

YCC Program in Kentucky with the U.S. Department of Labor KEDC Project ACHIEVE

This is not your regular high school experience program, but an innovative model that will personalize your learning experience with knowledge and skills that you will need to be successful in college and in careers. If you are looking for an opportunity to prepare yourself for post-secondary and in a competitive workforce through employer engagement, then prepare to choose a pathway that will lead to real-world learning. Your YCC High School has partnered with the Kentucky Educational Development Corporation, Morehead State University, KCTCS, and several employers to help strengthen Kentucky's talent pipeline in high-demand industries.

- ✓ 10 High Schools in Kentucky were appointed as a **United States Department of Labor YCC High School**. Those schools include: Casey Co HS, Garrard Co HS, Johnson Central HS, Knox Central HS, Lawrence Co HS, Lee Co HS, Lynn Camp HS, Middlesboro HS, Pulaski Co HS, Southwestern HS.
- ✓ Project ACHIEVE was evaluated by 3 Federal Policy Officers and the White House National Economic Council in 2015. Kentucky YCC High Schools join KEDC as the 7th highest performance grantee out of 24 nationwide.
- ✓ YCC is assisting with funding Project Lead the Way (PLTW). They are the nation's leading provider of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs.
- ✓ High School students in the YCC program are exposed to activities that go beyond the classroom. These include: job shadowing, internships, leadership opportunities, mentoring, career counseling, a strong focus on soft skills, **work-based learning**, **project-based learning**, tours and speaking engagements from employers, and career goals.
- ✓ YCC Students are maintaining above 98% retention rate within the program.
- ✓ The Youth Career Connect gains special interest from the local Workforce Investment Areas and KY Career Centers.
- ✓ Through the YCC, students gain both the academic and skills set needed to compete in the workforce.
- ✓ The YCC Career Counselor is a recruiter for both the students and employers to help establish a pipeline and partnerships.
- ✓ YCC is very involved with the community and students driven to be involved with strategic planning for employers.
- ✓ The YCC program allows students the opportunity to explore, apply, and expand on learning that occurs inside the classroom into career pathways with employers. This allows exposure for students to career pathways that they would not have an opportunity before.



Benefits from YCC

- ✓ YCC High Schools have direct communication to the **US DOL** on **best strategies for our youth**.
- ✓ The YCC Grant has a focus on H-1B Visa Programs in STEM related fields.
- ✓ PLTW and KEDC is currently working and searching for funding to help support STEM education in.
- ✓ Students coming out of the YCC Program will have advantages from their skills and academics to help support the workforce community.
- ✓ KEDC is promoting the YCC program to invest with **ALL students through a Senior Seminar** course that will focus on soft skills, Individual Learning Plans, career building, college preparedness, job shadowing, and internships.
- ✓ Networking with other YCC High Schools to reinforce the current YCC model with the role of the career counselor, the academy teacher (PLTW), the YCC School Mentor, and the YCC students.
- ✓ Networking with other leading employers across the state that want to promote STEM related fields in Kentucky.

