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**MADEIRA**  
CITY SCHOOLS

# 2022 2023

## Quality Profile



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Highlights from the  
2022-2023 school year in  
Academics  
Arts  
Student Leadership & Activities  
Athletics  
Fiscal Stewardship  
Parent & Community Involvement  
Student Services  
Staff & District Recognitions



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## A message from Superintendent Kenji Matsudo

Dear Friends of Madeira Schools,

Madeira City Schools are deeply rooted in our community as evidenced by the multi-generations of Madeira families who have walked our halls for over a century. Many Madeira alumni return to raise their families in the community and schools they grew up in as well.

Madeira Elementary School (Grades K-5), Madeira Middle School (Grades 6-8) and Madeira High School (Grades 9-12) house innovative curriculums and premium services. Our optional tuition-based Madeira Preschool has a staff who takes great pride in providing our youngest learners with a nurturing learning environment.

We place a high degree of importance on ensuring that all children have the opportunity to reach their full potential inside and outside of the classroom. This is our eleventh annual Quality Profile (QP) - a compilation of accomplishments from the past school year that helped our children reach that potential in areas that matter most to the Madeira Schools community; Academics, Arts, Student Leadership & Activities, Fiscal Stewardship, Parent & Community Involvement, Student Services, and Staff & District Recognitions. You'll see how our students excelled in ways that will help them succeed in life outside of Madeira - ways that aren't included in mandated state tests. Past Quality Profiles are listed under 'Welcome' on our website, or I will be happy to mail you a copy of our most current issue by calling our office at 513.985.6070.

If you are viewing this document online, please click on any links for more information. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions about the excellent education the Madeira City School District offers. We are eager for the chance to show you the outstanding programs going on every day in every one of our schools.

Go Madeira!

*Kenji Matsudo*  @KenjiMatsudo



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A school district where learning is personalized and success is ensured.



# ACADEMICS

With a purpose of providing the knowledge, care, and passion necessary for every child to reach their individual potential, Madeira City Schools' academic program is anchored in excellence.



Second-graders Naman Upadhayay and Miriam Miller placed fifth in the Ohio Elementary Chess Championship.

The MHS Academic Team qualified for the state championship for the second year in a row, finishing in the top 10.

Out of 122 members of the Madeira High School Class of 2023, 65 graduated as a Top Senior with a 4.0 or above GPA and 62 with an honors diploma. The graduates are attending 50 different colleges and universities, as well as joining the workforce and military.

Two classes of second graders participated in Design Lab, a building and engineering project through the Architecture Foundation of Cincinnati. Parents volunteered to help students in building projects.

40 students received recognition on the National Latin Exam - a test given annually to Latin students across the nation. Eight students received gold medals (summa cum laude): Madeira Middle School student Luke Pease, and Madeira High School students Evan Cissell, Dax Telesz, Braden Blackwelder, Sofia Rane, Emma Faz, Mira Shonk, and Milo Nelson.

MHS junior Audrey Chalfie achieved a perfect composite score of 36 on the American College Testing (ACT) test. The state average composite score was 19.4



Every graduate attending college, entering the military, or enrolling in a career or technical training program was given a \$300 monetary Made in Madeira Scholarship. For the sixth year, these scholarships were possible thanks to Homer Amos, a long time community member who bequeathed his entire estate to his sons' alma mater Madeira High School, and his own in Virginia.

Fifth grade students in the gifted program entered Ohio's InvestWrite competition. Fifth grade student Max Bruening placed first in the state.



# ARTS

Driven by a passion to inspire creativity and enhance learning, Madeira City Schools is committed to providing strong visual and performing arts experiences throughout the school district.



Madeira Theatre Arts brought two productions to the stage in Medert Auditorium:

- 2022 Fall play Clue
- 2023 Spring musical Grease

Pat and Jacque Gentile were named honored guests of the school board at the spring musical and will ride in the 2023 Homecoming parade.

Madeira Elementary School's 'Got Art?' week exposed students to different art mediums and introduced them to new artists.

