



Deer Park Community City Schools 2015-16 Quality Profile

The Quality Profile is a robust companion to the state's district report card. The profile includes additional accountability measures that define a high quality education and are not captured by the state report card. This Quality Profile helps to evaluate the effectiveness of a school district beyond standardized testing measures.



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MOMENTS TO REMEMBER

"Our fourth graders had the chance to be interviewed by local business members for positions in their newly formed companies as a part of the University of Cincinnati's Market Madness. Being able to see students at such a young age gain such valuable lifelong skills was an extremely memorable moment for me."

- Dave Bergan, Director of Student Services (former Amity principal)

"Every year our second graders put on a Veterans Day Program to honor our veterans. Chris Huster started this tradition 10 years ago as a small gathering honoring a handful of veterans at Chamberlin Park. Today, our second graders perform in front of an SRO crowd honoring over 50 veterans. The highlight of the program is the folding of the American flag and then presenting the flag to one of our veterans. This year our guest of honor was Daniel Constable, a veteran who served under General George S. Patton during WWII. I enjoyed getting to know Daniel, and watching him interact with our students. It was a very emotional day and a tremendous learning experience for the entire Holmes community."

- Sonny Tudor, Holmes principal

Message from the Superintendent

The Deer Park School community places an extremely high value on education and expects its schools to provide learning experiences that prepare students for success in college, career and life. The quality profile is our opportunity to highlight what is not measured in the Ohio Department of Education's (ODE) Report Card: our students, our teachers, and our traditions. Our Quality Profile is a robust companion to the state's Local Report Card and it includes additional accountability measures that help define a high-quality education. I am very proud of the work and accomplishments of our students and staff each school day and please know we continuously thank our wonderful community for your ongoing support.



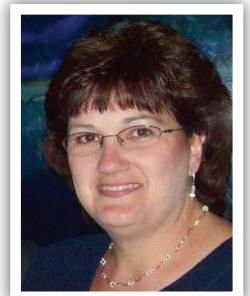
Achieving Excellence Together,

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Jeff Langdon
Superintendent

Message from the Board of Education President

Deer Park Schools are rich in tradition, yet are always striving to meet the ever-changing needs of our students. Academically, the addition of our Career Academies at the high school building have allowed our students to gain knowledge and experience in the areas of engineering, sports medicine, and entrepreneurship. Socially, we have numerous clubs and organizations led by teachers to engage our students. Amity Youth Service Club and our high school Communiserve are stellar groups that allow our students to give back to others. Our International Club provides opportunities to travel abroad, giving true meaning to the global classroom. To support our students' emotional health, we have an incredible group of counselors who have programs in place, such as the resiliency program at Holmes, to help children cope with the everyday challenges of life.



We are fortunate to have a strong relationship with the city and tremendous support of the entire community! Through the combined efforts of the school, city, and park board, our tennis team has brand new courts in Chamberlin Park to call home. The Deer Park Business Association, Clergy Team and our proud alumni continuously provide support by donating their time, talents, and treasures both in the classrooms and at various events throughout the year. Like our motto, the Deer Park Community truly does seek to "achieve excellence together!"

Please read this profile to see why the Deer Park City Community School District is the best place to be!

Achieving Excellence Together,

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Peggy Bosse
Board of Education President



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Mission

To provide ALL students with every opportunity to achieve their future goals.

TAGLINE

Achieving Excellence Together!

DEER PARK AT A GLANCE

Total Enrollment (K-12): 1,281

Holmes Elementary (K-2): 310

Amity Elementary (3-6): 411

Deer Park Jr./Sr. High School (7-12): 560

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Student-Teacher Ratio: 16.8

Vision

Professional and highly motivated staff, in partnership with our families and the Deer Park community, will work with ALL students to achieve success that focuses on character, service, and college and career readiness.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Battelle For Kids
- Greater Cincinnati STEM Collaborative
- High AIMS
- Learn21
- INTERalliance of Greater Cincinnati
- The Ohio Blended Learning Network
- High Schools That Work
- Making Middle Grades Work
- UC Economics Center

MOMENTS TO REMEMBER

"Our students are taking control of their culture. Their participation in UnityDay, Students without Borders, and Be the Difference sparked their minds and imaginations and set into motion an ever-changing culture for the better."

