

2017 DISTRICT QUALITY PROFILE



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. THIS PROFILE HELPS CHARACTERIZE THE OVERALL EDUCATIONAL VALUE IN AREAS THAT MATTER MOST TO THE KENSTON COMMUNITY.



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.











BOARD MEMBERS
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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Kenston families and community,

The Quality Profile showcases our commitment to providing students with the knowledge, skills, opportunities and characteristics that do not appear on the state report card. It highlights, Academics, Arts, Student Leadership and Activities, Fiscal Stewardship, Parent Community Involvement and Student Services showcasing examples of student successes and learning opportunities that are not measured by standardized tests. These student accomplishments and creative learning opportunities are focused on preparing our students to be competitive in today's rapidly changing world.

It is our mission to provide each student with opportunities to achieve individual academic excellence and grow within a safe and nurturing environment. At Kenston, we are committed to the education of the whole child, incorporating additional priorities within our academic program including citizenship, health and wellness and innovation.

GOALS

- Inspiring Student Achievement
- ★ Inspiring Citizenship (Peaceful Environment at Kenston/PEAK)
- ★ Inspiring Health and Wellness (Promoting Learning through Active Youth/Play Blue)
- ★ Inspiring Innovation (Go Green/Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math/STEAM)
- ★ Inspiring Connections/Communication

We join with our community to celebrate the accomplishments of our students and staff and building on the district's strengths. Together through your engagement and connection to the schools, we prepare our students for success in the future.

Sincerely,

Nancy R. Santilli

Superintendent of Schools

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IN THE KNOW

Stats

Schools

2 elementary 1 middle 1 high school

Student Enrollment 2.700

> Cost Per Pupil \$11,852

Classroom Teachers

Average Teaching Experience
14.1 years

Average Teacher Salary \$69,201

<u>Average Years of Experience</u> 15 years, 77% with Master's Degree

Employees
408
Special Education Personnel
36
Administrative Personnel
14

Students Bussed Daily 2,175 Miles Driven Daily 2,948 a day

> Vehicles in Fleet 47 Buses, 9 Vans

Maintained by District Custodians, Maintenance and Grounds Staff 598,001 square feet, 118 acres

> Lunches Served 123,710 A La Carte Purchases 264,932









99.4% of students met the Third Grade Reading Guarantee

KMS offered 15 Honors/Accelerated classes

5 High School credit classes are offered to middle school students — Algebra I, Geometry, French I, Spanish I and Russian I

KHS offers 14 Honors courses and 21 Advanced Placement courses — Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science A, English Language & Composition (III), English Literature & Composition (IV), Environmental Science, European History, French Language, Government & Politics; United States, Macroeconomics, Physics I, Spanish Language, Statistics, Studio Art 2-D, United States History and World History



1:1 iPad in grades 9-12

Presidential Academic Achievement Award (maintaining a 3.5 unweighted GPA and community service) 36 Seniors 34 Juniors

27 Sophomore 7 Freshmen

SAT Test Results were higher than the state average 560 in Critical Reading/Verbal

563 in Math 540 in Writing

ACT Test Results were higher than the state average

24 in Verbal

23.6 in Math

24.9 in Reading 24.1 in Science

24.3 in Composite



248 Graduates 16 Summa Cum Laude 30 Magna Cum Laude 23 Cum Laude graduates

5 National Merit Commended Scholars

College Board Advanced Placement Scholars
5 National AP Scholars
42 AP Scholars with Distinction
17 AP Scholars with Honors
57 AP Scholars

369 KHS students took 677 Advanced Placement exams with 66% earning college credit

40% of 2017 graduates earned an Honors Diploma (at least a 3.5 grade point average and obtaining a composite score of 27 on the ACT or an equivalent composite score of 1210 on the SAT)

M Seniors earned Community Service Awards by completing at least 60 hours of volunteer work in the community