Senior Molly Hurley's artwork was selected to be represented in the Ohio House of Representatives at the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts in Columbus, Ohio.

Fifty students in Madeira's Latin and Theater Arts programs attended Broadway's Tony Award winning show, *Hadestown*, together in April at the Aronoff Center in downtown Cincinnati. The show intertwines the mythic tales of Orpheus & Eurydice and King Hades and Queen Persephone.

Four Madeira Middle School (MMS) students and seven Madeira High School (MHS) students have received recognition for a combined 13 pieces of art they submitted to the National Scholastic Art Competition.

The Marching Mustangs 2022 show, based on the book *The Wonder Switch*, focused on instilling child-like wonder and a sense of love, joy, hope, belonging, meaning, and purpose.



Madeira Preschool invited students' families to its first ever art show.

A group of Madeira fifth graders were selected to paint a rain barrel as part of the fourth annual Rain Barrel Art Project, an initiative designed to educate the community about water conservation and pollution caused by storm water runoff.

# STUDENT LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES



Extracurricular activities and community service are a vibrant and vital part of the total Madeira educational experience.



Students in Nicole Prater and Fran Wilson's second grade classrooms participated in Design Lab and the competition in Newport, KY



The MHS service oriented Key Club donated proceeds from their annual fundraiser to Cincinnati's sister city Kharkiv in Ukraine to help with emergency aid.

Three non-profit companies created in the MHS entrepreneurship class donated over \$23,000 to three different charities: \$10,000 to the Sam Hubbard Foundation, \$8,453 to St. Joseph Home, and \$4,965 to the Kennedy Heights Art Center.

Students participated in a prom that celebrates those with a disability at the 'Night To Shine' event sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. The event started with a red carpet entrance, dinner, dancing and the crowning of each guest as a King or Queen. The event was sponsored by area churches and run by hundreds of volunteers to ensure each and every person felt special. Attending were Madeira alumni Collin Wischer (2021), Mathew Cook (2020), and Sarah McPherson (2013)

Nominated by their peers, the MHS Hope (Hold On Persuade Empower) Squad promoted mental health wellness and suicide prevention in their school and community.

Madeira students Will & Anna Jenkins, Caroline Horak and German exchange student Beiret S. presented their personal travel/living experiences to the MMS Culture Club.

Twenty four Madeira students qualified for the Ohio Personal Finance Challenge. Nate Bishop, Andrew Cissell, Eddie Hartung, and Matthew Smith were named State of Ohio Champions. The students then represented Ohio at the National Personal Finance Challenge with Sam Gaugh subbing for Eddie Hartung.

4th Grade Student Leaders and SHAC (Schools Health Advisory Council) members organized two fundraisers for the NEEDS Pantry and the Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank.

## ATHLETICS

Our student athletes are held to a high standard of character, behavior, and respect which should never be called into question.



### Swimming State Qualifiers

Grant Rindels, Luke Dobson, Peter Cangiano, Quinn LeBorgne, Mato Ramirez, Anna Lewis, Jane Feichtner, Claire LeRoy, Ella Garza, Lilly Dempsey

### Track and Field State Qualifiers

Cate LeRoy, Vivian Momper, Kate Schomaeker, Hannah Jung, Julia Hamstra, Keira O'Cull, Corinne Westbrook, Olivia Bodley, Natalie Cimpello, Autumn Daley

Senior Conner Cravaack made a basket on a pass from his twin brother which made him a member of Madeira Varsity Mustang Basketball's 1,000 point club.

### Cross Country State Qualifiers

Amazons: Izzy Arredondo, Keira O'Cull, Annie Meyer, Ava Henry, Ella Garza, Cate LeRoy, Claire LeRoy, Caroline Apanius, Morgan Starr

### Madeira High School 2022 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

Shawn Burroughs '02  
Robb Hern, '02  
Javier Ibarra '05  
Caitlyn McCullough '12  
Rob Tudor '09

Senior Jamie Stanford signed a letter of intent to play wheelchair basketball at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. Their wheelchair basketball program has won more national championships and produced more paralympic basketball players than any other school in the country.

