



YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS CONSORTIUM

Inspiring young minds for great futures

Explanation:

In the spring of 2014, MCS was contacted by Battelle for Kids and invited to become a partner in a consortium that was completing a grant application for Ohio's Straight A Fund grant program (<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Straight-A-Fund>). In agreement, Marietta participated in the grant writing process as needed. The consortium was awarded the grant during the summer of 2014. Now called the Young Entrepreneur Consortium (YEC), work began in August to determine the necessary steps for grant implementation over the next five years. What follows is a brief overview of the impact of the YEC on Marietta City Schools.

YEC Impact on Marietta High School and Marietta Middle School

1. The grant is providing the means for Marietta High School to offer all courses necessary for a student to graduate from high school with a Business Management-Entrepreneur Associate Degree. There is also the opportunity for them to receive a one-year certificate or a career enhancement certificate in entrepreneurship.
2. The grant has provided the funds needed to increase technology available for our students and teachers by a) creating a 21st century learning space in the high school library, b) increasing devices available to teachers and students, and c) as a result the district has increased the bandwidth available to the high school.
3. In order to address entrepreneurial thinking at the middle school level, four middle school teachers received training in the Project-based learning pedagogy. This will help to create a feeder program for the high school entrepreneurship program.
4. Summer 2015 Entrepreneurship opportunities:
 - a. Online Believe in Ohio courses www.believeinohio.org
 - b. Entrepreneurship Camp: Marietta College is participating in the YEC by creating a summer camp focused on Entrepreneurialism for middle and high school students.
 - c. ENT 120 Online Summer Course: Stark State is offering a dual enrollment section of Entrepreneurship this summer.