

Conducting an HC Audit

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Today's Topics

- Introduction: What & Why
- Key decision points
- Conducting an HCMS audit
- Mistakes to avoid
- Taking action



What is an Audit?



A study that provides a fresh look at organizational processes and provides insights into how things are working.

- Effectiveness
- Efficiency
- Compliance

What comes to mind when you hear the term, audit?

Tax Audit

Government Audit

Safety Audit

Information Systems Audit

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Quality Audit

Final

Financial Audit

Why Are Audits Important?



UNCOVER
GAPS & ISSUES



REVEAL STRENGTHS

Why Conduct a Human Capital (HC) Audit?



- Can spur the process of transforming your human resource function into a strategic, customer-centered human capital management system (HCMS).
- Helps staff be at their best for students.

Key Decision Point: Who?

First-party Audit

Conducted by people in your organization

Pros

 Shorter learning curve (familiar with people, processes, systems, and organizational history)

Cons

- Preconceptions/blind spots
- More difficult to provide anonymity
- Cost: Time/bandwidth of personnel

Third-party Audit

Conducted by an outside organization

Pros

- Fresh perspective/greater objectivity
- Easier to provide anonymity

Cons

- Steeper learning curve
- Cost: Consulting fees

Key Decision Point: Scope

Entire HCMS

Subset of HC functions

(e.g. staffing practices)

Single HC function

(e.g. compensation study)

Sample Scope Statement: Entire HCMS

The audit will examine effectiveness of current human capital processes and performance through the following activities:

- Evaluate core HCMS policies, practices, and processes
- Review human capital performance measures (e.g. staff turnover, cost per hire, employee engagement, and equity gaps)
- Assess how well day-to-day human capital operations are aligned with the organization's mission, vision, core values, and strategic goals

Key Decision Point: Standard or Basis of Comparison



What standards or best practices will inform the identification of findings and recommendations?

Human Capital Leaders in Education (HCLE) Professional Standards



The HCLE Standards outline competencies for effective human capital management in PK–12 education

View HCLE Standards

Preparation: Leadership Support & Communication is Essential

- Engage cabinet-level leadership to champion the work and maintain momentum
- Build a guiding coalition to provide feedback and drive action
- Identify stakeholders in the areas of your HCMS you will be auditing
- Communicate audit purpose and process



HC Audit Methodology

Phase 1: Initial Assessment



- Identify preliminary areas of focus.
- Administer survey. Review documentation.

Phase 2: Deepen Understanding



- Examine priority areas to validate and expand on preliminary findings.
- Interview stakeholders. Review HC processes.

Phase 3: Report Findings



- Synthesize findings and document HCMS baseline performance.
- Identify action items.

Phase 1

Initial Assessment



Begin to establish priorities

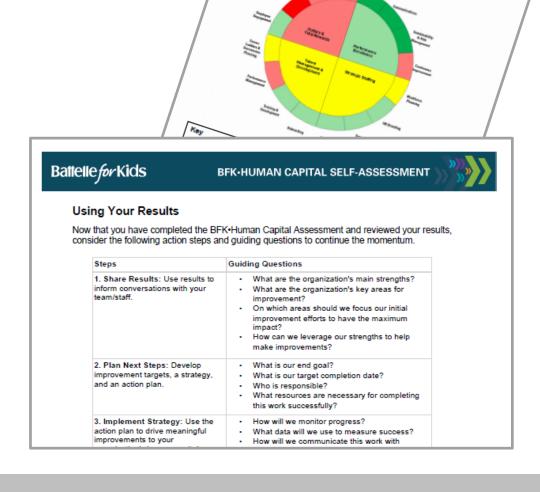
Purpose: Quickly and efficiently get a snapshot of your current HCMS through a survey and document review.

- When surveying HC stakeholders, be sure to gather diverse perspectives.
- Prominent district documents and communications provide insights into what is prioritized and valued.

BFK-Human Capital Assessment

- Online self-assessment aligned to HCLE standards
- Identifies strengths and opportunities for growth within your HCMS
- Generates customized report of findings for each person that completes it

Link to the assessment can be found on the Getting Started page of the HCRC website.



