



Career Advising and Transition Newsletter

Career Tech Ed, Graduation Pathways & Transition Fall 2025



News for 2025-2026



Summer has been busy at SST9! Here is some staff news -

→ Our new CTPD Consultant at SST9 is Krista L. Allison. However, she is not new to SST9.

→ Krista has dedicated many years to the vital work of Family and Community Engagement, thriving at the state, district, and SST regional levels. Her experience in career advising and exploration empowers individuals to discover their paths and reach their potential. Her email is krista.allison@sst9.org

→ Andrea Ciavarelli continues as the Transition Consultant! Her email is andrea.ciavarelli@sst9.org



Updates: What you need to know!

Sign up for ODE Listservs!

The ODEW offers several communication tools to help keep you updated on career tech, graduation pathways, and transition news, resources, and supports. In addition to social media outlets, you can receive email updates on specific ODE topics.

Sign up to receive the email updates on a variety of topics from the Ohio Department of Education [at this link](#). Once your email address is entered, a list will appear so you can select topics that interest you. Be sure to open each topic area to see all the available selections. We recommend the **Graduation & Student Success options**:

1. **Graduation Updates**- [Click here](#) to register for the Graduation Open Office Hours
2. **School Counselor Updates** - This update includes many graduation and career advising updates and resources. No need to be a school counselor to benefit from the information! Subscribe to the [Career Connections listserv](#) to receive updates on the Career Exploration and Planning Initiative.
3. **Career Exploration and Planning**- Rooted in Ohio's Career Connections Framework and Career Advising Policy, it ensures that every student—regardless of background—has

access to the tools, experiences, and support needed to envision their goals and confidently navigate life after graduation. Subscribe to the [Career Connections listserv](#) to receive updates on the Career Exploration and Planning Initiative.



Career Tech Corner

Statewide Investment to Expand Access to Career-Technical Education

[Career Pathway Support Network](#)

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Higher Education, is transitioning the work of Ohio's Tech Prep Centers to Career Pathway Support Networks.

Backed by a two-year, \$7.1 million allocation, this initiative is designed to strengthen regional career-technical education infrastructure and ensure more Ohio students are prepared for in-demand careers. The RFA outlines a two-year funding strategy to provide mentoring to guide students, expose them to various professionals, and expand access to career-technical education.

Beginning **October 1, 2025**, Ohio's Tech Prep Regional Centers will transition to Career Pathway Support Networks. This transition will coincide with the addition of a seventh region to align with updates made by JobsOhio.

2026-2027 Ohio Career Pathway Support Networks **Request for Applications**

APPLICATION TIMELINE

- Request for application release date: August 13, 2025
- Submission deadline: September 17, 2025
- Application review period: September-October 2025
- Notification of awards: October 30, 2025

Information and grant applications can be found [here](#).

NEW~ Career Connections - PreK- 12



The Ohio Career Connections Framework provides resources to support students in grades K-12 in building career awareness, exploration, and planning. They also provide students with opportunities to develop a vision and a realistic plan for their futures. You can access all of the resources [here!](#)

October is Ohio's Manufacturing Month!

Manufacturing Month is a chance to celebrate modern manufacturing, raise awareness, and inspire the next generation to consider careers in the manufacturing industry. Throughout the month, manufacturers and workforce development/community partners host various events focused on STEM and careers in manufacturing and make new resources available for educators and parents. For more information, [click here!](#)

Manufacturing Day (October 2, 2025)

Participate in coordinated tours of local manufacturing plants with a focus on the many career pathways available locally, primarily in manufacturing, but includes career fields (i.e., production, robotics, safety, human resources, engineering, maintenance, analytics, IT/technology, business administration). Schools will visit 2-3 Stark County businesses. Lunch is provided for all students. **#MadeInStark**

To **learn more or register**, contact Erin West at Erin.west@edpartner.org or Jay Moody at Jay.moody@edpartner.org.

Akron-Canton Builds Trade Expo (October 7-8, 2025)



Local high schools are invited to the Summit County Fairgrounds for an inspiring hands-on experience in up to 15 different construction trade occupations. Students will have the chance to explore a diverse range of skilled trade career options within the construction industry, guided by union trade apprenticeships, contractors, and material suppliers. Typically, school districts are allocated 2 hours for their students to participate in this valuable opportunity.

- Click [here](#) for the video promo.
- For more information, please visit [Akron Canton Builds Trade Expo](#).
- [Register](#) by September 12th!

Manufacturing Educator Bus Tour (October 13, 2025)

An 8-hour event showcasing career opportunities in local manufacturing plants. Lunch will be provided. Test your knowledge with quizzes and prizes based on local statistics about manufacturing and economic development metrics. **#MadeInStark**

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Pathways to Construction Management (October 30, 2025, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm) at R.G. Drage

Join us for an open house networking event where you can meet businesses, contractors, and university representatives. This event is for high school and college students interested in careers in Construction Management, Project Management, Marketing, Logistics, Safety, Estimating, and Surveying. Discover education pathways, including Co-Op opportunities and career options. **Register [here](#).**



Making the Connection: Career Awareness Guidance for School Counselors ~ Grades PreK-5

To access, [click HERE](#) or **scan the QR Code!**

Free #MadeInStark Storybooks for Every 2nd Grader in Stark County!

Calling all 2nd-grade educators! Join the county-wide **#MadeInStark** book series. This year's story, created by Ohio Gratings, Inc. with local education and business leaders, follows Mia on a factory adventure to discover how things are made and the many STEM careers behind them. Every 2nd-grade student in Stark County will receive a free copy of bringing modern manufacturing to life!

Plus, members of the local manufacturing teams will visit classrooms to read the book and engage with students.

Districts interested in participating in this great opportunity can sign up by clicking on the following link: [MadeInStark Book Series](#) or simply scan the QR code below! We hope that all Stark County schools will join in!

 **Scan Me to Sign Up!**



Coming soon to Stark County school counselors in mid-October...the **#MadeInStark Coloring Contest**.

Special thanks to Stark Education Partnership for compiling the major Fall 2025 Stark County career-connected learning events and PreK-5 Career Connected Learning resources.

[FIND MORE ON OUR WEBSITE](#)

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