products during the Second Saturday events.

Urbana City Schools and West Liberty-Salem Local Schools had a select number of their staff participate in professional development that focused upon visiting local businesses and learning about career opportunities.

Goal 2: Build Partnerships

Subcommittees were formed to further develop career education opportunities for students.

- Business Discovery Day





- Healthcare Discovery Day
- STEM and Agriculture Discovery Day
- Public and Human Services Discovery Day
- Student Leadership Champaign County
- Entrepreneur Club
- Manufacturing Council
- Educator Boot Camp

Business visits have occurred by the Business and School Liaison at Ultra-met, Rittal, Parker Trutec, Sarica, Mercy Health and JRS.

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. There was also a mock interview competition at the Champaign County Career Expo.

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 and offered to 8th graders; Discovery Days; Entrepreneur Club; Engineer Design Challenge; career-focused field trips; local businesses serve as classroom speakers; internships; job shadowing; professional interviews





Thanks to a grant through the Department of Public Safety, over 200 students have received driver's education for the cost of \$25.

Students continue to work to earn graduation seals. A partnership with Clark State College allows students to receive free articulated credit for completing the requirements of the EBE1000 course that includes a requirement to earn the Ohio Readiness Seal. All students that participate in Student Leadership Champaign County are required to earn their Ohio Readiness Seals.

The Business and School Liaison and Student Success Coordinators attend First Friday Coffee events to build and maintain relationships with local businesses. The Business and School Liaison and Ryan Berry of Berry Digital Solutions presented at a Chamber of Commerce Lunch and Learn to provide information about internship opportunities with SOCHE and the development of a micro-internship program within the county.

Goal 3: Coordinate Experiences

The micro-internship program has been developed and students are expected to begin these experiences in the spring.

Students continue to participate in job shadowing experiences with data being collected by each district.

A bank of real world problem scenarios have been created and will continue to be expanded upon at the April BAC meeting. These experiences will be able to be used in grades K-12.

See Goals #1 and #2 for additional student experiences.

Discovery Days have expanded and evolved to be very hands-on experiences for students that give them direct interaction with business members in the areas of the student's interest.

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





New partners joining the BAC since September 2025 are: Nutrien Ag Solutions and F&M Bank

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.

