



## 2019 DISTRICT QUALITY PROFILE

# KENSTON

*Academic Achievement* With a focus on engaged learning, we utilize project-based initiative and real-world experience to enhance instruction and inspire the student to achieve individual excellence. *PEAK* Our Peaceful Environment at Kenston platform is intended to maximize growth within our community which demonstrates and develops mutual respect, responsibility and life-long learning. *PlayBlue* Promoting Learning through Active Youth is our action plan for Health and Wellness education – which strives to enhance both mental and physical well-being. *Innovate* From real-world problem-solving techniques to collaborative working experiences and Renew Blue environmental initiatives, our focus on innovation is core to who we are. *Connections* Feeling a part of something bigger and developing skills for future success is vital to student growth. Through Kenston, Inc. career preparedness, business partnerships and service, we strive to build relationships and connections between students, teachers and community.



What we do is Heart Work.

Our students are at the heart of all that we do. We understand that every student’s educational journey is as different as their learning style, interests and passions. We strive to know our students, their strengths and their needs and build relationships to last a lifetime.

We are committed to educating the “whole” child because we know that each student is much more than grades and percentages. We challenge our students academically and prepare them for success beyond Kenston. We do this by engaging and motivating them with a well-rounded and integrated curriculum. We provide opportunities for them to be creative and soar – in the classroom, the art room and on stage. Our students develop empathy and leadership skills through day-to-day interactions and activities that empower them to grow as individuals and impact their community. Athletic and extra-curricular activities are vital to allow students to discover their talents and foster their interests. Our community invests in their children and we stand as their financial stewards. It is visible in the community spirit and pride that make us the Kenston family. The Quality Profile is a snapshot of the knowledge, skills and characteristics that our students receive through outstanding teaching and programs.

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.

Student Enrollment\*

Timmons Elementary School (PreK-3)	683
Kenston Intermediate School (Grades 4-5)	381
Kenston Middle School (Grades 6-8)	606
Kenston High School (Grades 9-12)	964
Total Enrollment (PreK-12)	2,634

\*on campus – based on May 2019 enrollment



Classroom Teachers	157
Special Education Personnel	36
Administrative Personnel	17
School Counselors	6
Health Aides	4
Library Specialists	4
Highly Qualified Teachers	100%
Average Teaching Experience	15.2 years
85% with Master's Degree, 3 with Doctorates	



28th in Ohio  
727 Nationally

A+ Report Card

Gardiner Center	Built 1962 + 3 additions
Timmons Elementary School	Built 1994 + 1 addition
Kenston Intermediate School	Built 1967 + 3 additions
Kenston Middle School	Built 1956 + 5 additions
Kenston High School	Built 2006
Maintenance and Custodial Staff	28
Facilities and Grounds Maintained	598,001 square feet, 122.7 acres

Bi-lingual Service Staff	16
Lunches Served	129,279
A La Carte Sales	\$348,297

Summer Renovations

- Timmons Elementary School**  
Roof and gutter replacement; 3rd Grade POD remodeling and carpeting
- Kenston Intermediate School**  
Gym floor refinishing; Kitchen floor replacement
- Kenston Middle School**  
Installation of two rooftop air handlers; Fire panel replacement; Gym floor refinishing
- Kenston High School**  
Replacement of Auditorium sound system and projector; Gym floor refinishing
- Campus**  
Parking lot repairs and seal coating; Varsity softball batting cage; JV softball field renovation



Class of 2019 Graduate Highlights

Graduates	261
87% attended a two or four-year college or university	
13% entered the workforce or joined the military	
Summa Cum Laude (All A's)	15
Magna Cum Laude (Less than 4B's)	38
Cum Laude (Less than 8B's)	38
Honors Diplomas	122
Community Service Awards	124
National Merit Finalists	2
National Merit Commended Scholars	8



Wind Turbine 750 kW Aeronautica Turbine  
Solar Panels 138 total Sunmodule 240 Watt Poly-Crystalline Panels; Power: 33.12 Kilowatts  
Kenston Trails 1.5 miles of geo-friendly paths  
Giving Garden Hands-on garden, supports local food banks  
Outdoor Classroom  
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## ACADEMICS

ENGAGING STUDENTS TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

*We focus on preparing students to meet life experiences* through meaningfully designed lessons that engage students. We utilize real-world experiences to enhance instruction. Our teachers participate in on going professional development as the district continues its collaborative partnership with the Schlechty Center.

The District continues to increase rigor to meet the Ohio Learning Standards. Our curriculum is aligned with the Ohio Department of Education Academic Content Standards in English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Fine Arts, Foreign Language, Physical Education and Library/Media. Other content areas, including Health and Family and Consumer Science, are aligned with national standards.

