



**Business Advisory
Councils**

2025 Joint Statement Template for Business Advisory Councils

Joint Statements must be made publicly available by March 1, 2025.

Name of Business Advisory Council: East Central Ohio Educational Service Center

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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, the BAC for ECOESC is made up of 6 countywide meetings and 2 regional meetings.

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

In each area, we submitted two goals. Please see the information below as to how well we have rated those goals and which we were able to accomplish thus far.

Develop Professional Skills for Future Careers		
Goal	Rating	Accomplished (Y/N)
Provide member districts resources and training to increase skill attainment for students	9	Yes - through group meetings, professional development, and one-on-one meetings
Provide member districts credentialing programs to increase skill attainment for students	9	Yes - through pre-apprenticeship opportunities, Belmont College options, Washington State College of Ohio, and distribution of credential information and opportunities

Build Partnerships		
Goal	Rating	Accomplished (Y/N)
Expand Career Exploration Options to member districts	9	Yes - 7th & 8th grade Career Connections, Career Days, Pre-Apprenticeships, credentialing opportunity growth, and county Workforce Collaborative meetings
Expand apprenticeship options to member districts	8	Yes - ECOESC has enrolled the first apprentice into the K-12 Educator Apprenticeship program. This program is available to member and non-member school districts and has been marketed as such. Finding more individuals to enroll is where we could improve in the future.

Coordinate Experiences		
Goal	Rating	Accomplished (Y/N)
Increase career exploration experiences for Member Districts.	9	Yes - This measure has increased with the opportunities communicated with field trips, pre-apprenticeships, internships, job shadowing, and credential exploration programs at community colleges through the Career Navigator network.
Increase Pre-Apprenticeship experiences for Member districts	10	Yes - During the 23.24 school year, 234 member district students completed the pre-apprenticeship program through ECOESC. Thus far during the 24.25 school year, 91 member district students have completed the program. There are still 282 member district students that are currently enrolled that could complete this school year.

a. What challenges have you experienced implementing your goals?

There are many different groups in each county (safety councils, manufacturing councils, chamber events, etc.) that we compete with in terms of being relevant with industry. One of the areas in our plan that has been challenging was having better engagement with business/industry during our meetings. The need to better explain our Business Advisory Council and the purpose was brought up and we chose to remedy this problem through a planning committee. We hope to do a better job next year.

3. What new partnerships have your Business Advisory Council formed for the SY25?

The ECOESC has provided four meetings thus far to our districts. Three of the meetings were county centered and one meeting was a regional meeting that incorporated all counties. An additional three county meetings are scheduled for the spring and a regional wrap up meeting at the end of the school year. Across the four meetings we have had 114 attendees, with 33 of them being industry partners.

Event	Attendees
Guernsey County Workforce Collaborative	35
Belmont County Workforce Collaborative	30
Tuscarawas County Workforce Collaborative	18
ECOESC Regional Business Advisory Committee Meeting	31

4. Have you added or removed any goals submitted in your SY25 Business Advisory Council Plans? If so, please provide details.

We have not removed any goals from the plan that was submitted for SY25.

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

The only media coverage that our Business Advisory Council/Workforce Collaborative meetings have garnered is through social media. Meetings are typically “tweeted” to our followers.