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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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Foreword by the Superintendent

As we embark on a new school year, I am thrilled to announce the reintroduction of the Deer Park Schools’ Quality Profile for the 2022-23 academic year. After a three-year hiatus following the unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, we are proud to once again showcase the comprehensive excellence that defines our district beyond the boundaries of standardized test scores.

The Quality Profile is a unique endeavor that extends far beyond the scope of traditional academic metrics. While state tests provide important insights into student learning and performance, they only capture a fraction of the rich tapestry that makes up our educational environment. This holistic approach allows us to present a full and accurate representation of our district’s achievements, programs, and contributions that might otherwise go unnoticed.

During the pandemic, our community demonstrated unparalleled resilience and adaptability. As we navigated through remote and hybrid learning, our educators, students, and families showcased their unwavering commitment to education. It is with immense pride that we now unveil the 2022-23 Quality Profile, reflecting the culmination of our collective efforts over the past year.

The Quality Profile goes beyond mere numbers; it highlights the unique opportunities that Deer Park Schools provide for our students. It showcases our commitment to fostering well-rounded individuals who excel not only academically but also socially, emotionally, and artistically. From innovative STEM initiatives to robust arts programs, from community engagement projects to athletic accomplishments, the Quality Profile captures the essence of our district’s commitment to nurturing the whole child.

By reintroducing the Quality Profile, we reinforce our dedication to transparency and accountability. We believe that the education we provide is best understood through a multi-dimensional lens. As such, this document serves as a testament to the diverse strengths and achievements of our students, educators, and community partners. Our focus remains on preparing students for success in an ever-evolving world, equipping them with not just knowledge but also critical skills, compassion, and a global perspective.

I encourage you to explore the 2022-23 Quality Profile. It is my sincere hope that this document will instill a sense of pride in what we have accomplished together and inspire optimism for the future of Deer Park Schools.

Thank you for your continued support, dedication, and partnership. It is through collaboration that we shape the educational experiences that empower our students to become lifelong learners and responsible citizens. As we begin this new chapter, let us celebrate our achievements, embrace our challenges, and look forward to a year filled with growth, discovery, and success.



JAY PHILLIPS
SUPERINTENDENT



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About Our District

MISSION:
Inspiring & Empowering Lifelong Success

VISION:
A high-performing district that prepares our students to be critical thinkers and problem solvers and to live a life of purpose and impact.



BOARD OF EDUCATION (L TO R):
Paul Godwin, Karen Kellums, Chris Huster, Peggy Bosse, Kara McKormick

Community Partnerships

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| → High AIMS | → Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities | → Camp Kern |
| → Learn21 | → Mercy Health | → Cincinnati Public Library |
| → Making Schools Work | → Chick-fil-A | → iSpace |
| → UC Economics Center | → TP Mechanical | → KZF Design |
| → Mind Peace | → Monti, Inc. | → Great Oaks |
| → Hamilton County Educational Service Center | → Cincinnati Children's Hospital | → Joe Nuxhall Miracle Fields |
| → OneDeerPark | → Rise Up | → NEEDS Pantry |
| → Grant Us Hope | → Rachel Wixey & Associates | → Union Savings Bank |
| → Best Point | → Headstart | → First Financial Bank |
| → Hamilton County Disability Services | → Deer Park Police Department | → Champions |
| → Forward Edge | → Easter Seals | → Joshua's Place |
| | | → D1 Athletics |
| | | → Sinclair Community College |

By the Numbers

1151 TOTAL ENROLLMENT (K-12)

589 AMITY ELEMENTARY (K-6)

562 JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL (7-12)

16.8 STUDENT TEACHER RATIO



STAFF PRESENTATIONS AT WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

- Southern Regional Education Board
- Making Schools Work
- School Success Conference
- SWOCTM
- Terrace Metrics

NICHE REPORT

A Niche report is a comprehensive assessment that provides valuable insights into our school district's performance, rankings, and reviews. It offers a data-driven snapshot of our educational quality, community feedback, and overall excellence



29 → of 607
Best Teachers in Ohio

60 → of 607
Best Places to Teach in Ohio

91 → of 607
Most Diverse School Districts in Ohio

B+
Overall Niche Grade

B+
Academics

A+
Teachers



Staff Leadership

STAFF LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

- New Teacher Induction Program
- Teacher Mentor Program
- Building Leadership Teams
- Building Technology Leadership Teams
- High AIMS Management Council and Planning Committee
- OPEPP



2022 HAMILTON COUNTY CELEBRATE EXCELLENCE

Evan Hills | 2022 Recipient

Each year, the Hamilton County Education Foundation recognizes "Educators of the Year" from nearly every public school district in the Cincinnati area. Each individual school district submits their own top educator to be honored at the 2019 Celebrate Excellence breakfast. This event brings together K-12 education, university, business and civic leaders to pay tribute to this impressive group of educators.

