

RIDGEMONT LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ms. Emmy M. Davis, Superintendent

Mr. Fred M. Reinemeyer, Treasurer

The Ridgemont Demonstration School of Workforce Development Partnership Agreement

The Hardin County Chamber and Business Alliance is committed to economic excellence, providing quality employment opportunities through retention and expansion of existing companies; recruiting new industry and business; maintaining a pro-business climate; supporting quality of life, education, and leadership development that make Hardin County a better place to live. The Chamber and Business Alliance's goals are to: coordinate economic development efforts in Hardin County; maintain and update the county-wide economic development plan; and promote a progressive public attitude toward economic development. The Chamber and Business Alliance's priorities are to: retain and grow existing industry; attract and recruit new industry; attract and recruit retail service providers; enhance our community image; and increase high school graduation rates. The Chamber and Business Alliance's goals align to the mission of this grant as they seek to create a multi-element community improvement and economic development effort that will result in new growth, new jobs, and new tax revenues - to benefit the current and future residents of Hardin County

The Hardin County Chamber and Business Alliance agrees to partner with the subsequent strategies to contribute to the success of the bold and innovative solutions to advance the goals of Ridgemont Local Schools:

- Function as a virtual mentor to students and teachers at Ridgemont Local Schools
- Provide materials, resources and lab space to assist with research projects related to social sciences
- Connect career shadowing and/or internship opportunities for students and teachers
- Serve as an authentic audience for project based and service learning projects.
- Connect for virtual field trips to provide authentic experiences for youth
- Display art installations in the workplace
- Serve as a guest speaker, virtually with technology or live in person when possible
- Provide authentic content for real-world learning projects for teachers and students
- Enhance curricular connections through the collaboration with compatible partners that currently exist with The Ohio State University Agricultural Communication, Education and Leadership

Ridgemont Local Schools agrees to reciprocate the succeeding strategies to provide a mutually beneficial partnership:

- Provide youth authentic opportunities to create skills to be prepared for the workforce
- Engage youth and staff in regular relations with curriculum areas that tie to cross curricular initiatives to workforce development

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- Reform curriculum to ensure every youth engages in project based learning with a workforce connection that prepares youth for leadership roles, as well as career and college readiness
- Bring local and global workforce needs to the forefront of Ridgemont's educational initiatives
- Integrate real world connections into every classroom K-12
- Our school district will build students who have cultivated relationships with business and industry professionals prior to graduation
- Provide regular updates in work force development strides made by students and staff
- Include partnership information and updates in newsletters, newspapers, school webpages, etc.
- Collaborate with The Hardin County Chamber and Business Alliance to conduct workshops and presentations to demonstrate the "Best Practices" at professional conferences and other venues.

Sincerely,



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