



LAKEWOOD  
CITY SCHOOLS



QUALITY PROFILE 2024

# VISION OF A LAKEWOOD RANGER



**JUNE 2019**

The Lakewood Board of Education adopted a new strategic vision for the Lakewood City Schools after soliciting input from its many stakeholders.

**THE VISION OF A LAKEWOOD GRADUATE CONSISTS OF SIX CORE COMPETENCIES:**  
**Creative and Critical Thinking • Communication • Collaboration • Growth Mindset • Global Awareness/Citizenship • Empathy**

**2020**

We developed definitions and related subskills for each competency.

**2021**

We developed an additional layer to our Vision that compels its educators to view the teaching of the competencies through the lenses of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging, and social-emotional learning.

**2022**

We expanded its application of the competencies to include all of our staff via our Vision of a Lakewood Educator.

**2023**

We wanted our Vision to reflect the fact that we are all a team working together toward a common goal of graduating college and career-ready young adults. Our Vision of a Lakewood Ranger unites our Graduate and Educator visions to acknowledge that we are all Rangers, all with the same mission.



# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Elevating our students' academic achievement is the cornerstone of our mission at Lakewood City Schools. The foundation of this success lies in the dedication of our teaching faculty, with an impressive 99% recognized as "Highly Qualified" by the Ohio Department of Education. Our students' educational journey begins with our committed educators but extends through the myriad of academic avenues and programs that enrich the learning experience for our students. We are committed not only to the success of our students while in Lakewood City Schools but also to equip them for accomplishments beyond their tenure with us. Our vision extends beyond the classroom, aiming to shape individuals who are prepared for future achievements in diverse fields and who will become engaged members of their communities.

## Offered at All Buildings

All buildings have makerspaces/STEM programs with dedicated STEM educators. Our middle school Project Lead the Way (PLTW) program includes Green Architecture, App Creators, and Automation and Robotics. High School PLTW courses include Principles of Engineering, Robotics and Digital Electronics.

## Early Childhood Education

The Early Childhood Education Program has been a successful part of our community since 1990. We aim to pave the way for future success through a strong early foundation. Options for students ages 3-5 include full-day classes with before and afterschool care or a half-day classes. A sliding fee scale means every child has an opportunity to enroll.



## LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL



200+  
courses offered



1 National Merit Semifinalist,  
6 Commended Scholars



20  
AP courses  
offered



13  
West Shore Career-Tech programs



85  
AP Scholars



137 students earned credit  
through College Credit Plus



1  
Perfect AP Score

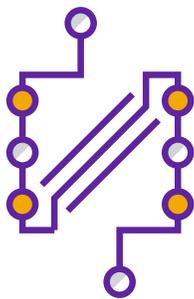


72%  
of AP exam scores  
were 3 or above

# WEST SHORE CAREER-TECHNICAL DISTRICT

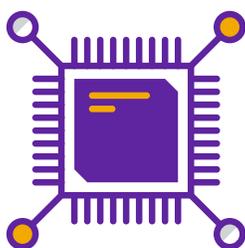
West Shore Career-Technical District, housed in Lakewood High School, offers comprehensive career training opportunities to our students. West Shore's programs are tailored to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and hands-on experience required to thrive in today's competitive job market. West Shore goes beyond developing job skills. Our students have the opportunity to earn industry credentials and college credits, providing them with a head start in their post-secondary journey.

Through strategic partnerships with local businesses and organizations, our students gain real-world experience, develop professional networks, and enhance their technical and employability skills through work-based learning opportunities. Call the West Shore office at 216.529.4163 to learn more about how your business can become a partner with West Shore.



**In 2023, West Shore was awarded a \$5.7 million grant to launch a micro electronic mechanical systems (MEMS) program and a welding program to add to its 13 existing programs.**

The MEMS grant was the only such grant given in the state!

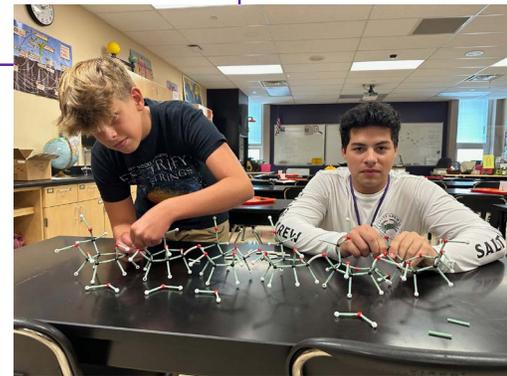


The Culinary Arts program has had two students qualify for national competition in the past two years



# EMPOWERING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

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## NEW THIS YEAR!

Our elementary students now have dedicated STEM and Digital Literacy and Information classes every week.

# STUDENT WELL-BEING

The District's support for students' social-emotional health is extensive:



# STUDENT ACTIVITIES/LEADERSHIP



31  
varsity sports



Superintendent  
Student Advisory  
Committee



50+  
clubs at the  
high school



H2O Youth  
Volunteer  
organization in partnership  
with City of Lakewood



20+  
clubs at each of the  
middle schools



10+  
clubs at each of the  
elementary schools  
(average)



7  
Straight Best  
Communities for  
Music Education  
Award

## Fine Arts

The fine arts are one of the foundations upon which the excellence of the Lakewood City Schools is built. Our student visual artists and musicians and their teachers continue to be recognized on the local, state and national level. Both our music and art programs begin in elementary school with weekly classes starting in kindergarten. Partnerships with professional groups such as Beck Center for the Arts, the Cleveland Orchestra and Cavani String Quartet offer our students' extraordinary opportunities to grow artistically.

