



# WADSWORTH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT QUALITY PROFILE

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2015-16



A successful school district places a high degree of importance on ensuring that all children have the opportunity to reach their fullest potential inside and outside of the classroom. This profile helps characterize the overall educational value of your school district in areas that matter most in our community. While attempts have been made to recognize excellence in many areas, due to space restrictions, not all accomplishments can be mentioned.



## ACADEMICS

*Our district's academic program provides opportunities for all students to reach their fullest potential.*

- 52.0% of the Class of 2016 received college/post-secondary scholarships.
- 28.0% of the Class of 2016 are first-generation students attending college.
- The Class of 2016 received merit-based scholarships for college/post-secondary education in the amount of \$1,230,862.
- 5 National Merit Finalists
- 3 National Merit Commended students
- SAT Average Score: Overall-1223; Math-625; Reading-598; Writing-589.
- ACT Average Score: Overall-24.5; English-23.8; Math-24.5; Reading-24.7; Science-24.2.
- 3 Wadsworth High School students received a perfect score on the ACT.
- 71% of students taking Advanced Placement (AP) exams scored 3 or higher.
- World Languages offered: Chinese, French, Latin and Spanish.
- Dual Credit opportunities at the high school include: Economics, English Composition I and II, Government and Politics, Intermediate French I and II, Intermediate Spanish I and II, Psychology, Public Speaking and Sociology.
- College Credit Plus options: Students attend classes (either on our campus or on the campus of the college/university) offered by the University of Akron, including Wayne College and the Medina County University Center, Stark State and Cuyahoga Community College.
- 11 AP classes offered: Art, Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Economics, English Language, English Literature, Government, Physics, Statistics, and US History.
- 156 students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade took Algebra I for high school credit last year.
- 5 students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade took high school courses at the high school last year.
- [High School Curriculum Guide and Individual Career Plan Document](#)
- [Ohio Board of Regents College Readiness Report](#)
- Lincoln Elementary designated a U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2012.
- Central Intermediate School is designated as an Ohio School to Watch.

- OAESA Hall of Fame Schools: Franklin Elementary in 1998, 2003, 2011 and 2015; Isham Elementary in 2013.
- Junior and senior students have the option to take career and technical courses through the Four Cities Compact. Students can earn credentials in specific fields of study in addition to high school and college credit. The compact earned the highest possible rating on the most recent State Report Card for Career and Technical Education.
- Voted Best School District in Medina County five of the last seven years by the readers of the *Medina County Gazette*.
- Over 400 students in grades K-8 attended a summer Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Camp that was funded through grants and donations from the following sponsors: The Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, SME Prime, the Alcoa Foundation, National Carpet Mill Outlet, retired NASA Astronaut Michael Foreman, and NASA Glenn Research Center.
- Over 200 students attended a summer coding camp sponsored by the Four Cities Compact.
- Wadsworth High School was ranked in the top 500 of *Newsweek's* America's Top High Schools.
- [Wadsworth High School named to the AP Honor Roll.](#)
- Wadsworth students participated in the Ohio School Boards Association Student Achievement Fair highlighting our STEM initiatives.
- Our preschool program received the highest rating possible, five stars, in the Step Up to Quality state accreditation program.
- Students participated in the plastic bottle challenge, the cardboard challenge, and Invention Convention.



## ARTS

*Participation in performing and visual arts inspires students' creativity, problem-solving and critical thinking skills.*

- Numerous course offerings in grades K-12: band (concert, jazz, marching, symphonic), choir (performance, mixed, show, ELITE), elementary art, elementary music, general music, Introduction to Art, 2-Dimensional Design I and II, 3-Dimensional Design I and II, Advanced Art, Art Appreciation and AP Art.
- Fine Arts Festival: opportunities to showcase the visual and performing arts in grades 1-12.
- Representative artwork from all grade levels with multi-media opportunities.

- Senior portfolios are showcased at the festival and then used as college admissions into the Fine Arts field.
- Band available beginning in fifth grade.
- Concerts twice a year in band, choir and performing arts for grades 5-12.
- Quarterly theater productions beginning at the middle school.
- Variety Show opportunities for performance beginning in kindergarten.
- 23 students are identified as gifted in Visual/Performing Arts.



