



CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS SCHOOLS

Quality Profile

2016-2017



Empowering Students To Reach New Heights

4820 East 71st Street
Cuyahoga Heights, OH 44125

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From the Superintendent...

The Cuyahoga Heights Schools are committed to empowering students to reach 'new heights' by providing every student a high-quality education. The district proudly serves over 750 students living in the villages of Cuyahoga Heights, Brooklyn Heights and Valley View, as well as non-resident students enrolled through our Tuition Program. At each of our three schools, students have the advantage of small class sizes and the opportunity to work closely with teachers and one another in an environment that promotes teaching and learning. Our award-winning schools have been recognized for academic achievement at the national and state level, a reflection of a challenging and rigorous curriculum. Integration of technology within each classroom to prepare students for 21st century learning is a key district-wide focus.

Students of the district also have access to a wide offering of athletic opportunities, with many sports achieving state honors in recent years. Our award-winning fine and performing arts programs, in addition to dozens of other co-curricular opportunities provide our students a well-rounded education that promotes cognitive, affective, physical and social development in each student. Together, these academic and co-curricular offerings are part of the rich tradition of excellence of the Cuyahoga Heights Schools.

To highlight the importance of a comprehensive education, the district has created this Quality Profile as a community-oriented companion to the State's School District Report Card. It also provides a detailed overview of the educational programs and initiatives provided by the Cuyahoga Heights Schools. In doing so, the district seeks to demonstrate that the educational value of public education expands beyond the traditional metric of standardized testing. It is our hope that both parents and community members will gain a greater understanding and appreciation of the high-quality education provided to every student.

On behalf of the district, thank you for your continued support of the Cuyahoga Heights Schools. The district is extremely fortunate to possess strong support and involvement from parents, PTO, community members, businesses, mayors and village councils. As your proud Superintendent, the Cuyahoga Heights Schools will remain dedicated to providing our students a top-notch education that prepares them for continued success.

We encourage you to learn more about the many accomplishments and progress achieved by our proud district.

Tom Evans
Superintendent
Cuyahoga Heights Schools

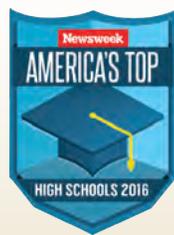




Points of Pride...

The Cuyahoga Heights Schools have possessed a proud tradition of Excellence in Education since 1938 and have received numerous honors and awards in recognition of its accomplishments.

- **2017** – Cuyahoga Heights Schools named one of the State of Ohio’s Top 25 Most Beautiful High Schools by ratings agency, Aceable
- **2016 Top 500 High Schools: Beating the Odds** – Ranked in the top 3% of eligible high schools in the nation by *Newsweek*
- **2016 Best High Schools in America** – Ranked in the top 8% in the nation and received the Silver Medal Award by *U.S. News & World Report*
- **2016 Best Communities for Music Education** in the nation. Awarded this honor by the NAMM Foundation for the district’s outstanding commitment to music education
- **2016 K-3 State Literacy Tests** – 100% of 3rd graders met 3rd Grade Reading Guarantee at Cuyahoga Heights Elementary School
- **2016 Educator of the Year** – Awarded to Mrs. Nancy Wanyerka by the Ohio Middle Level Association (pictured below with Principal Matt Young)
- **2014-2015 Advanced Placement Honor Roll** – One of 30 school districts in Ohio to achieve this recognition
- **2015 State Board All A Award** – Cuyahoga Heights High School was one of eight high schools in Cuyahoga County to be granted this award for their 2014-15 Ohio School Report Card
- **2013 National Blue Ribbon School** – Awarded to Cuyahoga Heights High School by the U.S. Department of Education for being “Exemplary High Performing”





Academics

Ensuring that every student achieves academic success is the primary focus of the Cuyahoga Heights Schools. Featured below is a summary of the rigorous and challenging academic offerings and programs.

