

SCOESC CURRICULUM CONNECTION

February, 2026



Fantastic February: Fostering Excellence with SCOESC Curriculum Support!

As we move into February 2026, the SCOESC Curriculum Department continues its commitment to empowering district success through collaborative partnerships. We're excited to support your instructional goals for the spring semester, offering expertise in data analysis, evidence-based instructional strategies, and AI integration. Whether you're looking to refresh your curriculum mapping, strengthen your data-driven decision making, or update your teaching strategies, we're here to serve as an extension of your district team. To schedule services, please contact our Curriculum Department Administrative Assistant (logan.baumgardner@scoesc.org). Let's work together to create meaningful learning experiences that inspire student achievement in the months ahead.

Unlocking the Power of EVAAS Reports

SAS and DEW are providing interactive sessions designed for district and school administrators and instructional leaders to deepen their understanding of EVAAS reports.

Participants will engage with their own data, learn best practices, and receive a digital guide to support ongoing analysis. The sessions will focus primarily on using these reports: Value-Added, Diagnostics, Teacher Reports, and Student Reports, with a brief introduction to Scatterplots.



Sessions are available for both beginner and advanced users, and all registrants will receive a recording.

Virtual Session 1--Beginners: March 17, 2026, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Virtual Session 2--Beginners: March 18, 2026, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Virtual Session 3--Advanced: March 19, 2026, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Virtual Session 4--Advanced: March 19, 2026, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Click the link below to register for one or more sessions.

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Save the Date: SCOESC Summer Learning Academy June 3-4, 2026



Despite the recent winter weather, summer will be here before we know it!

The SCOESC Curriculum and Special Education Departments will once again host a Summer Learning Academy in 2026. Although topics have not yet been determined, you can save the dates of Wednesday, June 3rd, and Thursday, June 4th.

All SCOESC member district teachers are invited to attend! Session information and registration forms will be shared in April 2026.

Gifted Services Department

The **District Mock Trial Competition** took place on January 30th with six teams participating. Congratulations to Valley and Wheelersburg High Schools for qualifying to advance to Regional Mock Trial on February 20. Outstanding Attorney Awards were presented to Brady Schomburg and Josh Ferguson of Wheelersburg and to Reagan Rolfe of Valley. Outstanding Witness Awards were earned by Anna Dawson and Travis Thompson of Valley, Nick Sylvia of Wheelersburg, and Vacily Begley of Portsmouth West. Teams qualifying to advance from Regionals will compete in the Ohio Center for Law Related Education's State Mock Trial Competition in Columbus, March 12-14.

The Scioto County Honors Music Festival is fast approaching! On March 3, 210 talented band and choir students from across our ESC consortium will perform in a community concert at 7:00 p.m. in Shawnee State University's Vern Riffe Center for the Arts. We invite administrators to join us in supporting these young musicians by attending the concert. Information regarding

complimentary administrator tickets has been shared via email by Sharee Price.

The Southern Ohio Academic Competition Tournament will take place March 5 at Shawnee State University. Sixteen districts will compete for the title of Division I and Division II Champions, which will qualify them to advance to the Southeast Ohio Academic Regional Competition on April 18 at Fisher Catholic High School in Lancaster, Ohio. Additionally, Wheelersburg High School secured its third consecutive League Championship title and has already qualified for Regional competition.

Through the **Books Build Bridges Literacy Program**, more than 850 copies of *A Rover's Story* by Jasmine Warga have been distributed to 6th-grade students throughout Scioto County. On March 12, Warga, who is a #1 New York Times bestselling author whose works have received numerous awards, will meet with the students at the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts. She will also engage with Shawnee State University education students that afternoon and present to the community at the Scioto County Public Library in Portsmouth that evening.



Valley High School



Wheelersburg High School

Bee Adventures

Presented by the South Central Ohio Educational Service Center Curriculum Department and the Scioto County Farm Bureau, in collaboration with local partners including OSU Extension, Southern Ohio Beekeepers, local flower farms, and orchards.