- Stace Orso, Deer Park Jr./Sr. High School principal

"The Jr./Sr. High School implemented a new ACT prep program called John Baylor Prep (JBP) with phenomenal results. Over 2/3 of the students who took the ACT in the fall and completed the John Baylor Prep coursework raised their composite score by an average of three points."

- Jay Phillips, Assistant Superintendent

"It is extremely rewarding to walk into our school buildings each day and observe the dedication of our students, staff, and volunteers. As a community, we are truly 'Achieving Excellence Together.'"

- Jeff Langdon, Superintendent

Deer Park Board of Education



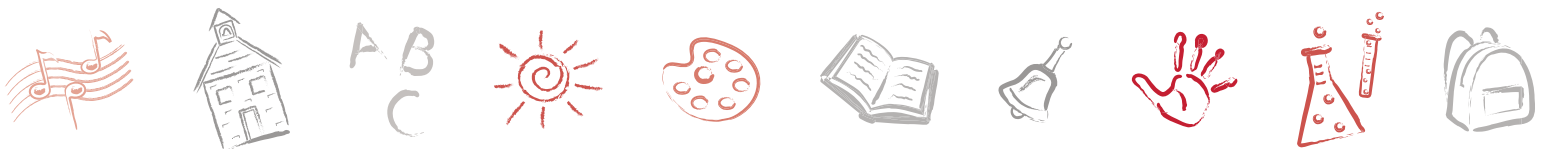
Staff Leadership

OTHER STAFF LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

- Ohio Writing Project
- SOAR Learning and Leading
- New Teacher Induction Program
- Teacher Mentor Program
- Building Leadership Teams
- Building Technology Leadership Teams
- Curriculum Leadership Teams
- Teacher Leader Cohort - High Aims - Tim Hubbard and Sean Maher
- Staff presentations at workshops and conferences
 - Heather Butt - High Aims
 - Sara Godwin - High Schools that Work
 - Tim Hubbard and Corrie Madden - Battelle for Kids Connect for Success
 - Michelle Lemmon - High Aims

Did you know?

- Total Faculty: 76
- 100% of classroom teachers are Highly Qualified
- 67.3% of classroom teachers have Master's Degrees or higher
- Teachers and staff members now complete seven professional development days per year
- Two Jr./Sr. High School teachers were given awards: Celebrate Teaching Distinguished Educator Award (Tim Hubbard) and the NSDAR Outstanding American History Teacher Award for Ohio (Shannon Wilkerson)



RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

- Celebrate Teaching Distinguished Educator Award - Tim Hubbard
- NSDAR Outstanding American History Teacher Award for Ohio - Shannon Wilkerson
- 2016 Ohio School Public Relations Association (OHSPRA) Mark of Distinction: Marketing Materials
- US News and World Report: Bronze (Deer Park Jr./Sr. High School)
- District Administrators Magazine District of Distinction
- 2016 Hamilton County Celebrate Excellence Award - Patty Hadden
- A Kid Again Award

A.L.I.C.E.

