



Believe in Ohio

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM (GRADES 7 & 8)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022

- To participate in the Believe in Ohio Middle School Program (Grades 7 & 8)
- To receive funding for local Competition Student Awards
- To request Teacher Support Funds

MOU submission deadline: April 25, 2022

This Memorandum of Understanding is between The Ohio Academy of Science and the teacher below to implement a local Believe in Ohio STEM Commercialization and/or STEM Business Plan program (BiO program) during the 2021-2022 school year. Read the additional information on the reverse side of this form which explains how the program will work. All local BiO programs must follow all the rules described on the BiO website. www.BelieveinOhio.org This MOU may be amended to add or subtract and/or change the estimated number of student plans prior to the MOU submission deadlines noted above and with the approval of The Ohio Academy of Science (or one of its STEM Advocates).

***Local Middle School Student \$25 Gift Card Awards Grades 7-8 (Based on the total number of completed Plans)**

Number of Plans	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45+
Number of gift cards	4	8	12	16	20
Gift Card Total	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$500

***Teacher Support (Based on the number of students)**

For program supplies, misc. costs, and professional development time.
\$100 paid upon acceptance of MOU, balance paid at the end of the school year.

Number of students	5-20	21-50	50+
Amount	\$300	\$400	\$500

Middle School information – Please print

Middle School Name:		
School Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
School County:	Office Phone: ()	
Principal's Name:	Signature:	

Teacher information

First:	Last:	Phone: ()
Email address:	Number of Students Participating:	
Signature:	Estimated Number of Plans:	
	Anticipated implementation: ___ all year ___ 1st semester ___ 2nd semester ___ undecided	

Please email completed copy to believeinohio@ohiosci.org. A signed copy will be returned to you.

Accepted by The Ohio Academy of Science by _____ Title _____ Date _____

The Academy will acknowledge receipt of this form by email.

*Contingent upon receipt of funding from the State of Ohio.

The Ohio Academy of Science, 5930 Wilcox Place Suite F, Dublin, Ohio 43016.

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Additional Information About How the Program Will Work and How Awards Will Be Given for Middle Schools

Who may participate in Believe in Ohio competitions... individuals and teams?

At the discretion of their teacher, BiO middle school students may work as individuals or in teams to compete for award.

How will Middle School Program work?

Teachers are granted the flexibility to have their students develop their STEM Plans based on what works for them and their classroom schedule. Teachers may have their students do their plans during the Fall Semester or Spring Semester, or over the course of the entire school year. Similarly, teachers may have their students develop plans on a compressed timeframe (e.g., over a 4–6-week period) or spread their students' work over the course of the full school year, or anything in between.)

Recognizing that the background, academic character, and maturity of middle school students will vary widely, middle school teachers are allowed much flexibility as to how deeply they may have their students delve into, research, and examine the STEM and entrepreneurial concepts introduced through the Believe in Ohio program. That being said, it is Believe in Ohio's expectation that middle school students will meaningfully address the concepts discussed in Mileposts 1-8 of the Believe in Ohio Roadmap, and have the students summarize their findings as requested in Mileposts 10 and 12. How teachers evaluate their students for purposes of awarding of gift cards will be based on the assessment and judgement of the teacher.

Depending on the number of the participating teacher's students who participate, BiO will provide from \$100 to \$500 in \$25 gift cards for student awards. Teachers must complete the "Middle School Final Report" and submit it to the Academy office within 30 days of completing the Believe in Ohio program. After receiving and reviewing the report the Academy office will provide gift cards for the school's students, if applicable.

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