

Miami County Educational Service Center

The logo is a circular emblem in a light olive green color. It depicts a stylized human figure from the waist up, facing right. The figure's left arm is raised, with the hand open and fingers pointing upwards towards a fan-like shape of radiating lines. The figure's right arm is bent at the elbow, holding a book. The figure's torso is marked with three small white dots. The entire emblem is set against a dark blue background.

SuccessBound 2025

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2023-24 - Research and Results

School Districts

Research:

- 34 in-person informational visits
- Completed 15 district surveys

Results:

- Business leaders as guest speakers in the classroom
- Lunch & Learns
- Field trips to businesses
- Resume writing, interview practice & job postings

Bridging the Gap

Building Intentional Relationships!

Businesses & Partnerships

Research:

- Over 90 Business & Partnership Visits
- Completed over 20 surveys

Results:

- Career fairs
- Interview practice
- Guest speaking
- Hosting student & educator tours
- Job shadows
- Business Advisory Council

Career Navigation

1:1 Career Navigation

70 - Total Students
58 - Seniors
12 - Juniors /
Sophomores

Job Shadows

15 - Completed
16+ - Scheduled

Lunch & Learns **Guest Speakers**

14 Events on
District Campuses

Customized **“Out of School”** **Group Activities**

1– Business Tour
1 – Field Trip

25 Classroom Visits

- > Leading Career Exploration Curriculum and Post Graduation Planning
- > Administering YouScience Assessments & Reviewing Student Results

Career Navigation

“I always feel so much better after we meet. Thank You!”

-Student After 1:1 Career Navigation Meeting

“Thank you for having my son take this assessment. His results were so interesting. For the first time, he wants to talk with me about his graduation plans.”

-Parent of Student After Seeing YouScience Results

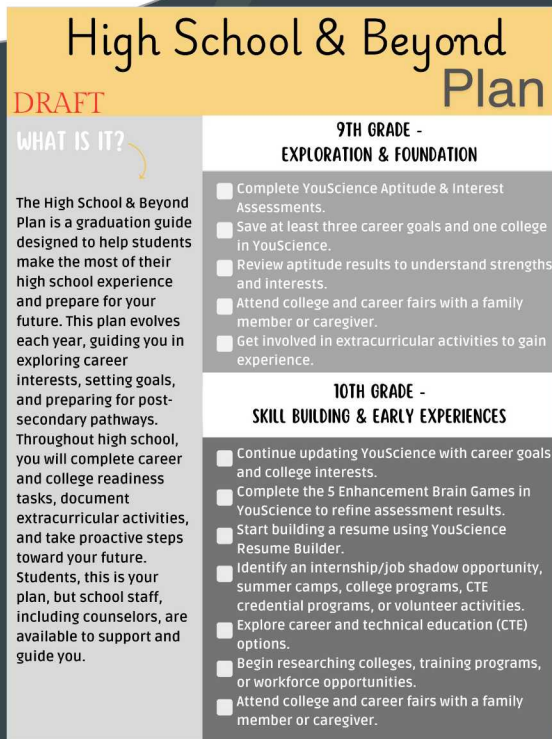
“I enjoyed the job shadow. Everyone was so welcoming and nice. As much as I liked the concept and the responsibility that comes with it, I’m not sure if it’s for me. The 12 hour shifts would be very hard on my body and I don’t want to take a job and quit if I’m already having doubts.”

-Student After a Job Shadow



YouScience...Beyond the Assessment!

“Mrs. Voisard,
I took YouScience,
now what do I do?”



High School & Beyond Plan

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WHAT IS IT?

The High School & Beyond Plan is a graduation guide designed to help students make the most of their high school experience and prepare for your future. This plan evolves each year, guiding you in exploring career interests, setting goals, and preparing for post-secondary pathways. Throughout high school, you will complete career and college readiness tasks, document extracurricular activities, and take proactive steps toward your future. Students, this is your plan, but school staff, including counselors, are available to support and guide you.

