



2022-2023

Quality Profile



Wadsworth City Schools

A successful school district places a high degree of importance on ensuring that all children have the opportunity to reach their fullest potential inside and outside of the classroom. This profile helps characterize the overall educational value of your school district in areas that matter most in our community. While attempts have been made to recognize excellence in many areas, due to space restrictions, not all accomplishments can be mentioned.

Academics

Our district's academic program provides opportunities for all students to reach their fullest potential.



Profile of the Class of 2023

54% of the Class of 2023 received college/post-secondary scholarships

18% of the Class of 2023 are first-generation students attending college

137 students received an Honors Diploma

Class of 2023 received merit-based scholarships for college/post-secondary education in the amount of \$2,452,480

2 National Merit Commended Scholars

Wadsworth High School

SAT Average Score: Overall-1218; Math-608; Reading/Writing-610

ACT Average Score: Overall-21.7; English-20.7; Math-21.9; Reading-21.9; Science-21.8

73% of students taking Advanced Placement (AP) exams scored 3 or higher

World Languages offered: French, Latin and Spanish

Dual credit opportunities at the high school include: 3D Modeling & Design, Calculus 2, Calculus 3, Computer Aided Drawing, Economics, English Composition I and II, Intermediate Spanish I and II, Manufacturing Processes, Personal Finance, Psychology, Public Speaking, Government, and Sociology

17 AP classes offered: Art, Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, European History, Government, Physics, Pre-calculus, Research, Statistics, U.S. History, & AP Seminar

College Credit Plus (CCP) options: Students attend classes (either on our campus or on the campus of the college/university) offered primarily by the University of Akron (including Wayne College and the Medina County University Center) and Stark State

22 Career Technical Education (CTE) programs offered through the Four Cities Compact

92.6% of CTE students scored proficient or higher on technical assessments

32.4% of CTE students earned transferable college credit

15.5% of CTE students earned a 12-point industry credential

16.9% of CTE students earned the Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Seal

23% of CTE students completed 250 hours or more of work-based learning experiences

[High School Curriculum Guide](#)

[Ohio Board of Regents College Readiness Reports](#)



Preschool through 8th Grade

There were 203 7th and 8th grade students who took courses for high school credit last year (including Algebra I, Health, Geometry, and Physical Science) to receive high school credit.

Lincoln Elementary School (2012), Wadsworth Middle School (2019), and Isham Elementary School (2022) were designated by the U.S. Department of Education as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

Central Intermediate School was re-designated as an Ohio School to Watch.

Franklin Elementary School was designated a STEM School in 2019.

WMS was designated an Ohio School to Watch.

Central Intermediate School received the Momentum Award for Value Added from the Ohio Department of Education in 2016.

OAESA Hall of Fame Schools are Franklin Elementary in 1998, 2003, 2011 and 2015; Isham Elementary in 2013; and Lincoln Elementary in 2019.

CIS, Franklin, Isham, and WMS received an Overall A Award from OSBA.

Isham Elementary School and Overlook Elementary School achieved the highest rating, Five-Star, in the Step Up to Quality preschool rating.

[Wadsworth Middle School Curriculum Guide](#)



Arts

Participation in performing and visual arts inspires students' creativity, problem-solving and critical thinking skills.



The Drama Dept. produces 6 full productions per year, 2 at the middle school level and 4 at the high school level.

Representative artwork from all grade levels, with multi-media opportunities, are featured each year at the Fine Arts Festival.

Concerts are held at least twice a year in band, choir, and performing arts for grades 5-12.

The 7th and 8th grade bands performed at the Ohio Music Education Association Large Group Contest, each earning a superior rating.

The 8th grade band performed at the Music in the Parks band competition, earning a superior rating.

The high school marching band performed at the Peach Bowl pregame celebration and Peach Bowl Parade receiving first place in their division and Parade Grand Champion.

The High School Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band performed at the Ohio Music Education Association Large Group Contest, each earning a superior rating.

During the 2022-2023 school year, instrumental music students performed with the Ohio Music Education Association All-State Band, Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony, Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra, Northeast Region Orchestra, Akron Youth Philharmonic, Canton Youth Symphony Orchestra, Ohio Band Directors Conference Honor Band, Capital University Honor Band, and The Ohio State University Honor Band.

