

Fall Newsletter ♦ October/November 2024

From the Director

Greetings Parents and Students,

Greene County Career Center is dedicated to helping students explore and prepare for their future career paths. Our center provides personalized guidance on college applications, career exploration, internships, and job opportunities. Our staff also has created a dynamic learning environment that promotes rigorous education through high quality, research-based instructional practices, to ensure 100% of our juniors are on track to graduate and 100% of our seniors are prepared for college and/or career. We are blessed to be in such a great facility during this time in career technical education. We hope you take the opportunity to follow some of the amazing things the career center and the students are doing. We work closely with each student to identify their strengths and interests, empowering them to make informed decisions about their future. By connecting them with valuable resources, internships, and mentorship, we ensure they are well-equipped to thrive in today's dynamic workforce. Let's work together to support their journey towards success!

Brian McKnight, Director of Secondary Education

Important Dates

October 18 – No School, Teacher In-Service Day
October 18 – Grade cards available on ProgressBook
November 7 - Parent-Teacher Conferences, 3:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
November 25 – 29 – No School, Thanksgiving Break
December 4-6: Career Awareness Days (check with lab instructor for student assignments)
December 20 - End of 2nd Grading Period/1st Semester
December 23 – January 3 - Winter Break - No School
January 6- Classes Resume
January 20 - No School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 17 - No School, Presidents' Day
February 27 – Open House 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 7, 2024, 3:45-7:30 p.m. Go to our website; www.greeneccc.com to find the link for parent teacher conference registration. Conferences can be scheduled in 15-minute increments with each teacher. If you have questions, contact Sara Shiveley, Ext. 1303, or sshiveley@greeneccc.com

Career Awareness Days

Sophomores from seven school districts in Greene County are invited to visit Greene County Career Center to participate in Career Awareness Days. The tours are being scheduled for December 4-6, 2024. Unless communicated otherwise, your student will not report to school but will be involved in completing the following activities: job shadowing/job placement experiences related to lab, college visits, or community service. Community Service maybe required for students wishing to receive a Graduation Seal based on home district requirements. Appropriate forms for each activity will be provided to students and posted on the website. All signed forms for the out-of- school career experiences, must be turned in by December 9,

2024 to receive attendance credit. Otherwise, students will receive unexcused absences for each day of required activities. Lab instructors will send forms home if your student is asked to help during CAD with dates requested. No other outside activity is required if student is here assisting during those days.

College Applications and Acceptance

Students should apply early for admission to college in order to have the best opportunities for acceptance and financial assistance. The FAFSA should be submitted for financial assistance as soon as the family taxes have been completed, preferably in January or when the FAFSA becomes available. Check the FAFSA and college websites for deadlines and apply early and when available to have the best chance of acceptance and financial assistance. Reminder - the initial and final transcripts for college admissions MUST come from the home district, not GCCC. When completing college applications, be sure to add your home district counselor (not GCCC counselor) as the person who will be submitting your transcripts. GCCC transcripts are incomplete with only two years of coursework completed. All GCCC coursework gets transferred back to your home district for complete high school transcripts. Please see your GCCC counselors with any questions or concerns about the college application process.

Free and Reduced Lunch

If you believe your student qualifies for free or reduced meals and are not already receiving them, please complete a free and reduced meal application at PaySchools Central and on our school website. Students approved for free or reduced meals also will qualify for the waiving or partial waiving of certain fees. Outstanding student fees are listed on student's grade card, and can be viewed through ProgressBook.. Fees may be paid via check, cash or credit card in the Treasurer's office, or on-line through PaySchools Central.

OneView

Parents are required to update changes in student contact information throughout the school year on OneView. Go to www.greeneccc.com and click on the OneView link to make sure your address and email are updated as needed. A valid e-mail address will allow GCCC to communicate more efficiently with you.

Title IX

Title IX states, "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." Greene County Career Center Title IX investigators are:

Mr. Brian McKnight bmcknight@greeneccc.com

Ms. Jill Anon janon@greeneccc.com

Credit Recovery

Students who need to make up required courses have an opportunity to recover the credit during the school day in our Edmentum program.

Students who need to make up past deficiencies should meet with their GCCC Guidance Counselor to create a plan to recover their credit(s).

Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS)

Be Respectful, Be Impactful, and Show Self-Control. Students are taught these expectations from the moment they enter our district and we reinforce the expectations throughout the year with “booster” activities. We recognize students for upholding our expectations throughout the year with positive referrals, breakfast club, quarterly incentives, honor roll celebrations and teacher created rewards throughout the year.

