

GREATER SPRINGFIELD CareerConnectED

The Greater Springfield Region at a Glance



Since 2008, the Greater Springfield region has seen a rebound in the manufacturing sector.

The region has also experienced growth in:



FOOD & BIOSCIENCES



COMPUTER SCIENCE



THE CHALLENGE

Preparing more Springfield-area students for success in college or on the job.

COMMITTED TO A SOLUTION



STRONG SCHOOLS

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GROWING ECONOMY



THRIVING COMMUNITIES

Recognizing the important connection between strong schools, student learning, and improved economic and workforce development outcomes, a consortium of Springfield, Ohio school districts has partnered together to form the Greater Springfield CareerConnectED Consortium.



THE VISION



IMPROVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND COLLEGE, CAREER, AND LIFE READINESS FOR SPRINGFIELD-AREA STUDENTS

About the Greater Springfield CareerConnectED Center

With financial support from an Ohio Straight A Fund grant and funds from other donors, the Consortium is renovating the former Springfield South High School to create an innovative learning hub designed for educators, students, and community members.

The Center will also be home to the Global Impact STEM Academy (GISA), specialized food and bioscience laboratories for Clark State Community College, future manufacturing and computer science training spaces, and offices to Springfield City School District staff supporting grant-related programs.

STRAIGHT  FUND



THE WORK

The Greater Springfield CareerConnectED Consortium will work together to transform and personalize teaching and student learning.

Through a shared services approach, and using the CareerConnectED Framework as a guide, the Consortium will focus on:

- **Transforming the roles of teachers and students** to support and encourage academic and personal growth;
- **Making learning matter** for students and engaging them in relevant, hands-on learning opportunities aligned to their college and career interests; and
- **Connecting with community** and others to provide students with real-world training and job experiences.



TRANSFORMING THE ROLES OF TEACHERS & STUDENTS

Life-readiness skills, or noncognitive skills, such as problem-solving, adaptability, and teamwork, have been linked to students' performance and persistence in college and on the job. The Consortium aims to support the growth of these skills, and through this work, teachers and students will:

- Engage in **problem-based learning**;
- **Identify and target noncognitive skills**; and
- **Build personal capacity** to learn and grow.



MAKING LEARNING MATTER

Now, more than ever, students need to see the connection between what they learn in the classroom and how it applies to everyday life. Through Consortium programming, students will:

- Receive **personalized college, career, and life-readiness information and advising**;
- Explore **new academic and career pathways and training opportunities**; and
- Participate in **experiential learning opportunities** to enhance 21st century learning and employment skills.



CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITY

Working in partnership with area higher education institutions, businesses, community organizations, and others, the Consortium will:

- Connect students with **internships and mentorship experiences**;
- Offer **teacher externships** to bring real-world skills to the classroom; and
- Provide 21st century **collaborative learning spaces** at the Greater Springfield CareerConnectED Center.