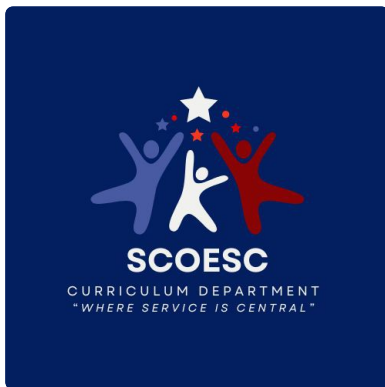


# SCOESC Curriculum Connection

November, 2025



## Take Time to Reflect with the SCOESC Curriculum Department!

The SCOESC Curriculum Department recognizes the critical importance of maintaining focus and momentum during this pivotal point in the school year. This season offers a valuable opportunity to reflect on student progress and adjust instructional strategies to meet learning needs effectively. To address these or any other challenges, contact SCOESC Curriculum Department Administrative Assistant [logan.baumgardner@scoesc.org](mailto:logan.baumgardner@scoesc.org) or any

Curriculum Specialist to schedule services.

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## Cutting-Edge AI Solutions

New cutting-edge AI models have been integrated into the Magai platform, including GPT-5 Image Mini, o3 Deep Research, o4 Mini Deep Research, and Claude Haiku 4.5. These advanced models are designed to enhance your creative projects, streamline research, and provide innovative solutions.

Learn how to use the Instant Team invitation feature to ensure seamless collaboration across all AI-driven tasks and resources. Share your workspace, chat history, and creative assets instantly, all within Magai's platform.



The next Tech Cred application window is from November 3 - December 1, 2025. If you would like to apply for Tech Cred funding in order to incorporate The AI Collaborative PD and the MAGAI AI Platform (Workspace and Personas included) into your district, contact Tammy Hambrick ([tammy.hambrick@scoesc.org](mailto:tammy.hambrick@scoesc.org)) or Sandy Mers ([sandy.mers@scoesc.org](mailto:sandy.mers@scoesc.org)). We can assist you with the Tech Cred application and you will have up to one year to schedule training for you staff. Don't miss this opportunity while funding is still available!

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## Title 1 Conference Presentation



Kara Copeland and Tammy Hambrick presented a session at the OAASFEP 2025 Fall Leadership Conference titled "Transforming School Improvement with AI: Practical Strategies for Educational Leaders." The session was attended by over 60 participants who learned about how to leverage artificial intelligence to enhance efficiency, effectiveness, and productivity through knowledge of AI fundamentals, enhanced prompting techniques, and increased

access to Large Language Models.

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## Ohio's Learning Standards for Physical Education

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce has approved Ohio's Learning Standards for Physical Education in Nov. 2025. The new standards are aligned with the 2024 National SHAPE standards. Revisions include a change from five standards to four standards, as well as a transition to grade band indicators across grades K-12 (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12).

The Department is continuing work on updating benchmark assessments and creating guidance documents to align to these new standards. Educators can explore the new standards on the Department's [Physical Education](#) webpage.

Direct questions to [PE@education.ohio.gov](mailto:PE@education.ohio.gov).



**Physical Education Standards**

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## Federal Programs Meeting December 1, 2025



A meeting of SCOESC Federal Program Directors will be held at the SCOESC Business Center on December 1, 2025, from 9:00 - 12:00. The tentative agenda includes topics such as an overview of Non-Public Services, a discussion of Non-Public Federal Programs updates, Literacy Policy updates, Ohio's Plan for K-12 Mathematics, etc. A final agenda and invitations will be sent by Kara Copeland a week prior to the meeting. Contact Kara at [kara.copeland@scoesc.org](mailto:kara.copeland@scoesc.org) if you have any questions or would like to add a topic to the agenda.

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## Resident Educator Program Update

Nearly 60 Year 1 Resident Educator teachers attended an in-person Classroom Management Professional Development session on October 8th, 2025. An overall presentation was provided by New Boston Lead Mentor Paul Mayberry and Green Lead Mentor Melissa Knapp. Grade band breakout sessions were provided by Northwest Lead Mentor Brenda Bays, Washington-Nile Lead Mentor Keri Bivens, Oak Hill Lead Mentor Laurie Willis, and Bloom-Vernon Lead Mentor Sandi Dutiel. Other Lead Mentors provided facilitation support during the sessions.

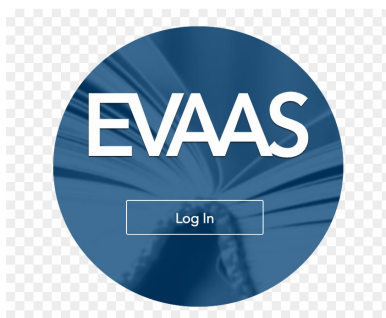


Additional PD that has been provided to Resident Educator teachers includes Ethics in Education and a Deep Dive into the OTES rubric, along with regularly scheduled mentor meetings that take place every other week. In November, all REs should be observed and receive feedback from their mentor. All eligible Year 1 and Year 2 RE teachers have been registered in the DEW CORE system to meet the November 15th deadline.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the Resident Educator program, please contact Tammy Hambrick at [tammy.hambrick@scoesc.org](mailto:tammy.hambrick@scoesc.org) or 740-354-0251.

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## Value-Added Teacher Reports



At this time, there has been no additional information provided by DEW or SAS regarding when Value-Added teacher reports and updated student projections will be released. There is also no information regarding the reason for the delay.

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# Math Professional Development

We are still exploring options for providing additional mathematics professional development. Carnegie Learning summer PD is still an option, although the time frame to make a commitment would be in December and that might be too soon for a decision. Other options include planning math specific sessions at the SCOESC Summer Academy and/or providing math focused Content Collaboration sessions (grade bands) in Fall 2026. Contact any SCOESC Curriculum Department Specialist if you have suggestions!



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## SCOESC Gifted Services Update

**The ESC High School Quiz Bowl League** season wraps up on November 20, with 168 students participating this year. Wheelersburg remains undefeated, while South Webster has only one loss, which will make the final results especially exciting to watch. Looking ahead, the High School Academic Competition Tournament will be held in March at Shawnee State University, with 16 teams in two divisions vying for a spot at the 2026 Ohio Academic Competition Regional Tournament in Lancaster. The winner of our League will also advance to the Regional Tournament.



**The 2025 ESC Artist-in-Residency Program** concluded on Tuesday, November 4, with a community art workshop on handmade bookbinding held at the Portsmouth Public Library. Participants enjoyed viewing the impressive student artwork created during artist Darren Baker's residency at Valley High School, which is now on display at the Portsmouth Public Library, before creating two handbound books of their own. Congratulations to Mrs. Jennifer Howard and her Valley High School Advanced Art students on a highly successful residency!

Preparations are underway for the annual **Youth MAX Leadership Conference**, a collaborative effort between the ESC Gifted Services and Curriculum Departments. This event empowers high school juniors and seniors through leadership training, supported by local business owners, organizational leaders, and community mentors. The conference is scheduled for December 11, 2025, and we're looking forward to another impactful experience for our students.

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