

Career Advising and Student Success Plans

This policy governs the School's plan for advising students on career readiness and shall be reviewed at least once every two years. This policy must be made available upon request and placed prominently on the School's website.

I. Definitions

Academic Pathways: A designated and specific plan for secondary and post-secondary coursework, academic programs and/or learning experiences that a student will complete in order to earn a diploma or other related credentials.

Career Advising: An integrated process that helps students understand how personal interests, values and strengths may predict educational and career satisfaction and success and may relate to academic and career goals.

Career Connection Learning Strategies: Grade-level examples linking schoolwork to one or more career fields as defined by the Ohio Department of Education.

Career Fields: Groups of occupations and broad industries based on common characteristics as defined by the Ohio Department of Education.

Career Pathways: An overview of the various career options and the amount of education or training necessary for each option.

Early Warning System: Data indicators that help identify students who are at risk of dropping out of school.

Online Tools: OhioMeansJobs K-12, or another similar tool that provides resources, tools and information for students to determine individual career interests, explore career and education options, and develop an individual plan for their future.

Student Success Plan: A formalized process that helps students develop goals and plans for success in their futures. The process is based on strategic activities and reflections in which students discover their interests, explore and evaluate options, and make informed decisions.

Successful Transition and Postsecondary Destinations: Acceptance to and enrollment in a postsecondary education or training program at an institution of higher education, without remediation. This includes apprenticeship, cooperative education, certificate, associate, or bachelor's degree; employment in a high-skill, high-wage career field; or, acceptance into the military.

II. Career Advising Plan

The School shall establish a school wide system of career advising. The School shall train staff to advise students on career pathways, including training and advising students to use online tools.

The School's career advising program:

1. will provide career advising to students in grades 6-12 through a combination of formal scheduled meetings with each student, classroom instruction regarding possible career options and career advice provided by teachers;
2. shall provide grade-level examples linking a student's schoolwork to one or more career fields by consulting the Career Connections Learning Strategies and/or any other career advising source the Superintendent of the School and/or the Board deems appropriate;
3. shall develop multiple academic pathways through high school that will allow a student to earn a high school diploma, including career technical programs and advanced standing programs;
4. will provide the supports necessary for students to transition successfully from high school to their post-secondary destination, including interventions and services necessary for students who need remediation in mathematics and English language arts; and
5. identify and publicize courses that can award students both traditional academic and career technical credit.

III. Documentation of the School's Career Advising Program

The School shall document the career advising provided to each student for review by the student, the student's parent, and future schools that the student may attend. The School shall not otherwise release any documentation of career advising provided to each student absent the written consent of the student's parent or the written consent of the student if the student is at least eighteen years old.