
Ohio Valley

Educational Service Center

2025–2026 Services Summary Report



Ohio Valley ESC

The Ohio Valley Educational Service Center (ESC) is a regional agency supporting 11 school districts and 2 career centers across eight southeastern Ohio counties: Washington, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Perry, Athens, Belmont, and Guernsey. With offices in Cambridge and Marietta, the Ohio Valley ESC spans approximately 2,500 square miles and serves more than 13,000 students. Offering over 50 different services, the ESC primarily focuses on preschool education, school improvement, and special education support for its member districts.

Our Mission

The Ohio Valley ESC will serve our partners, provide leadership, build connections, develop relationships, leverage resources, and enhance learning.

Our Vision

The Ohio Valley ESC is dedicated to providing innovative services that value and enhance continuous learning.

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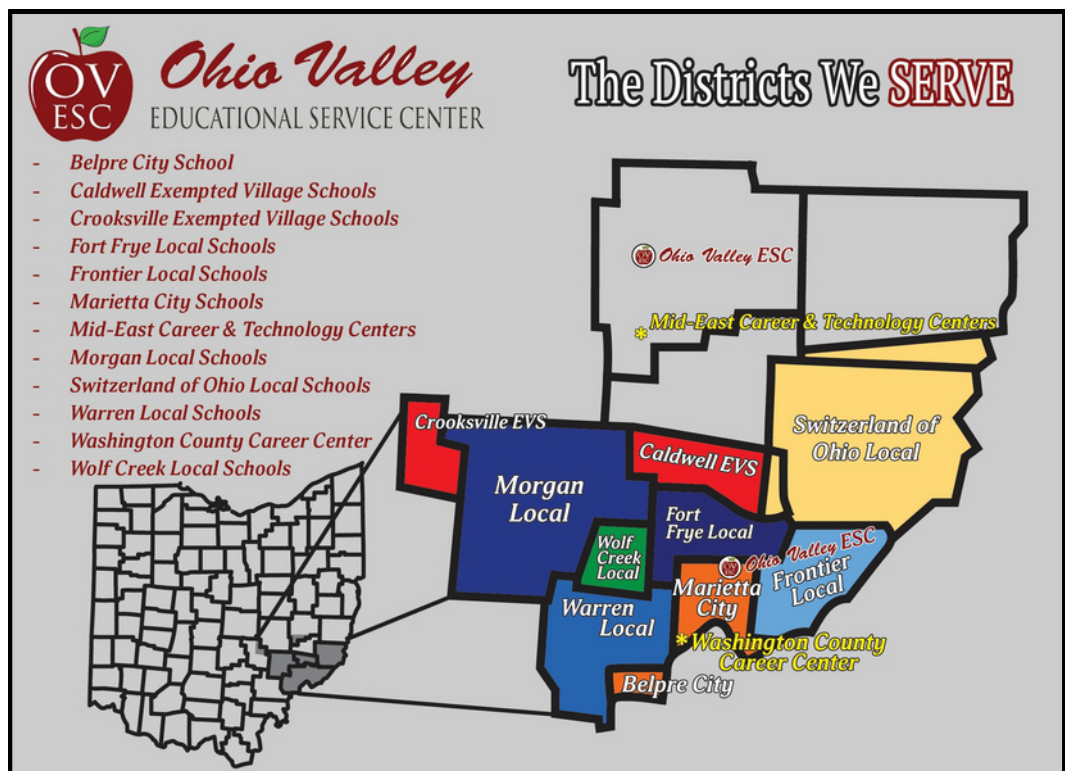
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Our Member Districts