- For five consecutive years, students at the High School have earned a higher ACT comprehensive exam score compared to their peers at the state and national level
- **12 Advanced Placement Courses** offered at Cuyahoga Heights High School in Art Studio, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Language and Composition, Literature and Comprehension, Psychology, Statistics, European History (17-18), U.S. Government and U.S. History
- **11 Honors Classes** offered at the High School in English, Algebra, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, American History and World History
- **25 Vocational Programs** offered through Cuyahoga Valley Career Center including Arts and Communication, Business and Administrative Services, Marketing, Family and Consumer Science Education and Training, Hospitality and Tourism, Cosmetology, World Languages, Health and Physical Education, Music, Information Technology, Health Science, Law and Public Safety, Construction, Engineering, Science and Manufacturing Technologies and Transportation Systems
- **College Credit Plus** Program provides students the ability to earn college credit while taking classes on our high school campus
- **60 hours of community service** required by Cuyahoga Heights High School graduates
- High School course credit opportunities offered at the Middle School
- Pre-Kindergarten Program at the Elementary School has been in existence for 30 years, and delivers a high-quality education in an early learning environment specifically designed for our youngest residents and tuition students
- Multiple field trips are offered each year in the elementary grades to enrich and engage the students outside of the classroom





Learning Environment

Cuyahoga Heights Schools offers a variety of services to ensure that all students receive individualized instruction, enrichment and support. Our goal is to give students the opportunity to have a successful future.

- Quality instruction by exceptional instructors who receive continuing professional education on best instructional practices
- All three schools have a long tradition of providing academic excellence through a flexible and creative education that accommodates various teaching and learning styles
- Students with special needs are served in the Least Restrictive Environment that is best suited for their individual needs
 - 9.53% of district students receive special education services
 - Instructional environments and practices include: inclusion, co-teaching, collaboration and small and large group instruction
- **Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)** program addresses positive relationships and clear expectations which reflects these positive behaviors
- **Parent Mentor Program**, funded through the Ohio Department of Education, is designed to support families in understanding the special education process
- Students with special needs participate in programs and training at the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center with support from a Transition Coordinator. These services provide students with their career paths and help with post-high school planning





Student Leadership & Activities

The district is proud to offer students a wide range of co-curricular opportunities, including fine arts, athletics and other groups and activities which help prepare them for their respective futures.

Athletics

- 15 High School varsity sports including Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Indoor Track, Soccer, Softball, Swimming & Diving, Track & Field, Volleyball and Wrestling
 - State honors in numerous sports including our 2016 Division VI State Runner Up Varsity Football Team and 2014 Division IV State Champion Softball Team
- Middle School offers many athletic opportunities, including Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling, Swimming and Track
- Youth Basketball Clinics offered at the Elementary School



Fine and Performing Arts

- High School fine arts opportunities include Art Club, Chamber Strings, Choir, Drama Club, Flag Corps, Jazz Ensemble, Majorettes, Marching Band, Orchestra and Scarlet Angels
- Middle School students have access to a variety of music and theatre opportunities
- Elementary School students have the opportunity to participate in Orchestra, Band and Art Club



Student Clubs and Organizations

- High School offering includes Chess Club, Mock Trial, National Honors Society, REACH, Ski Club, Spanish Club, Student Council and Yearbook
- Middle School clubs and organizations include National Junior Honor Society, Student Council and Peer Mentoring
- Elementary students can participate in Girls on the Run Club, Science Olympiad Team and Science Club



Technology & Innovation

Preparing our students to meet the requirements and challenges of an increasingly competitive and technology driven world is an important goal of the district. In our classrooms, students engage in learning activities that promote critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration and STEM related skills required for the 21st Century. By investing in our students today, we seek to promote future growth and innovation that impacts our communities and beyond.

