

KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS

QUALITY PROFILE 2016



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*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.*

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Dear Kenston Families and Community,

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 the classroom. The Quality Profile characterizes attributes that we value in education and that we strive to achieve as a nationally recognized school district. This document highlights six categories that matter most to our communities: Academics, Arts, Student Leadership & Activities, Parent & Community Involvement, Student Services and Fiscal Stewardship.

It is the mission of the Kenston Schools to provide each student with opportunities to achieve individual academic excellence and to grow within a safe and nurturing environment. It is our mission to educate the whole child.

In our rapidly changing world, we strive to provide our students with the knowledge, skills and characteristics necessary to succeed. This Quality Profile is a reflection of our students' performance and what is happening in our schools. Our outstanding staff is committed to the care and achievement of your learners, as evident in our classrooms, school buses, cafeterias and athletic fields.

Our students' performance and success is a reflection of your engagement and support of the Kenston Schools. We join together to celebrate their accomplishments and look forward to building upon the district's strengths through strategic thinking and long-term planning.

Thank you for your continued support of the students of the Kenston Schools.

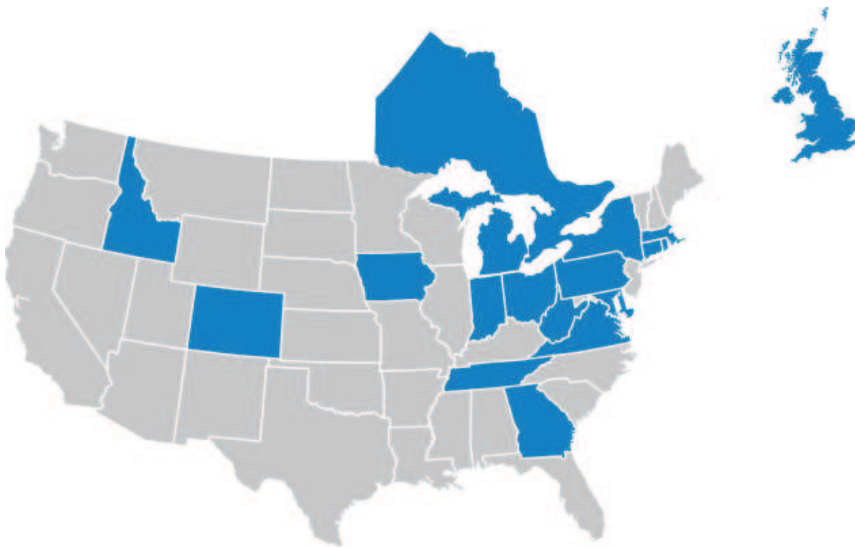
Sincerely,

Nancy R. Santilli
Superintendent

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ACADEMICS

Class of 2016 Profile



Graduates are attending schools in 16 different states, Canada and Scotland.



Graduates	242
Graduation Rate	98%
% attending college	92%

Summa Cum Laude (A's)	11
Magna Cum Laude (4 B's)	26
Cum Laude (8 B's)	21
Ohio Honors Diploma	98

ACT Test average	23.2
SAT Test average	
Verbal	547
Math	551
Writing	520

National Merit Finalist	2
National Merit Commended	3

Advanced Placement Awards	
National AP Scholar	9
AP with Distinction	30
AP with Honors	16
AP Scholar	33

ACADEMICS

Kenston students have a variety of learning experiences that are designed to challenge and prepare them for their future.

One School, One Book

In partnership with the Timmons PTO, 850 copies of “The Enormous Egg” by Oliver Butterworth were distributed to students and staff. One School, One Book is a month-long shared reading experience with families. Activities were coordinated to include a variety of different subjects with an emphasis on vocabulary.



The 1st Kenston Middle School [Robotics Team](#), comprised of 12 students, competed in area tournaments.

11 [Honors/Accelerated courses](#) were offered at Kenston Middle School.

New network infrastructure (200+ WIFI access points) and phone systems were upgraded with Bond Issue funds.

