

# **New Student Welcome**

Frequently Asked Questions



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## OVER THE SUMMER

**Q. What information will I receive from the Career Center about the new school year over the summer?**

A. Watch for mailings over the summer. You will receive a letter from your career-technical teacher over the summer. You will also be receiving a mailing from the Director of Secondary Education with important back to school information.

**Q. If needed, how do I contact a Greene County Career Center counselor or the Admissions department over the summer?**

A. During the summer, counselors work unique hours/days so it is best to call before coming out to ensure someone is available. The main number at the Career Center is 937-372-6941. For admissions questions, email [admissions@greeneccc.com](mailto:admissions@greeneccc.com).

**Q. I was accepted to my 2<sup>nd</sup> choice, now what?**

A. You are still on the waitlist for your 1<sup>st</sup> choice. If an opening occurs and you are next on the list, we will contact you to see if you would like to accept the opening. If you do not wish to remain in your 2<sup>nd</sup> choice, email [admissions@greeneccc.com](mailto:admissions@greeneccc.com) to let us know and we will remove you from that program and keep you on the waitlist for your 1<sup>st</sup> choice.

## Back to School Night

**Q. When will I get to meet with my teachers and pick up my schedule?**

A. *Back to School Night is currently scheduled for the evening of August 8, 2024 from 4:00-7:00pm (come & go).* This is an excellent opportunity to meet your teachers and find out what the expectations are in each class. We encourage you to plan on attending the back to school event as many of your questions will be answered. You will receive a mailing over the summer that will have additional information about this event.

We generally pass out schedules during the *Back to School Night*. **If you are unable to attend, you can pick up your schedule in the office after August 8<sup>th</sup> or on the first day of school.**

## SCHEDULES / CCP CLASSES

**Q. How do I pick my academic courses at GCCC?**

A. An email will be sent out to parents of accepted students in February. Students are placed in their academic courses by GCCC counselors considering the following criteria:

1. Student's Current Transcript and Graduation Needs
2. Academic Relevance for Accepted Lab
3. Academic Levels and/or IEP Team Decisions
4. CCP Eligibility

Students are welcome to reach out to their GCCC counselor with scheduling questions or concerns.

**Q. Can I take College Credit Plus (CCP) courses while enrolled at GCCC?**

A. Yes! All students who are eligible to take CCP courses may take them while attending GCCC.

GCCC offers CCP courses in-house, taught by GCCC instructors. Students are also able to take CCP courses on their own, but the student must confer with their GCCC counselor to check for scheduling conflicts. Contact Mr. Prather, GCCC-CCP Coordinator, if you have any further questions at [bprather@greeneccc.com](mailto:bprather@greeneccc.com).

**If you plan to take CCP courses, you must complete the Intent Google Form by April 1<sup>st</sup> that was emailed with the scheduling information.**

## Transportation

**Q. Is busing provided to and from GCCC?**

A. Bus transportation is provided by the home districts. All transportation questions should be directed to your student's home school transportation offices.

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| Beavercreek    | 429-7531           |
| Bellbrook      | 848-4029           |
| Cedarville     | 766-6000, Ext. 218 |
| Fairborn       | 878-1772           |
| Greeneview     | 675-6814           |
| Xenia          | 372-3876           |
| Yellow Springs | 767-7381           |

**Q. Can I drive a car to school?**

A. Yes, you can! Just like your home school, students can drive to GCCC. However, for safety reasons, we ask that you pick up a GCCC parking pass at the Career Center for a fee of \$20. Please note, in order to be assigned a parking pass, students must show their driver's license and proof of insurance. Please remember that driving to school is a privilege and not a right, so student conduct and any driving safety issues could result in driving privileges being revoked. Also, please remember that tardiness to school due to car trouble is considered an unexcused absence so please allow plenty of time to arrive. BE SMART and BE SAFE!

**Q. Can my parent or guardian drive me to school?**

A. Absolutely, but parents should drop you off in the front of the building. Students will need to enter through the main entrance at the front of the school. The entrance to the building is opened each morning at 7:15 a.m.

## THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

**Q. What time does school start and end?**

A. School at the Greene County Career Center begins at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 2:11 p.m. The building will be opened at 7:15 a.m., and students must go to the cafeteria until 7:30 a.m.

**Q. How long is each class?**

A. Students will spend half of their day in their career-technical labs. Each lab last 2.5 hours. The remainder of the day will be spent in academic classes that last approximately 46 minutes each.

**Q. If my home school is not in session, but the Career Center is, what do I do?**

A. Once admitted to the Career Center, students then follow the Career Center’s calendar. There will be a bus at your home school to pick you up if your home school has a planned closing and the Career Center is in session. You can find the yearly GCCC calendar on the website.

**Q. Will I be able to go back to my home school for special activities such as pep rallies?**

A. Absolutely! These are important events and you will be able to leave early to participate with your home school peers.

