

# SUCCESS

# Become a SuccessBound Community!

SuccessBound communities prepare students for jobs and create pipelines to those jobs.

The Ohio Department of Education is committed to preparing you for your future, and we offer materials and tools to help you achieve your goals.

Career Connections can help you get ready to take advantage of opportunities in your community:

- » Build career awareness through workplace visits, Career Connections learning strategies, classroom career speakers and learning about Ohio's career fields and pathways.
- » Explore your career interests by identifying your interests, developing self-awareness and determining personal motivation related to work and income.
- » Plan your career and transitions into it by participating in career-based learning experiences, career academies, career-technical student organizations, career mentorships, pre-apprenticeship programs and service learning.
- » Become a lifelong learner who continues to grow and develop.
- » Connect to OhioMeansJobs.com where you can create a career backpack.
- » Earn college credit and key industry-recognized credentials that will jump-start your future.

SuccessBound communities have partnerships and innovative programs that provide the education and skills you need to be prepared for in-demand jobs.

- » Explore your future career interests through internships and career experiences with local business partners.
- » Meet potential employers and learn what you need to succeed in high-demand fields.
- » Earn industry-recognized credentials and job experience.
- » Secure jobs now that pay well, so you can minimize college debt and earn while you learn.

**Find out more today. Become SuccessBound!**

Ask your school counselor about options in your area.

# It's never too early to become SuccessBound!



Victorious Jones knows what she wants and is on her way to achieving her dreams. After exploring careers and identifying the right career path for her future, she is now engaged in a program that will let her earn her medical assisting certificate while still in high school.

"You don't have forever to think about it," she said. Although she just finished middle school in Marion City Schools, she's already taking steps toward a career in medicine through a partnership in her community. This partnership is a model for what SuccessBound aims to inspire: strong communities working together.

Are you interested in information technology or health care? Engineering or finance? Check out career pathways to see how you can start matching your classes to your interests as early as seventh grade. Create a plan tailored to you that includes options like earning college credit and industry credentials in high school. Take the lead in creating your own learning experience, talk to your school counselor about credit flexibility.

## Get started today!

Visit [OhioMeansJobs.com](http://OhioMeansJobs.com) and click on the cardinal wearing the graduation cap to access a no-cost career planning resource that can connect you to opportunities in Ohio. Start planning your future at [OhioMeansJobs.com](http://OhioMeansJobs.com), and ask your counselor how your community is SuccessBound!

