

# YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS CONSORTIUM

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Through the Young Entrepreneurs Consortium, a group of 29 Ohio education, community, and business partners received a \$13.6 million Straight A Grant from the Ohio Department of Education to lead a multi-year initiative to create an innovative model for community engagement and increasing the flow of young entrepreneurs in the state.

### **What is the goal of the Young Entrepreneurs Consortium?**

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The goal of the Young Entrepreneurs Consortium is to increase student achievement by building a robust education-to-employment model, impacting grades 6–14, exposing students to an array of business and technical pathways, work-based learning experiences, and leverage project-based learning that can prepare them to compete in the 21<sup>st</sup> century global economy.

### **What is the lasting value of the Young Entrepreneurs Consortium?**

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The substantial and lasting value of this Consortium will be to:

- Increase the flow of young entrepreneurs to grow local economies from Northeast to Southeast Ohio;
- Create a replicable template for a variety of business and technical pathways (grades 6–14) and work-based learning models that can be implemented in a similar manner as the entrepreneurial pathway models; and
- Establish and grow a sustainable consortium with significant community engagement to better share services and resources that will continue to enhance student achievement, ultimately from grades Pre-K–18.

### **How many students will be impacted by the Consortium?**

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This investment will enable the Young Entrepreneurs Consortium to reach 26,549 students in grades K–12 in an 11-county service area including: Carroll, Guernsey, Holmes, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas, Washington, and Wayne.

### **Who is involved in the Consortium?**

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The Consortium, a group of 12 school districts, three career and technical centers, three higher education institutions, and 11 business/community partners includes:

- American College Testing (ACT)
- Battelle for Kids
- Brown Local Schools
- Building Bridges to Careers (BBC)
- Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Carrollton Exempted Village Schools
- Green Local Schools, Summit County
- Green Local Schools, Wayne County
- Marietta City Schools
- Marietta College
- Massillon City Schools
- Mid-East Career & Technology Centers
- Minerva Local Schools
- Ohio Academy of Science, Believe in Ohio
- Ohio STEM Learning Network–Akron Hub
- Orrville City Schools
- Osnauburg Local Schools
- RG Drage Career Technical Center
- Rittman Exempted Village Schools
- Sandy Valley Local Schools
- Small Business Development Center
- Southeast Local Schools
- Stark County Educational Service Center
- Stark Development Board
- Stark Education Partnership
- Stark State College
- University of Akron
- Wayne County Economic Development Center
- Wayne County Schools Career Center