BEKAHIMAN CAPITAL SELF ASSESSMENT

Sample Results: HC Assessment

Response Scale

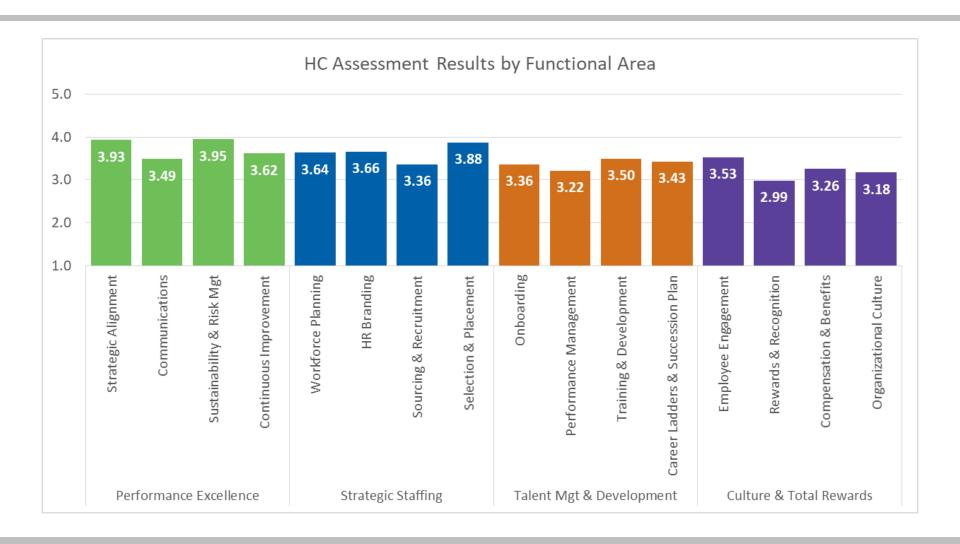
How true do you feel is each statement is of your organization's current practices?

- 5—Very true of my organization
- 4—Mostly true
- 3—Moderately true
- 2—Slightly true
- 1—Not at all true of my organization

MVCDC'S AVERAGED SCORES ON 4 DOMAINS



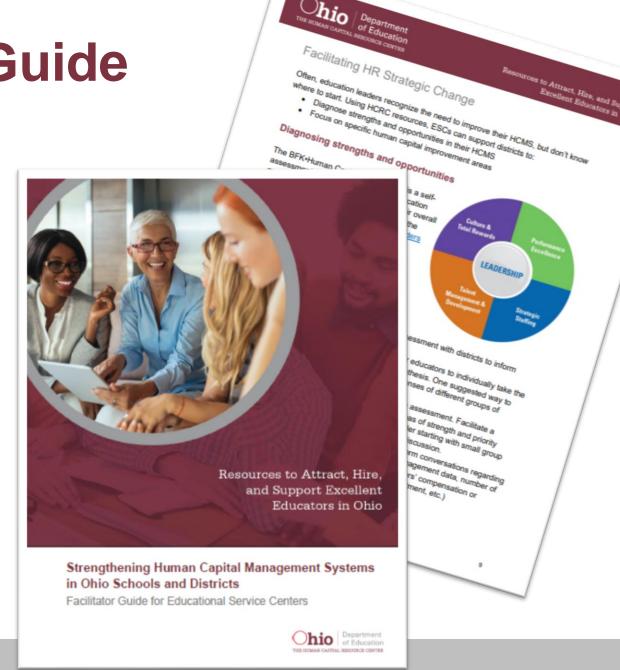
Sample Results: HC Assessment



Resource: Facilitator Guide

Includes tips for using the human capital assessment to diagnose strengths and opportunities.

Facilitator guide can be found on the Getting Started page of the HCRC website.



Phase 1 Information Gathering: Examples

- Strategic Plan
- Vision, mission, & values
- Organizational chart
- District website
- District communications (e.g., newsletter)
- Collective bargaining agreements
- Recruitment materials

- Employee handbook
- Compensation philosophy/ Compensation structures
- Job descriptions
- HR goals
- Internal scorecard or dashboard data
- Staff survey data

Phase 2

Deepen Understanding



Stakeholder Interviews & Focus Groups

Purpose: Validate initial findings and gain a deeper understanding of the priority areas identified in Phase 1

- Target audiences: Executive staff, HR Department, HC customers, HR partners, and individuals responsible for identified priority areas
- Follow-up with requests for supporting information (objective evidence)

Phase 3

Report Findings



Generating a Report

Purpose: Document baseline performance and recommend targeted action items to improve the HCMS and advance strategic goals.

- Summarize strengths as well as opportunities for improvement
- Conduct follow-up conversations to further clarify processes and practices
- Review initial findings with guiding coalition



HCRC Audit Resources

Free resources available on the Getting Started page of the HCRC website.

- HCLE Standards
- HC Assessment
- Guiding Questions
- HCRC At-a-glace document
- Facilitator Guide for ESCs

OhioHCRC.org/getting-started



Resources to Attract, Hire, and Support Excellent Educators in Ohio

Are you looking for help to make decisions from attracting and recruiting educators to supporting them throughout their careers?