Kenston High School offered [College Credit Plus](#). This initiative replaced Post-Secondary Education Options for high school students. Students in grades 7-12 may now enroll in college level courses.



Over 80% of our teachers have a master's degree or higher.

Average teacher experience is 14 years.

ACADEMICS

Digital Docents

Kenston Middle School seventh graders created guide videos when visiting the Cleveland Museum of Art. Students used iPads and the museum's ArtLens app to explore works in the permanent collection. KMS Art teachers Liz Vejar-Olwert and Kelly Seitz, along with Josh Timmons, planned the technology integrated student field trip.



Aspiring inventors at Kenston Intermediate School solved every day problems as part of the 2016 Invention Convention.

ACADEMICS



College Ready Ohio

Kenston High School is partnering with The Ohio State University and nine other districts across the state to build the academic foundation for student success by providing digital learning tools and resources. Three hundred iPads were part of the pilot Straight A Grant that students used in Sal Maiorana's Science classes, Tony Marchesi's English classes and Shannon Wirthwein's Social Studies' classes. Additional iPads were available as mobile classroom sets. Professional development was provided to teachers who learned how to create, organize and deliver their own digital study materials.



Straight A Grant

The Auburn Bainbridge Room received a makeover funded by a Geauga County Straight A Grant. Over \$100,000 of video conferencing equipment— including a new screen, projector, sound system and podium – were part of the project. High school classes utilize the enhanced technology in conjunction with online classes, distance learning, shared services with other districts and College Credit Plus opportunities.

THE ARTS

Our students enjoy a variety of opportunities to participate in the performing and visual arts. These essential programs inspire creativity, critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Art exhibitions and music performances take place throughout the year.

Kenston Schools hosted the **1st Annual Fine Arts Showcase** featuring the artwork of students in all grades and musical performances by band and choral students in Grades 6–12. This daylong event was well received by the community.

The **KMS Drama Club** performed *Bye Bye Birdie*.

Over 50% of KMS students participate in band and/or chorus classes. Students earned top honors in the **Ohio Music Education Association District 7 Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event**.

Student art work displayed throughout the builds is an integral part of the culture of each school.



Over 400 students participate in the Kenston band program, with 123 students participating at the high school level.

The **Kenston High School Symphonic Band** was selected to perform at the Ohio Band Directors Conference. Belle Puckett and Erin Mast were selected to perform in the 62 piece Ohio Band Directors Hall of Fame Honors Band.

Soprano, Catherine Zickert, was selected by audition for membership in the 2016 **Ohio Music Education Association All-State Choir**.

Three Kenston High School artists had artwork selected for exhibit at the **2016 Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition** in Columbus. Twelve students had their artwork recognized with regional awards.

Fifteen students in the Kenston Middle School art department distinguished themselves at the **Lake Geauga Counties Secondary Art Awards** held at Lakeland Community College.

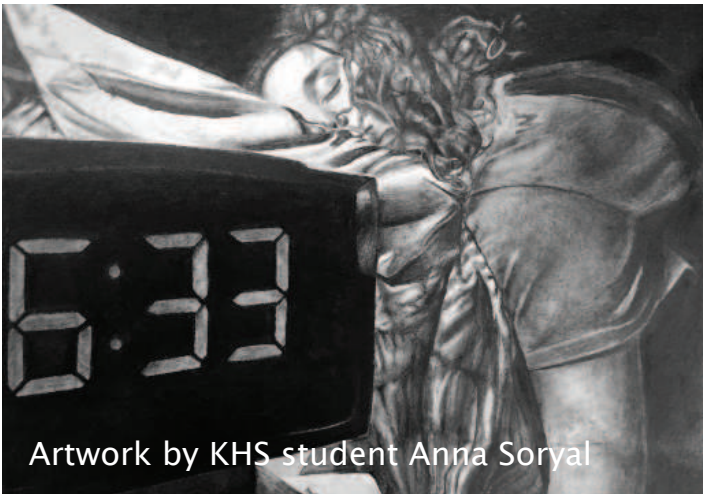
Kenston High School artists were recognized at the **Lake Geauga Counties Secondary Art Awards** with special awards: Best of Show 9–12 to Samantha Kukoleck, Best of Grade 12 to Garrett Rosinski, Best of Grade 10 to Madison Spicuzza and Judges honors to Anna Soryal and Madison Spicuzza. Hannah Johnson was also recognized with a scholarship from the Cleveland Institute of Art.

