



**Department of  
Higher Education**

**Mike DeWine**, Governor  
**Randy Gardner**, Chancellor

**DIRECTIVE 2021-002**

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**RE: REQUEST BY CLARK STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO CHANGE NAME TO  
CLARK STATE COLLEGE**

Clark State Community College has requested authorization to change its name to Clark State College to better align its name with the substantive changes it has recently undertaken as well as to better align with higher education policies of the state.

The Springfield and Clark County Technical Education Program opened in 1962 and began to offer technical training for residents of Springfield, Ohio, and surrounding communities. The charter for the organization of the Clark County Technical Institute was effective February 18, 1966. In 1972, it became Ohio's first technical college to be sanctioned by the Ohio Board of Regents, and changed its name to Clark Technical College.

In 1988, the charter was again amended to change the name to Clark State Community College in anticipation of offering Associate of Arts and Associates of Science transfer degrees that year.

In 2018, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 3333.051, enacted in 2017, the Ohio Department of Higher Education approved Clark State Community College to offer two applied baccalaureate degrees. Offering applied baccalaureate degrees expands its mission and accessibility, as well as supports the workforce development needs of the region.

Clark State's mission is to engage and empower diverse learners by providing high-quality educational programs and services that emphasize student and community success. Clark State's evolution since its founding in 1966 supports its request to amend its charter and update its name to properly reflect its growth in mission.

Based on my review of staff recommendations, I hereby approve the request to change the name of Clark State Community College to Clark State College.

This directive will take effect immediately.

Randy Gardner  
Chancellor