Senior portfolios are showcased at the Fine Arts Festival and then used as college admissions into the fine arts field.

Numerous course offerings in grades K-12 include: band (concert, symphonic, wind ensemble, jazz, marching), choir (performance, mixed, show, ELITE), elementary art, elementary music, general music, Introduction to Art, 2-Dimensional Design I and II, 3-Dimensional Design I and II, Advanced Art, Art Appreciation and AP Art.



News from the Choir Department:

- The Choir Department had 220+ students involved this year.
- Choir students perform 6 concerts per year, 20+ holiday show performances around town, and sponsor multiple camps, giving elementary students the opportunity to experience both show choir and musical theater in our community.
- They participated in both District 6 Solo & Ensemble and the Suburban League Honor Choir.
- Choir students performed during PRIME TIME at the CAVS game.
- Our top ensemble, Rhythm in Red, received a 1st place Superior Rating in May of 2023 at Music in the Parks, Kings Island.
- Tri-M Music Honors Society has 51 active members who volunteer to usher and scan all performances, and they traveled to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame this past spring.



Digital Learning

Technology is essential to enhance teaching and learning and to give students a competitive edge in a global market.

The district provides an electronic learning device for every child, in every classroom, in every building.

All students in grades 5 through 12 are issued a new Chromebook for use in school and to take home for assignments.

The district provides Chromebooks to every student in 2nd through 6th grade.

iPads are provided for classroom use by all students in preschool through 1st grade.



Fourth grade students use a digital microscope

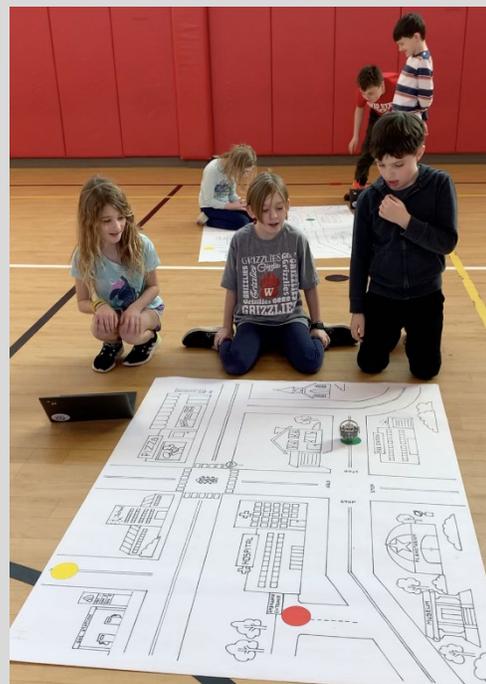
The district installed a new wireless system in every building to ensure every classroom has adequate coverage.

Google Classroom, a modern learning management system, is the standard collaboration tool to streamline assignments between students and teachers.

Progress Book provides parents/guardians the opportunity to electronically view their student's homework assignments, grades, attendance, and report cards.

Audio amplification systems are available in nearly all learning spaces.

Advanced technological safety measures are in place in all buildings to ensure only appropriate content is delivered and that students are protected online.



STEM/Science Club students code Spheros to perform a search and rescue mission.

Commitment to Improvement

Process and programs are continuously evaluated to ensure effectiveness and efficiency.

71% of our teachers have advanced degrees.

Many of our teachers serve as mentors.

14 district employees completed their gifted endorsement.

[Strategic Plan 2021-2025](#)

Creation of a K-12 STEM pathway focusing specifically on computer science and engineering

Board-approved class size reduction plan for grades K-2 began in the fall of 2016

Middle and high school teacher collaboration time once a month

Opportunity School at Wadsworth High School

Grizzly Academy opened in the 2023-2024 school year

All faculty and administration participate in professional development each year. Recent topics include trauma informed care, Google Apps for Education, formative assessment, technology, curriculum development and implementation, STEM, problem-based learning, Orton-Gillingham, safety and security.

