



LITTLE MIAMI SCHOOLS QUALITY PROFILE

2012-13



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. This profile helps characterize the overall educational value of your school district in areas that matter most in our community.



ACADEMICS

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

- Percentage of Class of 2013 graduates planning to attend a two- or four-year college or university — 77%
- Amount of academic scholarship monies offered to members of the Class of 2013 — \$5,434,000
- Percentage of students taking honors courses — 57.4% (National average: 29.3%)
- Percentage of students taking Advanced Placement courses — 13.4% (National average: 22.3%)
- SAT for 2012 – Reading: 590, Math: 602, Writing: 563, Total: 1755
- ACT for the past three years – Composite: 22.3
- World languages offered – Spanish (traditional class experience), French, German, Japanese, Latin and Chinese (online)
- Number of dual-credit opportunities – AP Calculus (Xavier University); AP European History, Speech & Debate, Economics (University of Cincinnati)



ARTS

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

- Music and Arts courses offered: Drawing, ceramics, sculpture, painting, digital media arts (grades 9-12); visual arts and general music (grades K-8); instrumental music (grades 5-12); choral music (grades 7-8); select women's chorale, select mixed chorale, men's chorale, marching band (grades 9-12).
- Little Miami re-established the district-wide Fine Arts Festival in 2013, showcasing a number of student artworks, bands and performance groups across all grades. Plans are to continue the event in 2014.
- The LM Select Women's Chorale won a silver medal in the World Choir Games held in Cincinnati in 2012. The Chorale was the first vocal group in the world to register for the 2014 World Choir Games to be held in Riga, Latvia.

- Five LMHS students were accepted into the Ohio Music Education Association's District 13 Honor Bands for 2013.
- More than a dozen student vocalists and instrumentalists were selected as part of the All-Ohio State Fair Youth Choir and Youth Band.
- The Little Miami Marching Panther band delivered by-invitation performances in the Cincinnati Reds Opening Day Parade, the Mason Heritage Days Festival parade and other venues.



COMMITMENT TO IMPROVEMENT

Processes and programs are continuously evaluated to ensure effectiveness and efficiency.

- Elementary-level curriculum pilots in both mathematics and English language arts in the spring of 2013 aided in the adoption of new instructional programs for grades K-4 in math and grades K-5 in English language arts. This was the first such curriculum update since 2008.
- In 2012-2013, Little Miami utilized the Fountas & Pinnell reading assessment in grades K-3 in order to identify students who were in need of reading intervention as part of the Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee. This assessment was more rigorous than was required by state law. Little Miami used the data from this assessment to implement equally-rigorous intervention and monitoring plans for students reading below benchmark. After three nine-week cycles of small group instruction that focused on specific deficiencies, Little Miami reduced the number of students needing intervention by 50 percent.
- Little Miami Junior High School built in to its daily schedule the concept of "extra time, extra help" for any student who was in need of additional instruction in any subject. This is a practice, recommended by the High Schools that Work program from the Southern Region Education Board (SREB), allows students a block of time each day to seek additional help from their instructors. Little Miami Junior High was named an SREB Making Middle Grades Work Pacesetter School, one of only eight such schools in the country.
- Using data from a number of student assessments in 2012-2013, Little Miami High School will offer daily "bonus" time in 2013-2014, a version of the "extra time, extra help" concept. Little Miami High School was named a High Schools That Work Platinum High Achievement School by the Southern Region Education Board.

- In the spring of 2013, more than 100 staff members responded to an internal survey used to seek input and to improve professional development opportunities for teachers. Their responses will help drive the selection of in-service day topics for the coming year.
- Music teachers from all buildings and the district's director of curriculum met several times throughout the 2012-2013 school year to perform an in-depth study of Little Miami's music education program. Their study prompted a comprehensive realignment of instrumental and vocal music instruction. This realignment included the shift of first-year band instruction to sixth grade rather than fifth, allowing for students to mature an additional year prior to learning an instrument. It also included the establishment of a junior high vocal music program.



DIGITAL LEARNING

Technology is essential to enhance teaching and learning and to give students a competitive edge in a global market.

