

**Budget Assumptions**  
**Ottawa Hills Local Schools**  
**F.Y. 2023**

**Class Size** - The following class size guidelines are intended to help teachers meet individual student needs and optimize student performance.

20 or fewer students in kindergarten through second grade  
25 or fewer students in third grade through sixth grade  
25 or fewer students in seventh grade through twelfth grade

**Comprehensive Curriculum** - The State of Ohio requires Ottawa Hills High School to offer a comprehensive curriculum, ranging from career and technical to college preparatory. A comprehensive curriculum, with an emphasis on college preparatory courses, sometimes results in classes with ten or fewer students.

**Special Education** - Federal law requires Ottawa Hills Local Schools to provide a “free and appropriate public education” (FAPE) for students who qualify, from ages three through twenty-one. Services range from preschool to special classrooms for students with multiple handicaps.

**Curriculum Materials** - Public schools in Ohio are required to evaluate textbooks and complete course of study reviews regularly and to make changes as needed.

**Unique Program Costs** - Special programs at the elementary school provide additional small group instruction for students who do not qualify for special education services or who require remediation in skill areas required for State Proficiency/Achievement Tests. The K-12 computer technology education curriculum prepares students to use technology.

**Extra-Curricular Activities** - Ottawa Hills offers an extensive program of athletics, clubs, music, and drama for students. A high percentage of students participate in extra-curricular programs.

**Salaries and Benefits** - In the interest of attracting and keeping excellent staff, the Ottawa Hills School Board is committed to compensating teachers and administrators at a level that is among the best in the Toledo area.

**Staff Development** - To promote continued staff growth and improvement, staff development opportunities are offered both within and outside the school district.

**Buildings and Grounds** - The school district provides and maintains adequate physical facilities for the operation of the educational and extra-curricular programs at Ottawa Hills.

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