Belpre
City Schools



Caldwell
Exempted Village Schools



Crooksville
Exempted Village Schools



Federal Hocking
Local Schools
Coming in 2026-2027



Fort Frye
Local Schools



Frontier
Local Schools



Marietta
City Schools



Morgan
Local Schools



Switzerland of Ohio
Local Schools



Warren
Local Schools



Wolf Creek
Local Schools



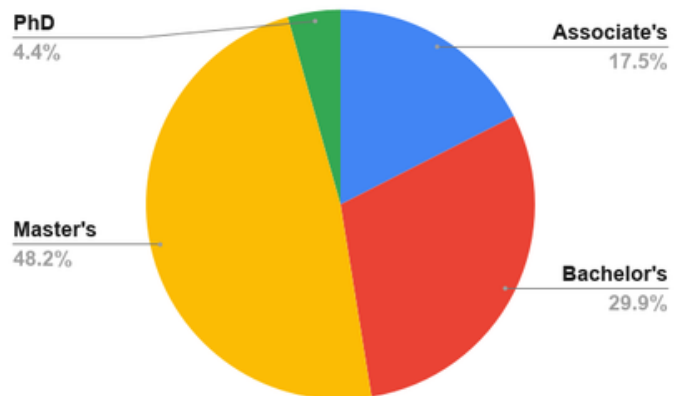
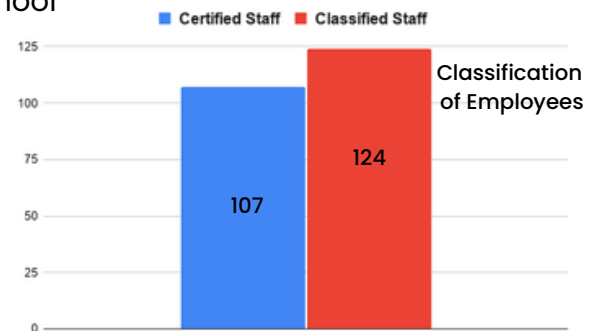
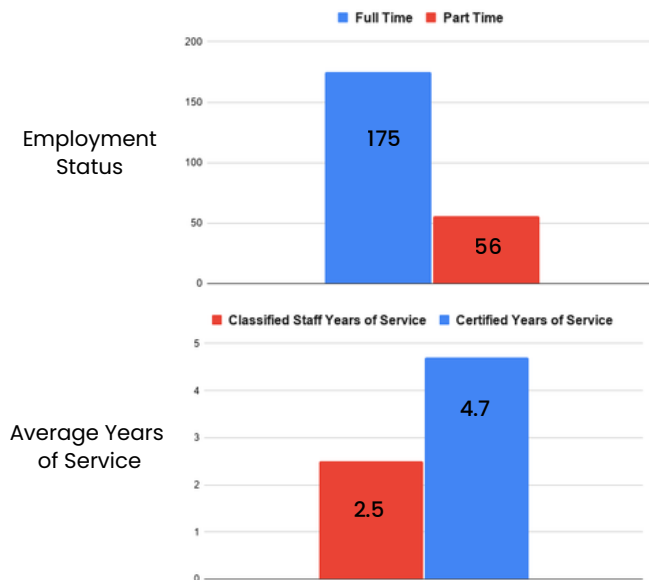
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Career Center



Mid-East
Career and Technology Center

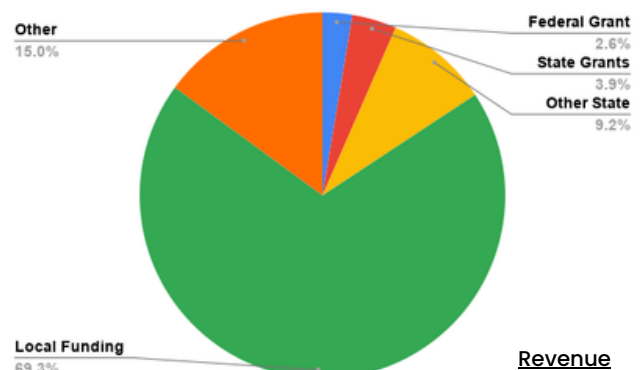
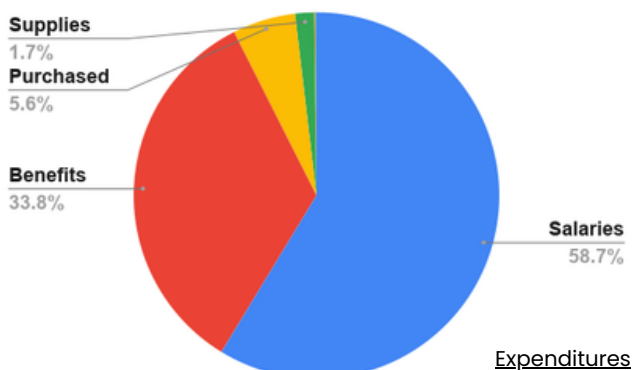
Ohio Valley ESC Staff

The Ohio Valley ESC employs a total of **208** employees including preschool teachers, administrators, pre-school and school-age paraprofessionals, intervention specialists, speech therapists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, school psychologists, administrative assistants, and other support staff.



