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2015-16

# Quality PROFILE

## Ottawa Hills Local Schools



*Defined by excellence. Supported by tradition.*

Ottawa Hills, Ohio

# Superintendent's Message



**Ottawa Hills**  
Local Schools



Dear Ottawa Hills Villagers,

A successful school district places a high degree of importance on ensuring that all children have the opportunity to reach their full potential inside and outside of the classroom. In order to tell the story of our school districts beyond what the state's local report card shows, the member schools of the Alliance for a High Quality Education developed the Quality Profile.

The Alliance is a group of high-performing school districts in Ohio that work together to advocate at the state level for the unique needs of our districts. The schools in the Alliance developed the Quality Profile as a way to characterize the overall educational value of our individual school districts in areas that matter most to our communities. The Quality Profile is a companion to the State of Ohio's Local Report Card.

The state's Local Report Card is a snapshot of our school. Really, all the data pieces that we look at to determine our effectiveness are snapshots. Each piece of data captures our reality in some specific way. The Quality Profile is more of a portrait. It paints a picture of our school district that helps our community understand the efforts and activities that take place each day to create a school district of excellence.

In the Quality Profile, you will see all the pieces that come together to help us address our district's mission: In partnership with our community, Ottawa Hills Local Schools will challenge and inspire each student to realize his or her unique potential; to embrace learning as a lifelong process; and to become an active, responsible citizen.

Though each section contains only representative examples, this Quality Profile goes deeper than the data to reveal the hearts, minds, and souls that make us who we are. It tells the story of a high-performing school district that delivers educational excellence..

Yours in Education,

Dr. Kevin S. Miller  
Superintendent





# Academics



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

- Ottawa Hills Schools made history by becoming the first school district in the state to earn A's in all categories of the Ohio Department of Education's Local Report Card for both the district and the individual buildings. Ottawa Hills was the only Ohio district to be awarded both the "All A Award" and the "Momentum Award" by the ODE.

**Newsweek's** listing of the top 500 high schools ranked **Ottawa Hills High School** the **#1 SCHOOL IN OHIO;** **#45 IN THE NATION.**



- Ottawa Hills Elementary was named a Hall of Fame School by the Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators. A Hall of Fame School is a school that is recognized for its high quality educational programming, strong community partnerships, positive school culture, and pursuit of excellence. OHES was one of 7 elementary schools in Ohio to receive this honor.
- Ottawa Hills Junior/Senior High School received the Governor's Thomas Edison Award for Excellence in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Education.
- StartClass.com, "an education research site that provides students, parents, and educators with everything they need to confidently research education options" rated Ottawa Hills as the #1 district in the state of Ohio.
- *U.S. News and World Report* awarded Ottawa Hills its highest recognition with a gold rating. Only 19 schools in Ohio received this award.
- Ottawa Hills Local Schools was one of 425 school districts in the U.S. and Canada honored by the College Board with placement on the 6th Annual AP District Honor Roll. The annual AP District Honor Roll recognizes districts for increasing access to Advanced Placement course work while maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP Exams.

- Ottawa Hills High School is accredited by the North Central Association on Accreditation and School Improvement (now known as AdvancED). OHHS has been approved for accreditation by AdvancED since 1941.
- Six OHHS seniors were named commended students and one senior was named a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program.
- Fifteen (15) Advanced Placement courses are offered at the high school. In 2016, 40% of high school students took AP exams and 90% of them scored a three or higher on their exams, potentially earning college credit.
- Students took independent studies in courses such as "Computer Programming I & II," "Advanced Finance," and "Music Composition and Production."
- One-hundred percent (100%) of 8th graders earned a high school mathematics credit during the 2015-2016 school year. One (1) 7th grader also earned high school math credit.
- Eighty-one percent (81%) of 8th grade students earned a high school foreign language credit during the 2015-2016 school year; two (2) 7th graders did as well.
- Three-year average ACT scores: English 28.0, Math 26.4, Reading 28.2, Science 26.8, Composite 27.0
- Three-year average SAT scores: Critical Reading 597, Math 605, Writing 608, Composite 1810
- 77 members of the Class of 2016 received their diplomas, the 76th class to graduate from Ottawa Hills Schools. Class members were offered 158 scholarships from 166 universities and other sources valued at \$8.7 million.
- 97.4% of the members of the Class of 2016 went to a 4-year college or university this fall.
- Forty-four kindergarten students made history on Thursday, August 27 as the first class to attend Ottawa Hills Elementary School's full day kindergarten program.

