

Facts at a Glance

2015-16

Westerville City Schools

Data from 2015-16 school year unless otherwise noted



Other Information

- 11th-largest enrollment in Ohio; 52 square miles in size; seven political subdivisions
- State Report Card Highlights: "A" for meeting 32/33 Performance Indicators; "B" for Performance Index score of 97.2; "B" for 90.3% four-year graduation rate; "B" for 93.4% five-year graduation rate; "A" for Overall Value-Added, meaning students are gaining more than a year's academic growth during the school year.
- High School International Baccalaureate program available
- More than 80% of graduates pursue a post-secondary education at colleges and universities around the world
- Highly regarded athletics and extra-curricular programs
- Received "What Parents Want" Award from SchoolMatch for the 22nd consecutive year for providing the curriculum and academic rigor parents desire most for their children
- Recognized by national real estate company as 18th best location in the nation for public education

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OUR MISSION:

To prepare students to contribute to the competitive and changing world in which we live.

OUR VISION:

To be the benchmark of educational excellence.

Our General Fund Budget

FY16 Appropriations.....\$166.5 million
FY14 Per-pupil expenditure.....\$9,929

Our Schools

Total number of schools.....23
Elementary schools15
➤ Includes three Magnet Program sites (World Language & Cultures, Arts/Math/Science, Math/Science) and one All-Day Kindergarten building
Middle schools4
High schools.....3
Preschool/Early Learning Center1

Our Students

Total number of students.....14,877
➤ Grades Pre-K-56,608
➤ Grades 6-83,501
➤ Grades 9-124,768
Class of 2015 graduates1,090
➤ Scholarships\$25+ million offered
\$8.75 million accepted
➤ ACT Data (Class of 2015)
• English21.8
(State: 21.4; Nation: 20.4)
• Math.....23
(State: 21.7; Nation: 20.8)
• Reading.....23.2
(State: 22.5; Nation: 21.4)
• Science23
(State: 22.1; Nation: 20.9)
• ACT average composite score22.9
(State: 22; Nation: 21)

Our Employees

Total Full Time Equivalent (FTE).....1,480.91
Total FTE Teachers1,024.8
➤ % Highly Qualified.....100
➤ % w/ Master's degree or higher70.63
➤ % w/ 10+ years experience.....57.17
➤ % properly certified/licensed teaching a core academic subject area.....100
➤ Avg. elementary class size22.6
➤ Beginning teacher salary.....\$39,524

Our Student Diversity

American Indian/Native Alaskan0.18%
Asian3.27%
Black23.6%
White.....59.32%
Hispanic.....5.97%
Multiracial7.57%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.....0.09%
Free & Reduced Lunch36.92%
Limited English Proficient.....8.59%
➤ Number of native languages spoken by students39
➤ Countries represented in WCS.....56
➤ Number of students with English as a Second Language1,305
Students with disabilities12.66%
Identified gifted.....24.69%

Our Recent Select Achievements

- Families seeking a high quality education for their children may want to consider moving into the Westerville community and Westerville City School District, which Movoto Real Estate recently ranked as the 18th best suburban area in the nation for education.
- Westerville City Schools is home to one of only six programs nationally to receive the prestigious 2015 Apex Learning Award of Excellence in Spring 2015. The award recognizes innovative schools and school districts across the country for excellence in implementing blended and virtual learning programs that result in higher student achievement.
- Westerville City Schools is proud to have been identified as the top public school district in central Ohio during the ThisWeek Community News 2015 Readers' Choice Awards.

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Recent Select Achievements (continued)

- Twelve Westerville pupils were named Commended Students and three achieved Semifinalist status in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program. Four students were named Semifinalists in the 2015 National Achievement Scholarship Program.
- WCSD is one of only 117 school districts nationwide to be accepted to the Lead Higher Initiative, a national effort spearheaded by the non-profit Equal Opportunity Schools, to close its participation and success gaps in AP and IB courses by Fall 2017.
- The Westerville City School District's Fiscal Services Office recently earned an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada, which represents the highest award in government financial reporting. The Fiscal Services Office also earned an Award with Distinction for Financial Reporting from the State Auditor's Office.
- A Westerville North High School student represented her school and the State of Ohio at the 2015 Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Boston, where she was taught by distinguished professionals including Nobel Prize winners in Physiology and Medicine; winners of the Lasker Award; the Director of the National Institute of Health; and recipients of the Presidential Medal of Freedom and National Medal of Science. She earned an Award of Excellence from the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists praising her outstanding academic performance, leadership potential, and dedication to serving humanity through the profession of medicine.
- Westerville South High School's Troupe 513 performed Leaving Iowa at the 2015 State Thespian Conference. Schools from across Ohio elect to have one of their fall main stage shows screened to take to the State Conference and this year only eight were selected. A member of the troupe also competed at the International Thespian Conference and won for her sound design entry, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare, as performed by the school's troupe in February 2015.
- Two McVay Elementary School teachers received a \$2,000 grant from Voya Financial, Inc. as part of the company's 2015 Unsung Heroes awards competition, which honors K-12 educators nationwide for their innovative teaching methods, creative educational projects, and their ability to positively influence the children they teach.
- A Heritage Middle School student earned the R.A. Horn Outstanding Achievement Award from the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities. He was honored in the area of Technology for learning to use an Augmentative Communication device to share his needs, wants, hopes, fears and dreams with others.
- Three Westerville Central High School students participated in the YWCA's Bright Futures Leadership Program, which builds the leadership skills of high school juniors who show incredible promise. Considered the "Women of Achievement" of tomorrow, only 28 participants were selected from nominations representing more than 70 Central Ohio high schools.
- From almost 6,000 submissions sent in throughout the State of Ohio, nine students were chosen for induction into the AAA Ohio Safety Patrol Hall of Fame, and three of them are from Cherrington Elementary School.
- Six Westerville South High School students received awards for their innovative business concepts in the Believe in Ohio competition, a grant program that encourages pupils to apply STEM concepts in the development of a product commercialization plan.
- The Westerville Energy Education Partnership, a collaborative between the City of Westerville and Westerville City Schools, received first-place honors for special projects at the National Energy Education Development Project (NEED Project) competition in Washington, DC.
- Westerville North High Schools' "Team Darrow" won the Ohio Mock Trial State Championship and competed at the national level last spring in Raleigh, North Carolina.
- Third grade students at Emerson Magnet School have befriended and collaborated with children in the Kotabe Elementary School in Japan. The pupils have exchanged cultural artifact boxes of items that tell a little bit about the land, people, music and traditions of each country.
- A Westerville South High School freshman who studies Japanese through credit flex was the third place winner in the Japan-America Society of Central Ohio (JASCO) high school speech contest. He was the only freshman to be a finalist and the only student participant from Westerville.
- Students in Advanced Placement Biology classes at Westerville North and Central high schools are participating in a unique citizen science collaborative in which they collect and analyze soil samples to be entered into a database as part of a national study being overseen by Yale University.

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