Fiscal Department

The Fiscal Department consists of the Treasurer and two fiscal assistants who oversee all financial operations of the Ohio Valley ESC. Responsibilities include payroll, insurance, taxes, state and federal grants, budgeting, billing and revenue collection, purchasing, and payment of all ESC financial obligations. The department also prepares annual service contracts with member districts for services provided by the ESC. Committed to effective and efficient financial management, the department works to ensure the ESC can continue providing high-quality educational opportunities for students throughout the region. This commitment to fiscal responsibility was recognized with the ESC once again receiving the Clean Audit Award from the Ohio Auditor of State's Office during its most recent fiscal audit.



Administrative Services

The Ohio Valley Educational Service Center provides comprehensive administrative services and fosters strategic partnerships to strengthen leadership, improve instructional practices, and enhance organizational effectiveness across member districts. Core services include leadership development through the Principal and Curriculum Collaboratives, support with Ohio's evaluation systems (OPES and OTES), PBIS Tier I and II Train-the-Trainer programs, and access to educational data analysis and emerging technology/AI tools. OVESC also supports districts in critical functions such as superintendent and treasurer searches and facilitates collaboration through the Business Advisory Council.

In addition, OVESC maintains strong partnerships with regional and state organizations—including the Mid-Ohio Valley ESC Driving School, STEM Collaborative, BASA, CORAS, META Solutions, OME-RESA, and the Ohio ESC and School Boards Associations—to expand resources, share expertise, and provide high-quality, coordinated support to districts throughout the region.

Adult Education

The Ohio Valley ESC offers educational testing at the Cambridge office for paraprofessionals (educational and instructional aides) to become "highly qualified".

In the 2025–2026 school year, 18 assessments were administered.

**ParaPro
Assessment**

Parent Mentor Services

During the 2025–2026 school year, the Ohio Valley Educational Service Center Parent Mentor serving Switzerland of Ohio, Morgan Local, Crooksville, and Caldwell recorded 1,335 contacts with agencies, parents, and schools. This work included 349 formal and informal student meetings and 61 outreach activities. The mentor also participated in 63 professional development and training sessions and provided training and support to 97 participants through her own sessions.

In Washington County, the Parent Mentor supported local families and schools through 123 formal and informal meetings, both within school settings and privately with parents and caregivers to address concerns and plan next steps. A total of 577 contacts were made with families, schools, and agencies, helping to strengthen connections between home, school, and community services. The mentor attended 24 professional development sessions, engaged in 6 outreach opportunities, and delivered training that reached 7 families.

BCI & FBI Fingerprinting and Background Checks

The Ohio Valley ESC has state-of-the-art equipment to process civilian background checks for schools and other public organizations. During the 2025–2026 school year, at our Cambridge and Marietta office locations, approximately **995** background checks were completed. This includes both Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) fingerprinting and background checks.

Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) Services

The Ohio Valley Educational Service Center (OVESC) provides Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) training to support educators in effectively managing student behavior through proactive, evidence-based practices. These trainings emphasize trauma-informed approaches that help staff prevent escalation, respond appropriately to challenging situations, and maintain safe, supportive learning environments. During the 2025–2026 school year, OVESC has delivered 10 CPI workshops, training more than 150 educators and school staff members across the region. These services strengthen district capacity to respond to behavioral challenges with consistency, confidence, and a focus on student well-being.

Preschool Services

Ohio Valley Educational Service Center provides public preschool services in Belmont, Guernsey, Monroe, Perry and Washington Counties called OVESC Bright Beginnings Preschool. Bright Beginnings Preschool operates **32** preschool classes and provides consultation services to two other preschool sites in **12** school districts. During the 2025–2026 school year, Bright Beginnings Preschool employed **5** preschool supervisors, **1** preschool curriculum coach, **1** preschool nurse, **45** preschool teachers, and **80** classroom aides, serving approximately **700** preschool students across southeastern Ohio.



