



Making an Impact on our Six Districts



2023-2025
Biennial Report



Six District
Educational Compact

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Showcasing the Compact

In January 2024, we launched our inaugural Career Program Showcase at Kent State University, a dynamic recruitment event featuring exhibits from our 29 CTE programs. During the school day, over 1,500 sophomores attended the Showcase, and in the evening, families, community members, and industry professionals explored the exhibits. Nearly 150 student ambassadors—after completing leadership training and working closely with their instructors—shared their experiences and proudly represented their programs. This event was developed through the dedicated efforts of a Compact planning committee, which recognized the need for a cohesive and consistent message about CTE opportunities across all six districts. The Showcase also aims to strengthen engagement with local industry and community partners. The 2025 event built on this momentum, and we look forward to its continued growth.

Compact Plan for the Future

As part of our ongoing collaborative planning, district administrators—including superintendents, curriculum directors, principals, special education representatives, school counselors, and Compact leadership—convened to advance the Compact Plan for the Future in early 2025. Together, we examined in-demand career sectors, enrollment trends, potential program expansion, and sustainable funding strategies. This collaborative process resulted in a comprehensive five-year plan designed to ensure our programs remain responsive, innovative, and aligned with workforce needs.

Stay Connected

This Biennial Report highlights just a sampling of the many successes from the 2023–2025 school years. I encourage you to visit our website at www.sixdistrict.com, where you will find additional stories, program information, and resources. We also publish Compact Points, our Compact-wide newsletter, three times each year. Additionally, I invite you to stay connected by following us on social media.

Let's Connect @sixdistrictCTE

Thank you for your continued support as we prepare students to become future-ready.



Mary Jane Stanchina
Executive Director



**Modern Communication through
Media Production**



Aeronautics Careers Academy



Engineering Academy

About the Compact

The Six District Educational Compact was established in 1970, when the Superintendents from Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Kent, Stow-Munroe Falls, Tallmadge, and Woodridge school districts proposed the idea of a six-district consortium to provide vocational services to the state department of education. While many at the state level opposed this innovative approach, the state superintendent of schools, Dr. Martin Essex, found it exemplary and felt it could serve as a model for similar efforts throughout the state. Through the years, the Compact has expanded beyond its original purpose of providing Career and Technical Education (CTE). Today, the list of programs and services offered by the Compact includes 29 CTE programs, shared business services, including professional development for support staff, special education and summer school, and a wide-range of special programming based on district needs. **Scan the QR code to read more about the Compact's history and chronology.**



5-Star Report Card

Annually, Career Technical Planning Districts (CTPD) receive a report card rating from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW). The overall rating is between one and five stars, in half-star increments, measuring four components: Achievement, Graduation Rate, Career and Post-Secondary Readiness, and Post-Program Outcomes.

For the third year in a row, the Six District Educational Compact has received the highest rating, 5-Stars, significantly exceeding state expectations. The 2024-2025 5-Star Rating including the following accomplishments:

- ★ Met 9 of 9 Federal Indicators
- ★ 5 Stars in all four components
- ★ 95% overall assessment passage rate

Learn more about the Report Card details at the ODEW website by scanning the QR Code:



Career-Technical Education Programs

- **Academy of Finance Careers**
Tallmadge High School
- **Academy of Future Entertainment Professionals**
Tallmadge High School
- **Academy of Medical Office and Business Management**
Cuyahoga Falls High School
- **Aeronautics Career Academy**
Stow-Munroe Falls High School • STEM
- **Athletic Health Care and Fitness**
Theodore Roosevelt High School • STEM
- **Automotive Technologies**
Cuyahoga Falls and Hudson High Schools
- **Biotechnology Academy**
Woodridge High School • STEM
- **Business and Sports Management**
Theodore Roosevelt High School
- **Collision Repair and Automotive Refinishing**
Woodridge High School
- **Community Agriculture for Local Impact**
Cuyahoga Falls High School
- **Computer-Aided Design (CAD) and Engineering Technologies**
Theodore Roosevelt High School • STEM
- **Computer Science Pathways**
Stow-Munroe Falls High School • STEM
- **Construction Technologies**
Theodore Roosevelt High School
- **Cosmetology**
Cuyahoga Falls and Theodore Roosevelt High Schools
- **Criminal Justice**
Cuyahoga Falls High School
- **Culinary Arts and Hospitality Studies**
Stow-Munroe Falls High School
- **Cyber Academy**
Cuyahoga Falls High School • STEM
- **Early Childhood Professions**
Tallmadge High School
- **Electronics, Robotics, and Programming**
Theodore Roosevelt High School • STEM
- **Engineering Academy: Advanced STEM**
Theodore Roosevelt High School • STEM
- **Forestry and Environmental Studies**
Theodore Roosevelt High School • STEM
- **Health Careers**
Theodore Roosevelt High School • STEM
- **Industrial Maintenance and Production for Employment**
Stow-Munroe Falls High School
- **Interactive Marketing and Design**
Cuyahoga Falls High School
- **Marketing Management and DECA**
Theodore Roosevelt High School
- **Modern Communication through Media Production**
Cuyahoga Falls and Hudson High Schools
- **Six District EntrepreNew Pathways**
Woodridge High School
- **Teaching Professions**
Theodore Roosevelt High School



Forestry and Environmental Studies

Compact Successes



Governor Mike Dewine (center), instructors Jeff Bee (L) and Troy Spear (R) take part in the ceremonial cutting of the ribbon, alongside distinguished guests



New addition at Roosevelt expands student opportunities

Kent City Schools received more than \$2.3 million in state funding to expand Career-Technical Education (CTE) facilities at Theodore Roosevelt High School. Construction began in summer 2024 on a 3,500-square-foot, state-of-the-art addition, creating expanded lab space for the Computer-Aided Design and Engineering Technologies and the Engineering Academy: Advanced STEM programs.

In April 2025, **Governor Mike DeWine** joined Compact school officials, students, community members, and industry partners to celebrate the ribbon-cutting of the new Engineering and Advanced Technologies Center. The program featured remarks from Computer-Aided Design and Engineering Technologies student **Grant Dodds** (Tallmadge) and his employer, **Travis Copen** of Copen Machine, who highlighted the importance of preparing students for careers in manufacturing and engineering.

Students across multiple CTE programs played an active role in the event. Forestry and Environmental Studies dressed the podium area with beautiful plants from their lab. Culinary Arts and Hospitality Studies students provided refreshments, while Modern Communications through Media Production students documented the celebration through interviews, photography, and video production.



