

# Ohio's Business-Education Leader Awards for Excellent Business Advisory Councils Overview

The Ohio Business-Education Leader Awards for Excellent Business Advisory Councils recognize educators, business partners, staff, schools, businesses, educational service centers, joint vocational school districts and communities who come together to create dynamic, career-focused learning environments for students.

Selected business advisory councils demonstrate excellence in ensuring Ohio students are prepared for successful career paths, including college, industry credentials, apprenticeships, military enlistment or a combination of these. Councils pursuing this recognition will be considered for awards of excellence and star ratings.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

- **Enrollment Eligibility:** Business advisory councils seeking the award must submit their annual plans and required addendum using the approved template in the Ohio Department of Education's Forms Submission Application by **September 30th**.
- **Data Considerations:** EMIS-reported data metrics considered as part of the selection criteria include, but are not limited to, trend data on previous school year graduation cohorts earning the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal and earning industry-recognized credentials.
- **Conditional Selection:** The award is subject to the Ohio Department of Education's review of the accuracy of the business advisory council's submission. The award review committee will consist of Department staff and business and education leaders.
- **Awards:** In addition to a star rating, state business and education leaders will select the following:
  - Excellence in Developing Professional Skill for Future Careers
  - Excellence in Building Partnerships
  - Excellence in Coordinating Experience

## QUALITY PRACTICES

The business advisory council award is based on the following quality practices. During the recognition year, the business advisory council, in consultation with the local governing board, should:

1. **Develop Professional Skills for Future Careers** – Work together to delineate key professional skills needed for the future job market. Develop a curriculum that instills these skills while advising on changes in the economy and job market.

2. **Build Partnerships** – Develop working relationships among businesses, labor and education personnel.
3. **Coordinate Experiences** – Create environments that allow students to demonstrate proficiency in critical professional and specialized skills that will aid in future employment.

## ADDENDUM

As an addendum to the Business Advisory Council Plan, the following information is requested from the submitting organization to qualify:

- A link to the previous year’s joint statement
  - Responses to the following questions:
1. How has the business advisory council helped students prepare and successfully enter the local workforce?
  2. How has the business advisory council and its members supported students in work-based learning (internships, apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship) opportunities?
    - a. How many students have been placed in work-based learning experiences? \*
    - b. What are some examples of high-quality work-based learning supported by your council?
    - c. How many of your business partners have accepted students in to work-based learning experiences? \*
  3. How has the business advisory council supported mentorship programs and/or provided networking opportunities for students and professionals?
  4. What major decisions have the Business Advisory Council influenced for the member school districts?
  5. How are the members of your business advisory council representative of the job market of the area you serve? (Please specify professions represented on your council) \*
  6. How is the business advisory council collecting and responding to feedback? Include samples of feedback (Business, Educator and Student).
  7. What barriers have your business advisory council encountered in implementing these quality practices?
    - a. How have you overcome these barriers or what will you need to overcome these barriers?
  8. What additional information would you like to share about how the business advisory council develops professional skills for future careers?

9. What additional information would you like to share on how your business advisory council works collaboratively on initiatives to build partnerships and enhance experiences for students?

10. What additional information would you like to share about how career readiness experiences are coordinated? \*

\* Include local data capturing the implementation of the Quality Practices.