

Education

Two Public School Systems: City and County

	Number of Local Schools	Enrollment
Elementary	17	7,050
Middle/Junior High	3	3,539
Senior High	3	4,504
Private and/or Parochial	5	800
Technology Centers	1	188
Colleges (Two- and four-year)	2	8,130
Library	1	Volumes: 135,493

Workforce Education and Development

Career Fair—All area ninth-graders will participate in a Career Fair and have an opportunity to visit with local business and industry professionals.

Job Shadowing—High school juniors learn about careers by “shadowing” people actually involved in them.

Cleveland/Bradley Youth Leadership—This seven-month program is designed to provide an opportunity for high school juniors and seniors to develop leadership skills and gain a better understanding of the local community.

Senior Interviews—High school seniors are taught how to prepare a resume, fill out an application and interviewing skills. Then they are interviewed by a business professional and provided with immediate feedback. This program helps students prepare for real-world experiences.

Teachers Academy—Teachers participate in a four-week, on-site project in an area business/industry .

BEST Partnerships (Business & Education Serving Together)—Unites the efforts of the business/industry sector and local school systems to forge partnerships for the benefit of both.

Safety Council

Mission Statement

The Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce Safety Council strives to provide increased safety awareness through the combined efforts of organizations and the community at large. Our mission is to improve safety in the workplace and the community by providing education and promoting safety awareness through specialized meetings and programming.

Each year the Safety Council outlines a program of work. Please check the Chamber's community calendar for upcoming meetings and/or changes to the program schedule.

Safety Council is open to Chamber members and nonmembers.

Please contact Lisa Pickel at lpickel@clevelandchamber.com or 423-472-6587 for additional information.

Workforce Training

Bradley/Polk Adult Education—Provides workplace classes to upgrade employees' basic skills, performs job task analyses to identify needed skills, helps existing employees acquire a GED, and helps limited-English workers learn English as a second language. For more information, contact Zoe Renfro at 423-473-8473.

Cleveland State Community College—A comprehensive two-year community college operating within the governance of the Tennessee Board of Regents and approved by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. Associate degrees are available in over 40 fields of study.

One Source Workforce Readiness Center

Two new manufacturing skills assessment machines designed and built by Scientific Management Techniques Inc. (SMT). The Computer Numeric Control (CNC) and Process Control Assessment Machines are used to identify and measure skills in the hiring process and to identify training needs of the industrial workforce. The center is directed by Rick Creasy, rcreasy@clevelandstatecc.edu or 423-614-8763. <http://www.clevelandstatecc.edu/onesource/for-the-future>

Lee University—A private, comprehensive university operated by the Church of God, Lee is one of the largest Christ-centered institutions in Tennessee and the largest in the Appalachian College Association. This fully accredited liberal arts institution offers over 100 baccalaureate degree programs within 50 majors and accredited graduate programs in five areas of study.

Tennessee Wesleyan College—A four-year liberal arts institution associated with the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church, Tennessee Wesleyan offers over 30 majors in its traditional day program. It also offers bachelor of science and bachelor of applied science degrees in general management and accounting in its evening program, designed for working adults.

Oak Ridge Centers for Manufacturing Technology—Operates the Manufacturing Skills Campus, which offers intense hands-on and performance-based training courses for area industries. More than 25 separate centers provide a wide array of expertise, including ultraprecision manufacturing technology, composite manufacturing, medical health engineering and manufacturing. They also feature national broadcasts on industry-relevant topics via remote electronic hook-up and a virtual training model that reduces traditional cost and schedule barriers.

Small Business Development Center (SBDC)—No-cost services provided by the SBDC include business plan preparation, one-on-one business management counseling, and financial planning and loan applications. For more information contact David Hudson at 423-472-6247 or dhudson@tsbdc.org.

Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development—This office, located in Athens, will screen potential employees for skills needed by employers, provide labor market information and coordinate training assistance programs that are funded by Workforce Investment Act monies. For more information call 423-745-2028.

Tennessee College of Applied Technology—Programs of study include automotive technology, business systems technologies, electronics, industrial maintenance, machine tool technology and welding. The TCAT at Athens strives to meet the training needs of local industry and will design special industry training for an existing business requiring additional training for its employees or a new business that requires entry-level training for prospective employees. For more information contact the TCAT at 423-744-2814 or www.tcatathens.edu.

University of Tennessee Center for Industrial Services (UTCIS)—UTCIS is the statewide business assistance and education service of UT's Institute for Public Service. Staffed by professionals with extensive experience in all aspects of corporate management in a variety of industries, they can provide assistance in many varied areas. The Tennessee Manufacturing Extension Program (TMEP) is a part of the nationwide Manufacturing Extension Partnership and provides many services, including human resources and workforce development programs in team building, leadership training, communications training and problem solving. For more information contact Harding Aslinger, area field consultant, at 423-634-0850.

State Workforce Training

State Industrial Training Service Available: Yes