IMPE student, Chase Wheaton (Stow-Munroe Falls), gains welding experience on the virtual reality simulator

IMPE program lands \$200,000 Equity for Each grant

Industrial Maintenance and Production for Employment was one of 11 recipients of the Ohio Department of Education's 2024 Equity for Each grant, receiving \$200,000 to expand opportunities for the program. These monies were used to purchase new equipment, including a virtual reality welding training simulator and related supplies, learning system software in mechanical drives, electrical machines and wiring, instructor professional development, and SkillsUSA training.



Almost 5,000 rubber ducks, ready to race down the Cuyahoga River



EntrepreNew students make a splash at Quackstream Classic

Level I Six District EntrepreNew Pathways students showcased their entrepreneurial spirit and business acumen at the inaugural Quackstream Classic in April 2024. The event featured a duck race with over 5,000 rubber ducks racing down the Cuyahoga River. Students took full ownership of the

process, from securing sponsorships to sourcing materials, working with vendors, and selling the ducks. Over \$18,000 in revenue was generated and helped cover the students' trip to San Antonio, where they participated in a jam-packed week full of entrepreneurship learning and opportunities. During the 2024-2025 school year, Level I students kept the momentum going from the previous year's event and sold over 7,000 ducks for their event! This fully student-run business experience is what CTE is all about!

Compact Successes



L to R: Construction Technologies instructor Don Titko, Jake Cerutti, Hudson science teacher Tom Snow, Abby Cerruti

Hudson twins earn Hudson Rotary scholarships

The Rotary Club of Hudson selected twin siblings **Abby** (Engineering Academy '24 completer) and **Jake Cerutti** (Construction Technologies '24 completer) as recipients of their annual Rotary Club Scholarships. The twins attend the University of Cincinnati, where Jake is majoring in Construction Management, and Abby was directly admitted to the Biomedical Engineering program.

Biotech puts grant monies to good use

The Biotechnology Academy received three grants during the 2023-2024 school year. The National Education Association awarded the program over \$2,500 for Level II senior capstone projects, plant DNA cloning and DNA sequencing, including a special software license. The grant received from the Toshiba America Foundation funded the purchase of a \$3,500 shaking bacterial incubator for use during classroom lab experiments. Over \$1,200 for new equipment, such as industry-grade pH meters, was purchased with grant money from the American Chemical Society.



Biotechnology Academy



Charlie Clements (left) and Katherine Benson (right) showcasing their award

Students honored for excellence in technology

Computer Science Pathways students **Katherine Benson** (Hudson) and **Charlie Clements** (Stow-Munroe Falls) were recognized by the National Center for Women & Information Technology at the 2025 Aspirations in Computing Awards. Katherine was named an Ohio Affiliate Award Winner, while Charlie received an Honorable Mention. The Aspirations in Computing Awards celebrate students who demonstrate exceptional interest and talent in computing and technology. Katherine and Charlie were recognized for their leadership in the classroom and their commitment to using technology to solve real-world problems and make a positive impact on society.



Business and Sports Management

Compact Successes

National CTSO competition winners

Compact students in various programs compete in their respective Career-Technical Student Organization (CTSO) regional and state leadership competitions throughout the school year. Many students place at the top at the state level at competitions for Business Professionals of America, EdRising, Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), and SkillsUSA, to name a few. Congratulations to the following students who qualified and placed at the **national level!**

2023-2024:

- EdRising National Competition: After placing first at the state competition, the Teaching Professions team of **Alyvia Bucks** (Hudson) and **Eva Kemper** (Cuyahoga Falls) placed second nationally for their mental health support board, “The Chill Center.”
- Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) National Competition: Woodridge students **Claire Gregory** and **Gracie Springer** placed first in the nation in the National Programs in Action, Student Body event. They worked with second graders to teach them nutrition, fitness, mental health, fractions, measuring, and kitchen safety. Other national winning teams included Woodridge students **Izzy Howell** and **Haley Walter** (fifth place) and **Rachel LaGuardia** and **Izzy Scebbi** (tenth place).

2024-2025:

- Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) National Competition: The Stow-Munroe Falls team of **Anisha Barua** and **Kamryn Martin** placed first in Level 3 Promote & Publicize, and the Woodridge team of **Lola Mullen** and **Lily Singer** placed first in Level 2 Sports Nutrition. Additionally, the following teams placed in the top ten: **Stella Haines** and **Sophia Pecoraro** (Stow-Munroe Falls), **Sarah Bowles**, **Rylie McMonigle**, and **Izzy Scebbi** (Woodridge), and **Xavier Griffiths**, **Ben LeBay**, and **Jake Su** (Woodridge).



Alyvia Bucks (Hudson) and Eva Kemper (Cuyahoga Falls) proudly display their 2nd-place ribbons at the 2024 EdRising National Competition in Washington D.C.



Gracie Springer and Claire Gregory (both from Woodridge) showcase their first-place plaque following the 2024 FCCLA national competition in Seattle



Stow-Munroe Falls 2025 FCCLA national winners Anisha Barua (left) and Kamryn Martin (right)



Woodridge 2025 FCCLA national winners Lola Mullen (right) and Lily Singer (left)



Culinary Arts and Catering



Automotive Technologies-Hudson

New Initiatives



Executive Director Mary Jane Stanchina welcomes sophomores to the inaugural 2024 Career Program Showcase

Athletic Health Care and Fitness student ambassadors and instructors at the 2024 Showcase



New recruitment event highlights CTE opportunities

The inaugural Career Program Showcase was held at Kent State University (KSU) in January 2024. This recruitment event welcomed over 1,500 sophomores and teachers during the school day. During the evening Showcase event, parents, students, community members, and local industry professionals visited KSU to view exhibits of the 29 CTE programs. Roughly 150 student ambassadors played an integral role in the event, completing a two-day leadership training and working extensively with their instructors to market their program and share their personal stories about their program participation.

The development of this event was based on the work of a Compact planning committee that identified the need for a cohesive and consistent message to students and families from all six districts about the CTE programs available. Additionally, the event aimed to increase engagement among local industry professionals and community members. The 2025 event was a huge success, and we look forward to future events with new improvements!