Kenston Center Stage presented *The Curious Savage* in the Fall and the musical *Damn Yankees* in the Spring. Over 80 students acted, sang and worked on the production as stage or technical crew for a total of seven performances.

Kenston Bomberettes earned their 9th National Title at Cheer Champion Central's National Competition. The 17 member team earned their title in the Pom and Kick division.

Ovation goes to... Kenston Center Stage was honored by the **Geauga Council for Arts and Culture at the 14th Annual Ovation Awards** for area high school musicals. *Damn Yankees* received awards in: Technical Achievement – Katie Blazek and Kayleigh Fisher for their work on sound, Music Award – Cameron Oakes for her vocal performance as Meg Boyd, Acting Award – Catherine Zickert for her portrayal of Gloria Thorpe, Triple Threat Award for Acting, Dancing and Singing – Kaitlin McGrath for her performance as Lola.





Artwork by KHS student Anna Soryal



KMS Drama Club presented *Bye, Bye Birdie*



KIS 5th Grade Choir



KHS Marching Band



Kenston Center Stage Award-Winning *Damn Yankees*

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Student leadership reinforces classroom lessons by giving students the chance to apply academic skills to real-world experiences.

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 Safe.



Over 25 co-curricular clubs and activities are offered for students in grades 9-12 ranging from academic competition to language clubs, performing arts and leadership. One of the newest organizations was the Culinary Culture Club that explored different ethnic foods. Members also acted as sous chefs for elementary students as they competed in the Future Chef Contest.



ATHLETICS

Athletics allows Kenston's students to learn the value of teamwork, responsibility, competition and community.



2015/16 Western Reserve Conference Titles

Boys Cross Country • Boys Soccer • Volleyball
Girls Basketball • Wrestling • Boys Track

NCAA Division I or II Collegiate Athletic Scholarships

Michaela Barnes: Basketball at Edinboro University
Parker Gdula: Football at Findlay College
Sydney Gorski: Volleyball at Bryant University
Michala Jepson: Volleyball at Colgate University
CJ Maynard: Soccer at Ashland University
Nico Mostardi: Tennis at Cleveland State University

Kenston High School Athletic Offerings

Cheerleading	Gymnastics	Co-ed Swimming & Diving
Baseball	Hockey	Track & Field, Boys & Girls
Basketball, Boys & Girls	Golf, Boys & Girls	Tennis, Boys & Girls
Co-ed Bowling	Lacrosse, Boys & Girls	Volleyball
Cross Country, Boys & Girls	Softball (Fastpitch)	Wrestling
Football	Soccer, Boys & Girls	

Kenston Middle School Athletic Offerings

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

The profile of a Kenston athlete is founded on Championship Character and grounded in Sportsmanship. The individual uses a Superior Work Ethic to embrace Competition.

PARENT & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

An engaged partnership with parents, families and community members is the foundation of our schools. Our students' performance and success is a reflection of everyone working together.

30 Kenston Intermediate School students traveled to Rockwell Automation to take part in National Engineer's Week exploring STEM opportunities.



Community members in the fields of Medicine, Media, Creative Arts and Business provided high school students with insight into their careers as part of the Kenston, Inc. [High School Partnership Speaker Series](#).

[Kenston PTOs](#) and [Booster Organizations](#) donated more than \$125,000 last year. These groups involve hundreds of parents and volunteers who dedicate thousands of hours to our schools.

