

# Facts at a Glance

2018-19

## Westerville City Schools

Data from 2018-19 school year  
unless otherwise noted



### Other Information

- 11th-largest enrollment in Ohio; 52 square miles in size with seven political subdivisions
- 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 (SchoolMatch) for the 25th consecutive year in recognition of providing the curriculum and academic rigor parents desire most for their children
- Recently ranked by *Forbes Magazine* as the 5th friendliest community in the nation and by *Movoto Real Estate* as the 18th best suburban area 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

FY18 Appropriations.....\$170.7 million  
FY17 Per-pupil expenditure.....\$10,972

### Our Schools

Total number of school/program sites ..... 24  
Elementary schools ..... 15  
➤ Includes one All-Day Kindergarten site  
and two Magnet Program sites for Arts,  
Math, Science, & World Cultures  
Middle schools ..... 4  
High schools..... 3  
Preschool/Early Learning Center ..... 1  
Academic Enrichment Center ..... 1

### Our Students

Total number of students ..... 15,385  
➤ Grades Pre-K-5 ..... 6,877  
➤ Grades 6-8 ..... 3,509  
➤ Grades 9-12 ..... 4,999  
Class of 2018 graduates ..... 1,146  
➤ ACT Data (Class of 2018)  
• English ..... 20.0  
(State: 19.3; Nation: 20.2)  
• Math..... 21.3  
(State: 20.3; Nation: 20.5)  
• Reading..... 21.8  
(State: 20.8; Nation: 21.3)  
• Science ..... 21.3  
(State: 20.4; Nation: 20.7)  
• ACT average composite score ..... 21.2  
(State: 20.3; Nation: 20.8)

### Our Employees

Total Full Time Equivalent (FTE)..... 1,567.35  
Total FTE Teachers ..... 1,068.5  
➤ % Highly Qualified..... 99.7  
➤ % w/ Master's degree or higher ..... 69  
➤ % w/ 10+ years experience..... 49  
➤ % properly certified/licensed teaching  
a core academic subject area..... 97.5  
➤ Avg. elementary class size ..... 24  
➤ Beginning teacher salary.....\$42,189

### Our Student Diversity

American Indian/Native Alaskan ..... 0.11%  
Asian ..... 4.68%  
Black ..... 25.31%  
White..... 54.54%  
Hispanic..... 7.00%  
Multiracial ..... 8.30%  
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander..... 0.06%  
Free & Reduced Lunch ..... 27.75%  
Limited English Proficient..... 8.83%  
➤ Number of native languages  
spoken by students ..... 55  
➤ Countries represented in WCS..... 62  
➤ Number of English Learners ..... 1,378  
Students with disabilities ..... 13.90%  
Identified gifted..... 20.42%

### Our Recent Select Achievements

- Westerville City Schools earned an A+ rating and was identified as one of the top public school district in Ohio by Niche, an independent website that rigorously analyzes dozens of public data sets and millions of reviews to produce comprehensive rankings, report cards, and profiles for every K-12 school, college, and neighborhood in the United States.
- Westerville City Schools is home to one of only six programs nationally that received the prestigious 2015 Apex Learning Award of Excellence for implementing blended and virtual learning programs that result in higher student achievement.
- Seventeen Westerville City School District students won coveted spots to attend and compete at the National Invention and Entrepreneurship Expo, which will be held in spring of 2019 at the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation in Dearborn, Michigan.