# Arts

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



- Twenty-one high school fine and performing arts courses are offered, including three Advanced Placement classes.
- Students who have an interest in music other than vocal or instrumental music have the opportunity to take courses in Music Technology, Music Theory, and Advanced Placement Music Theory.

Students in kindergarten through sixth grade take part in visual and performing arts courses each week. Beginning in the fifth grade, students have the opportunity to be involved in the instrumental music program and the Brown Bag Chorus.



- The Choraliers were invited to join with the Masterworks Festival Chorus at Carnegie Hall in New York City, performing Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms* and Eriks Esenvalds' *Trinity Te Deum*.
- Ottawa Hills students received two of the 22 juror awards presented at the 2015 Focus Art Show.
- Eleven OHHS students had art work chosen for display at the Fifth Congressional District Art Show, a juried art show.



Over **125** students took part in the elementary/junior high musical ***The Lion King Jr.***

The  
OHHS Theatre  
Arts Department  
presented **3**  
outstanding  
productions:

- *Twelve Angry Jurors*
- *Godspell*
- *The Laramie Project*



- The vocal music and instrumental music departments presented concerts throughout the school year, including the Fall Collage Concert, Holiday Concerts, Brown Bag Concerts, Spring Concerts, the All-District Band Concert, and end-of-year concerts.
- Hundreds of parents, students, staff, and community members turned out for the annual smART show for an amazing exhibition of student creativity, critical thinking, and art across the curriculum. The show's theme, "Color," encouraged visitors to consider the significance of color in the creative process.
- The Toledo Opera performed an adapted version of Rossini's *"The Barber of Seville"* to students at the elementary.
- OHMTA paired up with the OHHS Theatre Department to present "Acting Out" workshops for students in grades 4 through 8.
- The elementary school hosted a breakfast themed "Muffins With Matisse" in connection with the annual Art Fair, featuring students' best artwork.



# Student Leadership and Activities



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

Ottawa Hills students participated in **18** different service projects throughout the school



year, benefitting organizations such as the American Red Cross, Toys for Tots, the Ronald McDonald House of Greater Toledo, and Cherry Street Mission, to name a few.

- Ottawa Hills sports teams won six Toledo Area Athletic Conference titles in boys golf, soccer, cross country, and basketball, girls basketball, and girls junior high track.
- Tournament accomplishments included:
  - Boys golf won the sectional title and runner-up honors at the district meet with the district individual medalist; the team finished 3rd at the state tournament.
  - Boys cross country advanced to regional competition along with two individual runners from the girls team;
  - The field hockey team advanced to the "sweet sixteen" in OHSAA tournament play;
  - Six girls tennis players qualified for district play;
  - Two boys doubles tennis teams qualified for the state tournament, one team finished third in the state;
  - The boys tennis team qualified for the Final Four of the Ohio Tennis Coach Association's State Team Tournament;
  - Two high school girls track team members qualified for regional competition;
  - The OHHS dance team placed third in Pom and fourth in Jazz and Hip-Hop in state competition.
- The 2015 Ottawa Hills Field Hockey Team was selected to receive the Ohio High School Athletic Association Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Award.
- Ottawa Hills' First Lego League team, "Aisle of Misfit Toys," was the Grand Champions at the Regional STEM tournament; the team advanced to state competition, winning a special award for the best project presentation and implementation with their battery recycling program.

