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Curricula for improving School Success in the Knowledge Economy



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SCHOOL SUCCESS

Key to Ohio's success in the Knowledge Economy is successful education, from pre-school through college or other post-secondary education. Successful schools mean that Ohio's youth will have the preparation they need for jobs in the knowledge economy, for a high quality of life, and to take citizenship responsibilities in our society.

Among the new and ongoing Extension programming efforts that contribute to student and school success:

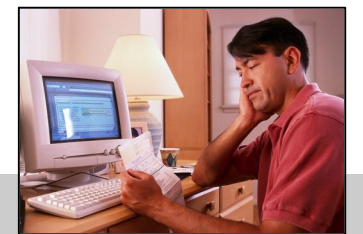
Successful Schools / Successful Communities - facilitates stronger engagement of communities and schools for their mutual benefit.

KnowHow2Go - an important resource to help youth prepare for attending college.

Real Money / Real World - an active, hands-on experience of connections between career, education, lifestyle, and budget choices.

College 101 - assists high school seniors to make a positive transition to college.

Social Networking, Get Connected and Improve Your Effectiveness with Teens - helps teachers and educators gain a deeper understanding of how teens communicate via the internet... and respond to potential criticism and/or "outside" involvement in "their" space.

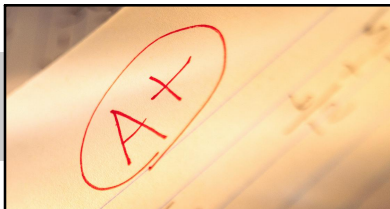


Successful Schools / Successful Communities

Successful Schools / Successful Communities provides OSU Extension educators with resources to help their communities develop human capital and help their local schools meet their annual yearly progress targets.

Research has shown that schools and communities who increase their level of engagement mutually benefit. Citizens have a better understanding of the challenges that schools face and schools are better able to assist students to prepare for their roles in the workplace and community.

The Successful Schools / Successful Communities process helps local communities and schools reach deeper levels of engagement. The central task for each community is to identify where the school - community relationship is supporting quality education and "how" it is being accomplished. That "locally created solution" becomes the starting point for additional community-school collaborations.



KnowHow2Go

KnowHow2Go is an important resource to help youth prepare for attending college. Extension is developing a training curriculum to help providers of services to youth and parents make critical interventions throughout a child's birth to high school period to prepare them for educational experiences beyond high school. The curriculum is used in training workshops to provide resources and knowledge to service providers.

Real Money / Real World

Real Money, Real World is an active, hands-on experience of connections between career, education, lifestyle, and budget choices. The 6-lesson curriculum incorporates lessons on occupations and earnings, taxes, checking and savings accounts, and real life expense categories. It is designed as a partnership between Extension, schools, and community volunteers. Statewide mid-term evaluation data confirm increased awareness about financial topics and the relationship between education, jobs, and earnings.

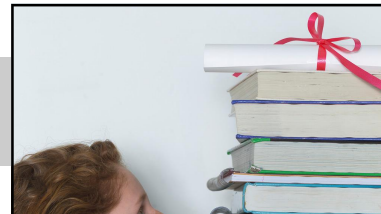


College 101

Each year, approximately 1.8 million U.S. first-quarter college freshmen encounter the greatest decision-making period of their young lives. Many of their choices will initiate life-long consequences with financial, emotional and physical (health-related) implications. Succeeding in the transition to college is both important and risky. The highest risks include a dramatic loss of earning capacity due to failing or dropping out, acquiring a sexually transmitted infection, alcohol poisoning, acquaintance rape, and others.

The College 101 curriculum was designed as an introduction to academic protocol and social scene changes that high school seniors would encounter upon arrival at any given campus.

To date, over 200 educators in 31 states have requested the curriculum. An estimated 3,500 students in 12 states have participated. Of 749 evaluations collected from high school senior participants, 89.6% said they "learned new information and/or would recommend the program to a friend."



Social Networking, Get Connected...

As Extension educators, it is critical that we involve youths in program planning. But how do you communicate with today's teens? This seminar is designed to help teachers and educators gain a deeper understanding of how teens communicate via the internet, including how they post profiles and information, and respond to potential criticism and/or "outside" involvement in "their" space.

So what do we, as professionals need to know about online sites and social networking?

Key points include:

1. An in-depth look at current trends among adolescents, their internet usage, and key safety points you need to know.
2. Detailed quotes from current collegians describing online usage patterns on campus.
3. Key steps necessary to get YOU connected and improve communication.

