

KENSTON

Quality Profile

2015



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.

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Kenston Local School District is for each student to achieve individual academic excellence and to maximize personal growth in a community which demonstrates and develops mutual respect, responsibility, and life-long learning.

Vision Statement

The Kenston Local School District believes that to sustain and exceed its exemplary status, there must be a clear sense of goals in which all stakeholders have an investment. In order to transform ideals into reality, the following Vision Statement is intended to provide the standards that the Kenston Local School District shall strive to achieve and continuously seek to improve.





Academics

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

Advanced Placement courses

Biology
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Chemistry/Organic Chemistry
Computer Science A
English Language & Composition III
English Literature & Composition IV
Environmental Science
European History
French
Government & Politics: Comparative
Government & Politics: United States
Macroeconomics
Physics I
Psychology
Spanish
Statistics
Studio Art 2-D
US History
World History

Honors classes

Advanced Algebra
Algebra II
Biology
Chemistry
Geology
English I
English II
English III
Geometry
Seminar Economics
Seminar English IV
Physics
Precalculus
Statistics

- A total of 90% of Kenston High School graduates will go on to college.
- The KHS Class of 2015 college admission highlights included Tech, State and Liberal Arts institutions, along with many other top-tier colleges and universities. ([map](#))
- Three high school students were recognized by National Merit Scholarship Corporation for their exceptional academic promise and represent some of the most academically talented students in the country.
- 6 Summa Cum Laude graduates earned all A's for all high school coursework.
- 20 Magna Cum Laude graduates earned all A's with four credits of "B" or fewer for all coursework awarded high school credit.
- 23 Cum Laude graduates earned all A's with eight credits of "B" or fewer for all coursework awarded high school credit.
- 34% of 2015 graduates earned an Honors Diploma by completing a college preparatory curriculum and maintaining at least a 3.5 grade point average and obtaining a composite score of 27 on the American College Tests (ACT) or an equivalent composite score of 1210 on the Scholastic Assessment Tests (SAT).
- ACT Test Results for the Class of 2015 were higher than the state average with a composite score of 23.7.
- SAT Test Results were higher than the state average. Kenston scores:
 - 547 in Verbal
 - 551 in Math
 - 520 in Writing
 - 7.3 in Essay
- KHS offered 20 Advanced Placement courses .
- Thirteen Honors classes are offered at KHS.
- In 2015, 336 KHS students took 550 Advanced Placement exams with 62% receiving a score of 3, 4 or 5.
- The College Board recognized KHS students with [74 Advanced Placement awards](#). 1 student was named National AP Scholar; 25 students qualified for AP Scholar with Distinction Awards; 18 students qualified for AP Scholar with Honor Awards; and 31 students qualified for AP Scholar Awards.



- Over the past three years, an average of 16 students have participated in partnerships with local colleges and universities to earn high school and college credit simultaneously.
- 100% of TES third grade students passed the 2015 Third Grade Reading Guarantee.
- The Kenston Local Schools and high school were ranked among the best in Ohio in several publications:
 - *Cleveland Magazine*: 13th in the “Rating the Suburbs” issue
 - *Washington Post*: “America’s Most Challenging High School” list
 - *U.S. News & World Report*: 36th in Ohio/982 nationally on America’s Best High School list
 - *Niche*: A+ ranking Overall
- The 2nd Annual Science Technology Engineering Art and Math (STEAM) Night was held for all Kenston families with grade appropriate hands-on activities and presentations from a variety of local and non-profit corporations and organizations.





