

Lawrence County Educational Service Center

****In partnership with the following school districts in Lawrence County:***

Chesapeake Union Exempted Village School District

Dawson-Bryant Local School District

Fairland Local School District

Ironton City School District

Rock Hill Local School District

South Point Local School District

Symmes Valley Local School District

Collins Career and Technical Center

2019-2020 Business Advisory Council Plan

State law requires each business advisory council to work with its board of education or ESC governing board to develop a written plan. The plan should and will be revised and updated annually. At a minimum, the plan must address how the business advisory council will make recommendations to the board of education or ESC governing board on these items:

- *Delineating employment skills and developing curriculum to instill these skills*
- *Changes in the economy and job market, and the types of employment in which future jobs are most likely to be available.*
- *Developing a working relationship among business, labor, and educational personnel.*

In the 2019-2020 school year the Lawrence County Business Advisory Council will meet these objectives through the following plan implementations:

The Lawrence County Business Advisory Council (LCBAC) will schedule and meet four times a year (quarterly) to include the months of June (6-25-19), September (9-5-19), November (11-7-19), and February (2-13-20). There will also be time earmarked for special meetings that may include topics of discussion regarding possible sub-committees.

The Collins Career and Technical Center, Ohio University branches in Lawrence County, and the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce will be resources for data analysis and/or other information concerning the local economy and job market in our county. LCBAC members will represent these entities and will be resources for information as well as providing input about the changing economy and future jobs/training that will be necessary for our students. An addition of a member of the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce will be added to our BAC board for a specified term in the 2019-2020 school year.

The Lawrence County Business Advisory Council, in collaboration with Collins Career and Technical Center, will provide and support students from around the county to participate in the Career Exploration Day at Collins Career and Technical Center. This will provide students in the 8th grade an opportunity to discuss future career interests and technical options and/or training in our county.

This year in the 2019-2020 school year, The LCBAC will work with our local businesses and participating county schools in order to find area businesses who would be willing to work with the ESC and Business Advisory Council by participating in presenting information about their businesses to our county schools. Through this opportunity, it will allow for potential future job placement through possible mentoring and tutoring programs for students, internships, and work-based learning opportunities. Professionals representing both postsecondary, technical education, and the local workforce will be present at our quarterly meetings to discuss the future of jobs in our area.

The 2019-2020 Plan will also include an area of focus around including students with disabilities in our efforts of future job interests and opportunities for students. Education around personal finance for students and financial advising will also be part of the information provided to students in the up and coming plan. The Lawrence County Business Advisory Council will also support any of our local school's STEM programs through personal connections of local industry leaders.

Due to the overwhelming drug epidemic and statistics in our county, we feel that it is important that the LCBAC continue to also work with our school counselors in our districts with the distribution of information promoting students' commitment to being drug free. Information around the dynamics of how businesses conduct drug testing will continue to be distributed and provided with the help of local professional representation.

Members of our council will help obtain instructional materials having to do with local industry along with different aspects of workforce development for our schools. Work will also continue to be completed by the council through our Superintendents on possible curriculum changes in our local school districts for needed future job skills.

The LCBAC will continue to foster collaboration between our council and local business, labor, and educational personnel outside of our meetings in our local communities for information that individuals may bring back to our council meetings to share thoughts and ideas to better ourselves in the collaboration efforts of bringing both our schools in Lawrence County and area businesses together.