Launch at Laurel Lake program offers job training



After several years of planning and coordination, a new job-training coordination program housed at Laurel Lake Retirement Community began during the 2024-2025 school year. Launch at Laurel Lake provides students with on-the-job training and classroom instruction to strengthen students' employment success. Students receive individualized support from job coaches to sustain competitive, integrated employment upon exiting the program. **Katie Poulin** serves as the job training coordinator. A special thank you to **Andrew Lovano** and all of the staff at Laurel Lake for their commitment to this important initiative.



Finance student Tyler Nicolino (Tallmadge) worked as the 2024-2025 New Horizon Federal Credit Union (NHFCU) service representative. Pictured right is Austin Cottill, NHFCU's liaison for the THS branch.

Finance program offers practical and professional learning experiences

The Academy of Finance Careers at Tallmadge High School launched during the 2024-2025 school year. Program instructor Kim Brendel and Compact staff partnered with New Horizon Federal Credit Union to open a branch at Tallmadge High School. The credit union employs Finance students, providing a work-based learning experience within the high school.



NTHS advisor Carrie Harris announces inductees at inaugural ceremony

National Technical Honor Society chapter formed

Theodore Roosevelt High School formed a chapter of the National Technical Honors Society (NTHS) and inducted 168 members at the inaugural ceremony in November 2024. Inductees included Level II CTE students who have maintained a 3.0 GPA and have demonstrated critical workplace values, honesty, technical skills, teamwork, loyalty, initiative, leadership, and commitment to personal and professional excellence.

Success Stories



L to R: Nathan Painter (Chris's supervisor at Swagelok), Chris Rydzewski, Troy Spear and Al Ehler

Chris Rydzewski, 2023 Kent-Roosevelt graduate and Computer-Aided Design (CAD) and Engineering Technologies completer, was hired as a full-time Level 2 Operator at *Swagelok* in Solon after graduation. Chris was initially introduced and placed at *Swagelok* during his senior year through the CAD and Engineering Technologies program. Upon his hiring, CAD instructor **Troy Spear** and Chris's football coach, mentor and Kent Roosevelt teacher **Al Ehler** attended a ceremony at *Swagelok* where Chris was highlighted as a high school intern now hired as a full-time employee. Troy Spear shares, "Chris always demonstrated a desire to apply himself in class and is now learning how to operate a very unique machine that makes high precision nuts and ferrules for Swagelok compression fittings."



Stephanie Bohnak

Stephanie Bohnak, a Culinary Arts and Hospitality Studies completer, has had a unique educational and professional journey since graduating from Cuyahoga Falls High School in 2015. Currently, Stephanie serves as the Director of Education and Curatorial Services at the *National First Ladies Library and Museum* in Canton, Ohio. In addition to leading educational programming and

outreach, Stephanie also serves as the event planner and caterer for all special events. These responsibilities blend Stephanie's unique expertise and passions!

Stephanie's extensive educational background includes degrees in Culinary Arts, History, Anthropology and culminated when she earned her Master of Arts from Bowling Green University (BGSU) in History. At BGSU, Stephanie specialized in women's and labor history, American enslavement and food history. Her research delved into the intriguing realm of culinary diplomacy during presidential administrations, including a deep dive into the culinary strategies of the Kennedy administration. Stephanie's career pathway is an exceptional example of how CTE can jumpstart your future by allowing you to begin the process of investigating your passion and interests while in high school.



Project SEARCH staff attended the Goodwill gala to celebrate Emilee (pictured 3rd from the left) as she was awarded the Mission Moment of the year.

Emilee Gerstenslager (Cuyahoga Falls), a 2023 Project SEARCH completer, was honored at Goodwill's 17th Annual Taste of Vintage gala fundraiser as the Mission Moment of the year. Goodwill reviews participants from across their five service counties as "mission moments" to highlight those who have overcome barriers to employment to succeed within the community. Emilee was selected among all entries to be honored and celebrated during the gala for her accomplishments as an Environmental Aide at *Summa Health*. **Lisa Shonberg**, Training Manager for Summa Health-Environmental Services states, "Emily makes a huge difference every day. She is a gem. Our partnership with Project SEARCH and Goodwill has been amazing...it is such a beneficial program for people like Emilee who just need a little extra [support]."



Marketing Management & DECA

Work-Based Learning and Partnerships

Work-Based Learning provides future-ready experiences

Students enrolled in all 29 CTE programs participate in work-based learning experiences, including internships, apprenticeships, simulated experiences, and school-based enterprises. Through partnerships with local industry and business professionals, students engage in career exploration, development, and training. Graduates in the Class of 2024 reported 116,755 WBL hours. 2025 graduates reported 204,206 hours—an increase that reflects both expanded partnerships and improved reporting practices. This number is expected to continue growing as opportunities and collaboration increase.



Sanchahanma Subba (left) and Lillith Dawson (right) take a break for a photo while at work at Klein's Pharmacy

Medical Office connects students to valuable internships

The internships provided through the Academy of Medical Office and Business Management's strong partnerships with area businesses are jump-starting students' future career goals. Below are just a few examples of work-based learning internships that led to future employment.

2024 Completers:

- **Alonie Rackley** (Stow-Munroe Falls) interned as an administrative assistant at Unity Health in Tallmadge and is now employed there and taking advantage of their certification program to become a medical assistant.
- **Matteen Khender** (Hudson) is attending Kent State University while working at Family Care Plus Clinic as a medical biller/coder; he started work in this position during his internship.
- **Alisha Neopanay** (Cuyahoga Falls) is an administrative assistant at DSC Dermatology and a member of the Ohio National Guard, where she is being trained as a medical supply chain specialist. She interned at Levinson Family Chiropractic while in the program.

2025 Completers:

- Cuyahoga Falls graduates **Lillith Dawson** and **Sanchahanma Subba** secured employment at Klein's Pharmacy after interning there while in the program and are now part of their pharmacy technician training program.

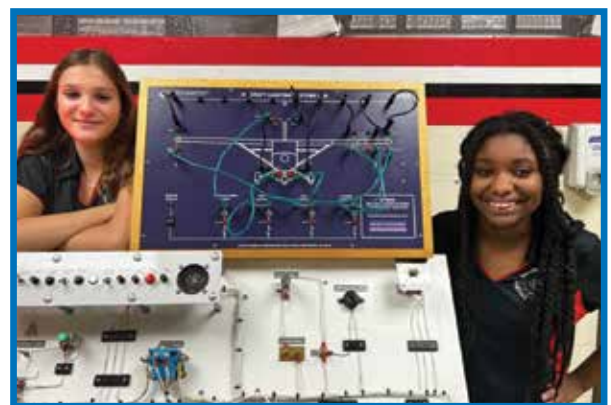


AFEP student Sebastian Harnack (Tallmadge) brings to life an original character designed by students during Roger Miller's Character Creation Workshop

AFEP students engage in unique workshops with professionals

Students in the Academy of Future Entertainment Professionals get up-close career exploration with a variety of professionals throughout their time in the program. Below are a few examples of interactive, work-based learning workshops that students have participated in.