Our community's support is reflected in our district annually earning the designation of Best Communities for Music Education by the National Music Merchants Association now going on seven straight years.



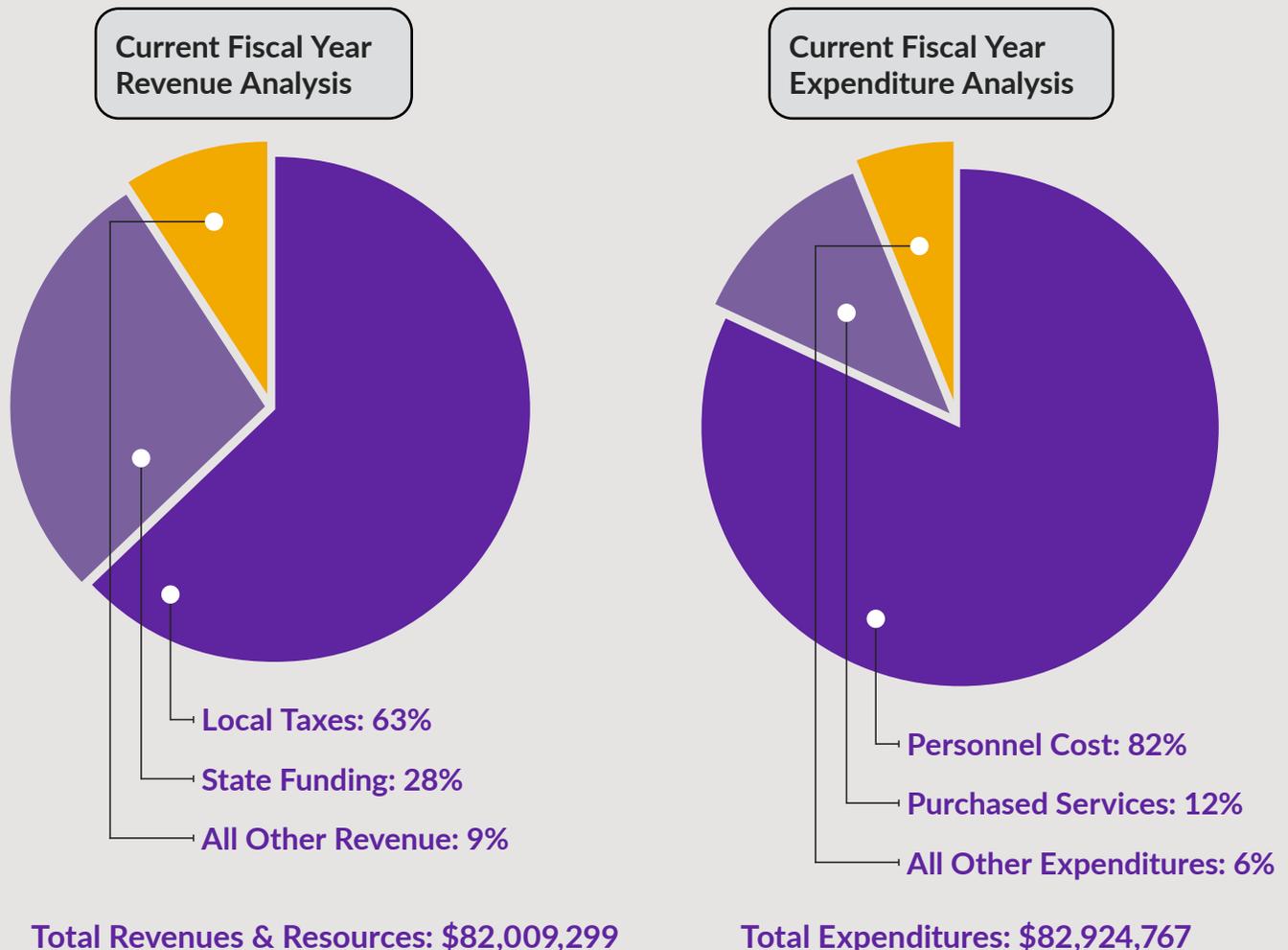
# FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

An investment in education is one for the future of our community, and we deliver a high return. Lakewood City Schools provides an exceptional value for our community by being efficient and financially responsible while maintaining the expected academic excellence. We have received the Auditor of the State Award for Financial Reporting for eight straight years.

As part of the federal government’s multiple pandemic aid and relief programs (commonly referred to as ESSER funds), Lakewood City Schools received a total of \$17.1 million spread over four school years (2020-2023) to address learning loss and operational needs directly impacted by the pandemic. This additional funding was used to boost learning opportunities, technology and STEM resources, and staff support for our students across all grades.

The chart below outlines the sources for the District’s total revenue:

## Our Revenues and Expenditures Fiscal Year 2024: Where the General Fund Money Comes From & Where it Goes



# PARENT & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Our Lakewood Schools families and community members support us in many concrete and intangible ways. Our PTAs/PTOs and boosters groups provide invaluable support for our students, staff and teams, as does the [Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation](#).

The Superintendent hears directly from parents and the community at multiple Listen & Learn sessions throughout the school year. Grants from local organizations such as the [Healthy Lakewood Foundation](#) and [Three Arches Foundation](#) have been critical in allowing us to better serve our students' social-emotional needs and to improve technology access for all our families.

Most recently, 1,600 responded to our call for input on developing our new [three-year strategic plan](#). We are grateful to live in a community that shows up for its students!





  
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