/ Graduate earned a high school diploma and an Associate's Degree

5 Students entered the military Appointment to Air Force Academy Full ROTC scholarship

90% of KHS Seniors will attend a 2 or 4 year college/university

53 High school students enrolled in College Credit Plus in the 2016-17 school year

CLASS OF 2017 HIGHER EDUCATION

Alma College Anderson University Ashland University **Baldwin Wallace University Boston University Bowling Green State University Bradley University** Capital University Case Western Reserve University Centralia College Cleveland State University College for Creative Studies The College of Wooster Columbus College of Art and Design Cuyahoga Community College Davidson College **Denison University Duquesne University** Elon University **Emory University** Franciscan University of Steubenville Georgia Institute of Technology Haverford College High Point University Hiram College Indiana University **John Carroll University** Kent State University Lakeland Community College Loyola University Chicago Mercyhurst University Miami University Michigan State University Muskingum University Northern Michigan University Notre Dame College of Ohio The Ohio State University Ohio University Rochester Institute of Technology Saint Mary's College of California School of Visual Arts Tuskegee University United States Air Force Academy The University of Akron The University of Alabama University of Cincinnati University of Dayton University of Denver University of Kentucky University of Michigan University of Montana University of Oregon University of Pittsburgh University of South Florida University of Toledo University of Vermont University of Virginia Walsh University West Virginia University Xavier University Youngstown State University



ACADEMICS

ENGAGING STUDENTS TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL BY INSPIRING THEM WITH A VARIETY OF LEARNING EXPERIENCES THAT ARE DESIGNED TO CHALLENGE AND PREPARE THEM FOR THE FUTURE

At Kenston, learning is engaging and meaningful. Standards-based instruction is designed to promote deep and rich learning. Beyond consumers of important academic content, our goal is to nurture students to be thinkers and problem-solvers. All Kenston teachers have participated in ongoing professional development in the area of instructional differentiation to ensure all students receive the support needed to maximize their individual growth. Within the framework of 21st Century Skills, student experiences are focused on the development of critical thinking skills, collaborative learning, communication strategies and the fostering of creativity.

Committed to a holistic education, Kenston incorporates additional priorities within the academic program including citizenship, health and wellness and innovation.

TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION

It is essential for Kenston to prepare our students for a technology-based economy. Recent advances in our technology infrastructure, devices and instructional support for teachers and students have allowed us to provide increased opportunities to develop digital skills. The targeted infusion of technology throughout the curriculum provides instructional enhancements, increases student engagement and offers real-world applications. Blending classroom instruction with online resources fosters unique and deep learning that expands the pace and place of their experience. As a Google district, all administrators, teachers and students are users of this common platform for instruction, communication and collaboration. Computing environments within the district include portable wireless stations for laptops, Chrome Books and iPads, multi-media labs and interactive devices such as white boards, projectors, document cameras and green screens are available to our students. As a recipient of the Ohio Ready Competitive State Grant Program program, Kenston High School is a one-to-one environment, with all students having an iPad provided to them. Our students K-8 have access to technology labs and iPads/Chromebooks on carts.

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

Kenston is committed to preparing students for life beyond our campus. This is accomplished through the development of individual pathways for each student. In addition to suggested academic pathways, students have ongoing opportunities to participate in business and community visitations, shadowing experiences, internships, technical training, speaker series, and career fairs to guide them in decision-making for their future. Specific programs that support College and Career Readiness include:

★ Guidance

Kenston's secondary program employs five Counselors who have had training in academic and career advising. Additionally, the Counselors oversee the use of a digital platform, Naviance, in grades 7-12 which manages individual student records, career interests and college preparation activities.

★ College Credit Plus

A statewide program that allows students to earn college and high school credit simultaneously in a designated class offered on the Kenston campus or through community colleges or universities. The purpose of the program is to provide rigorous academic options to college-ready students.



INNOVATIVE, GO GREEN

It is a goal of the district to be innovative and forward-thinking while remaining practical and relevant. In one of our innovative efforts, Kenston has demonstrated an active role in educating our students on sustainable energy and caring for the environment beyond the Kenston campus. A large wind turbine, a hybrid bus, lighting, hydration stations, recycling, lights-out days in our schools, brown bag lunches, and the addition of beautiful walking trails around the wooded perimeter of the Kenston property provides real-world application of environmental respect for our students. Sustainable energy is also included in various courses and content throughout the K-12 academic program.



PLAY BLUE

Academic and life success is linked to physical activity and nutrition. Kenston has committed resources and curricular activities to educate and expose students to healthy lifestyle choices. Brain breaks, fitness rooms, increased recess and physical education periods are some of the ways we support this initiative. Through building activities, health and physical education classes and in collaboration with our food service provider, we strive to model healthy practices in district decision-making.