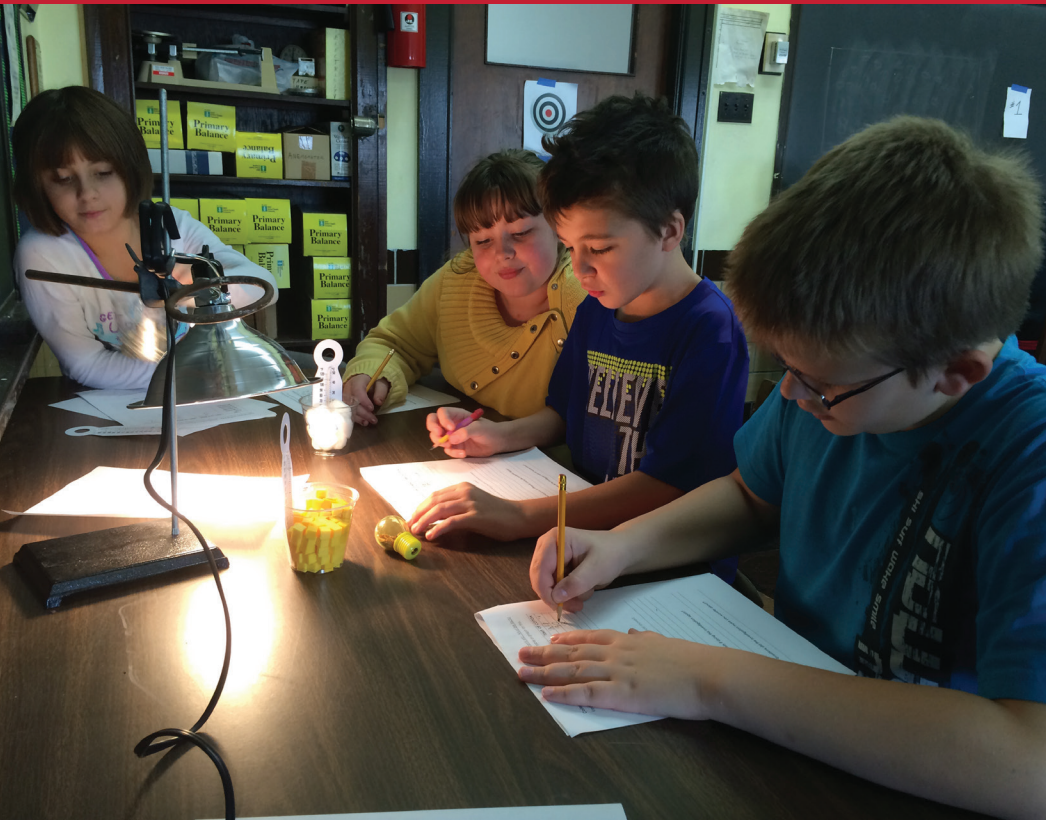
The Deer Park School teachers were trained in a lockdown procedure called A.L.I.C.E. This stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. The City of Deer Park Police Department continues to work with district administration and staff to complete multiple safety drills per year.

PUBLIC SCHOOL WORKS

In 2015-16, Deer Park Schools continued to utilize the Public School Works award-winning training system, which requires 100% of staff members to complete training on topics ranging from chemical safety to bullying



Academics



Did you know?

The Deer Park Jr./Sr. High School offers a unique curriculum offering to its students? Called the Career Academies, the students have the option to learn and explore a new, innovative portfolio of career pathways-aligned elective courses. Each career academy is specifically tailored to Deer Park's students and each class aligns with a specific, high-demand career pathway such as sports medicine, entrepreneurship, digital instructional design, engineering, construction project management, health informatics, web design, cybersecurity, and biotechnology, with each academy led by specially trained teachers and industry subject matter experts. Deer Park Jr./Sr. High School is one of three high schools in the country to partner with the Project Management Institute to launch a Project Management Career Academy.



Students leave Deer Park Schools prepared to be critical thinkers, problem solvers, and leaders in their community.

Every day, the Holmes and Amity Elementary students attend one of five special classes including: music, art, physical education, library, technology.

Holmes and Amity Elementary utilize innovative technology to create a learning environment that is engaging, differentiated, and effective. All classrooms are equipped with document cameras, interactive projectors, and student laptops. These tools are leveraged daily to change instruction in powerful ways.

Deer Park Jr./Sr. High School implemented a new series of online courses that we call "The Wildcat Virtual Academy." Almost 150 different students experienced at least one course through our Wildcat Virtual Academy during the 2015-2016 school year.

Profile of the Class of 2016



89

Graduates



NATIONAL
GUARD

13%

will enter the military



60%

will attend a 4-year college



54%

took an Advanced Placement
(AP) Course



71

number of students
who took the ACT

Of the 2016 college bound graduates, 30% will attend a private university and 70% will attend a public university.