- **Nick Bishop**, Audio Engineer - *Career Readiness Workshop*: Students learned about audio engineering and applied their knowledge to adapt scripts to create a unique blend of technical and creative skills.
- **Jordan Boughner**, Filmmaking Major - *Script Critique and College Advice*: Inspired by Jordan Boughner's insights, students delved into screenwriting and produced their own screenplays to reflect their individual artistic voices.
- **Roger Miller**, FX (Special Effects) Artist - *Character Creation Workshop*: Students explored character design and ventured into the world of graphic novels, where they showcased their storytelling skills through visual narratives.
- **Ron Gould**, Comedian - *Stand-Up Comedy Workshop*: Students refined their stand-up comedy sets and explored the realm of slam poetry, where they learned to combine humor and spoken word to create a powerful performance.
- **John Thomas**, FX (Special Effects) Artist and **Kelly Pilkenroth**, Event Planner, Makeup Artist and Actor: Mentored and critiqued students in their character creation projects.



Electronics, Robotics and Programming

Work-Based Learning and Partnerships



L-R: Sky Quest Pilot Stacey Warner, Gavin Peeps (Kent), Sarah Castillo Caro (Stow-Munroe Falls), Roger Aukeman (Stow-Munroe Falls), Nick Gallagher (Stow-Munroe Falls)

Aeronautics students explore careers in aviation

Students in the Aeronautics Careers Academy (ACA) gain work-based learning experiences through hands-on shadowing and volunteer opportunities with local aviation partners. Each year, students spend five days at Sky Quest, a private jet charter company based at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, where they work alongside dispatchers, pilots, and mechanics to learn about flight planning, pre-flight operations, and aircraft maintenance. Throughout the school year, pairs of students also volunteer at the MAPS Air Museum at the Akron-Canton Airport, contributing to aircraft restoration projects under the guidance of retired veterans. In addition, students shadow professionals at Castle Aviation, a cargo airline headquartered at the Akron-Canton Airport, gaining insight into air charter, cargo operations, and aircraft maintenance.

Career Passports

CTE students can earn a Career Passport upon completion of their program by maintaining a 92 percent attendance rate, passing their technical theory and academic courses with no less than a "C," and demonstrating mastery of career-area competencies. In 2024, 402 students earned a Career Passport, and in 2025, Career Passports were presented to 477 students. The Career Passport folders detail the competencies a student acquired during their two years of study.



Community Agriculture for Local Impact



Health Careers



Teaching Professionals

Community Connections and Outreach



Culinary students hear from local industry leaders at job fair

Culinary job fair boasts great opportunities for students

Level I Culinary Arts and Hospitality Studies students had the opportunity to meet with several local industry leaders at a job fair hosted by Culinary Arts instructors, Hudson Economic Development Manager **Katie Behnke**, and Kent Economic Development Director **Eric Helmstedter**. A big thank you to the participating businesses: *The River Merchant, Mama Citas, Grazers Restaurants, Panera Bread, The Lake House, and Stir Studio Kitchen*. They provided our students with an overview of their business and potential job opportunities, feedback on their resumes, and experience with interviewing.



Criminal Justice students are ready for a “Night at the North Pole”

Criminal Justice students give back through toy drive event

Students in the Criminal Justice program hosted a “Night at the North Pole,” a toy drive and community event held at Cuyahoga Falls High School. Students honed their leadership and philanthropic skills as they planned for this event. They connected with all six Compact high schools to market the event, created flyers, and planned activities. Children in attendance participated in holiday-themed games and crafts and got to visit with Santa. The event was a great success with nearly 200 attendees who were all encouraged to bring an unwrapped toy. Students donated the toys to a local organization dedicated to helping those in need.



Community Agriculture combats food insecurity

Community Agriculture for Local Impact students work to address local food insecurity issues every single day by donating much of what they grow to students and families in need. During its inaugural 2023-2024 year, almost 3,500 pounds of corn, garlic, peppers, potatoes, eggplant, and okra were donated to *Cuyahoga Falls Good Neighbors*; a local food pantry. The Cuyahoga Falls Fresh Farm has donated over 13,000 pounds of food to those in need since 2018.



Forestry students assist ODNR staff with planting at Phillips Park

Forestry students gain on-the-job training through volunteer efforts

Forestry and Environmental Studies students assisted the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) with planting an American sycamore tree at Phillips Park in Franklin Township in honor of the organization’s 75th anniversary. ODNR provided a native tree and commemorative marker for each county in Ohio. Students also assisted ODNR foresters and staff in removing several exotic invasive species from the park. **Lynn Vogel**, stormwater educator with the Portage Soil & Water Conservation District, was also on site and shared, “It was impressive to see the work ethic demonstrated by the students and equally impressive to see the camaraderie that exists between the students and their instructors. All in all, it was a job well done.”

Compact Services and Programs

Career/Special Education

2023-2025 CTE Special Education enrollment per district		
District	2023-2024	2024-2025
Cuyahoga Falls	27	38
Hudson	25	29
Kent	28	23
Stow-Munroe Falls	37	37
Tallmadge	27	23
Woodridge	6	4

2023-2024:

- 61 students with disabilities completed their CTE program
 - 31 completers plan to enter the workforce
 - 29 completers plan to enroll in post-secondary studies
 - 1 completer enrolled in the Project SEARCH program
- Students demonstrated proficiency by obtaining credentials and certifications within their CTE programs, such as:
 - CET(Certified Electronics Technician) certification, Haas Lathe Operators Certification, OSHA 10, Stop the Bleed certification, CPR/First Aid/AED certifications, ASE industry credentials, and Comp TIA ITF+, to name a few.
- A Health Careers student placed first at the state HOSA Leadership Conference for Life Saving Skills.
- An Auto Technologies student earned 14 credits of CCP, passed five ASE industry credentials, and completed 866 hours of work-based learning at AutoZone.
- Three students passed the Cosmetology state board exam.