ACADEMICS

- ★ Differentiated instruction provided to meet the needs of all learners in grades PK-12
- ★ Gifted programming in elementary and middle school
- ★ Auburn Career Center Vocational consortium opportunities technical training and industry credentialing
- ★ World Languages offered: French, Spanish, and Russian in grades 7-12
- Infusion of innovative technology in classroom to enhance instructional practices















Our visual arts, drama and music programs provide students with the opportunity to grow and achieve inside and outside the classroom. The skills learned in these programs transfer to every part of the curriculum.

VISUAL ARTS

We believe that art is an important way for students to express themselves and understand the world around them in new ways. Recognizing, exploring, imagining and connecting with ideas using different media allows all students to find meaning in art. Students have an opportunity to exhibit their talents at the Annual Fine Arts Showcase.

DRAMATIC ARTS

Drama inspires students to work collaboratively, take risks and express themselves while focusing on a common goal. These skills are needed in all career fields today. Students can audition and/or work on the set and backstage production as part of the middle school Drama Club or high school Kenston Center Stage.

MUSICAL ARTS

Creating, performing and responding to music starts with our youngest students. They have an opportunity to share their joy and love of music during annual performances. Band and afterschool chorus begin for 5th graders as students explore their interests and talents making course selection in the middle school and high school.



ARTS

- 35% of 5th graders participated in an afterschool choir program
- Over 50% of KMS students participated in band and/or chorus classes
- Over 300 students performed in the KMS/KHS choir program
- Over 345 students participate in the Kenston Band program, 109 students participated at the high school level
- All State Honors/Competition
 - 19 Superior Rating KHS Solo and Ensemble Contest 5 Excellent Rating KHS Solo and Ensemble Contest

 - 3 Honors Band
 - 5 All State Choir
 - 1 All State Band
 - 1 All State Children's Chorus
- **Art Department Recognition**
 - 1 National Silver Medal Award Winner
 - 1 Scholastic Gold Key Winner
 - 2 Cleveland Clinic eXpression Winners
 - 1 Governor's Show State Winner
 - 10 Governor's Show Regional Winners
 - 4 Lake Geauga Talent Grant Winners
 - 1 Lake Geauga Best of Show Winner
 - 6 Lake Geauga Judges Winners
 - 15 Lake Geauga Gold Seals
 - 21 Lake Geauga Honorable Mentions
 - 7 KMS Lake Geauga Winners



















PARENT/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

INSPIRING CONNECTIONS IS VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR STUDENTS

We recognize that the world has changed dramatically and the skills needed to be competitive in today's world are different than just a generation ago. What has not changed is the vital role that families and community play in the success and achievement of our students. This powerful collaboration provides relationships that connect our students to the greater community and supports their success not only educationally, but also socially.

We welcome and appreciate the partnerships with our parents, community and alumni which establish lasting connections and create authentic learning experiences for our students.

Kenston Inc. (Innovate, Nurture, Connect) is a forum to connect Kenston students with community partners and resources for real-world learning and career development. Participants representing a wide variety of professional careers, business and community members meet quarterly with our school team to share their feedback on skills critical for the workforce and career development opportunities that are available to our students.

- ★ The Kenston Foundation awarded over \$30,000 in student scholarships and teacher grants for supplemental enrichment programs.
- ★ Academic Boosters recognizes academic achievement and student scholarship. This year, high school students were honored with Presidential Excellence Awards based on community service and GPA.
- ★ Musical Arts Association at Kenston supports the Band, Choir and Drama programs through parent volunteers and funds for scholarship, instruments, uniforms, performance apparel and concert receptions.
- ★ The Kenston Athletic Boosters provides financial support to athletic and scholarship programs throughout the district through fundraising activities.
- Bomber Elite supports football programs with monetary support and volunteer support.
- ★ The Kenston Alumni Association recognized all new graduates with mini diplomas, 122 Seniors for attending K-12 and 35 "Legacy" students whose parents also attended Kenston.
- * Alumni and Community members shared their expertise and career advice with high school students as part of the High School Partnership Speaker Series.
- ★ Kenston PTOs donate their time, talents and funds to support educational grants for special programs, equipment and student scholarships.
- * "The Bomber Hangar" continues its' mission of providing spirit wear for the community.
- ★ Parents provide a fun-filled, safe environment for students to enjoy After Prom.
- ★ 55 local professionals shared information about their job, career path and education with over 1,000 students at the 1st Annual Career Day.
- ★ For 20 years, school and community members have joined together to celebrate Girls and Women in Sports Night.
- * Kenston Community Education develops and coordinates year-round enrichment and recreational athletic activities including programming for youth, teens and adults.