- The top 10 students are attending Xavier University, Belmont University, University of Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky University, and Coastal Carolina University.
- The Valedictorian's GPA was 4.9 and the Salutatorian's GPA was 4.56.

- Nine received the President of the United States Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
- Twenty-nine students received scholarships totaling over \$1.2 million

- Thirteen students received a Diploma with Honors from the State of Ohio
- Thirteen students received certificates of program completion from the Great Oaks Vocational Schools

- Eight percent of the students will attend a 2-year or technical college
- Seventeen percent of the students will enter the workforce

2016 College Attendees



CLASS OF 2016

(89 students)

Northern Kentucky University
Xavier University
Belmont University
Ohio University
Mount St. Joseph University
University of Cincinnati
University of Cincinnati Blue Ash
Jefferson College of Health Sciences
Wittenberg University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida College
Cincinnati State
Kettering College
Coastal Carolina University
Scarlet Oaks

CLASS OF 2015

(85 students)

Art Academy of Cincinnati
Bowling Green State University
Cincinnati State
Gallen College of Nursing
Live Oaks, Miami University
Miami University-Hamilton
Mount St. Joseph University
Muskingum University
Northern Kentucky University
Ohio University
Shawnee State University
University of Cincinnati
University of Cincinnati-Blue Ash
University of Dayton
West Virginia University
Wright State University
Xavier University

CLASS OF 2014

(82 students)

Antonelli College
Ashland University
Cincinnati State
Coastal Carolina University
Miami University-Hamilton
New York University
Northern Kentucky University
Ohio University
Trine University
University of Cincinnati
University of South Carolina
University of the Cumberlands
West Virginia University
Xavier University



Deer Park Schools places an emphasis on extracurricular activities--especially the arts.

- 70 Years: Parkers is the longest running high school variety show in Hamilton County.
- 89 students in the marching band and guard
- 20 students in the jazz band
- 75 students in the junior high band
- 23 consecutive state appearances in marching band
- 1st Grade Spring Concert
- 2nd Grade Veterans Program
- Book Fair
- Festival in the Woods
- Field Day
- Right to Read Week
- Read Across America Day

There are annual arts and music events at all grade levels. Every November, the 2nd Graders at Holmes Elementary put on a Veterans Day Program for the community. Every spring, the Amity Elementary students host the Amity Fine Arts Night where all artwork is displayed throughout the entire school and the band and choirs entertain the crowds. In 2015-16, our band and choir programs performed at the holidays, Kings Island, Walt Disney World, Brookdale Senior Living, and in OMEA competitions.

There are 89 high school (9-12) students in the marching band and guard. That's 20 percent of the student body. Half of those students are active in at least one additional school group such as a sport, club, or membership in National Honor Society.



A B C



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Graduates of the music program have gone on to careers as music educators, technical, theatre, and production professionals, performing musicians (6 local and 2 national), and have performed with local opera companies, at the Aronoff Center for the Arts, and other professional groups.



Students in grades one through two are in arts courses two hours per week. The second grade students host the Veterans Day Program every fall and the first grade students perform in a music concert in the spring.



Beginning in sixth grade, students can choose to participate in band and chorus. Often times the students perform at Brookdale Senior Living during the December holidays.

Student Leadership and Activities



Even though our school day ends at 3:15 PM, you can always find the students at school after hours participating in a variety of extracurricular clubs and activities.

11

Elementary
School Clubs

16

Jr./Sr. High
School Clubs

15

Varsity
Sports

23

DPHS students
on Student
Council

153

DPHS students
involved in the
choral music
program

172

DPHS students
involved in an
instrumental
music program

36

National Honor
Society
members

68%

DPHS Students in Extracurriculars

Service Learning Clubs start in sixth grade. The Amity Youth Service Club gives students the opportunity to learn the importance of giving back to the community. At the high school level, students have the opportunity to join Communserv.

The Amity Elementary Green Team leads the school in a building wide recycling program. Last year they collaborated with a neighboring elementary school to institute a new lunchtime recycling program, drastically reducing our waste while learning the importance of responsible waste management.

Did you know?