9TH GRADE - EXPLORATION & FOUNDATION

- Complete YouScience Aptitude & Interest Assessments.
- Save at least three career goals and one college in YouScience.
- Review aptitude results to understand strengths and interests.
- Attend college and career fairs with a family member or caregiver.
- Get involved in extracurricular activities to gain experience.

10TH GRADE - SKILL BUILDING & EARLY EXPERIENCES

- Continue updating YouScience with career goals and college interests.
- Complete the 5 Enhancement Brain Games in YouScience to refine assessment results.
- Start building a resume using YouScience Resume Builder.
- Identify an internship/job shadow opportunity, summer camps, college programs, CTE credential programs, or volunteer activities.
- Explore career and technical education (CTE) options.
- Begin researching colleges, training programs, or workforce opportunities.
- Attend college and career fairs with a family member or caregiver.

Students

Creates an easy to read checklist that guides them through high school.

Educators

Gives a broad view for district teams to decide where implementation makes most sense.

Parents

Establishes talking points as their child walks through the career planning process.

Partnerships

- > “There’s a Hat for That”
Elementary School
- > Made in Miami County
Middle School
- > Strategic Hiring Event
High School
- > Industry Tours for Educators



LET'S WORK TOGETHER!

Through a generous grant, the Upper Valley Career Center is providing every second grade student their own copy of "There's a Hat for That". To boost meaningful connections between the book and future careers, we created a virtual classroom. You can easily print, navigate, and incorporate as many of the resources as you like. We look forward to delivering the books to your district this fall!



SCAN QR
CODE FOR
VIRTUAL
CLASSROOM

bit.ly/HatForThat



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Growing our Business Connections

What's the Future of the Business Advisory Council?

Building Intentional Relationships!



ABOUT US

In 2023, the Career Connections team was created at the Miami County ESC through the recommendation of the Business Advisory Council and funded by Miami County school districts and community partners. The impact of the team has been valuable toward bridging the gap of our schools and businesses to actively link classroom learning to real-world career paths.

The Business Advisory Council is a state-mandated council under the Ohio Revised Code - 3313.82. The Miami County ESC BAC represents over 65 leaders in business, schools, and community partners.



ADVISORY COUNCIL & CAREER CONNECTIONS ANNUAL INVESTMENT

We are seeking funding for countywide career connections programming, including YouScience for high school students. With your 3-year commitment, we can build a sustainable program to better prepare our local workforce.

To be a partner in this initiative for the next three (3) years, please complete the annual pledge form by March 31, 2025 and return to the Miami County ESC.

Pledge Commitment Level

Innovator - \$7,500 Champion - \$5,000
 Visionary - \$2,500 Executive - \$1,000

Business Name _____
Contact Name _____
Address _____
Phone Number _____
Email _____

OUR PROGRAMS

- CAREER NAVIGATION
- JOB SHADOWS
- BUSINESS TOURS
- CLASSROOM GUEST SPEAKERS
- INDUSTRY TOURS FOR EDUCATORS
- STRATEGIC CAREER EXPLORATION AND HIRING EVENTS

What is Career Navigation?

We are providing 1:1 student strategic career exploration. A career navigator will walk through a high school career exploration plan by understanding a student's skills, interests, and values. Exploring different career and coursework options will allow a student to make more informed decisions about what opportunities will be available after graduation.

CONTACT US!



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BRIDGING THE GAP IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FOR MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO

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WHAT IS YOUSCIENCE?

YouScience is an aptitude based assessment that provides a glimpse at career clusters and pathways based upon understanding skills, interests, and values. The 90 minute "brain games" assessment is a springboard to exploring substantiated opportunities and planning a course of action to achieve a student's career goals.

BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

For this plan of action to work for our region, building business partnerships and a vast understanding of the pain points in hiring our current workforce is key to bridging the gap. We understand the value of creating a one-stop community link to grow career programming and education for students.



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