

Leveraging Partnerships: High School, Area Career Center, and Education for Employment System





Sandwich Community High School

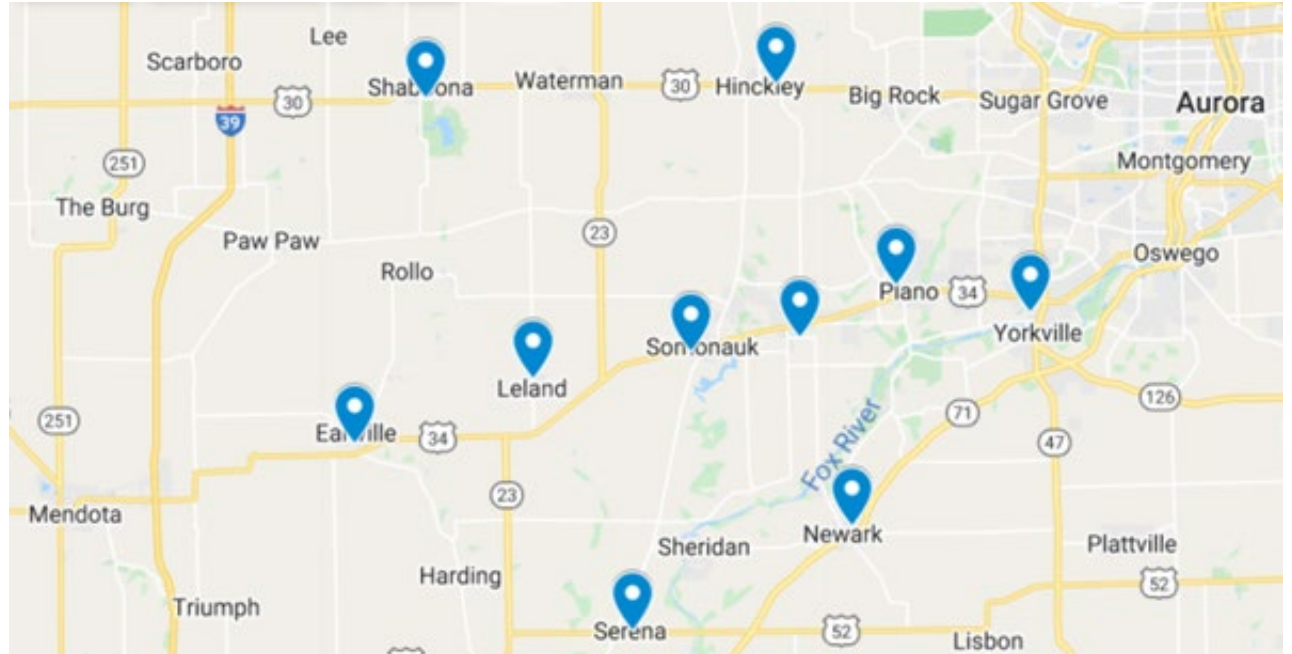
- Small semi-suburban high school 60 miles southwest of Chicago
- Enrollment = 574 students in grades 9-12
- Graduation Requirements: 23 credits
- Traditional 7-period school day
- 2 School Counselors (split A-K and L-Z)
- PaCE Team = Assistant Superintendent, High School Principal, 2 School Counselors, 2 CTE Teachers - 1 FCS & 1 Business Education



Indian Valley Vocational Center

Area Career Center serving 10 districts:

- Earlville
- Hinckley Big Rock
- Indian Creek
- Leland
- Newark
- Plano
- Sandwich
- Serena
- Somonauk
- Yorkville





Education for Employment System

17 member school districts

2 area career centers

Grant administration, teacher professional learning, business and industry partnership, curriculum alignment for early college credit, student career development events, and **regional efficiency**

Historical PaCE-Related Activities @ SHS

- 3-5 day Career Education unit presented by counselors at the conclusion of Driver Education course, including personality style, learning style and other inventories
- Manufacturing Field Trips hosted through VALEES
- Career/College Fair with 40+ colleges, trades & employers
- College visit field trips & College representative presentations @ SHS
- Use of Career Cruising & Xello for students to complete career interest activities
- Financial Aid and FAFSA Workshops through ISAC

Enter: Illinois On PaCE to Thrive



- Shift from career/future planning exposure with students to intentional placement of activities
 - Covering all 3 domains of Career Exploration and Development, Financial Aid and Literacy, and Post-secondary Education Exploration, Preparation, and Selection
- Took an inventory to assess what is currently done within our school
 - Used the Inventory worksheets on the ISAC website- under PaCE Resource Materials)
 - Reevaluated purpose/objectives
 - Spread content strategically over the course of students' high school career and gradually building exposure to post-secondary planning information (College, Career, Financial)



ISAC PaCE Framework Development Workshop

- Completed PaCE Support Request on ISAC Website
- Filled out stakeholder survey to prioritize domain components
- Scheduled Zoom Framework Development Workshop
- Team of 3 people from ISAC
- Sandwich Assistant Superintendent, Principal, Counselors, and IVVC Assistant Director
- 3 Post-Secondary Planning Domains - College, Career, Financial
 - Group discussion on where each item best serves our district students
 - Created a personalized PACE Framework unique to our school district
- ISAC formatted our framework and shared with SHS