At Deer Park Schools, we strive to teach our students the importance of giving back to our families, friends, and communities. At the high school level, students have the opportunity to join Communserv, a community service club. Throughout the year, the club participates in a number of service learning projects such as the annual Holiday Food Drive, the Over-the-Rhine Senior Center, and Our Daily Bread.



Last year, Amity Elementary students raised \$1,999.52 for the charity "A Kid Again." Over the last five years, the students have donated \$6,336 to various charitable organizations

In January 2015, Holmes Elementary students raised \$700 in COINS for the Wildcat Boosters's Pride in the Park turf campaign, learning you are never too young to contribute--and pennies add up!

More than 30% of Deer Park Jr./Sr. High School students participate in at least one sport in the fall (89 Marching Wildcats, 165 Fall Athletes, 129 Winter Athletes, 104 Spring Athletes).

October was Anti-Bullying Month and the junior high Step-Up Club and Impact the Outcome helped prepare with a simulcast of "Life without Limbs." In addition, they club placed orange signs throughout the building promoting tolerance, patience, and kindness, etc. The High School Commiserve Club students performed four skits for elementary students on Unity Day. The students also participated in counselor presentations and discussions with the junior high, launched the Gay Straight Alliance Club, and learned about women and gender equality.

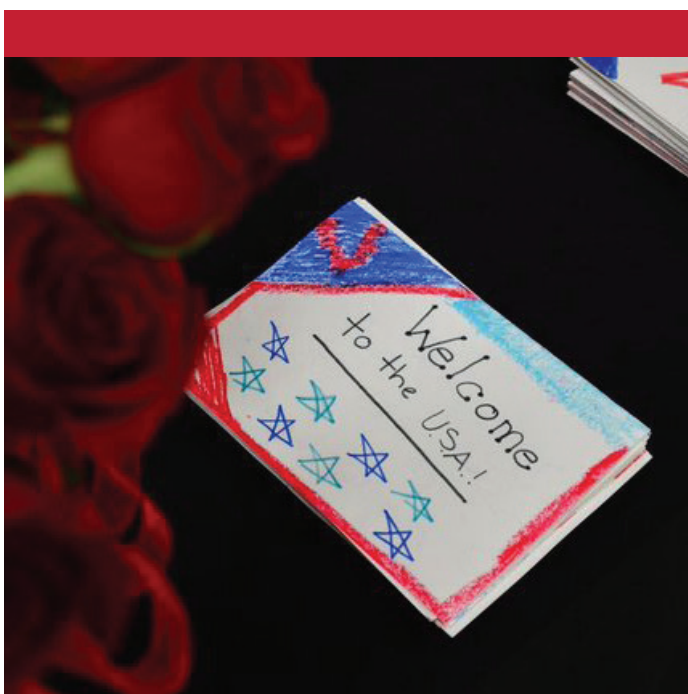


Fifth grade students at Amity Elementary attend a three-day adventure trip to Camp Kern.

A Naturalization ceremony was organized by the Deer Park High School National Honor Society and the International Club. Sixty-nine individuals became United States citizens.

"The naturalization ceremony gave me chills. To see all the hard work our students did to prepare for the day, all come together for an amazing ceremony made me a very proud principal."

- Dr. Stace Orso, Jr./Sr. High School Principal



Deer Park Jr./Sr. High School introduced the Be the Difference program to create a culture of acceptance and tolerance.

Around the December holidays, all students (K-12) raise money and bring canned food goods for the annual Food Drive.

"Through our annual food drive, we are able to supply much needed help and support to over 100 families in our community through the generosity of students, families and community partners. Watching our many student volunteers sort and organize the thousands of donated items for our families is always an amazing sight to see."

- Dave Bergan, Director of Student Services (former principal at Amity Elementary)

Holmes Elementary offers many fun and exciting student activities that also provide parents the opportunity to volunteer and stay involved with their child's education. Some of these popular activities include:

- 1st Grade Zoo Trip
- 2nd Grade Green Acres Trip
- Grandparents Day
- Halloween Parade
- Quarterly Recognition Assemblies
- UC Smiles Trip

Did you know?