2025–2026 PRESCHOOL UPDATES & HIGHLIGHTS

- Served over 700 children during the 2025–2026 program year, delivering high-quality early childhood education that supported school readiness and whole-child development.
- Implemented a curriculum-embedded instructional approach using The Creative Curriculum to ensure alignment across literacy, math, and social-emotional domains.
- Strengthened instruction through supplemental, evidence-based programs including Heggerty and Read It Again to enhance language development, early math skills, and social-emotional learning.
- Successfully administered and distributed over \$700,000 in ECE grant funding to provide preschool scholarships to over 140 students, expanding equitable access to early learning opportunities for families in need.
- Designed and facilitated monthly professional development for staff, building instructional capacity and ensuring consistent implementation of curriculum and best practices.
- Implemented the NO GO TELL stranger awareness program in every classroom, equipping all preschool children with essential personal safety skills.
- Hearing and vision screenings for preschoolers for early detection and recommendation for full comprehensive exams when applicable.



Technology Coaching

The Ohio Valley ESC provides comprehensive technology coaching and professional learning opportunities to support educators in effectively integrating digital tools into instruction. During the 2025–2026 school year, OVESC hosted 41 training sessions, serving over 850 educators on topics such as Google tools, AI platforms (including Diffit, MagicSchool, Gemini, Brisk, and NotebookLM), Canva, and other emerging technologies.

In addition to workshops, OVESC offers in-class technology coaching, providing hands-on support to teachers and students. This year, staff worked directly in 26 classrooms across multiple class periods, impacting more than 2,300 students. These services are designed to build educator capacity, enhance instructional practices, and improve student engagement through meaningful use of technology.

Gifted Services

The Ohio Valley ESC provides Gifted Services and support to district leaders, teachers, and students for Warren Local School District, Frontier Local School District, Morgan Local School District, and St. Mary's Catholic School. Services include, but are not limited to the following:

- Providing high quality professional development (both in-person and virtually)
- Tracking professional development hours for districts
- Organizing and leading a gifted network for regional gifted coordinators
- Participating in Athens-Meigs Gifted network
- Identifying gifted students through a variety of assessment opportunities (whole grade screening, diagnostics, and referrals-individualized)
- Writing service plans for districts (WEPs and WAPs)
- Assisting districts in crafting gifted policies and procedures that align to state policies
- Facilitates Visual Performing Arts open screening and assessments to all area districts by providing opportunities for students to showcase their special talents live and be assessed by a qualified assessor outside of their district
- Applied to sit on Ohio Advisory Council
- Assists EMIS coordinators in meeting gifted reporting deadlines and ODEW requirements
- Assisting districts with ONA gifted related questions
- Assisting with acceleration (early entrance, single subject, whole grade, early high school graduation)
- Communication letters and forms sent in a timely manner
- Assisting with testing and identification including advising on assessment instrument selection for mandated whole grade testing, examining scores, administering assessments, completing related documentation
- Coordination with district administration and teachers in determining appropriate services for gifted students

Special Education Services

The Ohio Valley Educational Service Center (OVESC) Special Education Department provides comprehensive supervision, coordination, and professional support to a large team of specialized staff. The department oversees 33 specialists, including Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs), Occupational Therapists (OTs/COTAs), School Psychologists, and Physical Therapists (PTs), as well as 23 aides and tutors. In response to growing service needs, additional specialists have been recruited for the upcoming year, including School Psychologists, SLPs, and an Occupational Therapist.

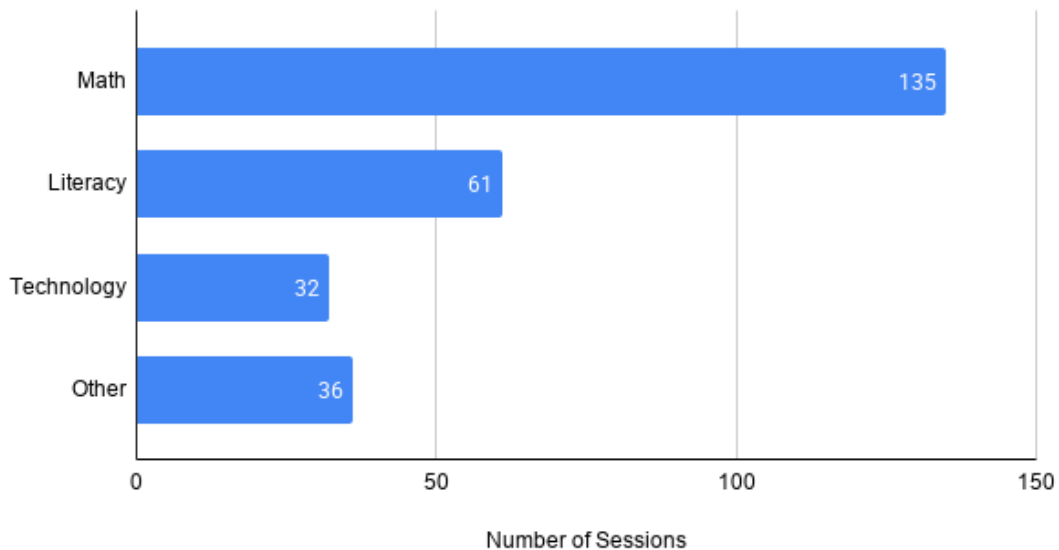
The department ensures the delivery of high-quality evaluation services, with leadership directly supporting assessment processes as needed. Ongoing professional development is a key focus, with quarterly specialist meetings hosted at the Marietta ESC office. These sessions provide updates from regional consultants, training on current special education practices and technology, and structured opportunities for collaboration and problem-solving among staff.