School Safety

A.L.I.C.E. Training

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.

Did You Know?

Did you know that Deer Park Schools has taken proactive steps to ensure student safety? They hold quarterly district safety meetings in partnership with Deer Park Police and Fire Departments, demonstrating their commitment to providing a secure learning environment. These meetings serve as a platform for school administrators, teachers, and local authorities to collaboratively address safety concerns, review protocols, and discuss potential improvements.



Security Upgrades

- Secured vestibule entrance at Jr./Sr. High School (pictured above)
- \$176,000 in safety grant money for radios, secured vestibule entrance, upgraded cameras, shatter-resistant film on entrance windows
- Blackout Shades on classroom doors



Mental Health Supports

Caring for Student Well-being

At Deer Park Schools, we recognize that student success extends beyond academics. Our commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals drives us to provide robust mental health support. Our team of skilled counselors, well-versed in addressing various emotional challenges, is readily available to guide and assist students. We firmly believe that a healthy state of mind is crucial for optimal learning and personal growth.

COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMS

Our approach to mental health encompasses a range of comprehensive programs designed to address diverse needs. From awareness campaigns that destigmatize mental health conversations to evidence-based interventions that build emotional resilience, Deer Park Schools creates an inclusive environment. We introduce students to Second Step, an acclaimed curriculum that fosters social-emotional skills, empowering them with tools for effective communication, empathy, and conflict resolution. Moreover, our collaboration with external partners such as Best Point Behavioral Services ensures access to specialized care when necessary.

ACCESSIBLE RESOURCES

Deer Park Schools ensures that mental health resources are readily accessible to all students. We maintain a repository of materials covering coping strategies, stress management techniques, and information about available support systems. Our commitment to inclusivity extends to parents and guardians, as we believe that a united front fosters the best outcomes for students. Through ongoing communication, workshops, and informational sessions, we equip families with the knowledge and tools to contribute positively to their children's mental well-being.

A HOLISTIC APPROACH

Our dedication to mental health aligns with our belief in holistic education. By nurturing emotional intelligence and providing tailored support, we create a safe and welcoming environment where students can thrive academically, emotionally, and socially. Deer Park Schools' emphasis on mental health support within our Quality Profile reflects our commitment to shaping well-balanced individuals prepared for a successful future.

Student Supports

ORGANIZATIONS	DESCRIPTION
Deer Park Hope Squad	The Deer Park Hope Squad consists of empathetic and trained students who provide vital mental health support by lending an understanding ear, recognizing signs of distress, and fostering a compassionate school community.
Terrace Metrics	Comprehensive behavioral health system utilizes data analysis to enhance mental health support, providing personalized care and promoting well-being for individuals and communities.
Sandy Hook Promise/Erika's Lighthouse	Sandy Hook Promise: Advocates violence prevention through education, fostering safer communities. Erika's Lighthouse: Focuses on teen depression awareness, offering resources and support for mental health, creating brighter futures.
Best Point	Best Point offers expert behavioral health services, fostering positive change and empowerment for individuals, families, and communities through compassionate care and support.
HCESC Homeless Liaison	A collaborative force dedicated to addressing homelessness. The Homeless Liaison unites resources, organizations, and communities to provide comprehensive support, fostering stability and empowerment for vulnerable individuals.
Second Step	Second Step curriculum fosters social-emotional skills in students, equipping them with tools for empathy, communication, and conflict resolution, creating a positive and inclusive environment.

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

Amity and 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.

OTHER STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICE PROGRAMS

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| → Head Start | → Homework Clubs | → After school tutoring and mentoring program |
| → Intensive Preschool Programming | → Title I Programming | → Athletic/Academic Study Tables |
| → Deer Park Preschool | → Preschool Connections | |
| | → Interpreter Services | |
| | → Student Mentoring Programs | |

BY THE NUMBERS

15

Intervention Specialists

2

Full-time mental health specialists

4

Specialized Classrooms

2

Speech and Language Pathologists

3

Full-time counselors

35+

Instructional aides

1

Licensed Social Worker

Class of 2023

2023 College Attendees



THE TOP 10 STUDENTS WILL ATTEND:

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| → University of Cincinnati | → Northern Kentucky University |
| → Hanover College | → Robert Morris University |
| → Xavier University | |

BY THE NUMBERS

13

STUDENTS RECEIVED THE PRESIDENTS AWARD FOR EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

4

STUDENTS RECEIVED THE PRESIDENTS AWARD FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

14

STUDENTS RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIPS TOTALING MORE THAN \$700,000