- Gateway to Technology Lab provides exciting STEM based learning opportunities for Middle and High School students
- Students engage in the use of technology through Chromebooks and Google Classroom, an interactive, online learning platform for all content areas
- Writing/Journalism Lab creates an engaging, personalized learning environment that promotes creativity and academic growth
- The LAUNCH PAD, opening in the fall of 2017, provides a unique opportunity for elementary students to focus on STEM challenges, robotics, coding and Makerspace activities





Community Engagement

- Engage business community to support student learning. Recent example includes grants received in the amount of \$30,000 by Cuyahoga Valley Career Center and \$20,000 by ArcelorMittal towards Gateway to Technology Lab
- Build relationships with senior residents living in three communities served by district by hosting various events, including our Senior Citizen Dinner
- Give back to community through regular service projects and outreach activities, such as our Annual Brooklyn Heights Leaf Raking Event
- Create partnerships with local businesses, service organizations, and community members to provide our elementary students with experiences related to college and career readiness

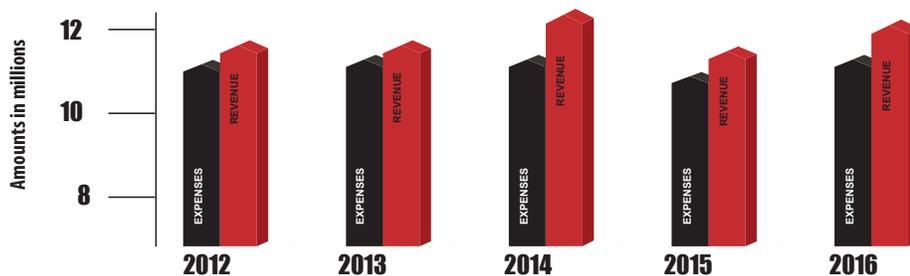


Finances

The Cuyahoga Heights Schools possess a strong commitment to fiscal responsibility and seeks to apply district resources in a manner that effectively supports student learning and promotes financial stability into the future. Under the direction of our new Treasurer Keith Kallay, the district has placed a renewed emphasis on financial accountability, utilizing shared services and identifying cost saving initiatives. Visit www.cuyhts.org/treasurer.aspx to learn more.

- Improve financial systems and protocols by establishing a citizen-based committee, providing monthly reporting to the Board, creating and delivering a State of the District Finances presentation, and developing increased checks and balances
- Implement joint professional development opportunities with Independence Local Schools to reduce costs
- Pursue cost savings with local villages, including recent donation of landscaping materials by Village of Cuyahoga Heights for front entrance of the schools' campus

Revenues and Expenditures Comparables



See the chart above to understand comparable data for revenues and expenses over the last five year period.

KEY

= Expenses

= Revenues



Tuition Program

The district's Tuition Program provides non-resident students the opportunity to attend our award-winning and highly ranked schools. Some of our finest students are enrolled through the Tuition Program and have experienced academic and co-curricular success, providing them the opportunity to attend top-ranked colleges. Tuition Program students have the same academic and co-curricular opportunities as our traditional students.

To learn more about the Tuition Program, visit our website tuitionprogram.cuyhts.org or call 216-429-5770.



Ciena Harvey, Middle School

Ciena is a Middle School student who resides in Maple Heights. She enjoys the opportunity to learn new things every day in her classes and is a member of the Middle School choir. For Ciena, the people in the Cuyahoga Heights Schools, including her teachers and friends, are what makes the district a special place.



Louis Lamirand, Elementary Tuition Student with Principal Joy Houchen, Elementary School

Thanks to the Tuition Program, Louis, a Cleveland resident, has the opportunity to begin his education in the Cuyahoga Heights Schools. As part of the Cuyahoga Heights "experience," Louis greatly enjoys the various and exciting learning opportunities that take place outside of the classroom. A prime example is a recent trip to the West Side Market and Mitchell's Ice Cream shop in downtown Cleveland. Overall, Louis enjoys the fun and engaging classroom learning environment at the Elementary School.

Costs for Prospective Students

PreK	\$1,250
Kindergarten thru Grade 5	\$2,500
Grades 6 thru 8.....	\$3,500
Grades 9 thru 12.....	\$5,500

- Tuition fees will remain the same for two years (2017-18 and 2018-19)
- Payments can be made on a quarterly basis

APPLY TODAY!



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