In addition, the OVESC facilitates regular meetings for Special Education Directors in partnership with SST16, held multiple times throughout the year. These meetings support regional alignment, shared learning, and continuous improvement in special education services across participating districts.

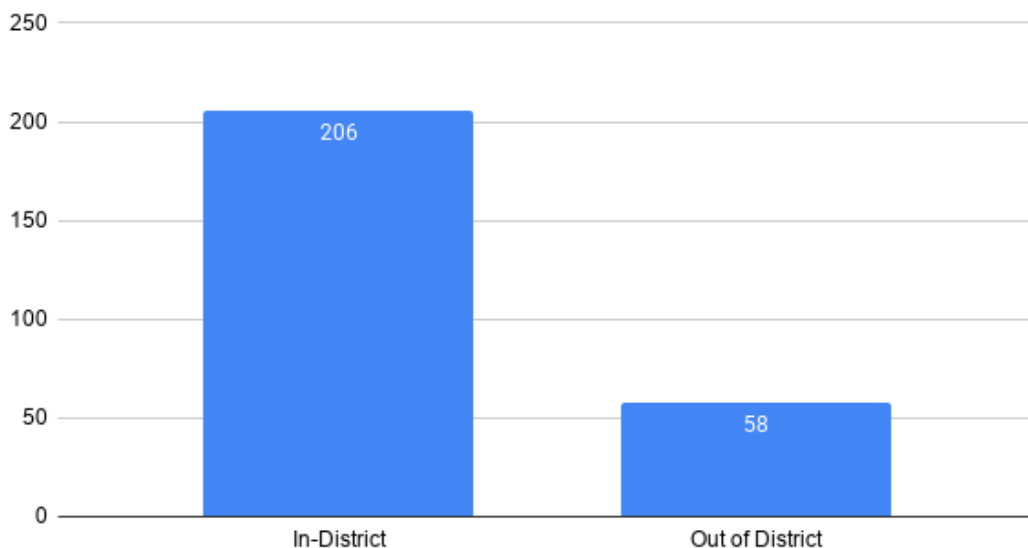
Curriculum Services

The Ohio Valley ESC Curriculum Department delivered **264** presentations, reaching more than **2,260** participants, including teachers, administrators, and school staff. These sessions covered a wide range of topics such as math, literacy, technology, and other curriculum-related areas. Most presentations were provided directly to member districts, with a smaller number offered to broader audiences beyond the ESC. The OVESC Curriculum Team remains committed to supporting districts by addressing both their individual and shared needs.

Subject Area



Training Location



Driver Education Services

The MOV ESC Driving program is a strategic, consortium-based initiative designed to provide comprehensive Driver Education and Training to high school students. Established in 2022 following approval from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, the program was born from a collaboration between the Ohio Valley Educational Service Center and the Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center.

Initially launched to serve 14 districts, the program was specifically developed to address a critical need voiced by local educators and to remove a significant barrier to student employment: the lack of a valid driver's license.

Program Impact and Reach

Regional Impact: The program maintains a robust presence with **31** participating districts/sites across the state.

Active Pipeline: Approximately **1,200** students are currently enrolled and progressing through the training pipeline.

Proven Results: To date, the program has successfully facilitated the issuance of **3,500** earned driver's licenses.

Financial Support: To ensure equitable access, **\$62,000** in scholarship grants has been made available to support eligible students.



Coming Soon

- Data Services
- Science/STEM – Curriculum Services
- New Member Districts
- Ewing Opportunity/Alternative School
- New Cabinet Members

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