GOALS	ACTION STEPS	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	TIMELINE
1. Enhance the high school course and support pathway for students who are non-college and non-career technical education bound	1. (A) Review current offerings and support and research offerings and support in other school districts	1. (A)-(B) High school administrative team, high school counselors, teachers and support staff, Director of Professional Development, Director of Instruction and Professional Development, Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent	1. (A) January-February 2021
	1. (B) Create pathway		1. (B) March 2021
	1. (C) Recommend pathway to the Board of Education	1. (C) Superintendent, Board of Education	1. (C) April 2021



New courses added over the last eight years:

High School: AP Pre-calculus, AP Physics C: Mechanics, AP Seminar, AP Research, AP Environmental Science, Algebra IIA, AP Statistics, AP Art, AP Computer Science, AP Physics, Advanced Quantitative Reasoning, Advanced Art, Applied Algebra, Art- 3D Design I, Art- 3D Design II, Art- 2D Design I, Art- 2D Design II, Art Appreciation, Animal Care and Science (Four Cities Compact), Applied Career Skills, Business Computer Applications, Honors Calculus, Calculus II, Calculus III, Career English, Data Science, Exploratory Computer Science, Fire/EMT (Four Cities Compact program), Introduction to Art, Introduction to Broadcasting, Introduction to College Math, Introduction to Sports Officiating, Musical Theater, Music Theory, Organizational and Study Skills Elective 1 & 2, Pre-Calculus, Reading and Writing Workshop 1 &2, Swimming,

Middle School: Health, Computer Science, Family Consumer Science Healthy Foods, Honors English Language Arts, Honors Science, Informative Technology, Pre-Engineering, and Technology

Student Leadership and Activities

A well-rounded education includes a wide variety of opportunities.

Extracurricular activities include: Academic Challenge, Anime Club, Art Club, Athletics (Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Softball, Soccer, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball, Wheelchair Basketball, and Wrestling), Band, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Book Club, Bookmarkers Club, Bruin, Caldecott Club, Chess/Checkers Club, Choir, Courtyard Club, DECA, Drama Club, Huddle, Interact, International Club, Intramurals, Jazz Club, Key Club, Lego Club, Math 24, Mentoring, Mock Trial, Ohio Math League, Peer Tutoring, Peer Leaders, Philosophy Club, Pizza and Pages, Power of the Pen, Project Love, Quiz Bowl, Robotics Club, Role Playing Games Club, Safety Patrol, Speech and Debate, Pep Club, SADD, Science Club, SPECTRUM, STAMP, STEM/STEAM Clubs, Student Council, Suburban Leadership Team, Twenty Four, Yearbook and YMCA Catch Fitness Program.

Over 70% of our students participate in extracurricular activities.

There is a student representative on the Wadsworth Board of Education.

Each senior must perform 10 hours of community service within a Wadsworth community non-profit organization to graduate.

There is Safety Patrol at each elementary school.

STEM Camp, Coding Camp, and nErD Camp

Field trips include high school World Language class trips to France, Italy, Monaco, and Spain.

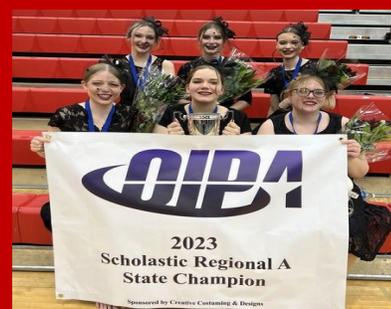
Baseball, boys' lacrosse, and volleyball were 2022-23 Suburban League National Conference Champions.

The High School Color Guard was the 2023 Scholastic Regional A State Champion

Numerous state qualifiers; numerous state placers and athletes recognized as All-Ohio during the 2023-2023 school year

There were 10 national and 22 state qualifiers in Speech & Debate.

