



# Marion City Schools

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## **\$339,000 Innovative Workforce Incentive Program Grant Awarded to Marion City Schools**

(Marion, OH) Marion City Schools was recently awarded a \$339,000 Innovative Workforce Incentive Program grant from the Ohio Department of Education. This funding will facilitate two new industry career paths and credentials for Information Technology: Networking and Electrical for the 2022-2023 school year, adding to the current Career Pathways program at Marion City Schools.

The Career Pathways program integrates academic and technical content to prepare students for options after high school graduation, offers opportunity for dual credit and leads to potential industry-recognized credentials. Current pathways include Business and Marketing, Engineering, Global Logistics, Health Science, Manufacturing, Construction and more.

“This grant will provide even more opportunities to our students to graduate high school with industry-recognized credentials and propel them toward their desired career,” said Superintendent Ron Iarussi. “We are thrilled to include these two new pathways for next school year as we continue to prepare all of our students for enrollment, enlistment or employment after high school.”

The Innovative Workforce Incentive Program aligns to Ohio’s five-year strategic plan for education which envisions that each child will see the relevance of his or her learning; be exposed to practical, real-world work settings; and begin defining his or her future during high school. Industry-recognized credentials are an innovative approach to making sure high school inspires students to identify pathways to future success. Credentials benefit employers by validating the knowledge and skills of potential employees.

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## **About Marion City Schools**

At Marion City Schools, we want to inspire a community of achievement. We offer innovative experiences, educational options and learning programs not available in surrounding school districts. We search for ways to prepare students for not only academic success but success in college and careers as well. Our Four Pillars follow four distinct themes including Leadership, Learning, Literacy and Legacy. We want our students to leave high school with not only their diploma, but also acceptance into a two or four-year college, an adult training program, the military, or a high-paying, in-demand job.