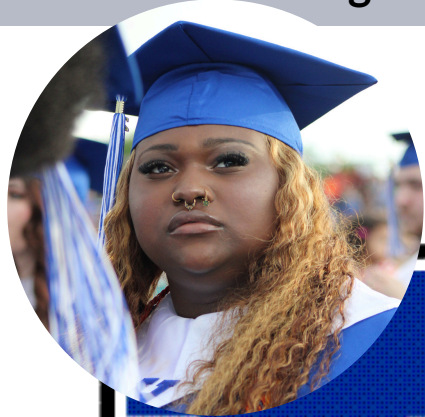


Hamilton City School District Quality Profile 2024 - 2025

Together, Positively Impacting Learning and Life



Big Blue ON THE MOVE

OUR MISSION

Together,
Positively Impacting
Learning and Life

OUR VISION

The Hamilton City School District strives to be a top-performing district in Ohio as measured by student growth, engagement, safety, and fiscal responsibility.

OUR VALUES

Compassion,
Inclusivity,
Relationships,
Resilience, and Respect



Hamilton City Schools Community,

On behalf of the students, staff, and Hamilton City Schools Board of Education members, we are excited to share the 2024 District's Quality Profile.

Many changes have occurred in Hamilton City Schools over the past six years, and our students have benefited as they continue to learn and grow. Our mission, "Together, Positively Impacting Learning and Life," is something we live daily, and the Hamilton educational experience is unmatched.

As we start the 2024-25 school year, there is a definite sense of excitement. The district continues to serve students with our 5-star pre-school program, technology is 1:1 at every level, and the third year of our Early College Academy is ongoing with our educational partner Miami University - Hamilton Campus.

Throughout this Quality Profile, the importance of robust and high-quality academic programs that focus on student growth and the vital role of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, including visual / performing arts and athletics, will be highlighted.

Thanks to the support of the Hamilton community, we continue to provide a quality, well-rounded education for all students, leading to opportunities beyond high school.

Great Schools are the foundation of a Great Community, and I take pride in serving as the Superintendent of Hamilton City Schools.

Thank you for investing in our schools; we can make a difference together.

**Michael Holbrook
Superintendent**



Hamilton City School District



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<https://www.hamiltoncityschools.com/staff>



Contact us



Located in Butler, County, Ohio, the Hamilton City School District is one of the 20 largest school districts in Ohio.

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Hamilton, Ohio 45011
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The Miami School
140 Ross Avenue
Hamilton, Ohio 45013
(513) 887-5197



Hamilton High School Main Campus
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Hamilton, Ohio 45013
(513) 887-7700



Hamilton High School Freshman Campus
2260 NW Washington Blvd.
Hamilton, Ohio 45013
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Garfield Middle School
250 N. Fair Avenue
Hamilton, Ohio 45011
(513) 887-5035



Wilson Middle School
714 Eaton Avenue
Hamilton, Ohio 45013
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Bridgeport ES
2171 Bridgeport Drive
Hamilton, Ohio 45013
(513) 868-5580



Brookwood ES
1325 Stahlheber Rd.
Hamilton, Ohio 45013
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Crawford Woods ES
2200 Hensley Avenue
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Fairwood ES
281 N. Fair Avenue
Hamilton, Ohio 45011
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Highland ES
1125 Main Street
Hamilton, Ohio 45013
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Linden ES
801 Hoadley Avenue
Hamilton, Ohio 45015
(513) 868-5630



Ridgeway ES
267 Wasserman Road
Hamilton, Ohio 45013
(513) 868-5640



Riverview ES
250 Knightsbridge Blvd.
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(513) 868-5650

Class of 2024



Hamilton City Schools proudly recognizes and honors the hard work and achievements of the Class of 2024. This year, 550 students graduated, with the district coming together at our home, Virgil M. Schwarm Stadium, to celebrate each individual's accomplishments.

In collaboration with our families and the City of Hamilton, we are dedicated to providing students with the opportunities and tools they need for success from preschool through graduation and beyond. We are confident that the Class of 2024 will continue to achieve great things in their future endeavors.

Hamilton High School 2024 Graduation Rate

98.5%

3,013

The number of total college credit semester hours earned by Hamilton High Students enrolled in our College Credit Plus Program.

227

The number of scholarships and financial aid offers at the time of graduation to the Class of 2024 totaling over \$8 million dollars.

58%

Percent of seniors who will enroll in a 2-4 year college

5%

Percent of seniors who will enlist in the military after graduation

37%

Percent of seniors who will have secured gainful employment after graduation



TECHNOLOGY

Technology is essential in today's education at Hamilton City Schools. By providing students with one-to-one devices and integrating the latest advancements, including artificial intelligence, the district enhances learning through increased student engagement. This approach fosters the 4 Cs—critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity—preparing students for success in the 21st century.



