

# Collaborate!

## Erie 1 BOCES Partnership Briefing



80

*Akron Students Attend Career and Technical Education Programs*

20

*Akron Students were Inducted into the National Technical Honor Society within the Past Three Years*

30+

*Career and Technical Education Courses Offered to Akron High School Students*

## Akron Student Prepares for Future in Game Design

Devin Rodriguez, a student at Akron Central School District, is thriving in the Web Technologies and Gaming program at the CTE Center at Calspan Business Park.

Devin joined the program because he loves to code and plans to study game design at Alfred State College after graduation. He said one of his favorite parts of the program is the community he’s found with his classmates.

“This program has given me an advantage to reach my goals because I found friends with similar interests and worked in a team to create video games,” Devin said.

His passion for coding and video game design has made him a standout in his class.

“Devin has been doing outstanding so far in Web Tech II,” said Linda Rohloff, the program’s instructor. “He produces quality work, helps other students, and shows true professionalism.”

The program allows students to bring ideas to life by writing software, designing and coding games, and developing web pages and sites.

With his dedication and support from instructors, Devin is on a path to a bright future in game design.





# Erie 1 BOCES Shared Services

The New York State Legislature created Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) as a way for local school districts to collaborate on educational offerings while reducing their individual expenses. Today, Erie 1 BOCES is an incubator of innovation, continually developing new programs and services to meet the changing needs of students. The following is a report that provides insight into Akron's enrollment during this school year.

**\$1,582,018**

*in State Aid Generated to Akron via BOCES Services*

**7**

*Akron Students Participate in Alternative Education Programs*

**13**

*Akron Students Participate in Special Education Programs*

**10**

*Akron Students Attended Extended School (Summer) Program*

## K-12 Instructional Programs

Provides a diverse range of specialized educational programs to empower K-12 students and adult learners across Western New York.

### Students Enrolled In:

- Alternative Learning
- Career and Technical Education
- Special Education

## Administrative Services

Delivers quality, cost-efficient operational services to ensure districts can focus on providing students with an excellent education.

### Services Enrolled In:

- Athletics
- Business Office Support
- Certification
- Cooperative Purchasing
- Graphics and Video
- Health, Safety, and Risk Management
- Labor Relations
- Policy Services
- Printing/Copy
- Substitute Coordination

**Did you know Erie 1 BOCES Administrative Services also offers:**

- Public Relations

## Building Trust With TIG

Akron is dedicated to supporting the whole child through its participation in the Community Schools CoSer. This initiative provides professional development, mental health support, and wellness resources to district staff through partnerships with other districts, agencies, and Erie 1 BOCES. As part of the CoSer, Akron staff participated in Trauma, Illness, Grief (TIG) Training alongside 41 colleagues from the region. This five-day course equips educators and support staff to respond effectively to the emotional needs of students affected by trauma, illness, and grief. By training staff to offer tailored support during crises, the program helps build trust within the school community, ensuring every student feels safe, respected, and understood.

# WNYRIC Shared Services

Western New York Regional Information Center (WNYRIC) delivers future-focused educational technology support, resources, and solutions to over 100 school districts. Through technology integration, data, cybersecurity, and instructional support, our experienced team creates innovative and interconnected learning environments to maximize the quality of instruction.



## Administrative Office Applications

Streamlines district office operations to support successful learning environments.

### Services Enrolled In:

- Capital Project and Facilities Maintenance Software
- Document Management Software
- HR and Finance Software
- Professional Development Tracking Software
- Textbook Loan Services
- Visitor Management Software

## Data and Testing Services

Assists districts in complying with reporting requirements and achieving instructional goals while prioritizing data safety, and security.

### Services Enrolled In:

- Answer Sheet Printing, Scanning, and Score Upload Services
- Assessment Scoring
- Automated Data Integration
- Data Warehouse, Data Collection, Analysis, and Reporting

### Did you know Data and Testing Services also offers:

- Data Privacy and Security Services

## e-Communication Applications

Leverages technology to increase the efficiency and security of communications between schools, students, and guardians.

### Services Enrolled In:

- Student and Guardian Notification Systems
- Email Archive Support Services

### Did you know e-Communication Applications also offers:

- Website and Website Governance Software

3,131

Hours of Professional Development Attended by Akron in 2023-2024

2,027

New York State Assessments Processed for Akron in 2023-2024

23

Educational Software Applications Supported in Akron

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## WNYRIC Services Continued...

### Instructional Support Services and Professional Learning

Offers a comprehensive range of services to support teachers and enhance student learning.

#### Services Enrolled In:

- Arts in Education and Exploratory Enrichment
- Assessment and Evaluation Systems
- Classroom Software Applications
- Community Schools
- Instructional Resource Team (IRT) Support
- Distance Education
- School Library Services
- Strategic Planning
- Technology Integrator

### Networking Services

Facilitates connectivity, access to educational resources, and information sharing among students, teachers, and staff, while prioritizing data security.

#### Services Enrolled In:

- Enhanced Security Service
- Internet Services
- VoIP Phone Services

#### Did you know Networking Services also offers:

- Remote Computer Management
- Video Security Systems

### Student Information Systems

Supports the implementation of software and systems needed to manage K-12 student data.

#### Services Enrolled In:

- AIS/RTI Tracking Software
- Cafeteria Point of Sale Software
- Online Registration and Student Electronic Forms
- Special Education Software
- Student Health Software
- Student Management Software

#### Did you know Student Information Systems also offers:

- Medicaid Billing Assistance

### Technical Services

Provides district staff the support, resources, and solutions needed to successfully leverage technology.

#### Services Enrolled In:

- Directory Integration
- Remote Back Up Service
- Email and Spam Filtering Software
- LAN/WAN/Technical Support (Field Technicians)
- Hardware Maintenance and Repair

#### Did you know Technical Services also offers:

- Cloud System Support
- Mobile Device Management



“ By working together, we can continue to enhance student engagement and achievement. Thank you for your continued partnership and support. ”

*Michael Capuana, Ed.D.,  
Erie 1 BOCES District Superintendent/CEO*

## What is BOCES?

Erie 1 Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) supports school districts with comprehensive services to enhance the region's educational environment. We offer diverse instructional programming to K-12 students, provide career training to adult learners, and optimize school district performance through administrative services and technology integration.

We continuously look to the future to develop and evolve programs that align with the needs of our students, school districts, and region. At Erie 1 BOCES, we strive for excellence while bolstering the success of learners and our community.

## Mission

Erie 1 BOCES understands, anticipates, and responds to those we serve: our students, staff, and community.



- Enrollment data is from 2024-25
- Projected State Aid payment based on 2023-24 participation
- Duplication of student counts may occur due to dual enrollment

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