Who? Pre-K through 3rd grade teachers; principals welcome

When? February 26 with March 11 (makeup day); 8:30-12:15

Where? SCOESC Business Center

Cost: FREE for Scioto County member districts, a pollinator kit included for each teacher

- Ready-to-use classroom resources: Receive educator guides for *The Beeman* and *Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera*, plus hands-on activity ideas.
- Engage with experts: Meet local beekeepers, farmers, and pollinator specialists who connect to your curriculum.

- Collaboration: Learn how to bring community partners into your classroom for richer, real-world connections.
- Virtual farm tours: See pollinators at work in local orchards and flower farms.

Resident Educator Coaching



Fall 3rd grade reading scores for SCOESC districts have been compiled and can be accessed by clicking the button below.

As teachers continue to implement curriculum based on the Science of Reading, there may be challenges that arise from adjusting to new materials and resources. The SCOESC Curriculum Department can assist individual teachers and teacher teams by facilitating curriculum review and alignment sessions, completing vertical alignment with multiple grade levels,

conducting [Learning Walks](#) based on vendor and Science of Reading criteria, and providing [instructional coaching](#). Contact Tammy Hambrick at tammy.hambrick@scoesc.org for more information about providing support.

OIP Improvement Process Graduate Course

South Central Ohio ESC Curriculum Department is excited to partner with Ashland University to offer an Ohio Improvement Process (OIP) graduate-level course. If your district uses the Ohio Improvement Process, you are eligible to receive 1 hour of graduate credit from Ashland University for only \$155.00!



Participation in OIP teams such as DLT, BLT, and TBTs, along with completing aligned professional development sessions, can be combined to meet the number of hours required to receive the credit. One hour of graduate credit is equivalent to 30 contact hours toward license renewal.

Take advantage of the work you are already doing and potentially use it toward a +15 designation.

[OIP Course Flyer and Registration](#)

Drive to Succeed



Drive to Succeed Scholarship Program

Drive to Succeed is a state grant program of the Department of Public Safety's Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO) aiming to expand access to teen and young adult driver training (those that are 15 1/2 - 20 years old). The Fairfield County ESC Drive to Succeed Scholarship Program is working with the South Central Ohio ESC to help students and young adults in the area get scholarships to complete driver education.

Ohio residents aged 15 1/2 to 20 years old that qualify for SNAP are eligible to apply for a scholarship. (Applicants will need a Valid Temporary Ohio Permit.)

Contact Adam Michael in the SCOESC Curriculum Department if you have any questions.

[Direct Link to Drive to Succeed Page](#)

[Drive to Succeed Scholarship Application](#)

BioPathways Southeast Ohio

Science teachers are invited to a 1-day workshop & behind-the-scenes industry tour for teachers preparing Ohio 6th–12th gr. students for careers in life science & biotech.

This one-day workshop connects Ohio 6th-12th grade life science teachers with industry professionals and career-ready curriculum.

You're already inspiring students with science. Now discover how to connect that passion to Ohio's \$15 billion life sciences industry.

Leave equipped with everything needed to show students their future in biotech starts in your classroom.

As a result of taking part in this learning experience, participants will:

Know... protein synthesis, engineering design, protein folding principles, amino acid properties and how their properties determine protein final structure

Understand... how to implement engineering design challenges, apply these understandings to gene therapy, vaccines, and drug development

Be able to... pipette accurately, fold proteins according to chemical structure and amino acid properties, relate activities to current industry career needs.

Start in the workshop and:

- *do hands-on science*
- *collaborate with fellow life sciences educators*



Ohio Life
Sciences

- *use career-focused lessons informed by Ohio industry*

Enjoy lunch (our treat!) with fellow teachers.

Then, during the industry visit, you'll:

- *tour a working life sciences facility*
- *connect with experts at an industry reception*
- *see firsthand what students can expect from life sciences careers*

Take back:

- *.9 CEUs*
- *modular life sciences curriculum materials*
- *science equipment for your classroom investigations*

Registration is limited - Ohio teachers only. Spots fill quickly.

BioPathways is brought to Ohio science teachers at no cost by Ohio Life Sciences, the industry association representing the interests of Ohio's nearly 5,000 life sciences establishments. Click the link below to register.

[BioPathways Registration](#)

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