



Jackson County Community Agenda for Education

Jackson County Cradle 2 Career (C2C) is the network of educators and community leaders working together toward common goals in education.

Urgency for Change:

The 21st Century global economy demands a workforce with an education beyond high school. The most successful communities foster high educational aspirations and align their institutions and resources to advance that vision. In order to build and sustain a vibrant economy and healthy community, Jackson County must ensure all students pursue and complete a college degree and/or valuable credential.

Belief Statement:

Jackson County C2C Coordinating Council believes all Jackson County children will grow, learn and succeed through the support of the entire community. As the network, C2C is committed to connecting quality, lifelong education to successful employment by ensuring that all individuals...

- Make the connection between learning and success
- Receive the support they need to feel hopeful for the future and motivated for academic success
- Acquire the critical skills and education needed for successful careers
- Aspire to lifelong learning

Levers for Change:

- Parent/Guardian Engagement
- Business and Community Engagement
- College and Career Readiness
- Curriculum Alignment to achieve educational goals
- Community Access to Technology and Resources

Focus Areas:

- Early Childhood (Great Start Collaborative)
- Elementary School
- Middle School
- High School
- Post Secondary Education
 - Valuable Credentials
- Community Engagement



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Objectives & Metrics:

As a measure of the network's progress, C2C commits to ensuring that 60 percent of all Jackson County residents have a post-secondary degree or valuable credential by 2025.

- **Early Childhood Objectives & Metrics:**

- Increase the percentage of children showing school readiness, as measured by the approved annual school readiness assessment (currently PALS)
- Develop a county-wide definition of school readiness and align county-wide, kindergarten assessment tools

- **Elementary Objectives & Metrics:**

- Increase the percentage of 4th grade students who demonstrate a proficiency in reading, as measured by the State of Michigan assessment
- Increase the percentage of 4th grade students who demonstrate a proficiency in math, as measured by the state of Michigan assessment
- Increase the percentage of K-4th grade students who meet the county definition of acceptable attendance, as measured by local district attendance reports

- **Middle School Objectives & Metrics:**

- Increase the percentage of 8th graders who demonstrate a proficiency in reading, as measured by the State of Michigan assessment
- Increase the percentage of 8th grade students who demonstrate a proficiency in math, as measured by the state of Michigan assessment
- Increase the percentage of middle school students with an expectation of pursuing a Career and or College, as measured by student surveys
- Increase the percentage of middle school students who are socially and emotionally prepared to be successful in high school and capable of post secondary success, as measured by the Coordinated School Health Council Strategic Plan and the Health Improvement Organization

- **High School Objectives & Metrics:**

- Academic Preparedness: Increase the percentage of Jackson County students who enter college prepared to succeed in credit bearing coursework, determined by:
 - the percentage of 11th grade students scoring at or above the ACT (or equivalent state test) "proficient" benchmarks;
 - the percentage of students who apply to college;
 - the percentage of high school graduates enrolled in remedial coursework;
 - the percentage of students who have "soft skills" necessary for college or career success, measurement to be determined
- Financial Preparedness: Increase the percentage of students who are financially prepared for post secondary education, as measured by:
 - the percentage of enrolled seniors completing the FAFSA;
 - the number of enrolled students receiving a Pell Grant;
 - the total amount of Pell Grant dollars received by students



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- **Post Secondary Objectives & Metrics:**
 - Enrollment: Increase the percentage of high school graduates who enroll in a higher education institution, as measured by the National Student Clearinghouse
 - Persistence: Increase the percentage of college students who persist for a second year of college, as measured by the National Student Clearinghouse
 - Degree Attainment: Increase the percentage of college students who complete a post secondary degree within six years of HS graduation
 - Valuable Credential Attainment: Increase the percentage of Jackson County residents who have a valuable credential, as defined by Cradle 2 Career, actual measurement to be determined
 - Re-Engagement: Increase the percentage of Jackson County residents who re-engage in post secondary education, measurement to be determined

- **Community Engagement Objectives & Metrics :**
 - Create an Education Community mindset across Jackson County by raising awareness of Cradle2 Career, generating community pride and engaging more people in C2C activities

Accepted by the Jackson County Cradle to Career (C2C) Coordinating Council on August 14, 2014:

Our representative's signature on this document indicates our organization's commitment to support the collective work of Cradle to Career until we achieve the objective - 60% of all Jackson County residents have a post-secondary degree or valuable credential by the year 2025.

Organization Name _____

Name of Representative _____

Title _____

Signature _____