Extracurricular Activities



Fiscal Stewardship

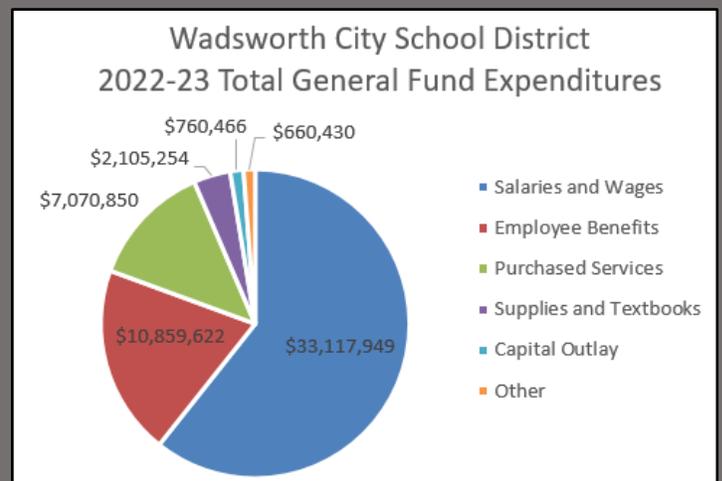
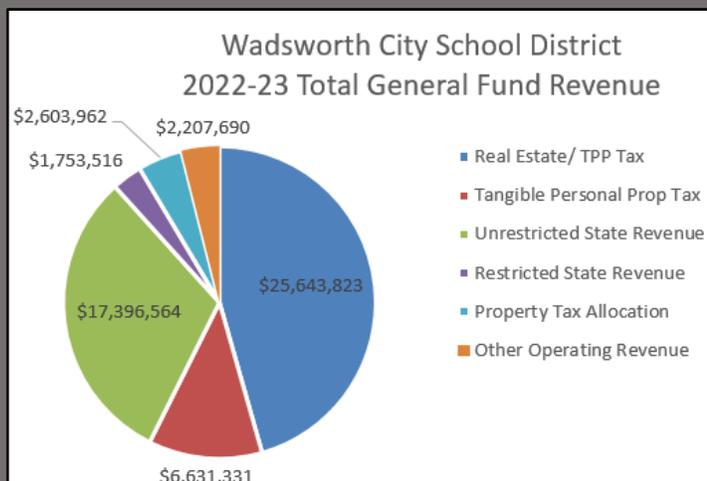
Financial responsibility ensures that the majority of funding is spent on classroom instruction.



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- The Wadsworth City Schools continue to receive an AA- credit rating from Standard and Poors and an Aa2 rating from Moodys. These positive ratings have saved the district millions of dollars in financing costs related to the construction of new school buildings.
- Wadsworth City School District's 2022 expenditure per pupil was \$12,310, \$2,376 less than the State average of \$14,686.
- Wadsworth City Schools total effective operating millage is 5.79 mills LESS than it was in 1976. In other words, the tax rate today is less than it was in 1976.
- Wadsworth City Schools are a member of the Summit Regional Healthcare Consortium pooling resources with area school districts to maximize efficiencies. Membership in the consortium, along with a robust wellness plan produced a 4.1% health care renewal for the current year, well below the industry average.
- Click [here](#) for the Ohio Department of Education District Fiscal Benchmark Report for FY22.
- For more information about the Wadsworth City School District finances click [here](#).



Parent & Community Involvement

Educational experiences are enhanced by partnerships between the school district and community.

Over 400 community volunteers throughout the District

Wadsworth PTO units in each school

District employees have served/currently serve on the following community service boards: Chamber of Commerce, Library Foundation, Lions, the YMCA, Wadsworth Historical Society, Wadsworth Older Adults Foundation, Wadsworth Grizzlies Community Foundation, and the Wadsworth Scholarship Foundation.

Key partnership with the City of Wadsworth, including the sharing of expenses for school resource officers

Community Center part of the high school campus

Interagency Agreement with Head Start, Help Me Grow, and the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities



Renaming of Franklin Elementary School street name to R.L. Havens Crescent in November 2022 in recognition of the many years of service by Mr. Roger Havens, former Franklin Elementary School principal



WHS students participate in Adopt a Family during the holiday season.

Partnership with the Medina County Courts (CARE Team)

Partnerships with local colleges/universities

Active booster groups, including athletics, band, drama and choir
A+ Partnership with the Wadsworth Public Library

United Way drives in each building

Sponsor of yearly blood drives

Four Cities Compact partnership with SME Prime, Dominion Energy, Summa Health, and many other area businesses

Partnership with Feeding Medina County

Area business representatives serve on the Business Advisory Council.