The integration of technology into the curriculum empowers students to fully participate in a connected, technology-rich world. As a Google district, we use a common platform for teaching, collaboration and communication.



- ★ Preschool program earns 5-Star Step Up to Quality rating
- ★ Academic work designed to meet the needs of all learners in grades PK-12
- ★ Gifted programming in elementary, middle and high schools
- ★ Academic Intervention Programs available for grades K-12
- ★ College and Career Readiness exploration beginning in the middle school
- ★ Integration of technology into classrooms in grades K-12
  - 1:1 iPads at KHS funded by Ohio Ready Competitive State Grant*
  - 1:1 Chromebooks at KMS*
- ★ World languages (French, Spanish and Russian) offered in the middle school and high school
- ★ *22* Advanced Placement (AP) courses offered at KHS
- ★ *14* Honors courses offered at KHS
- ★ *5* Honors/Accelerated courses offered at KMS
- ★ *5* High School credit classes available to KMS students
- ★ *4* College Credit Plus courses at KHS with agreements with 10 local colleges and universities
- ★ *23* career and technical education programs with opportunity for industry credentialing and college credit through Auburn Career Center Vocational Consortium

*Inspiring student achievement*

## COMMUNITY

CONNECTIONS ARE INTEGRAL TO STUDENT SUCCESS

*Partnerships* with parents, families and community are the foundation for strong schools. Our students succeed when we work together. Working together, our students succeed. The foundation of strong schools is the partnerships with parents, family and community.



- ★ Community partnerships transformed the former bus garage into the Gurd Family Fieldhouse
- ★ Elementary Literacy programs supported by James Reinhart/Ganley Chevrolet of Aurora and Chagrin Valley Rotary
- ★ Active Parent Teacher Organizations, Booster groups and The Kenston Foundation
- ★ Kenston PTO Council 3-part Parent Engagement Series featuring programs on Safety, Mental Health and Technology
- ★ Geauga Growth Partnership hosts 8th Grade Career Awareness Days with local businesses – Arborwear, ASM International, Geauga Mechanical, Mar-Bel, R43 Limited, Tarkett and UH Geauga. GGP also offered high school students paid summer internships.
- ★ *45* community members shared their knowledge and expertise with KHS students at Career Day



- ★ Kenston Alumni Association inducted the Inaugural Class to the Alumni Hall of Fame
- ★ Safety and Mental Health training from Bainbridge Police and Fire Departments, Geauga County Board of Mental Health, Project AWARE and UH Geauga
- ★ Kenston Community Education (KCE) provides before and after-school enrichment, recreational athletic activities and programs for all ages

*Inspiring connections*

## STUDENT SERVICES

SUPPORTING ALL STUDENTS

*Specialized service options* ensure all students receive individualized instruction, enrichment and support.

- ★ *16%* of students identified as Students with Disabilities under Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA 2004)
- ★ *11%* of students identified as Economically Disadvantaged
- ★ *23%* of students identified as Gifted
- ★ *12* students from around the world speaking Turkish, Portuguese, Gujarti, Dutch, Spanish, Ukrainian and Russian identified as English Language Learners (ELL), receiving programming, instruction and support



- ★ We strive to enhance school culture and social-emotional well-being of our students using our PEAK (Peaceful Environment at Kenston) program to build a climate of respect, kindness, empathy, compassion, tolerance and inclusion including the Who's Who Initiative, Start with Hello, Say Something Week and KHS Student Audit

*Inspiring citizenship*

STUDENT LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

ENGAGING STUDENTS TO BECOME WELL-ROUNDED AND CITIZENS WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITY

*Athletics and extra-curricular activities* are vital to extending our students’ lessons beyond the walls of the classroom. The opportunities develop leadership skills, cooperation and teamwork as well as creating community spirit and pride in our schools. These activities help students discover their talents and develop their passions.



- ★ 10 extracurriculars at KMS ranging from art to music and writing to science
- ★ Over 25 co-curricular clubs and activities at KHS including special interest organizations within academic competition, language, performing arts and business
- ★ 27 sports at KHS and 12 at KMS



Promoting Learning through Active Youth (Play Blue) district-wide focus on health and wellness

★ Academic Accomplishments



ASA Data Visualization Contest

- 1 1st Place, 3rd Grade

KMS Science Olympiad

- 1 Team State Qualifier, 9th Place
- 1 State Champion, 1st Place, Team Event
- 2 2nd Place, Team Event
- 1 3rd Place, Team Event

