



# Superintendent's Student Advisory Council

2025-2026



Kenton County School District | *It's about ALL kids*



The mission of the Kenton County School District is to provide a world-class education ensuring ALL students are transition ready and prepared for the 21st Century Economy.

**Goals:**

- Transition Readiness Rate 100%
- Attendance Rate 96.25%

# How the Council Operates

- **Attend Core Meetings:** Representatives from each school receive direct instruction and training on all aspects of student transition readiness.
- **Lead School-Level Meetings:** Facilitate participation for larger groups of students in school-based meetings, typically coordinated by a school counselor or assistant principal
- **Transition Ready Mentoring:** Participate in mentoring programs between high school and middle school students, as well as middle school and elementary school students.

## Initial Expansion

- Increased mentoring to five sessions to foster stronger, consistent mentor-mentee relationships.
- Introduced 8th-graders as mentors for elementary students mid-year.

## Scaling and Sustainability

- Expanded to six mentoring sessions and added 7th-grade mentors to build earlier leadership capacity.
- Emphasized that transition readiness is a continuous process supporting students from elementary through high school and into life.

**2022-2023**

**2023-2024**

**2024-2025**

**2025-2026**

### Program Launch

- Initiated the Transition Ready Mentorship Program to support the district's 100% transition readiness goal.
- High school students conducted three mentoring sessions for 8th-grade students.

### Full Integration

- Standardized five mentoring sessions across all grade levels starting from the beginning of the school year.
- Tailored meetings to specific transition readiness needs, with the final two sessions focused entirely on transitioning to the next level.

# Empowering the Pipeline: 2025-2026 Mentorship Scale

## HIGH SCHOOL TO MIDDLE SCHOOL IMPACT



**42** HIGH SCHOOL MENTORS



**306** MIDDLE SCHOOL MENTEES

**1:7** MENTOR-TO-MENTEE RATIO



Approximately one high school leader for every seven middle school students.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL TO ELEMENTARY IMPACT



**62** MIDDLE SCHOOL MENTORS



**372** ELEMENTARY MENTEES

**1:6** MENTOR-TO-MENTEE RATIO



Approximately one middle school leader for every six elementary students.

# The Mentorship Curriculum

Meeting #1: Get to know your mentee

Meeting #2: Teach transition readiness:  
literacy/numeracy

Meeting #3: Teach transition readiness:  
GPA/Coursework

Meeting #4: Teach transition readiness:  
Attendance/extra curricular components

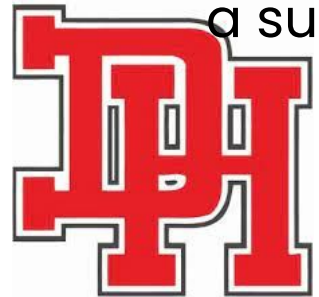
Meeting #5:  
College Ready Student  
Pathways and Goal Setting

Meeting #6: Reflect on current transition readiness  
Career Ready  
Pathways and Goal Setting

# Impact Spotlight: Dixie Heights High School

Jordan Fields

- Helped students be more mindful about grades and trying to improve to achieve success.
- The program gave mentors a chance to share personal advice and stories with others who could benefit.
- Allows us to leave a lasting legacy and make a positive impact on the district that equipped us with the tools to lead a successful future.



# Impact Spotlight: Scott High School

Isabella Fisk

- Equipped mentees with the skills and knowledge needed to take initiative and improve their own grades.
- Growth was apparent as we moved through sessions.
- Provided mentees with an opportunity to participate in core meetings which allowed us to be more knowledgeable about our school district and the opportunities available to all students. We then took this information and used it during our transition ready mentoring sessions.



# Impact Spotlight:IGNITE Institute

Jackson Setter

- Building connections was at the heart of each session
- Many mentors reported an increase in transition readiness that included (more motivation, improved confidence, better connection with others) that directly impact a students ability to be successful.
- Expressed the pathways and career opportunities at Ignite that aligned with our mentee's interests.



# Impact Spotlight: Simon Kenton High School

Sadie Sharp

- Before preparing students to be transition-ready, we prioritized getting to know the students we mentored. Building strong connections and relationships with them significantly enhanced the impact of the program.
- This program matters because it changes students lives. It provides them with a support system for grades, school, and anything else they need, as well as helps them to improve and become ready for the next steps in their lives.
- Being a mentor encourages you to be the best version of yourself.



# Impact Spotlight: Middle Schools

Chrisalee Edmondson, Connor Quigley, Margaret Golden, Paige Thompson

- Engaged students in thinking about their future
- Aided in both mentors and mentees becoming better communicators by improving speaking/listening skills.
- Core meetings provided us with a better understanding of our district's mission, goals, and programs that helps us on our own paths towards continuing being transition ready.
- Mentees were more comfortable with talking in our peer groups and shared a true understanding of transition ready goals
- Mentees took ownership of their transition readiness by the spring sessions



# A moment I saw growth in my mentee...

- When my mentee said they joined the basketball team after I encouraged them to try out.
- When my mentee started laughing and joking, showing that I had made progress in becoming not just a mentor but friend.
- When they realized what they had to change to improve.
- When they were upset they got a B.
- When their grades went from failing some classes to A's and B's.
- When they showed genuine excitement to go to high school when they didn't want to be at school in the fall.
- When they were identified as transition ready!

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# Sustaining Our Momentum

- Continue with the inclusion on 7th-grade mentors as this showed effective at building leadership capacity.
- Explore opportunities for a variety of mentoring methods (small groups, 1:1, etc) to increase engagement.



# Pictures of our Experiences