- Little Miami Online, the district's collection of web-based course offerings, has expanded exponentially to meet demand. Course selections include a broad collection of both core and elective classes for students of all ages.
- Junior high science students will have the opportunity to run Gizmo, the real-time on-line simulation software, thanks to a \$10,000 grant from the 3M Corporation. The grant was awarded in May for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) instruction.
- A phased plan for the establishment of wireless Internet service in all district buildings has been given high priority in the district's capital improvement plan. In preparation for this, the Little Miami Board of Education adopted a bring-your-own-technology policy with its recent policy manual update in April 2013.



FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

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

- Cost per pupil: \$ 8,356.25 (State average: \$10,597.21)
- Percentage spent on instruction: 64.8%
- FY 2012 District Profile Report:
www.littlemiamischools.com/content_page.aspx?cid=476
- After 34 months in fiscal emergency, the Ohio Auditor of State approved Little Miami's May 2012 five-year forecast and released the district from state oversight on May 22, 2013.



PARENT & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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

- Little Miami has six vibrant Parent-Teacher Organizations with the majority of membership being parents with students in grades K-8.
- PTOs provide dozens of enrichment activities for students including: COSI on Wheels, author visits, area naturalists and animal programs, character-based speakers, performing arts groups and more.
- After a private donor came forward in the 2013, the Little Miami Intermediate PTO made a matching donation of \$8,000 to purchase and install playground equipment at Little Miami Intermediate School.
- Little Miami's elementary PTOs collaborated on a successful district-wide spring carnival that brought together families from all of the district's elementary schools at the Salem Twp. Primary and Elementary site. Parents, teachers and staff volunteered during the event that was attended by several hundred people.
- The district partnered with a number of local youth sports organizations to once again schedule those groups' use of district facilities. Buildings had been closed to outside groups as a cost-savings measure during Little Miami's period in fiscal emergency. One such group, the Little Miami Youth Basketball Association hosted the Harlem Wizards basketball team for a fund-raising event that drew a capacity crowd to the Little Miami High School gymnasium. In 2012-2013, area youth football, volleyball, baseball and basketball associations regularly used Little Miami buildings and Hi-Five Stadium for practices, games and camps.



STAFF LEADERSHIP

Student growth and achievement are facilitated by high-quality staff members.

- High school math teacher Mark LaPille and Salem Twp. Primary second grade teacher Julie Thompson were selected as the Area Progress Council's Project Excellence award winners for Little Miami in 2013. More than 30 Little Miami teachers had been nominated. It was the second time LaPille had won a Project Excellence award.
- Academic team coach Ron Maupin was named Coach of the Year in the Southwest Ohio League.
- Teacher Lindsey Eckstein earned a Master Teacher designation from the Ohio Dept. of Education, bringing the number of Master Teachers at Little Miami to 14.
- Little Miami Food Service Director Joan Bauman applied for and received a \$2,000 Farm-to-School grant from the Ohio Dept. of Education to establish two school gardens. The gardens have provided to students an opportunity to learn about food supply and botany, as well as providing fresh produce for district cafeterias. The garden projects and Bauman's money-saving efforts to reduce waste in district lunchrooms recently garnered a Go Green Warren County Award.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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

- Clubs/activities: National Honor Society, student government, The Crystal yearbook, fall play, spring musical,
- Number of athletic teams: 16 sports, 42 teams (men's, women's, high school, junior high)
- Participation rate in athletics: 7th-8th grade students: 219 (37%), 9-12th grade students: 414 (48%)



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Students' experiences are enhanced by serving their school and community.

In 2012-2013, the LMHS National Honor Society raised \$25,000 in donations through a variety of service projects. These projects varied from canned good drives to helping a local family deal with tragedy. All of their efforts were funneled back to serve families in the Little Miami community who were in need.

Students at Salem Twp. Primary and Elementary Schools collected more than 2,000 food items prior to the holidays to donate to the Little Miami Food Pantry.



STUDENT SERVICES

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

- Students identified as gifted – 22.1%
- Students with disabilities – 11.6%
Special education students receiving services – 100%
- Students identified as ESL – 0.9%
ESL students receiving services – 100%



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Little Miami Junior High School	513-899-3408
Little Miami Intermediate School	513-899-2334
Salem Twp. Elementary & Primary Schools	513-899-5275
Hamilton-Maineville Primary School	513-899-4760
Harlan-Butlerville Primary School	513-899-5200

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