PARENT/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

★ PARTNERS

Auburn Township
Bainbridge Area Food for Friends
Blaster Corporation
Bainbridge Township
Bomber Elite
Bomber Hangar
Chagrin Falls Park Community Center
Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce

Chagrin Valley Rotary Geauga Park District Kenston Education Association

Kenston Academic Boosters
Kenston Alumni Association
Kenston Athletic Boosters

Kenston Citizens Advisory Committee

Kenston Community Education

Kenston Foundation

Kenston Inc.

KHS Parent Teacher Organization
KHS Partnership Speaker Series
KIS Parent Teacher Organization
KMS Parent Teacher Organization
Leadership Geauga
Musical Arts Association of Kenston
Ohio Association of Public School Employees
PTO Council

TES Parent Teacher Organization University Hospitals

Rockwell Automation











STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

ENGAGING STUDENTS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM DEVELOPS WELL-ROUNDED CITIZENS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITY

Clubs and athletics are wital to extending our students' education beyond the classroom. These activities help students discover their talents and foster their interests. Kenston Middle School offers nine extracurricular opportunities for students in grades 6-8 that range from art to music and writing to science. 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 business.

In addition to developing leadership skills, these activities create community within our district.

KENSTON HIGH SCHOOL 26 SPORTS

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

KHS STUDENT ATHLETE PARTICIPATION

Fall Sports 30% – 339 athletes Winter Sports 17% – 179 athletes Spring Sports 29% – 294 athletes

KENSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL 11 SPORTS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADE 7 - 8

Cheerleading, B/G Basketball, B/G Cross Country, Football, G Soccer, B/G Track & Field, Volleyball and Wrestling

KMS STUDENT ATHLETE PARTICIPATION

Fall Sports 34% - 159 athletes Winter Sports 18% - 82 athletes Spring Sports 29% - 135 athletes



2016/17 WESTERN RESERVE CONFERENCE TITLES

Boys Golf Boys Cross Country Wrestling Boys Tennis Boys Track & Field

WESTERN RESERVE CONFERENCE INDIVIDUAL HONORS

John Boutton - Golf Player of the Year Isaac Cooper - Boys Diving Aya Henry - Golf Player of the Year Mary O'Neil - Girls Diving

STATE QUALIFIERS

Boys Cross Country, 13th place Girls Diving - Mary O'Neil, 14th place Boys Tennis - Parker Banning and Sam Cohen, Doubles Boys Track & Field - Sam Slezak, 800m Science Olympiad Speech and Debate

INDIVIDUAL STATE HONORS

Will Britton - Academic All-Ohio Will Grendell - Academic All-Ohio Sam Markel - Academic All-Ohio Jakob McConnell - Academic All-Ohio Evan Sanders - Academic All-Ohio Mary O'Neil - All-Ohio

NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

Speech and Debate - Tia Speece and Morgan Spehar Academic Challenge

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

- ★ Speech and Debate provides students with the opportunity to learn the means of speech, rhetoric, argumentation and acting through competition. The team had its most successful year ever sending over 15 students to the State Tournament. Two students continued on to compete at Nationals.
- ★ Science Olympiad is "project-based" competition for students who enjoy a variety of scientific disciplines, including earth science, biology, chemistry, physics and engineering. This challenging and enriching extracurricular depends on parent and community volunteers.
- ★ Political Action Committee at Kenston (PACK) is a nonpartisan political discussion group that allows students to engage in civil discussion and debate. They work with the League of Women Voters every Fall to organize a Candidates' Night.
- * The Kenston High School literary magazine, Janus, was honored with a rank of "Superior" in the 2016 National College of Teachers of English Program to recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines. The magazine features creative writing, paintings, drawings and photography.











Inspiring health and wellness



STUDENT SERVICES ENGAGING AND SERVING ALL STUDENTS

We are focused on meeting the educational needs of all of our students.

By differentiating instruction within the classrooms, we address the needs of our students. We are committed to providing engaging and authentic learning experiences for all 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.