2024-2025:

- 67 students with disabilities completed their CTE program
 - 31 completers plan to enter the workforce
 - 34 completers plan to enroll in post-secondary studies
 - 1 completer plans to enlist in the U.S. Army
 - 1 completer plans to enroll in the Career Quest JTC program
- Students demonstrated proficiency by obtaining credentials and certifications within their CTE programs, such as:
 - Retail Industry Fundamental certification, ASE Maintenance and Light Repair certification, OSHA 10 General Industry Manufacturing, Communicable Disease and Child Abuse certifications, and Certiport HTML/CSS, to name a few.
- Four students in Business and Sports Management were members of the National Technical Honor Society and two-year members of Business Professionals of America.
- Eight students passed the Cosmetology state board exam.



The Compact Special Education Committee, L to R: Michael Dodson, Amy McDougal, Rachel McMahan, Samantha Price, Josh Stewart, Ken Subak, Katie Poulin, Consultant Joyce Brouman, Executive Director Mary Jane Stanchina

Transition Services

Transition Services offers career transition services and training to assist students with disabilities in exploring their post-high school employment goals. During the 2023-2024 school year, 24 students from Cuyahoga Falls High School received transition services, and 42 students received transition services during the 2024-2025 school year.

Additionally, the transition services coordinator oversees the Occupational Work Study (OWS) program, where students can earn high school credits through part-time employment. 16 students from Cuyahoga Falls and Tallmadge High Schools participated in OWS during the 2023-2024 school year. During the 2024-2025 school year, 10 students from Cuyahoga Falls participated in OWS, with seven of those students earning the maximum number of credits by completing 360 hours of continuous employment.

Career Assessment Services

Career assessments provide students and their families with valuable information to assist with transition planning. 149 student career assessments were conducted annually over the past two school years. The Career Assessment Specialist restructured the data collection and report template process during the 2024-2025 school year, resulting in a decrease of time spent on report writing. Additionally, during the 2024-2025 school year, assessments were conducted for Roosevelt and Stow-Munroe Falls students for the first time in several years.

Career assessment students served per district		
District	2023-2024	2024-2025
Cuyahoga Falls	29	27
Hudson	53	41
Kent	0	8
Stow-Munroe Falls	0	14
Tallmadge	30	25
Woodridge	33	30

Compact Services and Programs

Job Training Coordination

Job Training Coordination (JTC) services are designed to provide technical, on-the-job training to students with significant cognitive disabilities. The Compact offers two models of job training services: community-based and site-based.

Project SEARCH is a site-based JTC program housed at Summa Health in Akron. Each student is provided with one to three work site rotations of 10 weeks, within the hospital, where they have the opportunity to learn the job skills required by employees in that department. They are paired with a mentor from the department and are assisted by job coaches to learn the tasks required.

- In 2023-2024 there were eight students enrolled. Six of the eight students were employed at the completion of the program - four within Summa and two at area skilled nursing facilities.
- In 2024-2025 there were seven students enrolled. Five of seven students accepted paid positions - four within Summa and one at a skilled nursing facility near his home. One of the seven students had to withdrawal from the program due to a medical issue.
- A Stow-Munroe Falls intern was hired full time within the DMT department at Summa, working 38.5 hours a week.
- A Hudson student accepted a full-time position as a dietary aide in a skilled nursing facility near her home making \$16 an hour with a 90-day sign-on bonus of \$3 an hour increase.

The **Launch at Laurel Lake** program's inaugural year took place in 2024-2025. This site-based program is located at Laurel Lake Retirement Community in Hudson. Students have the opportunity to explore a variety of career paths, including: Housekeeping; Dining Services; Maintenance; Health Aide, Recreation Activities and Construction. 13 students participated in the program.

Career Quest is a community-based job training program housed at Theodore Roosevelt High School in Kent. This program allows students to explore career paths through authentic experiences in the community. Job training includes paid/unpaid internships at Kent State University and within the surrounding communities. Eight students participated in the program during the 2024-2025 school year.

Student Learner Success Specialists

The Student Learner Success Specialists (SLSS) provided academic support services to 220 CTE students during the 2023-2024 school year and to 294 CTE students during the 2024-2025 school year. The SLSS specialists play a crucial role in assisting students in preparation for a variety of high-stakes testing, including: WebXams, state end-of-course exams, and college- and military-entrance exams. This work contributes to the Compact's high graduation rate.



2024-2025 Level I Laurel Lake interns celebrate the completion of their first year of the program, alongside job coaches Sara Lumley and Jodi DeFerraro, Andrew Lovano, and Job Training Coordinator Katie Poulin



A 2024-2025 Career Quest intern



2024-2025 Project SEARCH interns

Support Services Staff

Name	Position
Amy McDougal	Career/Special Education Coordinator
Josh Stewart	Career Assessment Specialist
Ken Subak	Transition and Career/Special Education Coordinator
Samantha Price	Transition Consultant
Joyce Brouman	Special Education Consultant
Lisa Emmett, Curtis Black, Audrey Bodnar	Student Learner Success Specialists
Rachel McMahan	Career Quest Job Training Coordinator
Michael Dodson	Project SEARCH Job Training Coordinator
Katie Poulin	Launch at Laurel Lake Job Training Coordinator

Compact Services and Programs

C.A.R.E. Saturday Family Workshops

The Compact continues to organize, monitor, and evaluate the Compact Chemical Abuse Reduced by Education (C.A.R.E.) program to support the group's efforts in providing early interventions, prevention and education resources, and referral services to individuals and families within the six districts experiencing problems with mood-altering substances. Substance Use and Managing Anger, Conflict, and Emotion (MACE) Saturday Family Workshops were held throughout both the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years, along with various community presentations.

C.A.R.E. Committee recognizes individuals committed to districts

Each April, the C.A.R.E. Committee hosts its annual awards ceremony and dinner to recognize school district and community members who are dedicated to supporting the comprehensive needs of our students and families.

The 2024 C.A.R.E. Community Award of Appreciation was awarded to Saturday Family Workshop: Effective Strategies for Managing Anger-Conflict-Emotion creators and facilitators, **Robert** and **Karen Sykes**. Robert and Karen are dedicated to this program that aims to teach students effective strategies for anger management and conflict resolution.

The 2025 C.A.R.E. Community Award of Appreciation was presented to the six districts' **Boards of Education** for their past and present commitment to the C.A.R.E. programming. A Special Recognition Award was presented to past Kent Board of Education member **Brian Boykin** for over thirty years of dedicated service to the district and the C.A.R.E. program.