Mustangs: JT Hamstra, Ryan Ashton, Ben Wetzel, Eric Luther, Silas Baird, Quinn LeBorgne, Daniel Williams, Maxwell Schoen, Ryan Kelch





# FISCAL STEWARDSHIP



We ensure that resources from federal, state, and local levels are aligned with district goals and that the majority of funding is spent on classroom instruction.

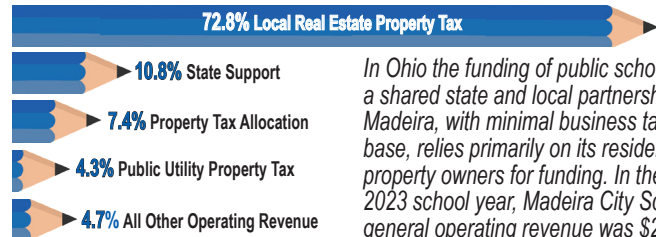
The Board of Education is committed to controlling costs while preserving an outstanding school system. The Board of Education approved a long term permanent improvement schedule that will provide the fiscal resources to maintain the district facilities for the next 25 years including roof repairs, heating/cooling systems, grounds and building improvements, furniture replacements, security upgrades, parking lot and athletic facility maintenance, as well as many other items to maintain the community investment in the school facilities. The district reviews revenue and expenditure data continually to make sure the community tax dollars are being spent in the most efficient and cost effective manner, and also monitors the funding sources available to the district to make sure the district is up to date on any changes at the state level and are forecasting tax revenues appropriately based on the current economy.

Madeira's Board of Education has an on-going commitment of fiscal stewardship to the residents of Madeira which includes communication of financial information. In March 2019, the Board formally approved the Financial Guidelines and Parameters documenting the Best Practices the district has followed for many years including:

Continuing the privatization of custodial, transportation and selective staff services • Continuing partnership with another school district to provide food service • Member of a health insurance consortium to better control health care costs and in purchasing cooperative for paper supplies, gas and electricity, and more • Competitive teacher salaries that average just over 2% base increase over the last 5 years • A salary study of 29 local school districts is completed annually to provide benchmark data. • Earned the Auditor of State award for the annual audit for the eleventh consecutive year

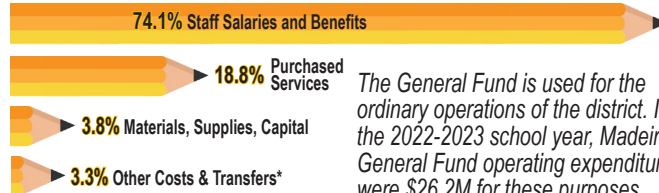
Contact Emily Hauser at [ehauser@madeiracityschools.org](mailto:ehauser@madeiracityschools.org) or 985.6070 with any finance related questions.

## WHERE THE DISTRICT MONEY COMES FROM



*In Ohio the funding of public schools is a shared state and local partnership. Madeira, with minimal business tax base, relies primarily on its residential property owners for funding. In the 2022-2023 school year, Madeira City Schools' general operating revenue was \$26.2M from these sources.*

## WHERE THE DISTRICT MONEY GOES



*The General Fund is used for the ordinary operations of the district. In the 2022-2023 school year, Madeira's General Fund operating expenditures were \$26.2M for these purposes.*

# PARENT & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



The Madeira City School District recognizes the need for a total support system and values parent involvement, seeks community partners, and celebrates opportunities to showcase excellence.

Seventh grade students invited the community to the annual Empty Bowls Dinner Event - a service-learning project centered on fighting poverty, hunger and homelessness. Students worked in their language arts, social studies, and art classes to plan the event and made a ceramic bowl for each guest to take home.



Senior Citizen Community Coffees with the Superintendent were held in the fall and in the spring.

The coffees gave residents a chance to stay connected with the schools and ask any questions they may have about the district.

Madeira Middle School honored local Veterans at its annual tribute. Second grade students performed a Veterans Day Program at the Season's Retirement Community.