## **ATTENDANCE / DRESS CODE / GCCC RULES**

**Q. Is there an attendance policy?**

A. Yes. The purpose of the Greene County Career Center is to educate with real life, hands on experiences in preparation for the workforce or college readiness. The Board of Education believes that excellent attendance is an important part of that education and properly prepares students to adjust to the workforce and to college. Therefore, students are expected to be on time and attend school every day. Remember, students will follow the GCCC school calendar, not the home school calendar. Just like in your home school district, it is the parent(s)/guardian(s) responsibility to ensure that students comply with compulsory attendance laws.

**Q. Is there a dress code?**

A. Yes. The Greene County Career Center has program-specific uniforms and general dress code guidelines for days when uniforms are not required. Many of our career paths require on-the-job dress codes, and we feel strongly that students begin learning those positive work place habits while still in high school. We will periodically announce non-uniform dress days throughout the year. Students will receive information about what to wear the first few days of school over the summer. All returning students will be required to be in uniform on the first day of school. Juniors will be expected to be in uniform no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day of school. Some junior programs may be required to wear their uniforms on the first day. If this is the case for your program, your instructor will be in contact with you.

**Q. How strict are the rules at the Career Center?**

A. Because of the ‘hands on’ learning opportunities and the fact that students choose to come to the Career Center, most students follow our guidelines with little or no concern. However, just like your home school there are consequences attached to inappropriate student actions. Our teachers can impose detentions, we can assign administrative detentions, in-school suspension or out-of-school suspension for misbehaviors. More details can be found in the GCCC Student Handbook, which is uploaded to your laptop and can also be found on the GCCC website. Be sure you familiarize yourself with the Student Handbook, and have your parent(s)/guardian(s) review it as well.

**Q. Does GCCC have a cell phone policy?**

A. We will begin the implementation of the YONDR pouch initiative the first day of school. This crucial change is aimed at enhancing the learning environment and improving the mental health of our students. The YONDR pouch is a secure locking device designed to temporarily store cell phones during school hours, allowing students to focus on their studies and interact with their peers without distractions. This initiative comes from Governor Mike DeWine when he signed House Bill 250 requiring every school district in Ohio to establish an official policy governing cell phone usage during school hours and aims to minimize student use of cell phones in K-12 schools. Students are expected to have their cell phones in their pouches before they enter the

school building every day and they will be able to unlock their pouches at the end of every day or when they have an early dismissal.

## **GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CAREER CENTER**

**Q. Are there fees at GCCC?**

A. There are fees associated with each program. These will be listed on the student's schedule at the beginning of the school year. For questions, call 937-372-6941 ext. 1151.

**Q. Will I get a locker?**

A. Some programs will have lockers available for your lab supplies, which will be assigned at the beginning of the year. If you would like a locker in the academic wing of the building, you can request one from the guidance office when school starts and one will be assigned to you.

**Q. Is meal assistance and/or financial assistance available for lab fees and uniforms?**

A. Students may fill out the free/reduced meal application on the GCCC website. If you qualified at your home school, you will have to fill out a new application for GCCC. Students who qualify for free/reduced meals will have the opportunity to complete the waiver assistance portion of the application for reduced lab fees. Qualifying students may also fill out the uniform assistance form on the GCCC website (wait until you receive your GCCC student ID).

**Q. How can I get involved at the Greene County Career Center?**

A. All Greene County Career Center students become members of a career technical student organization (CTSO). Within these organizations, students will have opportunities to run for leadership positions and compete in local, regional, state and sometimes national competitions. There are also opportunities to become school ambassadors, and of course students can also apply to become members of the National Technical Honor Society. Don't forget, we also strongly encourage you to participate in extracurricular activities at your home school.

**Q. Where will my High School Diploma come from if I attend the Greene County Career Center?**

A. Your high school diploma comes from your home school district and not the Career Center. Our counselors work closely with each school district to ensure that all students meet their home school graduation requirements. You will have the opportunity to attend both your high school graduation ceremony and the Greene County Career Center Senior Recognition Ceremony where we issue passports and industry credentials.

**Q. I really want to go to college. Will attending one of the Greene County Career Center schools put me on the right path to do so?**

A. Career-technical studies encourage both college attendance and/or entry into the workforce. In fact, many of our students take advantage of the Tech Prep Scholarship to Sinclair or Clark State and then transfer to a four year college. Our graduates also report that they are able to help pay their way through college with part-time jobs for which their career-technical studies prepared them.

**Q. What is the biggest difference I will notice between my home school and the Greene County Career Center?**

A. The Career Center does offer some unique opportunities. Our students often comment that they have made many new, positive friendships at the Career Center. The Career Center is also a great

way to see if a career is a good fit and gives students a head start in that career. When you leave GCCC you will have many new friendships, will be prepared academically for college, have skills in a specific trade and a head start on your career path!

**Q. Are students with disabilities able to participate in these programs?**

A. Absolutely! Career-technical programs are accessible to all students. The law requires equality of access and we support students from varying abilities in our programs. Students with an IEP will have a transition meeting prior to the first day of school.

**Q. Is career-technical education for students who don't do well in a traditional high school?**

A. Many students describe being appreciative for a 'fresh start' by attending the Career Center. At GCCC, students take core academics similar to their home schools, but they also have the ability to spend half of their day engaged in the hands-on, career-focused training. We often see students improve their grades in just one year, which is a direct result of having a different focus and interest in learning.

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