PaCE Follow-up



- Phone call with ISAC staff for implementation support
- PaCE Planning @ IVVC w/area counselors and VALEES
 - Documenting specific activities to meet components of each domain of the PaCE Framework
 - Determining which grade level would complete each activity and what month it would occur
 - Narrowing focus of who takes responsibility for implementing each activity - counselors, other school staff, VALEES, IVC, regional approach

Indian Valley Vocational Center

2019-2024 Strategic Plan

Goal 1 - Modernize Programs in Partnership with Business and Industry

Goal 2 - Seek Innovation in Program Design and Implementation

Used additional CTEI grant dollars to hire a part-time Work-Based Learning Coordinator

Counselor meeting - decision to work regionally

Separate meetings for interested counselors (in partnership with EFE):

Regional Career Development Experiences

PaCE scheduling



IVVC - Role

Work-Based Learning Coordinator organizes career breakfasts for sophomores from our districts:

February 2022 - Health Sciences

April 2022 - Business/Entrepreneurship

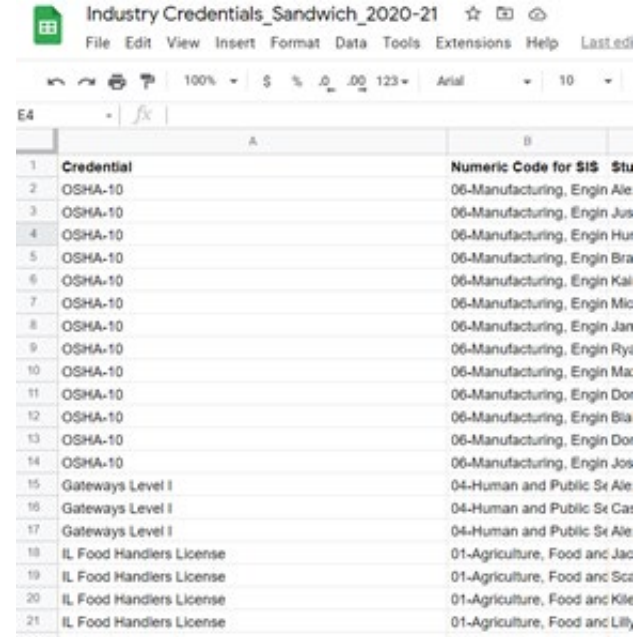
Provide data for CCRI reporting:

Industry Credentials

Dual Credit

Partner in creation of Career Pathways

Serve as hub for communication/best practices sharing



The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with the following data:

	A	B
1	Credential	Numeric Code for SIS
2	OSHA-10	06-Manufacturing, Engin Ale
3	OSHA-10	06-Manufacturing, Engin Jus
4	OSHA-10	06-Manufacturing, Engin Hur
5	OSHA-10	06-Manufacturing, Engin Bra
6	OSHA-10	06-Manufacturing, Engin Kai
7	OSHA-10	06-Manufacturing, Engin Mic
8	OSHA-10	06-Manufacturing, Engin Jan
9	OSHA-10	06-Manufacturing, Engin Ryl
10	OSHA-10	06-Manufacturing, Engin Max
11	OSHA-10	06-Manufacturing, Engin Dor
12	OSHA-10	06-Manufacturing, Engin Bla
13	OSHA-10	06-Manufacturing, Engin Dor
14	OSHA-10	06-Manufacturing, Engin Jos
15	Gateways Level I	04-Human and Public Se Ale
16	Gateways Level I	04-Human and Public Se Car
17	Gateways Level I	04-Human and Public Se Ale
18	IL Food Handlers License	01-Agriculture, Food and Jac
19	IL Food Handlers License	01-Agriculture, Food and Sci
20	IL Food Handlers License	01-Agriculture, Food and Kile
21	IL Food Handlers License	01-Agriculture, Food and Lilly



Current PACE-Related Activities

- **Continuing:**

- Manufacturing Field Trips through VALEES
- Job-shadowing and internship opportunities
- Financial Aid and FAFSA Completion Workshops with ISAC
- College field trip to Waubensee
- College representative visits to SHS
- Class presentations on creating Parchment and College Board Accounts

- **New this School Year:**

- Participation in Career Breakfasts in connection with IVVC
- Xello career activities during Advisory with Career Cluster focus
- FAFSA completion incentives (weekly drawings for college, trades, and military swag)
- Presentations to senior classes on post-secondary planning options
- Updated, more user-friendly access to scholarship information



Future PaCE Partnerships



- Freshman Career Pathway Event associated with VALEES
- Junior class field trip to Waubensee Community College to explore post-secondary options
- Regional Approach to post-secondary options:
 - Military Night
 - NCAA
 - Financial Aid/FAFSA
- Career Cluster Breakfasts with IVVC
- College Campus visit field trips
- College and Career Fair- will be held annually at West Aurora H.S.
- Batavia High School regional approach to junior and senior college planning

Next Steps PaCE

- Follow-up ISAC Consultation - phone conference about implementation progress
- Plans for creating a more extensive PaCE Implementation Team (i.e. CTE teachers, Speech teacher, etc.) & attending the ISAC PaCE Implementation Workshop
- Follow-up meeting to further discuss and develop regional events in conjunction with other high schools
- Expand use of Xello to achieve more purposeful career development experiences





MFG Day Field Trips



Apprenticeship Expo



Career Connections: Education Career Exploration



Auto/CTE Open House & Signing Day



IDEA, Welding Challenge, Graphic Communications Team-Based Challenge

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