## DIGITAL LEARNING

*Technology is essential to enhance teaching and learning and to give students a competitive edge in a global market.*

- Wireless infrastructure update in all buildings for complete coverage and high density.
- Chromebooks, iPads, and other equipment available in all buildings.
- "Bring Your Own Device" implementation in grades 5-12.
- Progress Book, an on-line grade access for parent/guardian(s).
- Projectors with interactive white board technology in nearly all learning spaces.
- Grizzly Digital Academy, an on-line school option for full- or part-time students.
- Computer-assisted classes at the high school.
- Implementation of Google Apps for Education K-12.
- Formative data collection using technology applications.
- Audio amplification systems available in nearly all learning spaces.
- Advanced technological safety measures in all buildings to ensure only appropriate content is delivered and that students are protected online.



## COMMITMENT TO IMPROVEMENT

*Processes and programs are continuously evaluated to ensure effectiveness and efficiency.*

- [Strategic Plan 2016-2020](#).
- 100% of faculty and administration participate in professional development each year. Recent topics include Google Apps for Education, formative

assessment, technology, curriculum development and implementation, STEM, problem-based learning, Orton-Gillingham, safety and security.

- Over 78% of our faculty have advanced degrees.
- 100% of our teachers are highly qualified.
- 27 of our teachers serve as mentors.
- New courses added over the last four (4) years: Algebra IIA, AP Statistics, AP Art, AP English Language, AP Physics, Advanced Art, Art- 3D Design I, Art- 3D Design II, Art- 2D Design I, Art- 2D Design II, Art Appreciation, Business Computer Applications, Calculus, Chinese I, Chinese II, Health (at the middle school), Computer Science (middle school), Family Consumer Science Healthy Foods (middle school), Fire/EMT (Four Cities Compact program), Informative Technology (middle school), Introduction to Art, Introduction to College Math, Medical Assistance I & II (Four Cities Compact program), Pre-Calculus, Pre-Engineering (middle school), Swimming, Welding (Four Cities Compact program) and Technology (middle school).
- We are working to create a K-12 STEM pathway focusing specifically on computer science and engineering.



## STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

*A well-rounded education includes a wide variety of opportunities.*

- Extracurricular Activities include: Academic Challenge, Athletics (Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Softball, Soccer, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball and Wrestling), Band, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Bookmarkers Club, Bruin, Caldecott Club, Chess/Checkers Club, Choir, DECA, Drama Club, Huddle, Interact, International Club, Intramurals, Key Club, Lego Club, Math 24, Mentoring, Mock Trial, Ohio Math League, Peer Tutoring, Pizza and Pages, Power of the Pen, Project Love, Quiz Bowl, Robotics Club, Safety Patrol, Speech and Debate, Pep Club, SADD, Science Club, SPECTRUM, STAMP, Student Council, Suburban Leadership Team, Twenty Four, Yearbook and YMCA Catch Fitness Program.
- Suburban League Championships last year in: baseball, boys' tennis, boys' track & field, girls' basketball, girls' bowling and wrestling.
- State Champions: Girls' Basketball, Winter Guard, and wrestler Noah Baughman.
- Over 70% of our students participate in extracurricular activities.
- Field trips including 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington, D.C.

- Each senior must perform 10 hours of community service within a Wadsworth community non-profit organization to graduate.
- Student representative on the Wadsworth Board of Education.
- Safety Patrol at each elementary school.



## FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

*Financial responsibility ensures that the majority of funding is spent on classroom instruction.*

- Expenditure per Equivalent Pupil: \$9,612.00 (lowest in Medina County)
- Second lowest effective operating millage rate in Medina County (33.26)
- [Ohio Department of Education District Fiscal Benchmark Report FY15](#)
- Lower prices on purchases by having memberships in the following purchasing cooperation groups: Ohio Schools Council, Hospital Purchasing Service, U.S. Communities and State Term Pricing.
- Member of the Summit Regional Health Care Consortium
- Auditor of State Award Recipient 2011, 2013, 2014 and 2015.
- Standard and Poor's Financial Rating of AA-.
- For more information about the Wadsworth City School District finances click [here](#).
- Refunded outstanding Series 2006 improvement bonds and Series 2001 library bonds saving the community \$800,000 in financing costs over the next six years.
- Gold Level LEED Certification at the high school, Isham, Overlook and Valley View Elementary Schools.
- Strong district wellness program for staff.



## PARENT & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

*Educational experiences are enhanced by partnerships between the school district and community.*

- Over 385 community volunteers throughout the District.
- Wadsworth PTO (formerly WHYS) units in each school and district-wide (PTO United).