Partnership with Red Oak Behavior Health, Bellefaire JCB, OhioGuidestone, Freshwater Church, Western Reserve Grief Services, and Cornerstone Psychological and Counseling Services

Partnership between Franklin Elementary School and the University of Akron

OASIS tutoring program

Big Brothers/Big Sisters program through the United Way

McPal program at Lincoln Elementary School with the Wadsworth Police Department



Veterans Day programs are held in each school.

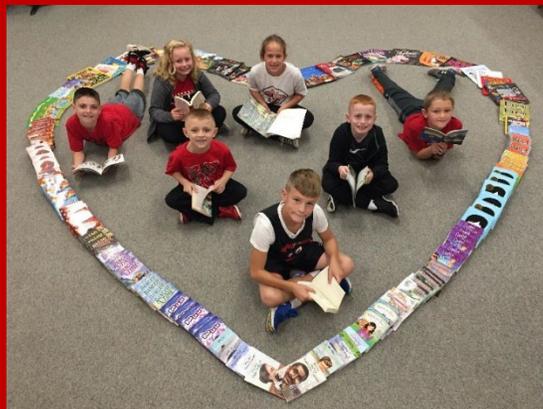
Student Services

A variety of services provide options to ensure all students receive individualized instruction, enrichment and support.

Gifted students are served through differentiated curriculum, cluster grouping, accelerated course work, College Credit Plus options, Advanced Placement courses, honors courses, and independent study.

The special education population in our district is currently at 13.73%. Students are served from age 3 to 22 based on the specially designed instruction and related services identified through the evaluation process. Our continuum of services begins with our Littlest Grizzly Preschool program made up of classrooms staffed to meet the needs of diverse learners who are educated alongside peers, as well as itinerant support that provides services at community-based programs. Our K-12 services include classrooms for students who need to access the extended standards, programming for students who benefit from behavior coaching, inclusion services, co-taught learning environments and specialized instruction through pull-out support. Our related services team includes speech and language pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, a music therapist and an audiologist. New to the district is the Grizzly Academy, a program staffed and designed to meet the needs of students who thrive in a supportive, structured learning environment and benefit from wraparound supports as they learn to regulate their bodies and develop skills to succeed in the classroom. Transition services include a work program where students with disabilities benefit from vocational opportunities in a variety of community settings. Response to Intervention is utilized district-wide in support of meeting the individual needs of students who benefit from additional support in order to access curriculum.

The district Compliance Committee focuses on making sure IEP and ETR documentation is compliant based on language, services rendered and timetables mandated. The committee works closely with the special education team and district leadership to provide ongoing professional development. The district strives to maintain a collaborative ETR/IEP process where the team focuses on students learning and engagement.



31% of our student population is identified as gifted in one of the seven recognized areas (superior cognitive, specific academic area in English/Language Arts, math, science, social studies, creative thinking, and visual/performing arts).



The district Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Committee works to support PBIS initiatives at the building level. PBIS recognizes that students can only meet behavior expectations if they know what the expectations are. Everyone needs the opportunity to learn what is considered appropriate behavior and develop the confidence to talk about what behaviors ensure a positive, safe learning environment for all students.

With the addition of a Student Well-Being/Mental Health Coordinator, the district continues to focus its efforts on meeting the mental health needs of our learning community. The district continues to collaborate with community agencies when providing options for our students, staff and families who seek additional mental health support. The district has a Whole Child Committee that focuses on gathering data to analyze the needs of the school community and develop a plan to meet those needs. A team of 15 counselors ensure the needs of students are met on a daily basis as wellness and safety are district priorities.

Student health is supported by a school nurse (RN), 2 LPN floats and a medical assistant or health aide in each building. This team works closely with the building staff to ensure all health plans are updated and the appropriate staff training takes place on an annual basis.

The before- and after-school Bear Cub Program serves 385 students and offers enrichment activities, homework time, and arts and crafts.



Communication

A variety of communication methods provide opportunities not only for the school community but the community at large to be kept current on what is happening within our school district.