Karen and Robert Sykes accept their award from Tallmadge Superintendent Steve Wood



L to R, Kent City Schools: Superintendent Tom Larkin, Board of Education President Tiera Moore, Principal Dennis Love, Compact Executive Director Mary Jane Stanchina, CTE Director Brian Bachtel, C.A.R.E. Coordinator Jacquie Peoples Dukes, Ms. Boykin



Hudson City Schools staff and Board of Education members, alongside members of the Hudson Community First & Youth Advisory Board members

2024 District award winners included:

Cuyahoga Falls: Girls on the Run Coaches: **Rebecca Luketich, Lauren Quinones, Nina Robinson, Rachel Zelak, Emily Smith and Esther Harsh**

Hudson: Hudson High School Unit Principal **Michael Sedlak**

Kent: Neighborhood Bridges Kent Area Director **Kathleen Wiler**

Stow-Munroe Falls: Youth Services Specialist with the Stow Police Department **Toni Carter**

Tallmadge: Tallmadge Middle School Counselor **James Shannon** and therapy dog **Winston**

Woodridge: Woodridge High School Teacher **Natalie Forman** and therapy dog **Hank**

2025 District award winners included:

Cuyahoga Falls: Cuyahoga Falls Library

Hudson: Hudson Community First & Youth Advisory Board

Kent: Theodore Roosevelt High School CTE Director & Assistant Principal **Brian Bachtel**

Stow-Munroe Falls: SMFHS Intervention Specialists **Elizabeth Propst** and **Courtney Secklinger**

Tallmadge: THS Family and Consumer Science Teacher **Stephanie Caicco**

Woodridge: Wellness and Engagement Coordinator **Haley Film**



Academy of Finance Careers

Compact Services and Programs



2024 participants from Hudson Middle School

Natalie Richards and Kevin Cordi



Diane Burbick STEM Opportunities

The Diane Burbick Math and Science Experience for Middle School Girls is held in November at Summa Health. Participants and their families have the opportunity to engage with a variety of women in STEM-related careers through presentations, panel discussions, and hands-on breakout sessions.



2023 Keynote Speaker **Maureen McFarland**, Ph.D, Associate Dean, Academic Affairs, College of Aeronautics and Engineering at Kent State University, empowered young women to be change makers and not to be afraid of failure.



2024 Keynote Speaker **Susan Kohler**, MAA Senior Project Coordinator at NASA Glenn Research Center, shared inspiring stories of the fascinating STEM career opportunities at NASA.

Reading and Writing Festival

The 35th and 36th annual Reading and Writing Festivals drew nearly 200 middle school students each year to Kent State University for a day filled with inspiration from authors and hands-on activity sessions that explored reading and writing. At the 2024 event, guest author **Natalie Richards** provided the audience with an authentic look at her life as an author and inspired students to never stop reaching for their goals. In 2025, guest author **Scott Reintgen** encouraged students to “dream big dreams and work tirelessly for them.” At both events, the audience was entertained by storyteller, author, and teacher **Kevin Cordi**. Students participated in activity sessions throughout the day, exploring topics such as impromptu and group writing, drama, poetry, and all things books! Kent State tours were also provided.



Scott Reintgen engages with area middle schoolers



2025 participants explore group writing



Students participate in a chemical reaction experiment with Kylie Knipp, Senior Technical Account Manager at ACE Laboratories in Ravenna, during the 2024 Burbick Experience

Following the Burbick Experience in the fall, interested students may apply to participate in the Summer Burbick Experience at Summa Health. Rising ninth-grade participants have the opportunity to shadow several departments at Summa Health, gaining valuable exposure to career exploration and insights into a variety of professions.



2025 Summer Burbick participants at Summa Health

Compact Services and Programs



2024 ACE participants

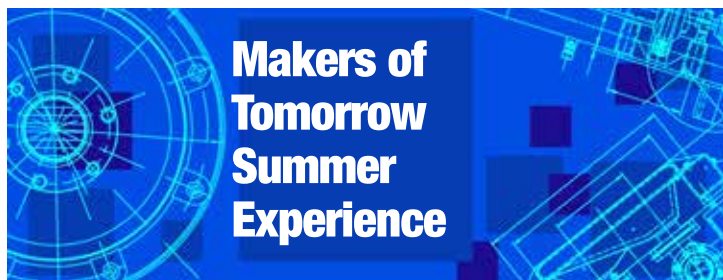
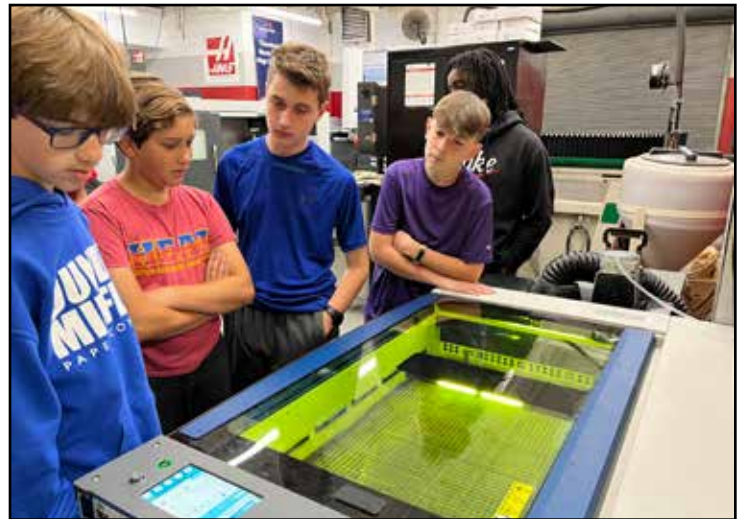


2025 ACE participants

Summer School

The ACE Aeronautics Summer Academy held another two successful summer camps in collaboration with the College of Aeronautics and Engineering at Kent State University. Each summer, twenty students from area high schools participated in various career exploration field trips and hands-on experiences during the week-long camp.

The Computer-Aided Design (CAD) and Engineering Technologies program hosted the Makers of Tomorrow Summer Experience in June 2024 for ten middle school students. Students explored the advanced manufacturing and engineering fields through worksite visits and while working with state-of-the-art equipment in the lab at Roosevelt High School.