You've come to the right place. Whether you are flying solo or working with a team, this Human Capital Resource Center can help you make day-to-day or bigger picture decisions that will benefit you, your schools, education colleagues—and most of all your students.

Take the first step in your journey—learn more about your role as a human capital leader in education.

Mistakes to Avoid



Gather selective feedback

Collect 360° feedback (leaders, process owners, process customers) using a variety of methods.



Get defensive

Approach audits as a way to improve. You will get a mix of positive, negative, and neutral feedback.



Keep findings a secret

Sharing results helps build trust with the people who provided feedback.



Take no action

Conducting an audit is an investment. Don't let it go to waste.



Take on too much at once

Prioritize action items, ensure alignment, and maintain your focus.

Taking Action

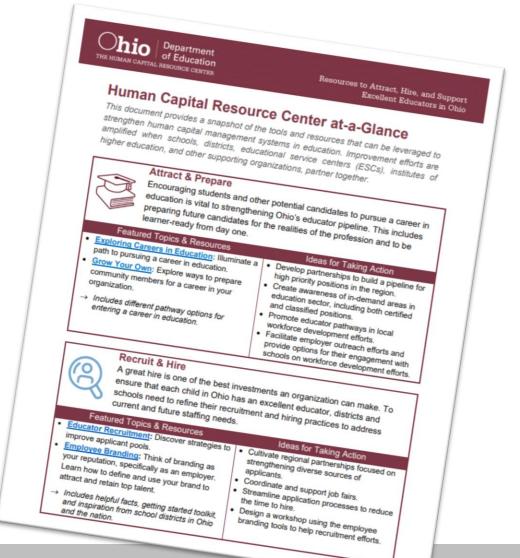
- 1. Tackle foundational issues that impact multiple HC processes.
- 2. Prioritize the remaining recommendations. Consider both urgent needs and "low-hanging fruit" that can generate quick wins and build momentum for change.
- 3. Create a timeline and action plan.



Resource: HCRC At-a-Glance Document

Provides an overview of website topics and ideas for taking action.

Document can be found on the Getting Started page of the HCRC website.



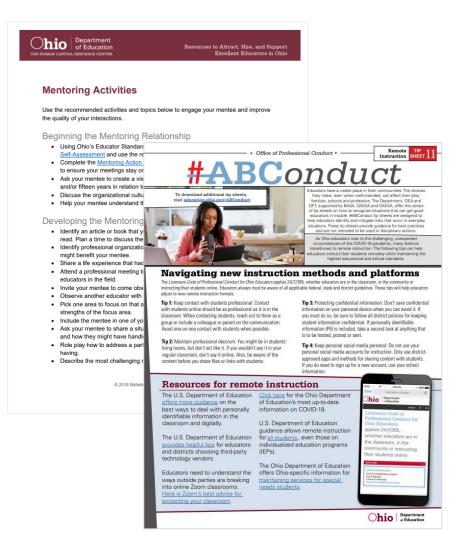


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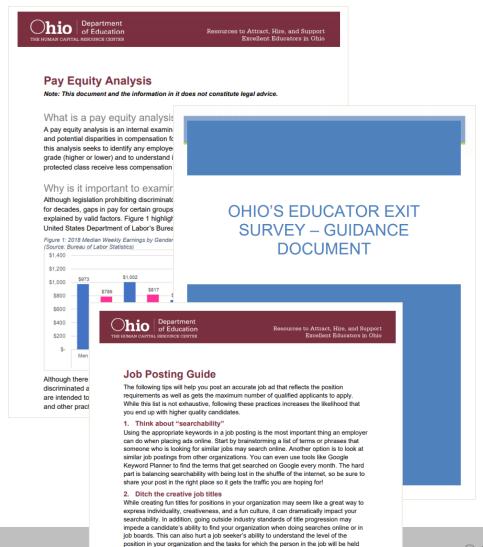
Tip Sheets & Activities





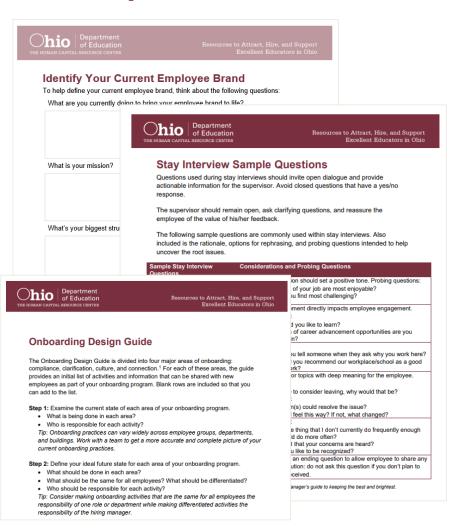
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Guidance & Instructions