Since the 2013-14 school year, Deer Park Schools has collaborated with IBM, the Greater Cincinnati STEM Collaborative (GCSC), members from the University of Cincinnati, the Talent Pipeline Initiative - Partners for a Competitive Workforce, and Deer Park Community members on the IBM MentorPlace Program. Deer Park is the first Ohio school district to work with IBM on this program. Twenty-five IBM employees meet weekly with Deer Park students in grades 7-9, one-on-one, via an online web portal curriculum. This personal interaction with a mentor, supported by the insightful and engaging curriculum, provides students with the decision-making skills and thought process needed to excel in future endeavors.



Parent and Community Involvement



We value the strong partnerships our school district has with parents, community members, and local businesses.

The Wildcats Boosters raised approximately **\$800,000** for the school athletic programs, bringing a synthetic turf field to the Deer Park Jr./Sr. High School. Unlike many area schools, the Deer Park Community City School District's PTO, Athletic Boosters, Band Sponsors, and K.I.D.S. Organization collaborate under one umbrella: the Deer Park Wildcat Boosters. This organization brings a unified awareness to the needs of the district, students, and parents.

The Athletic Booster motto is to support the 15 student athletic programs financially, materially, and emotionally. By lending their support, the Boosters help carry on the Deer Park Wildcats long tradition of academic and athletic excellence. The Boosters know being a Deer Park athlete means being a student first.

The PTO helps oversee the needs and development of each school. The PTO raises funds to provide a wide range of programs to our students, such as bringing COSI to Amity Elementary. Many of their fundraisers are engaging and involve the students such as the Mother's Day Flower Sale, regular skating parties, and the Be the Difference Program at the Deer Park Jr./Sr. High School.

The Band Boosters make sure we celebrate our music programs year-round. The Band Sponsors work hard to provide the funds needed to supplement all the activities and trips our members take throughout the year. In 2016, the Marching Band travelled to Walt Disney World. This trip was made possible through many Band Booster fundraisers such as the Mattress Sale, Tag Day, and the Cake Walk.

The K.I.D.S. Organization (Keep Improving Deer Park Schools) is a group that works together to create ideas and ways to fund various improvements to the school district. Since 1997, the K.I.D.S. organization has generated over \$150,000 to the Deer Park Community City School District.

Parent and Community Involvement



Our partnership with Kenwood Baptist Church, Trinity Church, and Childhood Food Solutions ensured regular food distributions to the entire community and our partnership with Cincinnati Church of Christ allowed us to launch Whiz Kids, an after school tutoring and mentoring program at Amity Elementary. These partners have collaborated to provide snacks for students participating in after school homework help, instructional supplies for classrooms, and even landscaping efforts to beautify our grounds. The community's support of our schools has led to a many opportunities for the families of Deer Park.



Did you know?

We utilize our many partnerships to help our students maximize their learning experiences and reach their potential. The district administrators regularly meet and partner with the Deer Park Business Association, the City of Deer Park, the local police and fire, and the local clergy.

Did you know?

At every grade level, students have the opportunity to explore learning environments all over the city, from Camp Kern to the Aronoff Center. Every year we invite COSI and other organizations into the school, giving our students the opportunity to learn from experts in their fields outside of the Deer Park staff.



Student Services



We provide a first-class education to ALL students. The Deer Park staff appreciates our students' diverse needs and they work diligently to support and address the needs of each and every student.

Student and Family Support Specialists

Holmes, Amity, and the Deer Park Jr./Sr. High School, in conjunction with outside professional service agencies, provide Deer Park students and their families with a full range of support. Some of these supports include college and career preparation, counseling services, character education, and crisis intervention.

Special Education

Deer Park offers a variety of services for students with special needs. Throughout the district, we have several specialized and cross-categorical classrooms, highly qualified intervention specialists, and multiple researched based intervention programs to support student learning.

Three full-time counselors available for students in grades K-12. One full-time school psychologist in the district available to assist instructional staff in making accurate data-based decisions.

School nurses are available to all K-12 students.