Summer School Enrollment		
District	2024	2025
Cuyahoga Falls	54	
Hudson	96	85
Kent	49	57
Stow-Munroe Falls	147	236
Outside District	3	17
Total	349	395

Congratulations Retirees

2023-2024

- **Terry Slattery**, Athletic Health Care and Fitness Instructor (Kent)

2024-2025

- **Brian Bachtel**, Director of Career-Technical Education (Kent)
- **Ken Subak**, Transition Coordinator, Tallmadge
- **Shelley Giangasparo**, Culinary Arts and Hospitality Studies Instructor (Stow-Munroe Falls)
- **Debby Krutz**, Treasurer/CFO (Kent)
- **Judy Montecalvo**, School Counselor (Hudson)
- **Shelley Laudato**, School Counselor (Hudson)
- **Sue Kunar**, Career-Technical Education Administrative Assistant (Kent)
- **Mike Milush**, Career-Based Intervention Instructor (Stow-Munroe Falls)
- **Mike Householder**, Chief Operating Officer (Tallmadge)

Welcome New Instructors

2023-2024

- **Steve McIntosh**, Community Agriculture for Local Impact (Cuyahoga Falls)
- **Steve Newlon**, Community Agriculture for Local Impact (Cuyahoga Falls)
- **Cathy Nicholson**, Rise Up, Business Foundations (Cuyahoga Falls)
- **Richard Graves**, Business & Sports Management (Kent)
- **Ethan Stallman**, Cosmetology (Kent)
- **Kyle Kutinsky**, Forestry & Landscape Management (Kent)
- **Curtis Black**, Student Learner Success Specialist (Kent)
- **Cara Crawford**, Family & Consumer Sciences (Hudson)
- **Megan Armstrong**, Family & Consumer Sciences (Stow-Munroe Falls)
- **Kimberly Tran**, Family & Consumer Sciences (Tallmadge)

2024-2025

- **Kim Brendel**, Finance Academy (Tallmadge)
- **Trenton Langjahr**, Athletic Health Care & Fitness (Kent)
- **Katie Poulin**, Launch at Laurel Lake Job Training Coordinator



Cosmetology-Cuyahoga Falls

Teacher Recognition



Kyle Kutinsky, Forestry and Environmental Studies Instructor: 2024 Kent Adopt-a-Spot Volunteer of the Year & 2025 Teacher of the Year for the Portage Soil and Water Conservation District

Ted Karam, Electronics, Robotics, and Programming Instructor: 2025 Educator of the Year for ETA® International (Electronics Technicians Association, International, Inc.).



Leah Norris, Woodridge Family and Consumer Sciences Instructor: 2025 Ohio FCCLA Spirit of Advising Award Leah Norris, pictured center, accepting her award at the FCCLA national competition

Jody Morris, Early Childhood Professions Instructor: The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce accepted Jody's credential proposal to include the Ohio Promise Professional Early Childhood Inclusion Credential Level 1 for CTE students in Education and Training Pathways throughout Ohio.



Athletic Health Care & Fitness

Compact Committees

C.A.R.E.

Cuyahoga Falls	Holly Merkle
Hudson	Sara Plant
Kent	Jacque Peoples Dukes
Stow-Munroe Falls	Samantha Pfeiffer
Tallmadge	Rosalie Lemke
Woodridge	Robert Sykes
Chairperson	Jacque Peoples Dukes

Compact Program

Cuyahoga Falls	Julie Dudones
Hudson	Doreen Osmun/Angela Terella
Kent	Karen Rumley/Brian Bachtel
Stow-Munroe Falls	Julie Miller/Amanda Murray
Tallmadge	Courtney Davis/Mark Treen
Woodridge	Joel Morgan
Chairperson	Courtney Davis

High School Counselors

Cuyahoga Falls	Vickie Davis
Hudson	Judy Montecalvo
Kent	Laura DePerro/ Alyson Schoff
Stow-Munroe Falls	Ann Cottrill
Tallmadge	Taylor Lane
Woodridge	April Trotta
Compact	Amy McDougal
Chairperson	Taylor Lane

Middle School Counselors

Cuyahoga Falls	Jenna Smith/Kyle Spreitzer/ Debbie Zaluski
Hudson	Monica Streby/Courtney Wood/ Bobbi Wallack
Kent	Jason Goshe/Jennifer Pluck/ Carly Frey
Stow-Munroe Falls	Julia Benyo/Bobbi Angely Maggie DiEugenio/Sarah Smith
Tallmadge	James Shannon/Laura Wieland
Woodridge	Ginger Rickenbacher

High School Principals

Cuyahoga Falls	Jason Smith
Hudson	Mike Miller
Kent	Dennis Love
Stow-Munroe Falls	Amanda Murray
Tallmadge	Mark Treen/Mark Horner
Woodridge	Al DiTommaso
Chairperson	Mark Treen/Mark Horner

Guidance Department Chairs

Cuyahoga Falls	Vickie Davis
Hudson	Jennifer Chadima
Kent	Jessica Evanson
Stow-Munroe Falls	Jason LePard
Tallmadge	Heather Prazer
Woodridge	Chris Vassalotti

Assistant High School Principals

Cuyahoga Falls	Krista Kolich/Tom DiFrancesco/ Caitlin Mazi
Hudson	Cecilia-Frammartino Kotlyn/ Mike Sedlak/ Mark Cuva
Kent	Lindsay Zenker/Mary Lynn Bush/ Brian Bachtel
Stow-Munroe Falls	Evelyn Haight/Tim Renner/Jayson Yeagley
Tallmadge	Mark Horner
Woodridge	Raymond Braunscheidel

Middle School Principals

Cuyahoga Falls	Denny Oswald/Chris Black
Hudson	Dr. Kim Cockley
Kent	Kathy Scott
Stow-Munroe Falls	Mike Love
Tallmadge	Jeff Manion
Woodridge	Jesse Hosford

Career-Technical Education Administrators:

Cuyahoga Falls	Jason Smith/Krista Kolich
Hudson	Mark Cuva
Kent	Brian Bachtel
Stow-Munroe Falls	Amanda Murray/Tim Renner
Tallmadge	Mark Treen/Trina Poole
Woodridge	Al DiTommaso