GIFTED SERVICES

Kenston provides a comprehensive curriculum for all students and learning experiences to meet their needs. Gifted services and support to intensify and enrich the curricular goals are available at each grade level. The Kenston Challenge *Program* is offered for eligible students in grades 3 through grades 7 in the areas of English/Language Arts and Mathematics. Rigorous instruction outside of the challenge program is developed with the support of our credentialed Gifted Interventionists. In addition, middle school opportunities to participate in courses for high school credit in mathematics, world languages and College Credit Plus are offered. At Kenston High School, students may participate in Advanced Placement and College Credit Plus courses.

PFAK

Peaceful Environment at Kenston is an essential affective component of a positive school culture for learning. This program represents a belief system that expects all members of the Kenston community to behave in a manner towards themselves and others that instills a harmonious existence. Monthly character traits are identified and emphasized, a common logo is used, and district and building level PEAK committees identify strategies to embed the goals of this program in everyday routines and expectations.

STUDENT SERVICES

- English Language Learners are instructed in oral and written English with the goal of attaining proficiency to successfully participate in language and content area classes. Support was provided for students who speak Czech, Spanish, German, Gujarati, Uzbek and Portuguese.
- 8% of students identified as Students with Disabilities

10% of students identified as Economically Disadvantaged

28% of students identified as Gifted

11 students identified as English Language Learners

- Licensed therapists assist students throughout the District, including four speech language pathologists, three psychologists, one occupational therapist and one occupational therapy assistant (CODA), four registered nurses (health aides) and one physical therapist.
- Six school counselors assist students throughout the District with academic achievement. college and career readiness and personal and social development.







Inspiring citizenship



FISCAL LEADERSHIP

STRONG FISCAL STEWARDSHIP AND EFFICIENT BUDGETING ENSURE CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION AND HIGH QUALITY PROGRAMS THAT OUR COMMUNITY VALUES

FINANCIAL RATINGS & AWARDS

- Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for 17 consecutive years
- ★ Aa1 Rating Moody's Investor Service
- ★ Winner of the Auditor of State Award with Distinction
- Kenston District effective tax rates fall below similar districts in a statewide comparison

FISCAL CHALLENGES

- ★ The district's state funding cuts for this year amounted to the 5th highest percentage of reduction in the state
- ★ \$1,555,000 total state funding cuts for 2018 2019
- ★ State legislated cuts in business taxes amounting to a loss of \$3.1 million annually; representing 8.2% of the district's current operating budget

COST SAVING INITIATIVES

- ★ \$212,994 administrative staffing reductions
- ★ \$50,000 property insurance savings
- ★ \$201,376 staffing realignment savings



District Revenue Breakdown

Real Estate Taxes	27,291,870.02	70%
Public Utility Taxes	1,207,686.73	3%
Unrestricted State Aide	5,020,484.67	13%
Restricted State Aide	321,051.82	1%
Property Tax Allocation	3,656,761.41	9%
Other Revenues	1,640,772.09	4%
Total Revenue	\$ 39,138,626.74	



District Spending Breakdown

District Specification		"
Salaries	20,950,641.16	54%
Benefits	8,756,753.31	23%
Purchased Services	5,672,303.59	15%
Supplies & Materials	959,691.04	3%
Capital Outlay	411,996.29	1%
Other Expenditures	1,710,979.55	4%
Total Expenditures	\$ 38,462,364.94	

^{* 2016/17} fiscal year



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John Molnar, Technology Management Coordinator
Melody Coniglio, Transportation Director
Rita Pressman, Special Education Director (6-12)
Melissa Miller, Special Education Director (PreK-5)

BUILDING ADMINISTRATORS

Kenston High School
Thomas Gabram, Principal
Kathleen Phillips, Assistant Principal
Matthew Watts, Assistant Principal
Reid Guarnieri, Athletic Director

Kenston Middle School Patricia Brockway, Principal Larry Klimkowski, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director

Kenston Intermediate School Adam Fender, Principal Drew Trimble, Assistant Principal

<u>Timmons Elementary School</u>
Dave Rogaliner, Principal
Kristen Hasenohrl, Assistant Principal

OUR BUILDINGS

Gardiner Center (housing Transportation and Kenston Community Education)
Timmons Elementary School Grades PreK-3
Kenston Intermediate School Grades 4-5
Kenston Middle School Grades 6-8
Kenston High School Grades 9-12

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