- Ottawa Hills Elementary School won the 2nd and 4th Grade Championships at the Ohio Chess Championships. O.H. took the title in the 2015 Fall GLC North Division chess tournament and also won the top prize in 2 Sections at the 2015 Fall ESC Lake Erie West Challenge. Ottawa Hills Elementary School won two city championships at the 2016 Toledo Elementary Chess Championships.
- The newly formed Ottawa Hills Robotics Team attended its first ever competition at the Toledo Technology Academy and placed 11th out of 27 teams. The team received the Judges Award at a competition in Cleveland.
- The Power of the Pen team competed at the district tournament. Several students qualified for regional competition at Lourdes University.
- The Ottawa Hills Junior High MathCounts team placed third out of eighteen teams at the University of Toledo.
- OHES fifth graders were chosen by the Toledo Museum of Art as "Best Class" for their exemplary knowledge, participation, and behavior in the fall of 2015.
- The OHHS Science Olympiad team finished regional competition with a third place trophy and qualified for their fourth straight trip to The Ohio State University for the state competition. The OHJH Science Olympiad team finished fifth at regionals.
- For the sixth year in a row, the Ottawa Hills High School Quiz Bowl Team competed in the National Academic Quiz Tournament Small School National Championships, held in Chicago.

Boys basketball made it to the "Elite Eight" in the state tournament, finishing as regional runner-up.



# Parent and Community Involvement

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



- The district enjoys the support of organizations such as the Ottawa Hills Schools Parent Association (OHSPA), the Ottawa Hills Music and Theatre Association (OHMTA), the Ottawa Hills Athletic Boosters, OH21, and the International Student Exchange Association.

**THE OTTAWA HILLS SCHOOLS FOUNDATION** completed a successful Founders' Society campaign which raised over **\$620,000** in donations and pledges to the Foundation. Faculty, staff, and administrators donated and pledged over **\$35,000** to the campaign.



- The Green Bear Ball held in March raised over \$130,000. In addition to providing funds to support athletic programs, proceeds funded two major projects:
  - An elementary land lab to provide a venue for science standards to be addressed by all grade levels in a hands-on environment. The garden-type setting provides an opportunity for students to plant, care for, and study seasonal vegetables and native plants.
  - The upgrading and replacement of microscopes for all 7th through 12th grade science classes.In addition, the Ball raised funds to purchase a xylophone and marimba for the instrumental music department.
- In addition to a successful Green Bear Ball, OHSPA contributed over \$58,000 during the school year to support school programs and faculty requests for materials. OHSPA's total contributions to OH Schools during the 2015-2016 school year exceeded \$188,000.
- The After-Prom Committee sponsored the annual "Back to School Run," which raised more than \$7,000 to support the After Prom program – a safe, drug and alcohol-free activity for students and their guests to extend the fun and excitement of their Junior/Senior Prom.
- The O.H. Athletic Boosters contributed \$64,753 during the 2015-2016 school year to support athletic programs at Ottawa Hills.

- OH21 presented a variety of drug and alcohol prevention programs for students and parents, including the "Chew On This" series, "The Life of an Athlete," "Not My Kid," and a program on heroin and opiate addiction presented by Team Recovery and The Lucas County Sheriff's Office Drug Abuse Response Team (D.A.R.T.).
- Judge J. Ronald Bowman was the guest speaker for the Liberty Memorial Speakers Series' Veterans Day program. Judge Bowman is a retired Major General US Army. He served 42 years and is one of the highest-ranking veterans in Lucas County. Guest speaker at the elementary Veterans Day program was Colonel Thomas Sodeman, Chief of Aerospace Medicine for the 180th Fighter Wing, Ohio Air National Guard.
- The Ottawa Hills International Student Exchange Association hosted their annual Diversity Weekend, welcoming AFS (American Field Service) high school exchange students from Finland, Norway, Switzerland, Germany, France, Hungary, Italy, Pakistan, the West Bank, Thailand, Bangladesh, and Chile.
- The Ottawa Hills Schools Foundation presented the Choraliers with a \$13,000 gift to help fund their February trip to New York City to perform at Carnegie Hall.

Parent reading volunteers help students at OHES foster their love of reading, providing invaluable support and enrichment to students.



