



OVERVIEW

Ohio enacted authorizing legislation in 1991 to join the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC). Since that time, commissioners, commissioner alternates, and members of advisory committees from Ohio have provided and continue to provide important governance and strategic direction for MHEC.

HOW OHIO BENEFITS FROM MHEC MEMBERSHIP

Savings and Support

- » **\$22.46M in total annual savings and support** for Ohio colleges, universities, school districts, and state and local governments, a 195-fold return on the annual compact membership commitment
- » \$20.13M in savings for distance education through the Midwestern-State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement
- » \$2.32M in savings through MHEC technology contracts
- » \$17,862 in capacity building support (state grants, convenings, scholarships and travel grants)

Additional Opportunities and Support

- » Each MHEC member state is eligible for a Strategic Impact and Innovation Grant of up to \$250,000 over two years from MHEC to advance innovative ideas and solutions in higher education.
- » Bowling Green State University, Cleveland State University, Kent State University, The Ohio State University, University of Cincinnati will benefit in 2026 by participating in MHEC's student health insurance contract.
- » MHEC continues to provide reports in response to requests from Ohio legislators and postsecondary leaders on topics including universal FAFSA; MHEC member states tuition, fees, and room and board expense changes from 2023 to 2024; and full-time equivalent enrollment changes at public two-year institutions.

Learn more at mhec.org/states/ohio

The Midwestern Higher Education Compact brings together leaders from Midwestern states to strengthen postsecondary education and promote regional economic vitality



- » MHEC leverages the knowledge and expertise of postsecondary leaders to generate collaborative solutions to challenges in higher education.
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- » MHEC's contracts and programs save colleges, universities, and students in its member states valuable time and millions of dollars annually.
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- » MHEC research and policy initiatives support workforce readiness and improve the quality, accessibility, and affordability of postsecondary education.



STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREAS FOR 2026-2028

Expand cost- and time-saving initiatives.

Support alignment of postsecondary education and workforce development.

Advance regional solutions for emerging topics in higher education.