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## Recent Select Achievements (continued)

- Two Westerville Central students and one Westerville South student have achieved Semifinalist status in the 64th Annual National Merit Scholarship Program; eight students representing each district high school achieved Commended Student status.
- WCSD was one of only 117 school districts nationwide to be accepted to the 2017-18 Lead Higher Initiative, a national effort of the non-profit Equal Opportunity Schools, to close its participation and success gaps in AP and IB courses.
- Moody's Investors Service upgraded WCSD's bond rating to Aa1, the second highest possible ranking. As a result, WCSD joins an elite group and is in the top 10 percent of the highest ratings in the state from Moody's.
- WCSD earned its sixth consecutive Ohio Auditor of State Award with Distinction, presented for excellence in financial reporting that "serves as the standard for clean, accountable government, representing the highest level of service to Ohioans."
- Two Westerville North High School teachers won a \$7,500 Freedoms Foundation Leavey Award in support of the school's Chem Gems Soap Company, an interdisciplinary, school-wide project in which students produce high-quality soaps, bath bombs, and lip balms. Chemistry students apply their scientific knowledge to create the cosmetics, while business students harness the power of social media to successfully market the products to both local and online consumers.
- A Heritage Middle School student won an Award of Excellence in the 2017-2018 Ohio PTA State Reflections Competition and took home third-place honors at the National Reflections Competition in the Middle School Photography category.
- Thirty Westerville City Schools students and four district educators were among the 400+ people honored during The Ohio Energy Project's Youth Energy Celebration. Those from the district were representing the "Westerville Energy Education Partnership," a collaboration between the City of Westerville Electric Division, Westerville City Schools, and the Ohio Energy Project that provides professional development, student programs and classroom resources for every school in the district.
- A Westerville South High School student won a \$650 scholarship to compete in the National Invention Convention with his invention, a Clay 3D Printer, which he discovered by using a laser to turn clay slip into hardened clay.
- WCSD elementary students participated in the national *Start with Hello* week, a program designed to raise awareness about the growing epidemic of social isolation while creating a culture of inclusion and connectedness.
- Twelve Westerville City Schools middle school students were among the 385 selected from more than 900 applicants for the 2018 Ohio State University Middle School Honor Band Festival.
- The WCSD's Preschool Program received a Five-Star Step Up To Quality Award from the State of Ohio.
- A team of students from Heritage Middle School won the 2018 state Future City competition.
- Five Westerville North High School students were selected to participate in the Bright Futures Leadership Program, which builds the leadership skills of high school juniors who show incredible promise. Students from more than 70 Central Ohio high schools applied.
- A Westerville North High School student was selected as the winner of the 10th grade essay competition for the 2018 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art, Essay & Multimedia Contest. Hundreds of entries were submitted, but only one winner was selected from each grade level.
- A fifth grade student at Emerson Elementary School was one of four pupils in Ohio to receive a \$500 scholarship in the "Agriculture is Cool" education program held during the Ohio State Fair.
- *Facility Maintenance Decisions* magazine awarded WCSD with its Financial Management Award for initiatives that have helped the district achieve more than \$15 million in cost avoidance over nine years with its utility expenses.
- All four district middle schools had a finalist or semifinalist selected in the central Ohio 2018 Laws of Life essay contest.
- A Westerville Central High School teacher has been named one of nine 2018 ASM Detroit Chapter Teachers Scholars for her time, dedication and interest in bringing the field of Materials Science to her students.
- Students in Advanced Placement Biology classes at Westerville North and Central high schools participated 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.
- Of the 48 school bus drivers from Ohio who advanced to the State Road-E-O, four were from Westerville City Schools and one of them brought home sixth-place honors in the annual contest of bus driving skill and knowledge.
- An Emerson Elementary School math teacher was selected to receive the 2017 Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics Elementary Teacher Award for the Central District.
- A bilingual paraprofessional at Westerville North High School had her Capstone Project, "Teaching Academic Vocabulary in Math Classrooms to a Diverse Group of English Language Learners: An Exploration of Best Teaching Practices," selected for publication in the *Journal of Teacher Initiated Research*.
- Westerville South High School recently won the National Athletic Trainers' Association Safe Sports School award, which recognizes secondary schools that provide safe environments for student athletes and reinforces the importance of providing the best level of care, injury prevention and treatment.
- WCSD recently received \$99,500 in Local Government Efficiency Program grants from the Ohio Development Services Agency for training and programs that strengthen operational efficiencies, cut costs and improve public services.

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