- OHSPA's 2016 "Greentastic Carnival" was held on the lawn of the elementary school. The event featured many fun games and attractions.
- In January, 2016, the first alumni newsletter, "Around These Hills," was sent to all Village residents and all alumni of Ottawa Hills Schools for whom the district has contact information.
- The weekly district newsletter is sent electronically to over 1,800 recipients each Friday during the school year.
- Several teachers, administrators, district organizations, and the athletic department use Twitter as a means of keeping parents and the community informed of school news and events.



# Student Services



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



Students identified as gifted: **63%**

- Students receiving services from a gifted interventionist, who qualify based on standardized cognitive ability and achievement test scores: 20% in grades 3 -6.



Students identified as English as a Second Language Learners: **6**

- Preschool special needs services are offered through the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West.



Students identified with disabilities under IDEIA, Pre K-Age 22: **4.9%**

- Academic Assist class is provided for grades 7-12 IDEIA students.
- Senior IDEIA graduating students receive full assessments for access to post-secondary services.



Students identified with disabilities under Section 504: **7.5%**

- Notification is provided to all teachers of students on IEP's and 504 plans 30 days prior to each school year.
- Paraprofessional support is provided for students with moderate to intensive needs.
- Related services (i.e. physical therapy, occupational therapy) are available to students who qualify.
- The district is in continuous compliance with all ODE/Office of Exceptional Children Determinations for Special Education Compliance Indicators.

- Tech Prep services are available to students in the neighboring district of Sylvania City Schools.
- School psychologist services are provided three days per week.
- Two full-time counselors and one part-time counselor are available to support students; a high school counselor is available to guide students and parents through the college choice process.
- Accelerated and honors classes are available to students who qualify.
- Study Club Junior is held after school for students in grades 4-6.
- Study Club Senior is held after school for students in grades 7-12.
- Math Lab assistance is provided to jr./sr. high school students before school and at lunchtime.
- Title I intervention tutors are provided for reading and math.
- The YMCA provides after-school programming for students in grades K-6.
- "Positive Attitude Kids" (PAK) is a program at the elementary with a main goal of increasing awareness in students about positive character traits and promoting the development of those traits in all students. The program focuses on the traits of Responsibility, Respect, Gratitude, Empathy/Friendship, Collaboration, and Citizenship.



**Second Step is implemented at the elementary and junior high school. Second Step is a research-based program that encourages students to demonstrate those skills necessary for keeping a respectful and peaceful school climate.**

# Fiscal Stewardship

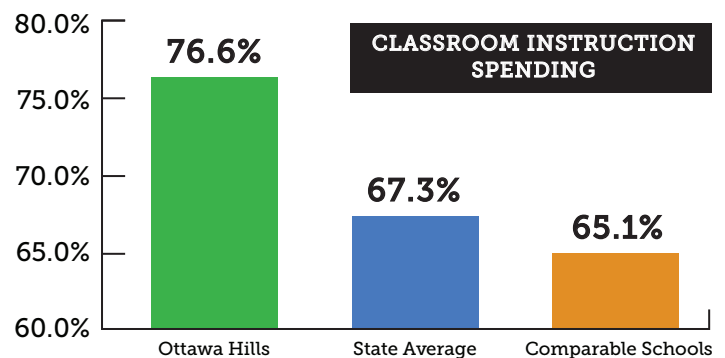
*Financial responsibility ensures that the majority of funding is spent on classroom instruction.*



Data provided by the Ohio Department of Education shows that **76.6%** of district funds are spent on classroom instruction.

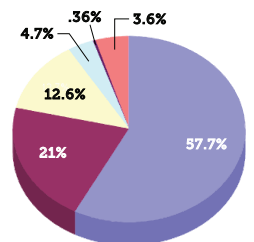
This compares with the state average of **67.3%**. Districts that are comparable to Ottawa Hills as far as demographics spend **65.1%** of funds on classroom instruction.