Speech & Debate

- 2 School of Excellence
- 1 Miller Award Finalist  
Cleveland High School  
Debate Champion
- 1 Team State Qualifier, 13th Place
- 1 2nd Place, Team Event
- 1 3rd Place, Team Event
- 1 4th Place, Team Event
- 6 National Qualifiers
- 2 Middle School State Champions
- 2 Academic All Americans

Mock Trial

- 1 Team State Qualifier, 9th Place

KHS Athletics Accomplishments

Highest Team GPA

Girls Cross Country: 3.96  
Girls Swimming & Diving: 3.77  
Girls Lacrosse: 3.81

Western Reserve Conference

6 Championships Boys: Cross Country, Football, Hockey, Tennis  
Girls: Bowling, Soccer  
5 Coaches of the Year Boys: Cross Country, Football, Tennis  
Girls: Bowling, Soccer

Individual Championships

Diving  
Boys Swimming (100 backstroke)  
Girls Swimming (100 breaststroke)

School Records

4 School records broken Boys: 100 Backstroke  
Girls: 100 Hurdles, Distance Medley Relay, 4x100

State

State Champions Football Division III  
6 Qualifiers Boys: Cross Country Team (18th Place),  
Swimming Individual (100 Backstroke)  
Girls: Cross Country Individual,  
Bowling Individual, Diving Individual,  
4x800 Relay Team (3rd Place)

Post High School

16 Collegiate signings

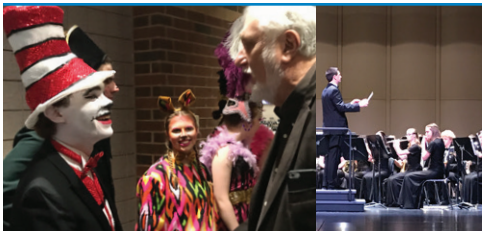
UH Sports Medicine Female Athlete of the Year

Dr. Thomas C. McLaughlin Athletic Trainer of the Year

ARTS

PROMOTING CREATIVITY AND CRITICAL THINKING

*Our visual arts, drama and music programs* provide students with the chance to grow and achieve inside and outside of the classroom. Skills learned through the arts complement every part of the curriculum.



★ Art Department Recognition

56 accepted: Lake Geauga Counties  
Secondary Art Awards

5 accepted: Cleveland Clinic  
eXpressions

5 Gold and 4 Silver Keys,  
3 Honorable Mentions:  
Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

3 State and 14 Regional Winners:  
Ohio Governor’s Youth Show

Janus, Literary Magazine, Superior

★ Music adjudicated Events

Superior: KHS Concert Winds  
Superior: KHS Symphonic Band  
Superior: KHS Concert Chorus  
Excellent: KHS Chorale  
Women’s Chorus

Music in the Parks Festival

1st Place and Esprit de Corps Award:  
KMS Ensemble

1st Place Outstanding Student  
Accompanist: KMS Ensemble

1st Place: KMS Jazz Band

1st Place Outstanding Soloist:  
KMS Jazz Band

5 KHS Students to State Band  
and Choir

★ KMS Drama production of  
*Fiddler on the Roof*, Jr.

★ Kenston Center Stage —  
*Suite Surrender* and  
*Seussical: The Musical*

★ 5 Ovation awards recognizing  
Kenston Center Stage by  
Geauga County Arts Council

FINANCIAL & FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

*We strive to be responsible stewards of the public dollars* entrusted to the district by the Kenston community, ensuring financial accountability and transparency.

Fiscal Responsibility

- ✓ Accurate budget management
- ✓ Accurate forecasting

Fiscal Challenges

- ✓ Elimination of Tangible Personal Property tax (TTP) reimbursement - resulted in the loss in revenue of \$3.1 million annually (representing 8% of the district’s current operating budget)
- ✓ State funding for schools places an over-reliance on local property taxes
- ✓ 81% of responsibility on local funding sources

Cost Saving Initiatives

- ✓ \$138,000 staffing alignment savings

General Fund Revenue

Real Estate Taxes	27,154,913	71%
Public Utility Taxes	1,368,010	4%
State Foundation	4,010,849	10%
Property Tax Allocation	3,291,988	9%
Other State Funding	393,433	1%
Medicaid Funding	249,332	1%
Other Local Funding	1,784,663	5%
Total Revenue	\$38,253,188	

General Fund Expenditures

Salaries	22,262,906	56%
Benefits	9,019,506	23%
Purchased Services	4,820,083	12%
Supplies & Materials	866,293	2%
Capital Outlay	1,454,200	4%
Other Expenditures	1,145,101	3%
Total Expenditures	\$39,568,089	

Revenue and Expenditure based on 2018/19 fiscal year



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Moody’s  
INVESTORS SERVICE Aa1 Rating

Inspiring leaders

Inspiring creativity





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