[Senior Moments of Rockin' Entertainment \(S'MOREs\)](#) hosts residents over the age of 60 for a variety of social outings that showcase events occurring in the district.

The KMS PTO maintained and managed a spirit wear shop, "[The Bomber Hangar](#)."

[The Kenston Foundation](#) distributed over \$20,000 in teacher grants and student scholarships.

Students and community members will benefit from a generous bequest of nearly \$80,000 by the [Benjamin A. King Family Trust](#) through the expansion of the Community Trails and outdoor learning space.

Partnerships

Kenston, Inc.

Kenston Foundation

Kenston Alumni
Association

Kenston Citizens
Advisory Committee

Speaker Series

Bomber Elite

Kenston Academic
Boosters

Kenston Athletic
Boosters

Kenston Community
Education

Musical Arts
Association 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



We are fortunate to have engaged and enthusiastic parents that go above and beyond to support our students, teachers, co-curricular activities and athletic programs.



Character Traits

Hard Work

Honesty

Self Control

Compassion

Fairness

Good Judgment

Gratitude

Integrity

Love

Positive Attitude

Respect

Responsibility

Programs

Start with Hello

Mix It Up Days

Random Acts of Kindness

Student of the Month

Good News Calls

Student Ambassadors

STUDENT SERVICES

Kenston offers multiple programs and supports to meet the individual needs of our students.

Special Education A full continuum of special education services are offered in integrated settings or small group classrooms.

From preschool to high school graduation, Kenston offers inclusive and adaptive programs for our students' needs.



English Language Learners Students in the multifaceted ELL are instructed in oral and written English with the goal of attaining proficiency to successfully participate in language and content area classes. Services were provided to 12 students speaking five languages: German, Uzbek/Turkish, Spanish and Russian/Lithuanian.

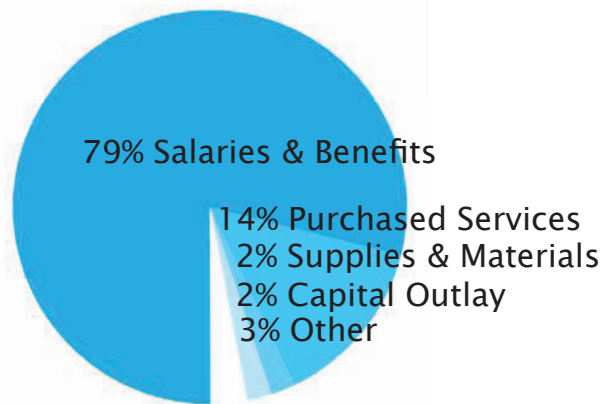
Gifted students are offered a wide range of innovative and challenging courses. Elementary and middle school students are often taught by classroom teachers who are dual licensed in regular and gifted education.

Peaceful Environment at Kenston (PEAK) is important to the mental wellness and safety of our students. PEAK encompasses our continuing efforts to maintain a safe environment where students, staff and members of the public behave in a manner that instills a harmonious existence within our schools and at school activities.



FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Strong fiscal stewardship and efficient budgeting ensure classroom instruction and high quality programs that our community values.



Accountability

- Auditor of State with Distinction
- Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for 16 consecutive years.
- Maintain a rating of Aa1 from Moody's Investors Service.



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. 79% of our expenses are the personnel costs of our committed employees.

Where does the money come from to educate your child?

In 2015–16, Kenston received 26% of its operating receipts from federal, state and other sources and the remaining 74% from local sources. Because state funding levels are driven by property values, Kenston, with higher property values, receives lower state assistance than most school districts.



State and Other Revenue

- State per Pupil Funding
- Homestead & Rollback
- Tangible Personal Tax
- Property Tax
- Reimbursements

Locally Generated Revenue

- Real Estate Taxes
- Fees
- Interest

"Clean and accurate record-keeping are the foundation for good government and the taxpayers can take pride in your commitment to accountability."

- David Yost, Auditor of State



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