**When compared to 162 other school districts of similar size statewide, Ottawa Hills ranks #1 in percentage of funds spent on classroom instruction.**



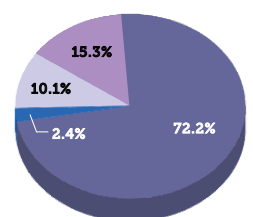
## 2016 | EXPENDITURES BY OBJECT

Salaries	7,685,481	57.65%
Benefits	2,795,637	20.97%
Purchased Services	1,688,516	12.67%
Supplies & Materials	482,995	3.62%
Capital Overlay	47,463	.36%
Other	631,056	4.73%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,331,148</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



## 2015 - 2016 | REVENUES

Real Estate Tax	10,742,366	72.18%
All Other Revenues	357,302	2.40%
Property Tax Allocation	1,502,026	10.09%
Unrestricted State Aid	2,280,758	15.33%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,882,452</b>	<b>100.0%</b>







### Ottawa Hills' Expenditures Per Student is 9th highest in the state:

Orange = \$13,718  
Beachwood = \$12,624  
Cleveland Heights = \$12,157  
Indian Hill = \$11,553  
Danbury = \$11,210  
Upper Arlington = \$10,914  
East Cleveland = \$10,509  
Grandview Heights = \$10,449  
Ottawa Hills = \$10,448



District business valuation  
as a percentage of the  
district's total valuation = .03%;

## 2nd lowest in the state

District median income = \$68,213  
(Tax Year '13—the most recent data available);

## 5th highest in the state

Highest = \$75,346  
(Olentangy)

District average income = \$163,216  
(Tax Year '13)

## 4th highest in the state

Highest = \$295,130  
(Indian Hill)

District local revenue as a  
percentage of total revenue = 70.91%  
(Fiscal Year '15)

## 15th highest in the state

District state revenue as a  
percentage of total revenue = 22.63%  
(Fiscal Year '15)

## 27th lowest in the state

District federal revenue as a  
percentage of total revenue = 2.2%  
(Fiscal Year '15)

## 17th lowest in the state

The lowest is 0.74%  
(Independence)

# OH Connections Registration

We are pleased to provide you with information about the Ottawa Hills Local School District **OH Connections** electronic subscription registration.

The goal of **OH Connections** is to provide a vehicle for electronic communications between the Ottawa Hills Local School District and its constituents - the students, parents, and community members. We are also doing our part to provide a "greener" environment while conserving paper and printing costs for the district.

Register for **OH Connections** to also receive electronic district and building newsletters, press releases, board reports, and other important information from the school district and school community organizations.

Register today to receive these important communications. To access the **OH Connections** registration site click on the **OH Connections** button on the left column of the district website:

[www.ottawahillsschools.org](http://www.ottawahillsschools.org)

The screenshot shows the Ottawa Hills Local Schools website. At the top, there is a banner with the text "A Tradition of Excellence" and "Ottawa Hills Local Schools". Below the banner are several images of students and staff. A navigation bar contains links: Schools, About, Support Organizations, Contact Us, OHS Foundation, Parents, Students, and Staff. On the left side, there is a sidebar with a list of links: District Home, Superintendent's Message, Superintendent, District Newsletters, Enroll in the District, myOH, Athletics, Calendar, OH Connections Registration (highlighted with a blue circle), Ottawa Hills Alumni, Community, and Employment Opportunities. Below the sidebar is a "Select Language" dropdown and a "Powered by Google Translate" logo. The main content area features a "Our Mission" section, a "District News" section with a "View All News" link, and an "Upcoming Events" section. The "Upcoming Events" section lists events for Friday, February 26 and Saturday, February 27.

**Upcoming Events**

Friday, February 26	
ES 2nd Trimester End	
ES Art Fair	
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9:00am	Choraliers @ C
8:00am	Stage Construi
11:00am	3rd Grade Girls
3:30pm	Acting Out
5:00pm	CAL Game 5th
6:00pm	CAL Game - 5th
6:15pm	BKB Away Sec
7:00pm	U10 Baseball (
Saturday, February 27	
Choraliers @ Carnegie I-	
8:00am	Acting Out
8:30am	Rec Basketball
9:25am	Rec Basketball
10:25am	Rec Basketball

To receive the District's electronic newsletter each Friday during the school year, subscribe to "District News."

For assistance in signing up for school communications via OH Connections, contact the Superintendent's office at 419-536-6371.





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