Project SEARCH Planning Committee

Cuyahoga Falls	Heather Zeman/Shannon Hoover
Hudson	Naomi Esroff/Kristin Stonestreet
Kent	Rachel McMahan
Stow-Munroe Falls	Kristen Prough/Amanda Murray
Tallmadge	Tammie Habbyshaw
Woodridge	Caitlin Sabo/Megan Zimmerman
Compact	Amy McDougal/Josh Stewart/ Rachel McMahan/Michael Dodson/ Ken Subak
RSC	Michele Shockey
Summit DD	Brooke Wisniewski

Gifted and Talented Coordinators

Cuyahoga Falls	Julie Dudones/Tammi Belko
Hudson	Derek Hatcher
Kent	Karen Rumley
Stow-Munroe Falls	Matt Miller
Tallmadge	Jean Pauna
Woodridge	Joel Morgan

Compact

Compact Administrative Assistant	Donna Kaiser
Marketing, Communications and Work-Based Learning Consultant	Jenny Morganti

Compact Committees



Academy of Medical Office and Business Management



Cyber Academy



Industrial Maintenance and Production for Employment



Computer-Aided Design (CAD) and Engineering Technologies

Reading and Writing Festival Planning Committee

Barberton	Greg Tripi
Green	Wrenn Nicodemo
Hudson	Sandra VanZanten/Lorri Kingan
Kent	Peggy Henry
Orange	Betsey Lee
Stow-Munroe Falls	Leslie Haynam
Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library	Christina Getrost
Tallmadge	Heather Caslow
Twinsburg	Kristin Walters/Gabrielle Copen
Woodridge	Stephanie Fanizzi

Reading and Writing Festival Book Selection Committee

Green	Wrenn Nicodemo
Hudson	Lorri Kingan/ Sandra VanZanten
Kent	Gretchen Hill/Peggy Henry
Orange	Betsey Lee
Stow-Munroe Falls	Heather Van Orman/Leslie Haynam
Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library	Christina Getrost
Tallmadge	Heather Caslow
Woodridge	Stephanie Fanizzi

Special Education

Cuyahoga Falls	Heather Zeman
Hudson	Kelly Kempf
Kent	Dr. Justin Gates
Stow-Munroe Falls	Kristen Prough/Dana Pisani
Tallmadge	Roy Zeman/Ken Subak
Woodridge	Caitlan Sabo
Compact	Amy McDougal/ Rachel McMahan/ Michael Dodson/Katie Poulin

Transportation Supervisors

Cuyahoga Falls	Marjorie Johnson
Hudson	Kim Lane
Kent	Rick Lewis/Laurie Sizemore
Stow-Munroe Falls	Dawn Baker
Tallmadge	Jennifer Kirk
Woodridge	Rob Williams

Aeronautics Career Exploration

Liz Porter, Kent State University
 Cassie Mendenhall, Kent State University
 Todd Remenaric, Aaron Morris, Doug Herbert, Consultants

EMIS Coordinators

Cuyahoga Falls	Chris Shaw/Catherine Wright
Hudson	Monica Slopnick/Claudine Rightnour
Kent	Linda Paulus/Yvonne Fisher
Stow-Munroe Falls	Emily Roberts/ Sara Skraba
Tallmadge	Amanda Cardoni/Genne Holmes
Woodridge	Darlene Neel



Collision Repair and Auto Refinishing

Compact Committees



Cosmetology-Kent



Computer Science Pathway



Academy of Future Entertainment Professionals



Automotive Technologies-Cuyahoga Falls

Executive Committee

Cuyahoga Falls
Hudson
Kent
Stow-Munroe Falls

Andrea Celico, Superintendent
Dana Addis, Superintendent
Tom Larkin, Superintendent
Kristen Prough, Interim Superintendent
Felicia Gould, Superintendent
Steve Wood, Superintendent
N'ecole Ast, Superintendent
Steve Wood, Superintendent

Boards of Education

Cuyahoga Falls
Anthony Gomez
Alecia Coco
Patricia White
AJ Harris
Carrie Schaefer

Stow-Munroe Falls
Nancy Binzel
Pamela Wind
Antoinette East-Jenkins
Kari Suhadolnik
Mike Sheehan
Jon Leissler
Tina Merlitti

Hudson
Steve DiMauro
Alisa Wright
James Field
Tom Tobin
Laura Jones
Mark Dzurec

Tallmadge
Mark Fairhurst
Mike Passarelli
Todd Loughry
Chad Davis
Jennifer Ross

Kent
Brian K. Boykin
Colin Boyle
Tiera Moore
Rebekah Wright Kulis
Alicia Crowe
David Myers

Woodridge
David Lydic
Tammy Heffernan
Scott Karlo
Jeanine Glover
Marlene Martin

Treasurers

Cuyahoga Falls
Hudson
Kent
Stow-Munroe Falls
Tallmadge
Woodridge

Kristy Stoicoiu
Phillip Butto
Deborah Krutz
Patrick Goclano
Jeff Hostetler
Tom Morehouse



Criminal Justice



Six District School Offices:

Cuyahoga Falls: 330-926-3800, extension 502097

Hudson: 330-653-1200

Roosevelt (Kent): 330-676-7600

Stow-Munroe Falls: 330-689-5445

Tallmadge: 330-633-3291, extension 1074

Woodridge: 330-928-9074, extension 592126

Please visit these school district websites for additional information:

Cuyahoga Falls: www.cfalls.org

Hudson: hudson.k12.oh.us

Roosevelt (Kent): rhscte.net

Stow-Munroe Falls: www.smfschools.org

Tallmadge: www.tallmadgeschools.org

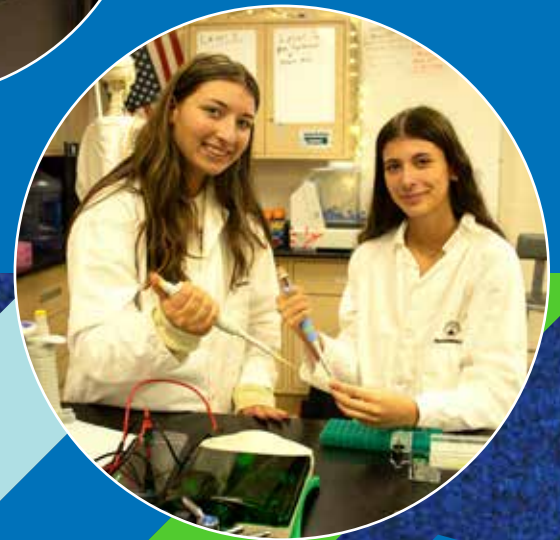
Woodridge: www.woodridge.k12.oh.us/



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