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Preschool parents, district administrators, and members of the Madeira Police Department participated in Truck-Or-Treat at the preschool on October 31.

The MHS Entrepreneurship classes invited a variety of community members and alumni to judge which non-profit's funds would be donated (see page 4): Neal Hoffman (Mensch on a Bench), Tracey Blackwelder (Seven Brother's Farm), Logan Abner (WeBrokr/alum), Brian Wolf (Road's River's Trails), Lane Pence (Fast Signs/parent), Kandace Walters (Gingham & Glam/Influencer/MHS alum), Laura Wolf (Wolf and Bird Events) Chip Graeter (Graeters), Deb Mills (Biggby Coffee), JR Hassett & Tom Powers (Swingline Grill).

Parent of two Madeira graduates Craig McKee from WCPO spoke to students in MHS Contemporary World Issues classes about the media, journalism, and how the world of news reporting works.



# STUDENT SERVICES

Madeira City Schools is committed to ensuring the success of each student by providing a continuum of services personalized to meet each learner's needs.



Each school provided school counselors to help students with academic concerns, emotional issues, crisis intervention, conflict resolution, healthy decision-making, bullying & harassment prevention, and substance abuse prevention. An additional counselor was hired at the elementary school

A partnership with Children's Hospital provided Madeira families with children in Grades K-12 access to school based mental health services - facilitated by MindPeace, a non-profit organization with the mission to improve access to high quality mental health care for all children.

- Children's Hospital provided independently licensed therapists to offer support for students during their school day.
- The optional and confidential services were offered in addition to those provided by school counselors and psychologists.
  - Families covered the cost of therapy visits through private insurance, Medicaid or private pay options.



1-866-LISTEN2ME allowed students or parents to anonymously leave a message about an unsafe situation or circumstance within the school environment 24 hours a day.

MMS students participated in **LIGHT** (**L**eadership, **I**ntegrity, **G**enerosity, **H**onesty, and **T**eamwork) activities including tie-dye day, wellness/meditation activities, sixth grade Kindness Rocks, and a 7th grade Courage Retreat promoting positive character development.

Intervention Staff participated in LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) and Lindamood Bell (programs to develop the skills necessary for reading and comprehension) training.

The MMS therapy dog Lucy had a positive impact on students facilitating self-regulation and sparking social skills.



# STAFF & DISTRICT RECOGNITIONS



We take pride in the recognition our expert staff, qualified administrators, committed board of education members, and involved parents and community members receive.

The Madeira Schools Foundation (MSF) presented its Distinguished Awards to Jennifer Jordan (Distinguished Staff Award), Bridie & Brian Busken (Friend of the Foundation Award), and Mark Russell, '67 (Distinguished Alumni Award). They also awarded upwards of \$20,000 to graduating seniors.

The MSF also named Trey Kanet as the newest recipient of the Ruth Slagle Alumni Crawford Scholarship.

Madeira was ranked **#3** in the top 25 Public School Districts in the tri-state area based on per-pupil spending, pupil/teacher ratio, attendance rate, and more. The City of Madeira was the **#3** community noting its 'strong school system.'

Madeira Preschool received a Five-Star Step up to Quality Award from the state of Ohio in recognition of a commitment to quality and an ongoing dedication to the development and learning of children.

The Madeira City School Board's I Make a Difference award recipients were Ann Ramos, Synda Bernicke, and Susan Busch.

Five MMS teachers took STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) training with iFLY. The training included real-world STEM applications, lab activities, physics demonstrations in a wind tunnel, and one-on-one flying with a certified world-class iFLY flight instructor.

Second Grade teacher Tammy Roberts was named Madeira's 2023 Educator of the Year and represented the district at the Celebrate Excellence event, hosted by Anthony Munoz.

Preschool Director Mary Ann McPherson was the keynote speaker for the University of Cincinnati's Red and Black Blast which raised funds for programs that serve young adults with disabilities.

Staff members Mary Christoff and Amy Rider were each named "Teacher of the Week" from local radio and TV stations.