- District employees have served/currently serve on the following community service boards: Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Wadsworth, Library Foundation, Lions, Rotary, the YMCA, and the Wadsworth Drug Free Community Coalition.
- Key Communicator Program for interested community members.
- District Grant Committee.
- Key partnership with the City of Wadsworth, including the sharing of expenses for a school resource officer.
- Community Center part of the high school campus.
- Interagency Agreement with Head Start, Help Me Grow, and the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities.
- Partnership with the Medina County Courts (CARE Team).
- Partnerships with local colleges/universities.
- Active booster groups, including athletics, band, drama and music.
- District-wide food drive for the Salvation Army.
- A+ Partnership with the Wadsworth City Library.
- Veteran's Day programs held in each school.
- United Way drives in each building.
- Active Business Advisory Council.
- Sponsor of yearly blood drives.
- Four Cities Compact partnership with SME Prime and the Alcoa Foundation.



## STUDENT SERVICES

*A variety of services provide options to ensure all students receive individualized instruction, enrichment and support.*

- 32.9% of our student population is identified as gifted in one of the seven recognized areas (superior cognitive, specific academic area in English/Language Arts, math, science, social studies, creative thinking, and visual/performing arts).
- Gifted students are served through differentiated curriculum, cluster grouping, accelerated course work, College Credit Plus options, Advanced Placement courses, honors courses, and independent study.
- 12.15% of our students are identified as a student with a disability. Students are served from age 3 to 22 in a variety of programs including Jump Start Preschool, classrooms for students with multiple disabilities, inclusion services,



and pull-out services for direct instruction. Transition services include a work program where students with disabilities have vocational opportunities in a variety of community settings.

- Utilization of the Response to Intervention process district-wide.
- School nurse (RN), LPN, Medical Assistant and/or Health Aide in all buildings.
- Before- and after-school Bear Cub Program serves over 400 students who need extended day care.
- The District's Academic Council continues to work on ways to enhance learning opportunities for students who are gifted and those who struggle academically but are not identified with a learning disability.



## COMMUNICATION

*A variety of communication methods provide opportunities not only for the school community but the community at large to be kept current on what is happening within our school district.*

- [Like us on Facebook.](#)
- [Follow us on Twitter.](#)
- [Visit our Website.](#)
- Sign up for our e-mail distribution list by sending a request to [shall@wadsworthschools.org](mailto:shall@wadsworthschools.org).
- Sign up to receive Alert Now phone messages by sending a request to [shall@wadsworthschools.org](mailto:shall@wadsworthschools.org).
- Read about our district weekly in the Wadsworth Post Newspaper.
- Building use of the Remind Text message application.
- Building use of Touchcast videos.
- Dynacal calendar system displays all district events on our website.
- Weekly newsletters posted on-line K-6, monthly correspondences from each building.



## NEW IN 2016-2017

*No matter how good a school district is, there is always room for improvement.*

- Board-approved class size reduction plan for grades K-2 beginning in the fall of 2016.

- Introduction of middle and high school teacher collaboration time once a month.
- All health service employees in our district (RN, LPN, Medical Assistant and Health Aides) are district employees as opposed to hired through a third-party provider. In addition, health aide hours increased at each building and LPN services enhanced between all buildings.
- Partnership with Pastoral Counseling Services established.
- Partnership with Solutions Behavioral Healthcare enhanced.
- A committee continues to explore the implementation of random drug testing for students.
- New courses added at the high school: Business Entrepreneurship, Introduction to Computer Science, Personal Finance, and Sports Marketing.

## SUMMARY

Through the generous support of our community, the Wadsworth City School District is able to provide an exemplary educational experience for our students. As this Quality Profile demonstrates, there is more to a school district than what is reported on the annual State of Ohio Report Card. Our district is fortunate to have highly qualified and motivated faculty and staff devoted to furthering the education of every student in our district.

While we have been very successful in the past on the State of Ohio Report Card, we recognize that continuous improvement is always needed. There is no standing still in education; either we move forward or we fall backward as a result. The partnerships our district has built within our community provide us with the support necessary to strive for excellence each day and further the opportunities for our most important asset, our students, who are the future of our great community. Thank you for your continued support of our school district. We are proud to serve you and your children.

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Overlook Elementary.....	330-335-1420
Valley View Elementary .....	330-335-1430
Central Intermediate School .....	330-335-1480
Wadsworth Middle School .....	330-335-1410
Wadsworth High School.....	330-335-1400

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