Truancy Interventionist

Gabrielle West is the Truancy Interventionist at GCCC. She assists students and families in addressing the obstacles that contribute to student absences. Ms. West can be reached at 937-372-6941, Ext. 2315, or at gwest@greeneesc.org

Work-Based Learning

Mr. Mack is our Work-Based Learning Coordinator. Mr. Mack’s responsibilities include finding lab related employment for students, checking on students who are on work placement, bringing professional partnerships into the classroom experience, and tracking the 250 hours required for a graduation pathway. If you have any additional questions regarding this, please email Mr. Mack at rmack@greeneccc.com

Registration for Sinclair College Credit

Junior students whose programs are aligned with Sinclair Community College are encouraged to register with Sinclair through the Miami Valley Tech Prep Consortium. These students have the opportunity to earn college credit while attending Greene County Career Center. Students are reminded that the registration process does not commit students to attend Sinclair after graduation, but the opportunity to possibly earn college credit and a \$3000 non-competitive scholarship to Sinclair.

To Qualify for the Sinclair Scholarship:

- Earn a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.25 junior and senior year.
- Complete the high school career-technical program
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Other financial aid must be used prior to using the Sinclair Tech Prep Scholarship.
- Be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester to be eligible for the full scholarship benefit. Enrollment of 9-11 hours will be awarded a prorated amount. Please note, the Tech Prep scholarship can cover books, but not tuition for developmental (DEV) classes.
- Maintain good academic standing as defined in the Sinclair Community College catalog “Grades” section (i.e., a GPA of 2.0 or higher).
- Students must register for classes at Sinclair no later than the Fall semester the year following their high school graduation in order to activate their scholarship.

ProgressBook

Parent Access in ProgressBook is utilized as one form of communication with parents/guardians throughout the school year. Letters were emailed to you with your student’s registration code for ProgressBook. Please email pbhelp@greeneccc.com if you experience any difficulties with your ProgressBook Parent Access account. Grade cards will be distributed at the end of each quarter and can be viewed

on ProgressBook. Monitoring ProgressBook throughout the year can keep you informed of your student’s success.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend GCCC even if their home district is not scheduled to be in session. Please consult your student’s home school calendar throughout the year and plan alternate transportation for days when their home district is not providing normal transportation.

Seniors are to maintain daily attendance at GCCC until they graduate or until GCCC’s Senior Recognition (whichever comes first).

Inclement Weather

In the event of, or possibility of, inclement weather, the Greene County Career Center Superintendent will confer with member/home district Superintendents who communicate with transportation directors, road departments and law enforcement officials to make decisions regarding delay or cancellation of school due to inclement weather. It is the desire of the Board of Education that Greene County Career Center be in session at all times unless weather conditions make it unsafe for the operation of school. Announcement of school closings or delays will be made by local news media. Please do not call radio and TV stations. You may also access closing or delay information on our website at www.greeneccc.com, our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Typically, a ONE CALL message will be sent to the active phone number on file for each student when school is delayed, closed or an emergency has occurred. Students are advised to follow their member/home district’s delay or closure schedule when the students member/home district is delayed or closed due to inclement weather.

Students should use the following as guidelines for inclement weather:

Delayed	Closed
If your member/home district is delayed, then you follow you follow that delay schedule.	** If your member/home district is closed, you are not required to come to GCCC that day. If GCCC is open that day, you can still come to school but transportation will not be available.
If GCCC is on a delay but your member/home district is not, you follow their schedule for busing however, car driving/riding students follow GCCC delayed schedule.	If GCCC is closed then you will not be able to come to GCCC, even if your member/home district is open.

**NOTE: Please be aware, if GCCC is open and if your member/home district is closed, students who do not attend GCCC must be counted absent or tardy from school. This is pursuant to HBS 10 and HB82 by the Ohio Legislature, which states that we must notify parents of a student absence within two hours of the start of school as well as give notice of truancy related laws.

You will receive a recorded notification that your student will be counted unexcused, however, this will be modified later in the day to an excused absence due to inclement weather and home school closure. GCCC staff will be on hand to accept those bus riding students whose member/home district is on regular schedule excluding Project Search located at Soin Medical Center.

There is no need to call GCCC to report your student absent due to their home district closing.

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Communication

Daily announcements are broadcast every morning over the PA system and posted in several other locations. Parents and students should check GCCC’s website and their partner school’s website on a regular basis for announcements. Parents also receive notification, via recorded messages, from our “One Call” system for school informational updates.

Visitors

As an added security measure, all visitors must present a valid state ID upon entering the building. If you wish to see a member of our staff, it is important to make an appointment with that individual.

GCCC Report Card

We are thrilled to announce that GCCC has earned its first 5-STAR overall rating this year, signifying that we significantly exceed state standards. GCCC students received 5 stars in the categories of Graduation Rate, Post-Program Outcomes, and Career and Post-Secondary Readiness.