9

STUDENTS RECEIVED A DIPLOMA WITH HONORS FROM THE STATE OF OHIO

17

STUDENTS RECEIVED CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION FROM GREAT OAKS

17%

TOOK AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE

CLASS PROFILE

89

GRADUATES

9%

WILL ENTER THE MILITARY

50%

WILL ATTEND A 2- or 4-YEAR UNIVERSITY

41%

WILL ENTER THE WORKFORCE

OF THE 2023 COLLEGE ATTENDEES

13%

WILL ATTEND A PRIVATE UNIVERSITY

87%

WILL ATTEND A PUBLIC UNIVERSITY

Future Ready

Deer Park Schools not only offers a robust academic curriculum but also provides pathways for diverse futures. From pre-apprenticeship programs and internships to college preparatory tracks for those headed to universities, and even options for those considering military service, we ensure every student has the tools to achieve their unique goals.



One of our goals at Deer Park Jr/Sr High School is to ensure that all students are well-prepared for college or their chosen career paths. To achieve this, we offer a wide range of opportunities tailored to student interests and personal goals.

Regardless of which pathway a student decides to follow, Deer Park provides numerous opportunities to earn college credits while still in high school. Additionally, we offer a variety of experiences that expose students to real-world career scenarios, helping them gain valuable skills and insights for their future endeavors. We are committed to supporting growth and success, and we believe that these diverse opportunities will empower students to achieve their goals beyond graduation.

Career Academy Programs

- Entrepreneurship
- Engineering
- Sports Medicine
- Advanced Manufacturing
- UCIT (Univ. of Cincinnati Information Technology)

Planning for Our Future

We understand how important it is for our high school students to begin planning for their future. By creating a college and career framework, students have opportunities to earn college credits while in high school, or gain real world hands-on work experiences. There are so many opportunities to get an advantage regardless of what path students choose.



PATHWAYS

DESCRIPTION

College Credit Plus

When scheduling, students can apply and enroll in the College Credit Plus program, taking a course at a local college off campus and earning college credit. Students can also earn college credits by taking an AP course and earning a 3 or higher on the AP exam. These options can save thousands of dollars if a student is choosing to go to college after high school.

Industry Recognized Credentials

Industry recognized credentials are credentials that can be put on a resume that may be attractive to employers. One credential that all students will have access to earn is the Health and Public Safety credential through the in-person health class.

Career Tech

Deer Park students have the opportunity to continue their education through Career Tech at the Oaks campuses. Applications to the Oaks are submitted sophomore year and students attend the Oaks during Junior & Senior year if accepted. We also offer Engineering courses through Scarlet Oaks at Deer Park High School.

Pre Apprenticeships

Finally, pre-apprenticeships allow students to survey career opportunities whether choosing to go to college or go into the workforce. Some are paid opportunities while students are in high school. This opportunity is reserved for Deer Park juniors and seniors (and some sophomores) if they have completed the related coursework.

BY THE NUMBERS

9

Advanced Placement Courses Offered

2

Pre AP Courses Offered

5

Career Academy Programs Offered

7

Pre-Apprenticeships Offered

Arts

There are annual arts and music events at all grade levels. Every November, the 2nd Graders at Amity 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 2022-23, our band and choir programs performed at the holidays, Wickshire Senior Living, and in OMEA competitions. There are 66 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.

SEASONAL ARTS PROGRAMS

- Grade Level Seasonal Concerts
- HS Fall Play
- Veterans Day Program
- Fine Arts Night
- Harvest Night
- STEAM Night
- HS Band/Guard Memorial Day Parade

BY THE NUMBERS

76 YEARS

Parkers is the longest running high school variety show in Hamilton County

29 YEARS

DPHS band has qualified for the OMEA finals

76 STUDENTS

in the High School marching band and guard

25 STUDENTS

in the High School jazz band

65 STUDENTS

in the High School choir

79 STUDENTS

in the junior high band



Student Leadership and Extracurricular Activities

Even though our school day ends at 3:00 PM, you can always find the students at school after hours participating in a variety of extracurricular clubs and activities.

14 ELEMENTARY CLUBS

19 HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS

15 VARSITY SPORTS

National Honor Society, Student Council, Superintendent's Student Advisory Council

Deer Park Schools provide a voice for our students through National Honor Society, Student Council and the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council, facilitating open dialogue between our school leadership and the student body. Together, we work to enhance the educational experience, ensuring that every student's perspective is valued and considered in decision-making processes.

Chick-fil-A Leader Academy

Deer Park Schools proudly partners with Chick-fil-A Leader Academy, fostering leadership skills, community service, and character development in our students. Through this unique program, we empower young leaders to make a positive impact, both within our school community and beyond.