- For the 6th year, Timmons Elementary School participated in the One School, One Book program. In partnership with the PTO, 850 copies of *The Cricket in Times Square* were distributed to students and staff. One School, One Book is a month long shared reading experience with families. Activities are coordinated to include a variety of different subjects with an emphasis on vocabulary.
- High school Chinese III and IV language students taught Timmons pupils simple phases and demonstrated the art of making Chinese characters.
- [Technology](#) enhanced authentic learning opportunities through various computing environments, including portable wireless stations (laptops, Chrome-books and iPads), multi-media labs and interactive devices including white boards, projectors and document cameras.
- Over 120,000 documents were created in Google Apps for Education for grades K-12. Students shared over 159,000 documents and stored 355,000 documents. Total information stored was in excess of 1,636 GB for free.
- Teachers using Google Classroom create and collect assignments paperlessly, including time-saving features such as the ability to automatically make a copy of a Google document for each student.
- Kenston students joined tens of millions of children of all ages and backgrounds to demystify computer science and show that anybody can learn the [basics of coding](#) – a new skill set that is in high demand by employers.
- Kenston continued to earn Ohio Gold, Excellence in Physical Education Award. This honor recognizes schools that emphasis the health, wellness and physical activity of the whole child.
- BLUE Lecture Series sponsored by the Business Department invites local professionals to speak to high school students on a variety of business topics. These 80 minute forums are moderated by students.
- Our [libraries](#) continued to be the heart of the school and academic hub where students can gather information to create new ideas and knowledge.
- Problem-Based Learning (PBL) in sixth grade explored Egypt across the curriculum using *The Egypt Game* to kick-off the unit.
- Eighth graders read and worked across the curriculum on the Dickens' classic, *A Christmas Carol*, culminating with a field trip to the Cleveland Playhouse.





Arts

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

- The annual [District Art Show](#) showcases the artwork of students K-12.
- 14 high school fine and performing arts course offerings, include AP Studio Art 2-D.
- Lake and Geauga Counties Secondary Art Show featured 75 pieces of work from KHS students with students earning a Savannah College of Art and Design Best in Show Scholarship, seven (7) individual grant winners along with various county, grade level and blue ribbon awards.
- 17 regional winners in the Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition.
- Art Department presented "Integrating the Digital Visual Arts Portfolio" as a means for assessment and the SLO Process at the Ohio Educational Technology Conference.
- KHS senior earned a full tuition scholarship to College of Creative Studies in Detroit.





- KHS students selected to participate in the OMEA (Ohio Music Educator Association) State Honors and Choir.
- KMS and KHS students earned top honors in juried band and choral music competitions.
- Nearly 100 students were involved in the [Kenston Center Stage](#) productions of “Mary Poppins” and “An Evening of One Acts.”
- KMS Drama Club presented “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.”
- Students at Kenston Intermediate and Timmons Elementary Schools receive at least 80 minutes of Art and Music instruction a week. Each grade has a musical performance.
- Over 40 musical and drama performances were held.
- Annually, Timmons Elementary School Third Graders recognize Veterans’ Day with a musical salute.
- Award winning Bomberette Dance Team performed during pre-game festivities at the Capital One/Citrus Bowl on New Years’ Day in Orlando, Florida.

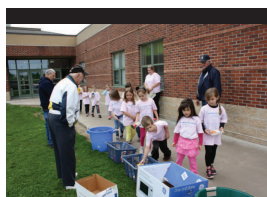




Student Leadership and Activities

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

- Students at all grade levels participate in at least one Service Learning Project. They support organizations like Adopt-a-Family, Bainbridge Food for Friends, Big Brother, Big Sister, Chagrin Falls Park Community Center, Geauga Jobs & Family Services, Harvest for Hunger, Leukemia/Lymphoma Society, Relay for Life, Rescue Village, Toys for Tots, USO, The Weil's, and Women's Safe Shelters.
- 100% of KMS members of Peaceful Environment at Kenston and Students Taking A New Direction (PEAK/STAND) completed at least 10 hours of community service.
- KMS PEAK/STAND Committee recognized local first responders with a Pay-It-Forward Breakfast.
- KIS was named "[Mix It Up](#)" Model School.
- The KMS Power of the Pen team performed well in district and regional competition brought home an individual "Best-of-the-Best" Award. In addition, three (3) students competed at the state level placing in the top 10 writers.
- The KMS Science Olympiad team placed 12th at the State Science Olympiad Tournament comprised of the top forty teams in the state.
- Speech and Debate was introduced at the KMS level to learn more about public speaking. They practice with the high school team.
- KHS Science Olympiad team advanced to the State Tournament placing 17th.
- KHS Speech and Debate qualified four (4) individuals and one (1) alternate for the Ohio High School Speech League State competition.
- 15 KHS students took a 20 hour Wilderness First Aid class in conjunction with Kenston Field Experience. Wilderness First Aid is defined as care given an hour and a half away from definitive care. Students learned how to approach and assess a patient in the wilderness.
- As an elective class and club at KHS, [Creating Exceptional Character \(CEC\)](#) allows typical peers to work with exceptional students in all facets of their high school life. KMS has a similar Peer Buddy Program.
- National Honor Society hosted the annual American Red Cross Blood Drive.