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Design Guides & Sample Questions

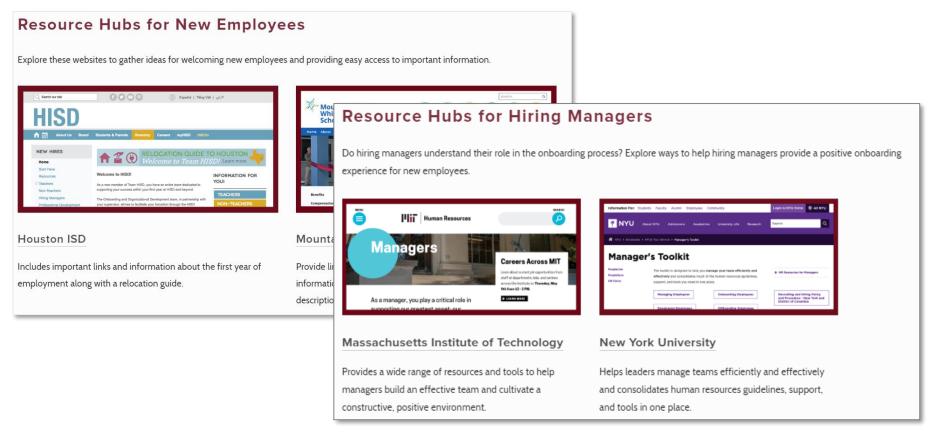




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See what others are doing

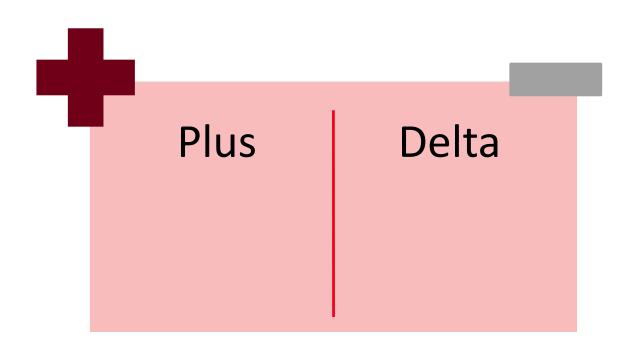
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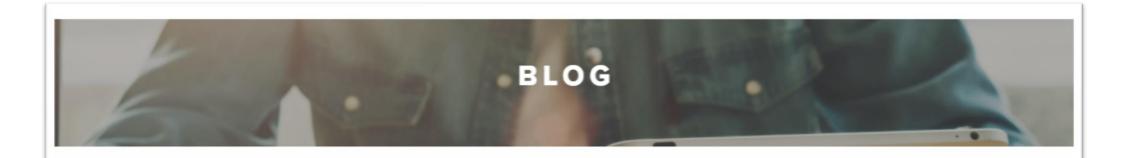
Other inspiration pages: Recruitment, Employee Branding, Compensation & Benefits, Stay Interviews, Grow Your Own

Leveraging Inspiration Examples

- What do you like?
- What would you want to do differently?
- How can you leverage existing resources and technology?
- How well does this meet the needs of employees?



HCRC Blog: Educator Stories



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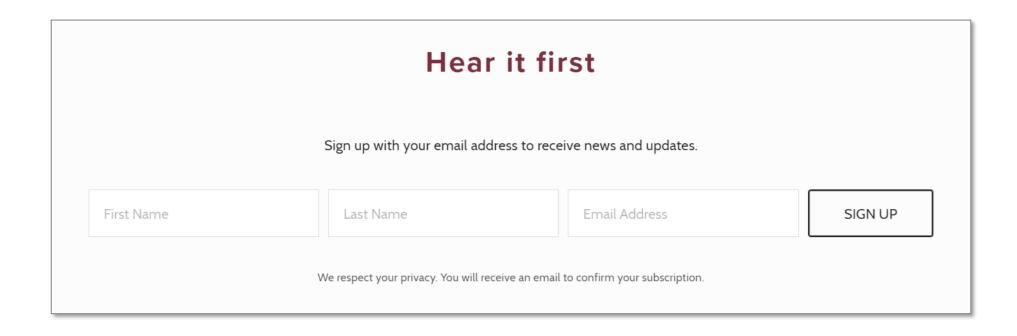
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Thank you!

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