Columbus

THE PRIORITIES
- Align high-quality career pathways among K–12 and postsecondary education institutions in priority industry sectors
- Validate the knowledge, skills, and abilities required of employers in the region and identify credentials of value
- Build a more unified structure for work-based learning
- Recruit traditionally underserved students into high-quality career pathways, ensuring equitable access to high-wage, high-demand jobs

THE TEAM
Ohio Excels
Columbus City Schools
Columbus State Community College
Ohio Department of Education and Workforce
The Ohio State University
Ohio Department of Higher Education

THE PRIORITY SECTORS
- Healthcare
- IT
- Construction
- Advanced Manufacturing

THE BIG BETS FOR YEAR FOUR (April 2023 – April 2024)
- Leverage booming regional industry demand and existing sector partnerships to build out a one-year post secondary semiconductor certification, with direct links from a high school CTE pathway and articulation on to two- and four-year degrees.
- Increase Columbus City Schools’ student participation in work-based learning experiences in healthcare and IT by 15 percent.
- Implement a new middle school IT pathway curriculum in at least 13 middle schools.
- In response to new lottery admissions for all CTE pathways in Columbus City Schools, audit the needs of incoming students to understand supports and interventions needed for student success.
- Assess and expand construction sector pathways that span high school through a four-year degree.
- Execute a career awareness campaign for students and families to understand in-demand jobs and education and training options, including stories of student success.
- Build out a systemic and comprehensive employer engagement strategy, including how to better engage employers in work-based learning efforts at the K–12 level.