- KMS students are encouraged to participate in at least one of the 11 co-curricular clubs and/or **13 athletic sports** offered.
- At the high school 22 co-curricular clubs and activities are offered for students in grade 9-12 ranging from academic competition to culture clubs, performing arts to leadership.
- Kenston High School offers **26 athletic sports**
- KHS Student Athlete Participation Rate:
 - Fall Sports: 30%
 - Winter Sports: 20%
 - Spring Sports: 27%

High School athletics

Cheerleading
 Boys Baseball
 Boys Basketball
 Girls Basketball
 Boys Bowling
 Girls Bowling
 Boys Cross Country
 Girls Cross Country
 Girls Fastpitch
 Football
 Gymnastics
 Hockey
 Boys Golf
 Girls Golf
 Boys Lacrosse
 Girls Lacrosse
 Boys Soccer
 Girls Soccer
 G/B Swimming & Diving
 Boys Track & Field
 Girls Track & Field
 Boys Tennis
 Girls Tennis
 Volleyball
 Wrestling



Middle School athletics

Cheerleading
 Boys Baseball
 Boys Basketball
 Girls Basketball
 Boys Cross Country
 Girls Cross Country
 Football
 Girls Soccer
 Boys Track & Field
 Girls Track & Field
 Volleyball
 Wrestling





Fiscal Stewardship

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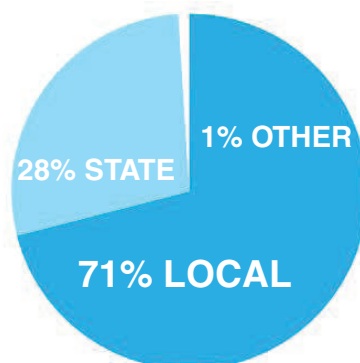
[2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report \(CAFR\)](#)

[2014 Five Year Forecast](#)

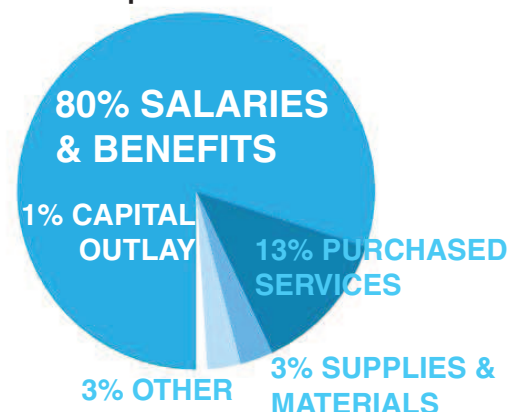
- Financial responsibility ensures that the majority of funding is spent on classroom instruction.
 - District cost per pupil: \$11,039
 - State Average: \$9,189
 - Source: 2013/14 State Report Card
 - Percentage spent on Instruction: \$20,309,927 or 57 % of budget
 - Source: FY15 Bud Sum Report
- Strong accountability as demonstrated by numerous Auditor of State awards and recognitions including:
 - Auditor of State Award with Distinction
 - Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for 15 consecutive years.
 - Kenston Schools has maintained a rating of Aa1 from Moody's Investors Service.
- In 2014/15, Kenston received 29% of its operating receipts from federal, state and other sources and the remaining 71% from local sources. Because State funding levels are driven by property values, Kenston with higher property values, receives lower state assistance than most Ohio school districts.
- General Fund expenditures are comprised of Personnel costs, Purchased Services, Supplies and Material, Capital Outlay and other/transfer items. Schools are service organizations. Kenston's main function is to meet the educational needs of our students. Over 80% of our expenses are the personnel costs of our employees.