DEER PARK PROGRAMS

Jr./Sr. High School

- Art Club
- Chess Club
- Drama Club
- Homework Club
- Hope Squad
- International Club
- Photography Club
- Student Council
- Newspaper
- Yearbook
- Amity Elementary
- Art Club
- Games Club
- Green Team
- Youth Service Club
- And many more!

Service Learning

Service learning is at the heart of Deer Park Schools' commitment to a well-rounded education. Our students actively engage in initiatives like Senior Serve, where they assist senior citizens, the Holiday Food Drive, providing for those in need, and projects through Communiserve, fostering community bonds.

The Amity Service Club and Step Up Club offer platforms for students to channel their compassion into meaningful action, promoting empathy, leadership, and a sense of civic duty. Through these programs, our students not only acquire academic knowledge but also develop the character and values necessary to become responsible, compassionate, and engaged citizens.



Senior Serve

Determined to carry out the mission of service learning, the Deer Park Guidance office and teachers created the idea of Senior Serve. Now in its fifth year, the senior class participates in daily trips to carry out the mission of service each morning, before returning to school to take part in a seminar discussing college transition and issues such as sexual assault on college campuses. The Deer Park Community Service Program received a \$1250 grant through the Mayer-son Foundation to be used toward this week.

Just prior to our holiday break, Deer Park students, staff and community members came together to share real joy and love by filling food bags and gathering gifts for the needy in our community. I am always in awe of the goodness of so many. The kindness of our students, staff, families and community result in amazing blessings for the families in our hometown.

Amity Green Team

The Amity Elementary Green Team serves as an exemplary model of environmental stewardship within our school community. Committed to sustainability, they spearhead a comprehensive recycling program, significantly reducing waste output. Through hands-on involvement, students learn the vital lesson of responsible waste management, instilling lifelong values of conservation. Their efforts not only contribute to a greener school environment but also prepare them to be responsible citizens, ready to address the pressing challenges of sustainability.

Service Learning

Service Learning Clubs play a pivotal role in nurturing a sense of social responsibility. The Amity Youth Service Club introduces younger students to the value of community service, fostering empathy and altruism. As students progress to the high school level, they can continue their service journey by joining Communiserve. These clubs offer meaningful outlets for students to engage in impactful projects that extend beyond the classroom, instilling a lifelong commitment to giving back and empowering them to be active contributors to their communities.

Parent & Community Involvement

Parent Organizations

ORGANIZATIONS

DESCRIPTION

Wildcats Boosters	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. In 2015, 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.
Athletic Boosters	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.
PTO	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. Several other activities such as Mother/Son Date Night and the Father/Daughter Dance are hosted by the PTO.
Band Sponsors	The Band Sponsors 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 2022, 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.
K.I.D.S	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.
Hall of Fame	The Deer Park High School Hall of Fame was established under the authority of the Alumni Association and with the blessing of the Board of Education in order to both honor those who have dignified Deer Park with their own excellence and their contributions to their community, as well as celebrate those whose roots are in Deer Park. The Hall of Fame is unique in that it not only features prominent alumni of Deer Park, but also includes worthy members of the staff and administration that have contributed to Deer Park Schools over the course of its history.
Players with Pride	Deer Park Players With Pride unites former Deer Park High School athletes, preserving bonds forged on the field. This organization celebrates enduring friendships and loyalty among our alumni, fostering a strong sense of community and shared memories that transcend time and distance.

OneDeerPark

OneDeerPark is the collaboration of Deer Park City Schools, faith-based organizations, community members, and local business leaders. The school district works hard to serve, equip and encourage students and families of Deer Park, but the thriving of our students depends on the whole city! We decide to come together, partner with what the schools are already doing, and be a purposeful entity pouring into the well-being of our community. Along we can only do so much. But together, we can make an impact!



Fiscal Stewardship



Financial Summary from our Treasurer:

Following the direction of our Strategic plan by actively seeking cost savings and alternate funding options, 2022-23 saw the diversification of investments within the district to get the most out of the dollars we receive on a yearly basis. Putting Deer Park tax money to the best use possible, collecting over \$513,000 in revenue from interest on investments.

For the seventh consecutive year, the Treasurer's Office received the Auditor of State award for the Fiscal Year 2022 Audit due to exemplary financial reporting. We also received 4 out of 4 Stars for the Highest Achievement in Open and Transparent Government!

Our collective responsibility in the Treasurer's Office is to maximize every dollar of the revenue we receive, ensuring the success of each student, not only during their time in Deer Park but also as they transition into adulthood. We are dedicated to working in the best interest of Deer Park Schools, in collaboration with the Superintendent and the Board of Education.

Jeff Lewis, Treasurer

