

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 Technical Center

2018-2019 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.*

Here at the Lawrence County Educational Service, our 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 September, November, February, and June. There will also be time earmarked for special meetings that may include topics of discussion regarding possible sub-committees.

The Ohio University branches in Lawrence County long with 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.

The Lawrence County Educational Service Center will organize a gathering for the LCBAC of business representatives and employees in a location through an annual “Career Day/Symposium” for sophomores in our local school districts. This will allow students to hear from local industry leaders and professionals to provide career education and exploration.

The LCBAC will work with our participating county schools to attempt to meet the qualifications in order to find area businesses who would be willing to work with the ESC and Business Advisory Council in getting the requirements needed for area businesses to obtain the “OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal.” This will allow potential future job placement through possible mentoring and tutoring programs for students, internships, and work-based learning opportunities. Professionals representing both postsecondary and the local workforce will be present at our quarterly meetings to discuss the future of jobs in our area.

The LCBAC will 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 do drug testing will also be provided with local professional representation from area hospitals who actually do the drug testing for employers.

Members of our council will help obtain instructional materials having to do with local industry for our schools. Work will also be completed by the council through our Superintendents on possible curriculum changes in our local school districts for needed job skills through use of published data by our Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce. Another good reference for this information will be the OhioMeansJobs K-12 website. The Lawrence County Business Advisory Council will also support any of our local school’s STEM programs through personal connections of local industry leaders.

The LCBAC will 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 effort of bringing both our schools in Lawrence County and area businesses together.