Revenue Sources



Expenditures





Parent & Community Involvement

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

Partnerships

Kenston, Inc.
Kenston Foundation
Kenston Alumni Association
Kenston Citizens Advisory Committee
Business Partnership
Bomber Elite
Kenston Academic Boosters
Kenston Athletic Boosters
Kenston Community Education
Musical Arts at Kenston
PTO Council
Timmons Parent Teacher Organization
Kenston Intermediate School Parent Teacher Organization
Kenston Middle School Parent Teacher Organization
Kenston High School Parent Teacher Organization

- [Kenston PTOs](#) and Booster Organizations disbursed more than \$100,000 annually to schools and involve hundreds of parents and volunteers who donate thousands of hours of their time.
- KMS PTO maintained and managed an on-site spirit wear shop, "[The Bomber Hangar](#)."
- [The Kenston Foundation](#) distributed over \$20,000 for teacher grants and student scholarships.
- The Kenston Foundation supported the Art Department with a grant to purchase a 3-D printer, vinyl cutter and materials.
- Students and community will benefit from the generous bequest of nearly \$80,000 by the [Benjamin A. King Family Trust](#) through Student Scholarships, innovative digital design and rapid manufacturing coursework in a Fabrication Lab and expansion of the [Community Trails](#) and outdoor learning space.
- Two (2) semi-trucks full of recyclables were collected as part of the [1st Annual Electronics Recycling](#) organized by the Technology Department.
- Kenston hosted the Ohio Army National Guard's 122nd Army Band, Ohio's premier military music ensemble.
- Senior Moments of Rockin' Entertainment (S'MOREs) hosts residents over the age of 60 for a variety of social opportunities to showcase events going on in the district.
- KHS Librarian and students held an evening session at the Bainbridge Public Library to introduce the new [Testing and Education Reference Center](#) to high school parents.
- [Kenston Community Education](#) provided academic, athletic and recreational programs for youth and adults in the community.
- Many residents regularly attend Kenston Board of Education meetings, which are held on the third Monday of each month at 7pm in the Timmons Elementary School, multi-purpose room, unless otherwise noted. Board members' contact information, meeting [agendas and minutes](#), and [bylaws and policies](#) are all posted on the district's web site.





Student Services

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

- **Gifted students** are offered a range of innovative and challenging courses and services. Elementary and middle school students are often taught by classroom teachers who are dual licensed and trained in regular and gifted education. <http://kenstonlocal.org/kenston/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/2015-Gifted-Information.pdf>
 - The percentage of students identified as Gifted last school year: 17%
- Exceptional students are provided with customized instruction to best meet their diverse needs. A full range of services from speech pathology and occupational and physical therapy are offered to all students who qualify. At each level, we work to instruct our students in an inclusive environment.
 - The percentage of students who received Special Education services last school year: 9%
- The Limited English Proficient (LEP) program served 10 students.
- Twelve (12) licensed therapists assisted students in the District, including 5 speech language pathologists, 3 psychologists, 2 occupational therapists and 2 physical therapists.
- Health aides were available in all buildings.
- Seven (7) school guidance counselors assisted students in the District, including three at the **high school** to guide students and parents through the college decision process. <http://kenstonlocal.org/guidance/khs/khs-guidance-team/>
- One (1) **librarian** and three (3) **library specialists** taught students how to access and use information and ideas that are needed to function successfully in today's information and knowledge-based society.



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