Other Student Support Service Programs

- Cancer Family Care
- College and Career Services
- Fernside Groups: In-school Grief Counseling
- Head Start/Preschool
- Homework Clubs
- Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) Program
- Pre School Connections
- Read 180/ Math 180 Intervention Programs
- STAR Assessments for Progress Monitoring
- Student Mentoring Programs
- Talbert House: In-school Counseling Program
- Title 1 Reading Services
- Transitional Classrooms
(Kindergarten/First Grade; First Grade/Second Grade)
- Whiz Kids after school tutoring and mentoring program



Fiscal Stewardship



Part of the fiscal stewardship is the commitment of the Board to direct finances to improve student achievement through high quality instructional programming.

Financial Review from Our Treasurer:

The 2015-2016 school year has been full of very exciting changes for Deer Park Community City Schools. I am grateful to have been a part of this change by working alongside the administrative team, Board of Education, and the community. We were able to complete an expansive renovation of the high school by utilizing an existing revenue stream while maintaining financial stability. This renovation directly impacts the students of Deer Park High School by providing flexible learning spaces that promote college and career readiness.

The Wildcat Boosters, through private donations, have supported our goal to provide the district with a turf field without financially burdening the taxpayers or affecting the district's long-term budget. We would like to thank the countless donors for their overwhelming support of Deer Park Schools and this project. It has been truly amazing to see the dedication that this community has for its schools.

The graphs on the following page detail our general fund revenue and expenditures for the 2015-2016 school year. As you can see, a majority of our revenue comes from local property taxes and state aid, which is filtered directly to classroom instruction through personnel expenditures. By aligning district goals with student needs, we have been able to dedicate 68.7% of funds to classroom instruction.

As we move forward, continuing towards our capital improvement goals, we will do our part to use our existing resources efficiently. Thank you for your continued support of Deer Park Schools!

Regards,

Brittany Marks
Treasurer



Deer Park Community City Schools recently earned the Auditor of State Award for demonstrating exemplary financial reporting in accordance with GAAP standards.

Standard and Poor's

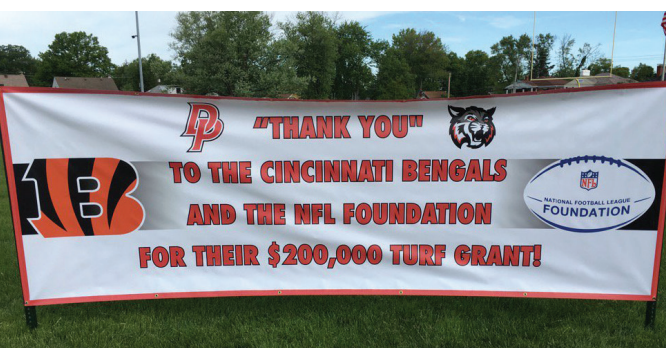
Deer Park Schools maintained a district bond rating of AA-

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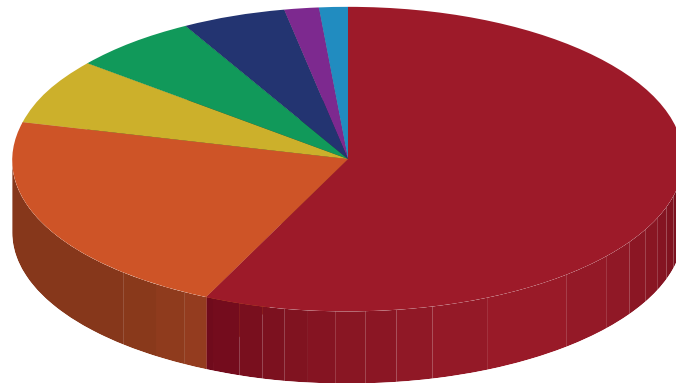
- **68.7% of our budget** is directed toward classroom instruction, resulting in strong academic achievement by our students
- **Donations from supporting organizations** including the Wildcat Boosters, Players with Pride, and community members totaled approximately \$800,000
- **The district shares** the service and expenses of a food service director
- **It has been three years** since the last operating levy was necessary and another will not be necessary until at least 2020
- **Permanent improvement** and technology plans are in place to provide for maintenance of buildings as well as technology infrastructure and equipment
- **The district received** nearly \$232,000 in Straight A Grant funding
- **The NFL Bengals awarded** the district a \$200,000 grant for synthetic turf on the Deer Park Jr./Sr. High School stadium field



