



## David H Ponitz Career Technology Center

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Dear Families, Parents, Guardians, Friends and Students,

On behalf of the entire staff, we would like to welcome our new 9<sup>th</sup> graders and our returning high school students to Ponitz Career Technology Center. It is my honor to serve as your principal for the 2021-2022 school year. I look forward to working together with each of you and having a rewarding school year.

I am excited to meet some new faces, revisit with familiar ones, hear your stories about your summer adventures, and work experiences; as well as how they changed since COVID changed many parts of our lives. Even though last year was significantly different for many of us, Ponitz students ended the year successfully earning credits, scholarships and passing their assessments. We look forward to the 2021-2022 school year and the new challenges it may bring as well as returning to the classroom. Teachers and staff are preparing and excited to teach your students. We will be hosting our schedule preview day on August 12<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 5:30 pm for students to pick up draft schedules, lockers, IDs, etc.

I believe David H. Ponitz Career Technology Center has so much to offer our students and our community. In conjunction with teachers and staff, we will advance the legacy of CTE achievement and we will continue to build strong relationships with students and families. It is our goal that students are academically challenged and career focused, to ensure success in the future. When students graduate from Ponitz, they will be prepared for the opportunities they select.

This is my 3<sup>rd</sup> year at David H. Ponitz Career Technology Center. The last two years our students began to make significant academic progress based on their performance on Ohio State Tests, WorkKeys and EdIncites. Students completed more than 100 College Credit Plus (CCP) courses and graduates earned Career Credentials in their pathway.

As the school year starts, you should receive a syllabus from teachers that will include information about course/pathway fees. Students who have previously attended the College Credit Plus (CCP) meetings and met the requirements will be eligible to take CCP classes.

I am enclosing uniform information (10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) for students and families to review. Uniforms are mandatory on the first day of school (August 18), please call with questions or concerns.

We are eager and excited to begin another outstanding year at David H. Ponitz Career Technology Center.

Stay safe and be well.

Educationally Yours,

*Melinda Clark*

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Enclosures:  
Bell schedule, Uniform information, District calendar

### *Our Mission*

*To equip our students to achieve success in a global society by implementing an effective and rigorous curriculum with fidelity.*