ACADEMICS

Career Technical Education programs offered at the Hamilton High School Campus include:

- Automotive
- Business
- Construction/Carpentry
- Digital Media



- Engineering Design
- Exercise Science
- Healthcare Careers
- Information Technology

Through our partnership with Butler Tech, Hamilton High School (HHS) is proud to offer an extensive array of outstanding Career Technical Education (CTE) programs to our students. Each program provides college credits or career certifications, equipping our graduates with essential job training or advanced coursework for their degree programs. Our award-winning CTE programs are among the finest in the state, offering exceptional educational opportunities for Hamilton City School students. Students can take Career Tech courses at Hamilton High School or at one of Butler Tech's regional campuses, ensuring a diverse and flexible learning experience.

MIAMI HAMILTON PROMISE AND EARLY COLLEGE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HAMILTON STUDENTS



The Miami Hamilton Promise program offers students at Hamilton the opportunity to apply for a partnership initiative between the City of Hamilton, the Hamilton Community Foundation, and Miami University Regionals. Funded by generous donors, the program focuses on supporting student retention and graduation. Its goals are to increase access to higher education, eliminate student loan debt, improve college enrollment rates, enhance degree completion, foster workforce development, and positively influence economic growth in the city of Hamilton. In addition to the Miami Hamilton Promise, students can also benefit from the College Credit Program (CCP) and the Early College Academy (ECA).

TOP-RATED PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Hamilton City School District is at the forefront of early childhood education, providing tuition-free preschool to our community, complete with transportation services. Our preschool program consistently achieves a Five Star Quality Rating (out of five stars!), ensuring our youngest learners are well-prepared for kindergarten.



Ohio's Tiered Quality Rating & Improvement System



Highland ES received a Gold Medal for PBIS.

Bridgeport ES received a Bronze Medal for PBIS.

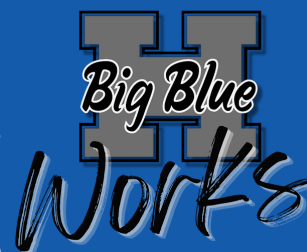
High Fives All Around: PBIS Fosters Positive Learning Environment

Hamilton Schools are proud to implement Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, or PBIS. This program is a proactive approach to improve school safety and promote positive behavior and a supportive environment where everyone thrives.

PBIS teaches clear expectations for behavior in classrooms, hallways, and on the bus. By recognizing and rewarding good choices, students are motivated to be respectful, responsible, and ready to learn.

Big Blue Works: HCSD Empowers Students for Job Market

In today's competitive job market, the HCSD places significant emphasis on equipping students with the necessary resources to secure their dream job. The Big Blue Works program provides students with opportunities to explore various employment options within and around the community that resonate with their skills and interests. Students not only receive essential support and encouragement throughout their job search journey that may include mock interviews but also gain practical experience in navigating the complexities of the workforce. Through hands-on involvement, students acquire vital skills that are instrumental in their professional development, preparing them for the responsibilities and challenges they'll encounter in the workplace further enhancing students' readiness and confidence, ensuring they are well-prepared to excel in real-world job interviews.



308

Employer listings in and around the Hamilton community

1,050

Students employed who have benefited from the support of the Big Blue Works program since its inception three years ago.

Hamilton City Schools: Where Student Potential Takes Root

At Hamilton City Schools, we cultivate a learning environment abundant with opportunities for students to grow. Our students are not just academically prepared, but also socially responsible and equipped to explore their interests.

Partnering with Miami University, students gain exposure to cutting-edge research through prestigious STEM summer camps. Looking to bridge cultural divides, Booker T. Washington Community Center and Living Waters Church collaborate with us to offer free ESL summer camps, fostering a welcoming environment for children and supporting the development of the English language. Finally, the HYPE program, catering to students 7-12, empowers our youth through mentorship and youth activities.

This holistic approach ensures students blossom into well-rounded individuals, prepared for success beyond the classroom.