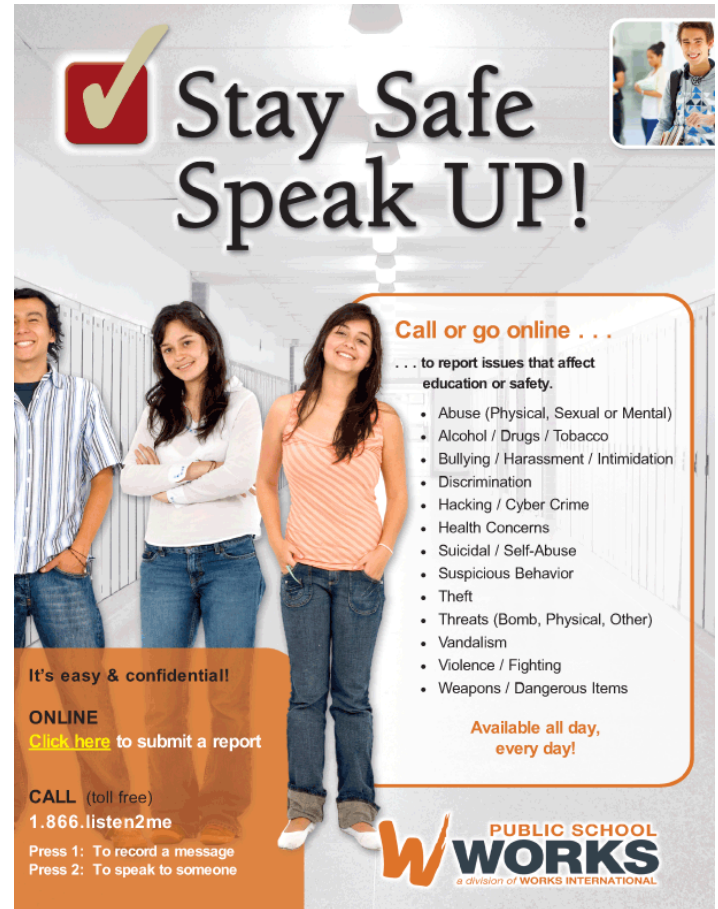
- **Graduation Rate:** This component measures the percentage of students who successfully finish high school with a diploma within four or five years.
- **Post-Program Outcomes:** This measures the proportion of students who are employed, in an apprenticeship, serving in the military, enrolled in a service program, or pursuing postsecondary education or advanced training within six months of leaving school. Industry Credentials are also included by evaluating the percentage of students earning industry-recognized credentials either before they leave high school or within six months after graduation.
- **Career and Post-Secondary Readiness:** Whether training in a technical field or preparing for work or college, this component assesses how well-prepared Ohio's students are for future opportunities. GCCC also earned 4 stars in the Achievement category, which measures both career technical skills and academic achievement through aligned Ohio State tests. Additionally, GCCC achieved a perfect score of 100% by meeting all 9 Federal Indicators. We are incredibly proud of the students and staff at GCCC who have contributed to this historic achievement. Congratulations to everyone involved!

Clark State Tech Prep Scholarship

This scholarship is \$3000.00 total for two years, \$1500 per year (for two years). The student must be enrolled for 12+ hours at Clark State to be awarded the full amount. The criteria to be awarded the scholarship is: graduation with at least a 2.25 GPA, and the student must maintain that GPA while at Clark State. Eligible students will be notified and will need to apply to Clark State unless the student is currently enrolled in CCP courses through Clark State. Students will also need to complete the FAFSA in order to be eligible for the scholarship. Other financial aid must be used prior to using the Tech Prep scholarship.

Stay Safe Speak Up

Parents and Student can call online to report issues that affect education or safety. To make a report, please visit our Greene County Career Center webpage at.....
<https://www.publicschoolworks.com/SHL/helpLine.asp?di=83&mi=9&1737Nav=|&NodelD=72>



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. . . to report issues that affect education or safety.

- Abuse (Physical, Sexual or Mental)
- Alcohol / Drugs / Tobacco
- Bullying / Harassment / Intimidation
- Discrimination
- Hacking / Cyber Crime
- Health Concerns
- Suicidal / Self-Abuse
- Suspicious Behavior
- Theft
- Threats (Bomb, Physical, Other)
- Vandalism
- Violence / Fighting
- Weapons / Dangerous Items

It's easy & confidential!

ONLINE
Click [here](#) to submit a report

CALL (toll free)
1.866.listen2me

Press 1: To record a message
Press 2: To speak to someone

Available all day, every day!

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The Greene County Vocational SD has dedicated itself to providing equal admission opportunities, equal educational opportunities, and equal employment opportunities to all people regardless of race, color, national origin, sex or disability and is in compliance with Title VI, IX and section 504 regulations.