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Last year was an exciting time for Career Connections which included the publication of our newsletter. Over the course of a year, the newsletter focused on the 16 career clusters which featured Career Tech programs in the Tri-County area as well as local businesses. We also spoke to individuals who were employed in that field.

It is often difficult for youth to determine what career path to pursue. In many cases, they are unfamiliar with the range of career options available. While they usually know some activities they like to do and which activities they are good at doing, they typically lack a clear idea of how their skills and interests align with different career possibilities.

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and provide as many resources as possible when exploring and discussing your child's future to help find the right fit.

Research suggests that by engaging in self-exploration, career exploration, and career planning students will perceive the relevance of how courses in high school and college connect to self-defined career and life goals (Solberg, Gresham, Phelps, Durham, & Haakenson, 2010). For the many youth who enter high school with a history of low academic performance, access to these activities are especially critical because research has clearly indicated that when low-performing students perceive the relevance of a course to their future goals, they achieve better grades and report more interest in the course (Hulleman & Harackiewicz, 2009).

We're excited to be on this journey with your child and are here to help envision, plan and provide resources to set your child on a path to a bright future.

Newest Member of the Career Connections Team



Beth Gaubatz

The Career Connections Team is excited to announce Beth Gaubatz as the newest member of our team. For the last four years, Beth has worked as the Special Education Coordinator for Green Local Schools. Prior to that, she was

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"I'm so pleased to be joining the Career Connections Team. I have always had a passion for working with students and helping them succeed. In my previous years in education, I have noticed that many times students graduate from high school without a solid plan for their future. The idea behind Career Connections is to link students current learning with their future work. This link is the ultimate way to help students succeed! To support students in determining their strengths and interests and creating a path for post-graduation is so very important. I am thrilled to be a part of that!"



The 2017-2018 academic year is under way across Ohio, and the Ohio Department of Education has some great resources for families as our children head back to the classroom. Here are the top 10 things to know this year:

1. Students in the class of 2018 have multiple pathways to earn a high school diploma so they can move on to their next steps in education or a career. This [fact sheet](#) helps explain those options.
2. High school seniors can boost their earning power when they graduate from high school with an industry-recognized credential. The [Senior Only Credential Program](#) is for students in their senior year who have completed most of their curriculum requirements. Find out more about how an industry-recognized credential can be part of a student's path to graduation by [clicking here](#).
3. Create an Ohio Means Jobs K-12 Backpack: With this tool, middle and high school students can explore career interests, launch career plans, build resumes and search for job options. [Get started and build yours today](#).
4. Early learning experiences last a lifetime. It is key that all families have access to early childhood education information about high-quality early care, preschool, kindergarten and other educational settings to prepare young children for a lifetime of learning and success. The Department has a wide variety of [resources for parents of our youngest students](#).

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6. The ability to read is the foundation of learning. Research shows that children who are not reading at a third-grade level by the end of grade 3 are likely to have trouble learning in all classroom subjects in higher grades. The Department has resources for families related to [early literacy](#) and the [Third Grade Reading Guarantee](#).
7. Homeless students have rights to the same education as any other student in Ohio. The Department has developed a helpful brochure, [A Parent's Guide to the Rights of Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness](#).
8. Keep our schools and students safe: The free SaferOH tip line allows students and adults to anonymously share information with school officials and law enforcement about threats to student safety — whether that involves a threatened mass incident or harm to a single student. Calls or texts to 844-SaferOH (844-723-3764) are accepted and answered 24 hours a day. [Click here](#) for more information.
9. Ohio families can now get the latest education news, search for schools in their neighborhoods and look at their schools' report cards right from their smartphones or iPads using the new Ohio Department of Education mobile app. Download the app at education.ohio.gov/App.
10. Join the conversation: Sign up for text alerts from the Ohio Department of Education at education.ohio.gov/Text.



What is Career Connections?

Today, children need to see a link between what they are learning and future work. Career Connections offers practical ways for teachers and school

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CAREER EXPLORATION

Explore careers you may be interested in:

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Start Formulating a Plan (Middle School & High School)

[KnowHow2GO](#)

Consider Job Shadowing or Internships BEFORE High School graduation?

Research has shown that those who complete internships leave with a better focus on what they want to do or don't want to do before entering the work force. High school students completing internships are also building skills that translate into immediate benefits of experience, as well as a better understanding of where their interests lie.

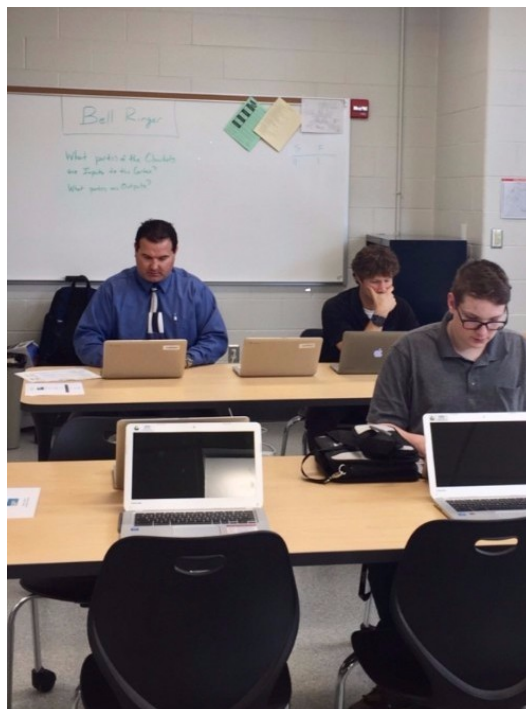


Drug-Free Clubs of America was founded by a team of Firefighters in 2005 in response to the drug-related tragedies they witnessed every day. Their mission was to find a way to protect our youth from the horrors of drug abuse, using highly effective tactics to foster their bright future.

Research shows that the best drug prevention strategies tie together the school, home, and community into one effort. Schools and local groups focus on recognizing teens for healthy decisions, and parents can breathe a sigh of relief knowing their children are making safe choices.

Districts we are currently working with:

- Wayne County Schools Career Center
- Wooster High School
- Hillsdale High School
- Ashland County West Holmes Career Center



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Are you interested in sharing your pathway?

If so, please email Christie Harris at tesc_charris@tccsa.net. We'd love to hear your story!

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