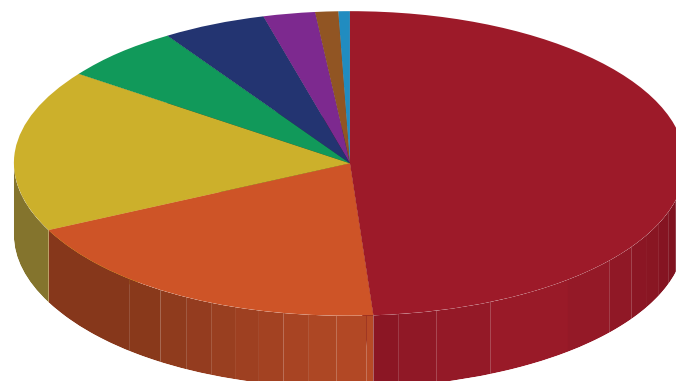
Deer Park City Schools Budgetary Breakdown



| Revenue | Percent of Budget | Amount |
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| General Property Tax (Real Estate) | 57.04% | 9,101,584 |
| Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid | 22.50% | 3,590,461 |
| Property Tax Allocation | 7.18% | 1,145,605 |
| All Other Operating Revenues | 6.03% | 961,521 |
| Public Utility Personal Property | 5.94% | 948,193 |
| Restricted Grants-in-Aid | 0.70% | 110,984 |
| Total Other Financing Sources | 0.62% | 99,243 |
| Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources | | 15,957,593 |



| Expenditures | Percent of Budget | Amount |
|---|-------------------|------------|
| Personnel Services | 49.33% | 7,184,697 |
| Purchased Services | 19.63% | 2,858,221 |
| Employees' Retirement/Insurance Benefits | 17.34% | 2,524,805 |
| Total Other Financing Uses | 6.57% | 956,721 |
| Supplies and Materials | 5.14% | 748,062 |
| Other Objects | 1.06% | 154,680 |
| Capital Outlay | 0.60% | 87,005 |
| Intergovernmental, Debt & Interest | 0.34% | 49,881 |
| Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses | | 1,4564,073 |



Deer Park Schools: Looking Ahead

In November 2016, the Deer Park Board of Education is placing a \$25 million bond issue on the ballot to renovate and place an addition onto Amity Elementary, making it a K-6 building. The bond proceeds will give us the ability to implement many of the community's wants and needs, which directly benefit our schools and students. The successful passing of a bond issue will demonstrate the cohesiveness of our community and the understanding that the renovations it will fund will increase competition—competition in the schools, in Deer Park, and the state.



All-Day Kindergarten will be offered to our community in the fall of 2017. After extensive conversations with our parents and our Board of Education members, we came to the conclusion that all-day kindergarten is a great opportunity for our students.



Deer Park Schools: Looking Ahead



The Eighth Grade is going to Washington, D.C., in the spring of 2017. As a part of the eighth grade history curriculum, the teachers are offering students the chance to enhance their classroom learning experience.



“Allied Health and Sports Medicine is a new ‘academy’ in Deer Park Jr./Sr. High School’s Career Academies, which are a series of elective classes providing students with the opportunities to learn skills associated with in-demand careers. This Sports Medicine Career Academy will give students experiences learning about the major career fields in sports medicine and students will finish the course with CPR and first-aid certifications.”

- Jay Phillips, Assistant Superintendent at Deer Park Schools

In the 2016-17 academic year, Deer Park High School will roll out a pilot service leadership program offering Deer Park seniors leadership opportunities, exposure to various community needs and nonprofits, and service-learning experience during underclass state testing.

During the 2016-17 school year, Deer Park Schools is implementing the Thriving Learning Communities. This strengths based character development curriculum creates a common language for students, teachers, teams, and leaders to understand and call forth what is best in themselves and others in order to realize their full potential.