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OAK  HILLS  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

# QUALITY PROFILE

2024

#OHBetterTogether

# MAKING GAINS

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AP Scholars



Oak Hills Local Schools earned four stars on  
**The Ohio School Report Card**

National Recognition from the College Board  
**Two Commended Scholars**

Oak Hills High School earned BRONZE distinction from the  
**College Board's AP Honor Roll**  
**for increasing access to AP Courses for students**

Oak Hills High School had  
**45% of seniors who took at least one AP Exam during high school,**  
**33% of seniors scoring a 3 or higher on at least one AP Exam,**  
**and 17% of seniors who took five or more AP Exams**

**\$31,164,098**

in financial aid offered to the Class of 2023

**137**

in financial aid and scholarships  
offered to the Class of 2024

## *Legos from Lance Project*



The Legos from Lance Project donated over **1000 sets of Legos to Cincinnati Children's Hospital** last year. The project was started in loving memory of Lance Winters, the son of J.F. Dulles teacher Victoria Burnham and Springmyer Principal Mark Winters, who passed away in 2023 from renal cell carcinoma at the age 22. It was one of the largest toy donations ever to CCHMC.



## *A District of Readers*

A primary focus for the entire Oak Hills Local School District is strengthening early literacy development. The work starts at birth, by encouraging parents to support emerging oral-language skills; moves into playing with sounds and making connections to the written word in preschool; and leads to building phonics and word-recognition skills in the primary grades. The staff has devoted significant time to building background knowledge and skills; identifying best practices; establishing a solid literacy foundation for all students, and targeting support to students who struggle.

# DEMONSTRATING FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

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## #22 of 23

Hamilton County school districts in per-pupil spending

## 6 lowest of 23

Hamilton County school districts in lowest assessed taxes

## 12

years since the last voter-approved operating levy

## 73%

of funds spent on student instruction (state average is 68%)

## 44%

reduction in utility costs in the last decade

# FINE ARTS OPPORTUNITIES

## for Service, Self-Expression and Enrichment

### **The Memory Project: Drawing and Printmaking: OHHS**

“The Memory Project” is a nonprofit organization that invites art teachers and their students to create portraits for youth around the world who have faced substantial challenges, such as neglect, abuse, loss of parents, and extreme poverty. Students created over 30 more portraits in 2023-2024 for children in Columbia, bringing the total created for children around the world to over 450 to date.

### **The Save Local Waters Rain Barrel Project: Painting and Public Art and National Art Honor Society: OHHS**

The Rain Barrel Art Project desires to educate people on environmental issues like stormwater runoff, watersheds, and water conservation. OHHS artists in Ms. Kopf’s Painting and Public Art and Ms. Schorsch’s National Art Honor Society created 4 Rain Barrels for the event! Completed Rain Barrels were displayed at the Cincinnati Zoo and auctioned off online.

### **Veterans Day Preparations**

Every year, the National Art Honor Society at OHHS works to create posters and handmade thank you cards, to welcome our community veterans for a celebration of their service.

### **Veteran’s Day Assembly**

Every year, Photoshop students create large format posters to hang in the old gym for our Veterans in attendance. They create designs that reflect the themes selected for each year’s assembly. Video Technology students create Welcome Home videos to compete for the spots in the Assembly where 2 - 3 will be shared.

### **Painting and Public Art: Pink Ribbon Girls Painted Pumpkins:**

Students painted 50 pumpkins for the Pink Ribbon Girls Pink Pumpkin Sale Fundraiser in October.

### **Scholastic Art Awards: Regional**

- Art Portfolio: 1 Honorable Mention
- Gold Key Winners: 11
- Silver Key Winners: 15
- Honorable Mention Winners: 21

### **Scholastic Art Awards: National**

- 2 Silver Medalists for Individual Entries

### **Overture Awards**

- 1 Student Nominated to Compete
- 1 Finalist

### **Congressional Art Awards**

- District 8 Winner: Exhibited in the Capital Building in Washington D.C.

### **Taft Museum of Art ARC Exhibition**

- 1 Grand Prize Winner
- 1 Best of Show for OHHS

### **Celebrating Art**

- Over 100 artworks selected for publishing

### **PTA Reflections**

- State and County Winners

### **AP Art and Design**

- 6 Drawing, 2D Design, and 3D Design students earning a score of 5

### **Band Awards**

- Two OMEA Ohio All-State Band selections and 13 District 14 Honor Band selections
- All Superior Ratings for the OHHS Band at the Music in the Parks Concert Festival
- One First Place and two Second Place finishes for OHHS Marching Band in area competitions

# HIGHLANDER HIGHLIGHTS

## *The Proud Moments*

The OHLSD One Heart, One Hope fundraiser held in the spring raised over \$20,000 in 2024 and \$140,000 over the last 13 years for Oak Hills families experiencing hardships.

Jack Cahill, one of our Springmyer Elementary School Safety Patrollers, was named the AAA Outstanding Safety Patroller for the Tri-State! Jack was awarded a Certificate of Merit and got the chance to throw out the first pitch and attend batting practice at a Cincinnati Reds Game.

103 Senior Student-Athletes were named GMC Scholar Athletes in 2023-24. Those students maintained a 3.3 or higher GPA to earn that honor.

Jim Wandsnider's OHHS Construction Class designed the Climbing Wall for Field Day at J.F. Dulles Elementary, a backyard play house, and the new tennis shed for high school tennis teams to store their equipment.

OHLSD had seven coaches named GMC Coach of the Year: Kevin Spraul, Girls' Soccer; Shellie Hageman, Girls' Cross Country; Andrew Bridges, Boys' Bowling; Robin Hoernschmeyer, Girls' Bowling; Laura Fightmaster, Girls' Swimming; DJ Dunn, Boys' Lacrosse; Ron Murphy, Baseball.



## *Opportunities for Students*

**29**

Advanced Placement courses

**58**

Honors courses

**24**

College Credit courses

**44**

clubs and activities

**32** different sports, fielding **58** teams



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## A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR SENIORS

Oak Hills Local Schools is pleased to offer local residents age 65 or older free admission to all home athletic events at Oak Hills High School, and Bridgetown, Delhi and Rapid Run middle schools. The only exclusion is OHSAA tournament games.

Apply for the Highlander Golden Card at the OHLSD District Office, 6325 Rapid Run Road, or at the Oak Hills High School Administration Office, 3200 Ebenezer Road.