College App Day

206

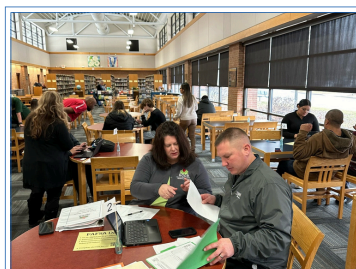
of Students who attended College App Day

51

of applications submitted (many students who attended either had already applied or apply afterwards)

35

of Students who were admitted via instant decision



Future Planning Day

645

of Students who attended the Job Fair in the Fall/Spring, collectively

38

of Students completing a Pre-Apprenticeship pathways in Hospitality & Tourism, Information Technology, Construction, and a Nursing Assistant Program

NJROTC

- Our NJROTC unit absolutely crushed it this year, scoring the 2nd highest in school history – only behind last year's record-breaking performance!
- We snagged the most prestigious award possible – Distinguished Unit with Academic Honors! Only 20% of units even get this incredible designation, and it reflects the amazing dedication of our students, instructors, and the whole school district!
- This year's senior class was a force to be reckoned with, providing outstanding leadership throughout the entire school year.
- We absolutely shattered participation records this year, with a whopping 59% of the unit involved in extracurricular activities and community service – that's incredible!
- And to top it all off, ALL of our competition teams brought home trophies from the area championships, placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd against 30 other schools – talk about dominance!





Performing Arts

Lights, Camera, Action!

Our vibrant Performing Arts program brings the stage to life! This year alone, students captivated audiences with several crowd-pleasing productions. In the fall, a clever cast unraveled the mystery in "Clue," while the spring production saw beloved fairytale characters come to life in a rousing rendition of "Shrek, The Musical."

These dynamic productions provide a platform for students to hone their acting, singing, and dancing skills, fostering a love for theatre that extends far beyond the classroom.



Visual Arts

Our visual arts program fosters exceptional creative talent. This year alone, several of our students achieved the prestigious Gold Key distinction at the Regional Scholastic Art Show! Their award-winning work was then showcased at The Art Academy of Cincinnati in early February, a remarkable accomplishment that highlights the high caliber of our visual arts curriculum and the dedication of our faculty.

These young artists are a testament to the thriving artistic community at our school, and we are thrilled to celebrate their success.

Hamilton City Schools was selected as a "Best Communities for Music Education" recipient for the second consecutive year.





Hamilton City Schools bleeds BLUE when it comes to athletics. Offering over 30 Division I High School Sports teams, "THE BIG BLUE" competes in the well-respected Greater Miami Conference (GMC), and our athletes boast an impressive record in the classroom and on the field.

>50%

Of our varsity athletes were named Academic All League

37

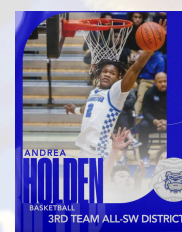
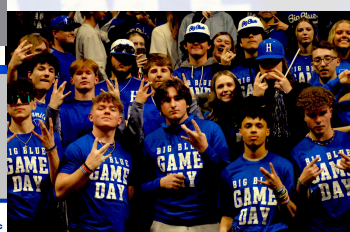
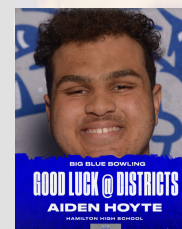
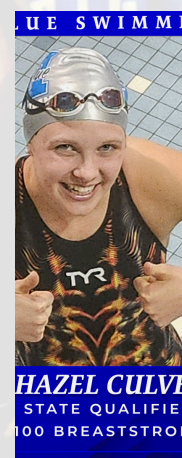
Athletes recognized as 1st or 2nd team GMC All League, including softball pitcher of the year, Emili Schappacher

6

Of the Top 20 Seniors participated in Big Blue sports this year, including Valedictorian, Caleb Thomas

Highlights

- Coach Crouch celebrated his 100 career victory- Co-Coach of the Year
- Dwayne Stacy was named GMC Coach of the Year in girls VB
- We recognized over 125 Athletes of the Week, sponsored by Wings on Brookwood Community Celebrates our Athletes
- Maci Pennington, a senior VB player, recorded her 1000th career assist



Highlights

- Football team recorded 1st playoff win in school history
- Boys basketball made it to the Sweet 16, winning their first District title in 20 years
- Hazel Culver qualified for state in the 100m breaststroke – 1st female to qualify in school history
- Julius Knowles qualified for state in wrestling in the 120-pound weight category
- Our track 4x100 boys relay team finished state runner-up and broke the school record

Did you know...

- Over 50% of our varsity athletes were named Academic All-League
- Our Academic Quiz Team recorded 15 wins, the most in a single season
- 6 of the Top 20 seniors participated in Big Blue sports this year, including Valedictorian Caleb Thomas
- We had 37 athletes recognized as 1st or 2nd team GMC All-League, including softball pitcher of the year, Emili Schappacher

We applaud all our Hamilton City School District heroes! From our educators who ignite a passion for learning in our students to our dedicated support staff who ensure a positive school environment, we recognize everyone's contributions. A special shout-out to this year's award winners, those honored with city proclamations, and our everyday heroes who exemplify character. Your commitment makes a world of difference!



