



From the Superintendent



At Mason City Schools we know that being consistently great is important to our community. You expect excellence from your schools, and for us to continue to grow that greatness in a collaborative fashion. We proudly provide a great value to our community, and deeply appreciate your continued support.

With this culture of partnership in mind, I am pleased to present our third Quality Profile. The Quality Profile helps characterize the overall educational value of public education beyond standardized testing. This mailer highlights six key areas that go beyond what is measured on state tests, and provide data in relationship to high-level goals.

This is not a “fluff piece.” It is an honest look at what is important to our community, and the kind of value that Mason City Schools provides to residents. I hope you will take a few minutes to review this synopsis, and also explore the more extensive information we have placed online at www.masonohioschools.com.

In Mason, we’re not resting on our laurels. Instead, we are committed to “Growing Greatness Together!” The “together” includes our community. If you have ideas for helping our schools be even better, please share them at contactmason@masonohioschools.com.

Sincerely,

Gail Kist-Kline, PhD
Superintendent

 @DocGKK



GROWING GREATNESS TOGETHER

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
MASON, OHIO
PERMIT NO. 32

MASON CITY SCHOOLS
211 N. EAST STREET
MASON, OH 45040



GROWING GREATNESS TOGETHER



MASON CITY SCHOOLS



GROWING GREATNESS TOGETHER

Quality Profile

www.masonohioschools.com

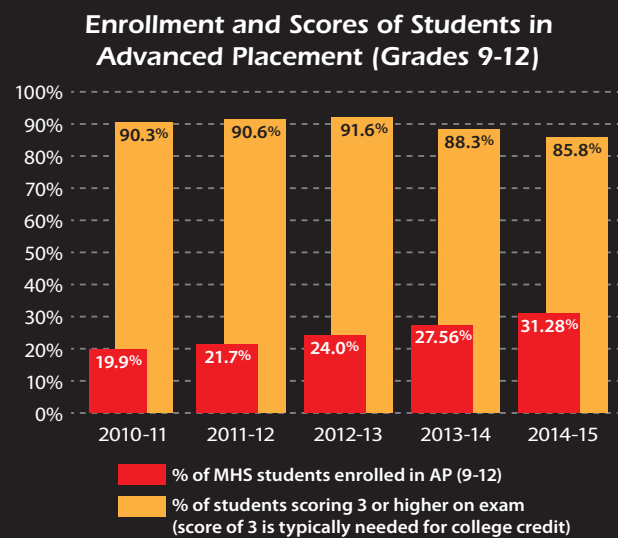
Phone: 513.398.0474 • 211 N. East Street • Mason, OH 45040

M Academics

The cornerstone of value for any school district begins with academic success. At Mason City Schools we know that education is different than it was even ten years ago. Being college and career ready today means being able to solve problems so that students can compete, communicate, and collaborate with businesses and individuals from around the world.

Goal for Improvement:

Expand innovative classroom practices that personalize learning for all students. This will allow every child to get the type of attention he or she needs to be successful after graduation.



M Innovation

Today's learners must be able to adapt to new information and skills. They may have to change jobs or careers multiple times in their life so they must be prepared to constantly learn new talents. As a result, our teaching styles must also be more innovative in order to reach students at a different level and ensure they are prepared for today's competitive world.



94 students participated in the newly formed MMS Coding and Robotics Club last year. It was so popular that it became an elective course for 2015-16 and was financed with a grant from the Mason Schools Foundation.



Goal for Improvement:

Increase the authentic integration of technology to support student learning.

M Global Awareness

One key to a great education includes preparing students to be able to communicate and collaborate with others. Today's businesses build, sell and market products and services not only in the United States, but also to people and communities in countries all around the world. This means a great Mason Schools education must include a diverse network of support within our community.



Goal for Improvement:

Develop new international partnerships that are rooted within the local community.

M Finances

Being wise stewards of taxpayer dollars is important to Mason City Schools. We care about the partnership we have with our families and community to support our students' educational needs in an efficient manner, and are watchful of how much financial responsibility is borne by local taxpayers.

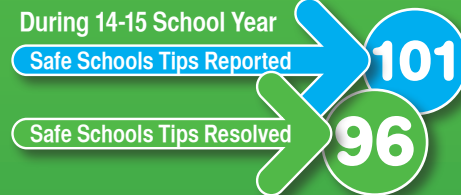
Goal for Improvement:

Develop a Mason City Schools public policy advocacy network to support local control and financial stability.

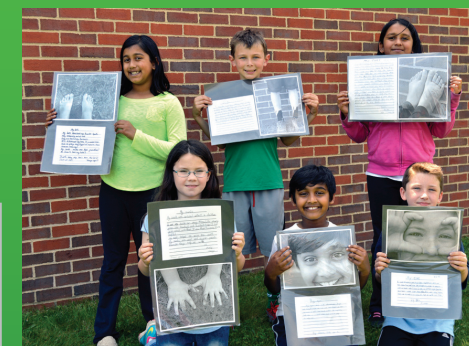
In recent years, the State of Ohio cut Tangible Personal Property (TPP) reimbursement - hitting Mason especially hard. In seven years, Mason revenue increased 1.9% overall; Mason expenditures increased by 0% overall - due to many cost-saving initiatives. Still, we will struggle to be "consistently great" if we continue to make cuts. The district has not passed an operating levy since 2005.

M Learning Environments

Part of having a great school system includes safe and inviting classrooms. Mason City Schools is grateful that the community has supported the district's facility needs. We have quality facilities that enable our schools to sustain the excellence that this community expects.



Our Safe Schools Tip Line is a key way we keep school safe. Everyone has a responsibility to "Say Something" and we appreciate that our students and families take school safety very seriously and report things that cause them concern.

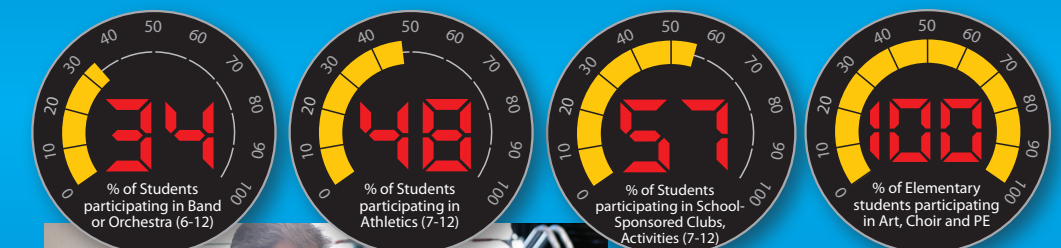


Goal for Improvement:

Create school safety teams that will examine and implement practices to ensure a safe learning environment for every student.

M Whole Child

In order for Mason students to truly grow into great adults, we must look at their education outside the walls of a classroom. Well-rounded students who take advantage of clubs, athletics or extra-curricular opportunities learn the value of teamwork and leadership. Regardless of a student's career path after graduation, these are important life skills that they will need in order to be successful.



Goal for Improvement:

Expand student leadership opportunities in the school and community.

Mason City Schools Revenue and Expenditures FY 09 and FY 15