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[Visit our Website](#)

Email: Sign up for our e-mail distribution list by sending a request to lgiermann@wadsworthschools.org

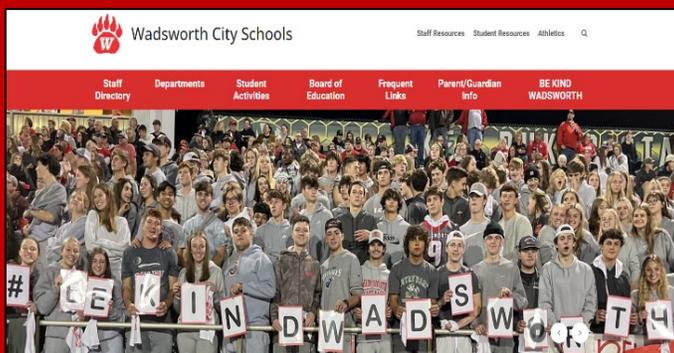
Phone calls: Sign up to receive Alert Now phone messages by sending a request to lgiermann@wadsworthschools.org.

Newspaper: Read about our district in the weekly *Wadsworth Post Newspaper*.

Newsletters: Weekly newsletters posted online for grades K-6, and monthly correspondence from every building

Text: Use of the Remind Text message application

Video: Building use of Touchcast videos



Upcoming events listed on the district webpage at www.wadsworthschools.org



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Summary



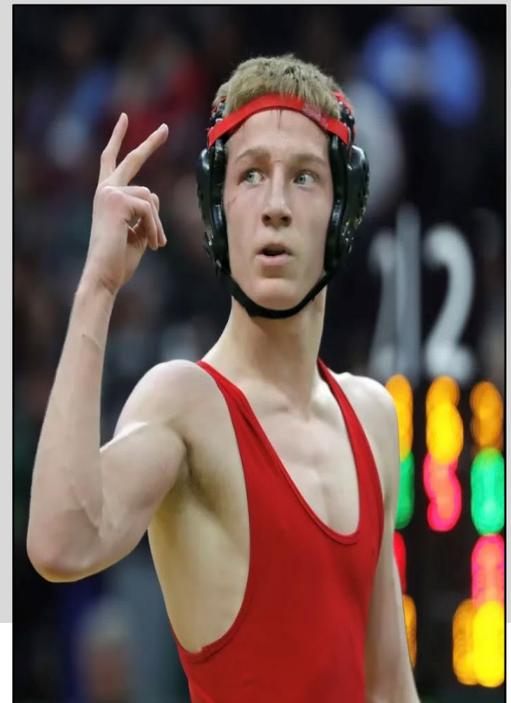
Through the generous support of our community, the Wadsworth City School District is able to provide an exemplary educational experience for our students. As this Quality Profile demonstrates, there is more to a school district than what is reported on the annual State of Ohio Report Card.

Our district is fortunate to have highly qualified and motivated faculty and staff devoted to furthering the education of every student in our district.

While we have been very successful in the past on the State of Ohio Report Card, we recognize that continuous improvement is always needed. There is no standing still in education; either we move forward or we fall backward as a result.

The partnerships our district has built within our community provide us with the support necessary to strive for excellence each day and further the opportunities for our most important asset, our students, who are the future of our great community.

Thank you for your continued support of our school district. We are proud to serve you and your children.



Wadsworth City School District Board of Education



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Mission

Wadsworth City Schools, in cooperation with families, school personnel, and community, is committed to providing a quality education that will empower students to reach their highest potential while promoting a culture of mutual respect and acceptance of all.

Wadsworth City School District

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Franklin Elementary, K-4, 200 R.L. Havens Crescent
Grizzly Academy, K-4, 524 Broad Street
Isham Elementary, PK-4, 325 Sunset Boulevard
Lincoln Elementary, K-4, 280 N. Lyman Street
Overlook Elementary, PK-4, 650 Broad Street
Valley View Elementary, K-4, 625 Orchard Street
Central Intermediate, 5 & 6, 151 Main Street
Wadsworth Middle School, 7 & 8, 150 Silvercreek Road
Wadsworth High School, 9-12, 625 Broad Street**