Hamilton Celebrates Education Harry T. Wilks Educators of Excellence Award

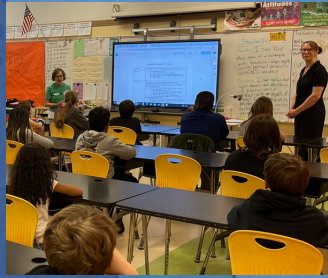
The Harry T. Wilks Hamilton Celebrates Education event honored 13 HCSD educators from 19 local schools. These educators were recognized for their exceptional impact on students, the community, and their school.

Each honoree received a \$1,000 grant from the Hamilton Community Foundation to be used in their classroom or at their school. Additionally, they were presented with a custom-made picture frame crafted by artists at InsideOut Studio.

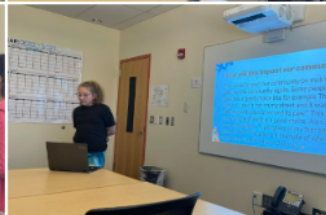
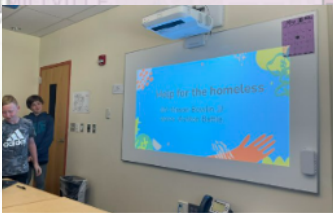
This recognition program upholds the legacy of Harry T. Wilks, a strong believer in the power of education. Mr. Wilks established a fund at the Hamilton Community Foundation to honor dedicated educators and support educational programs.

- Elijah Balsbaugh, Intervention Specialist at Bridgeport Elementary
- Colleen Brewer, ESL Teacher at The Miami School
- Kelsey Brooks, Math Teacher at Garfield Middle School
- Amy Butterfield, ESL Teacher at Highland Elementary
- Steve Connaughton, ESL Teacher at Crawford Woods Elementary
- Katy Cook, Instructional Coach at Linden Elementary
- Steve Heckman, Social Studies Teacher at HHS-MC
- Tina Mazzeo, Title 1 Teacher at Brookwood Elementary
- Eryn McNabb, Intervention Specialist at HHS-FC
- James Platt, Custodian at Ridgeway Elementary
- Roberta Smiley, Kindergarten Teacher at Riverview Elementary
- Gaby Tagliamonte, Math Teacher at Wilson Middle School
- Brandi Taulbee, Kindergarten Teacher at Fairwood Elementary

Together, we rise and continue to build a thriving district, community, and family network.



Our students and staff take great pride in our community. No one thrives in isolation. By working together, we elevate our district, and foster a strong sense of community. Through collaboration, we create a network of support, where families feel connected and empowered. Together, we are the architects of a vibrant place to live, grow, and succeed.



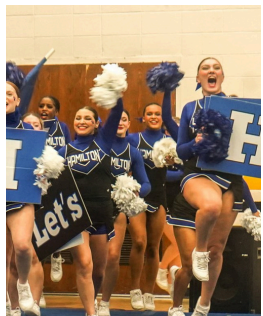
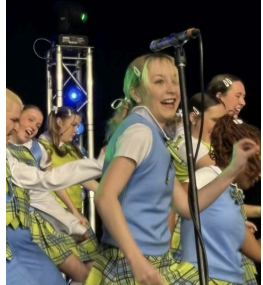
Hamilton students are applying for micro-grants from 17Strong to tackle community needs. Leading the charge are Linden students, who swept all 4 grants awarded to them. Their winning ideas included a river cleanup, a vibrant crosswalk to boost pedestrian safety, care bags for the homeless, and a charity-driven wishing well. This program empowers students to make a real difference in their neighborhoods.



The ONE Hamilton, 17Strong leadership group is in its third year of empowering youth! The Class of 2027's 17Strong Leadership Champions with representatives from all 17 neighborhoods in the Hamilton school district met with city leaders and community members to give them a voice to ignite positive change in our city! #FutureFocused

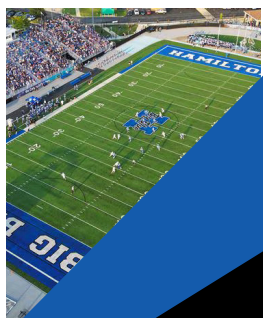
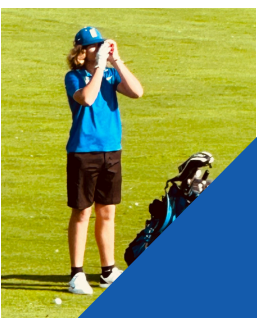
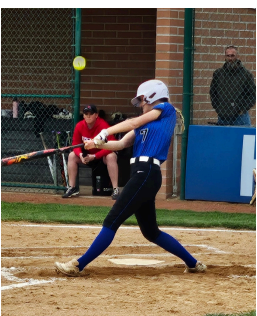
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