

Madeira City Schools

2023 - 2024 Quality Profile



**Highlights in Academics, Arts,
Student Leadership & Activities, Athletics,
Fiscal Stewardship, Parent & Community Involvement,
Student Services, and Staff & District Recognitions
from the 2023-2024 school year**

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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 12th 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, Athletics, 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.



Kenji Matsudo
Superintendent
Madeira City Schools

Many thanks to our Madeira City Schools Board of Education members **Ryan Lex, Steve Bernicke, Brad Cunningham, David Eberly**, and **Ann Ramos** who volunteer their time to make sure our students receive an outstanding education.

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

Go Madeira!

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Madeira Elementary School (MES)

7840 Thomas Drive • 513.985.6080
Grades K - 5 • Home of John F. Dumont Media Center
Chandley Bacher, Principal • **Sara Gehring**, Assistant Principal

Madeira Middle School (MMS)

6612 Miami Avenue • 513.561.5555
Grades 6 - 8 • Home of Sellman Media Center
Nicole Huelsman, Principal • **Kyle Jepson**, Assistant Principal

Madeira High School (MHS)

7465 Loannes Drive • 513.891.8222
Grades 9 - 12 • Home of Perin Learning Commons
David Kennedy, Principal • **Gretchen Bloomstrom**, Assistant Principal
Chris O'Brien, Athletic Director

Madeira Preschool (MPS)

8000 Miami Avenue 513.702.5756
Tuition based ages 3 - 5
Mary Ann McPherson, Director



- Six Madeira teams qualified for the State of Ohio Personal Finance Challenge. The team of **Abby Naegeli, Natalie Cimpello, Olivia Bodley, and Emma Prus** were crowned state champions and competed to the National Personal Finance Challenge where they finished as one of the top eight teams in the country.

- **Audrey Chalfie and Andrew Cissell** were named National Merit Semifinalists through the National Merit® Scholarship Program.
- Eight MHS seniors were named Commended Students.
- Six students received the National Hispanic Recognition Award through the College Board National Hispanic Recognition Program. **Maxwell James and Samuel McClain** were named National African-American Scholars.

45 Madeira Latin students received awards for their performance on the National Latin Exam.

- Junior **Morgan Starr** earned a perfect score of 36 on the ACT test.

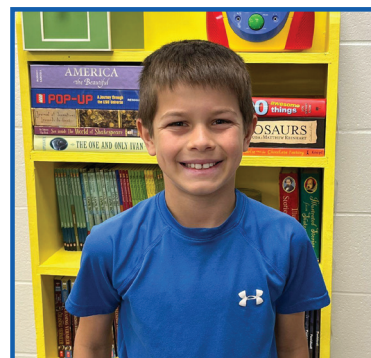
- 4th grade students in the gifted program learned about roller coaster science in an AP Physics course at MHS. They then taught 2nd graders about amusement park science and history, and showcased a mini amusement park they built.

- 58 junior and senior MHS students were inducted into the National Honor Society.

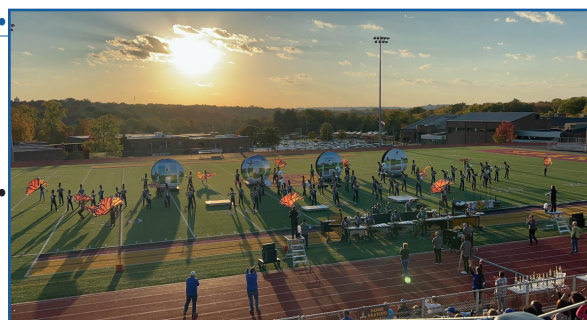
- Out of 1500 entries in the Junior Scholastic "Can you find the Mapman?" Contest, 7th grader Hanley Slaton placed in the Top 25.

- The Madeira Middle School Math Team earned a perfect score and Superior rating in the UC Math Bowl competition.

- 60 members of its Class of 2024 were named Top Seniors, graduating with a 4.0 or above GPA.



- Fifth grader **Henry Cevasco** placed first in Ohio in the InvestWrite national writing competition.



- The Madeira High School Marching Mustangs qualified for state receiving best auxiliary, best percussion, and 1st place band with straight superior ratings.

- Nine MHS students won Scholastic Art Awards - the nation's longest-running, most prestigious recognition initiative for creative students in grades 7-12.

- The MES Madeira Singers performed at Light Up Madeira, three Madeira retirement communities, Kenwood Country Club for the Madeira Historical Society, a MHS girls lacrosse game singing the National Anthem, the opening of McDonald Commons Park, and a spring concert.

- The Madeira Theatre Arts Department performed *Christmas*

Carol High School and *Seussical*. Middle school students performed *Freaky Friday Jr.*

- Almost all Madeira Preschool families attended their annual Art Show in May. The rooms were full of children's art projects - photos of block buildings, easel paintings, 3-D structures, and art the teachers saved throughout the year.



- Ray and Patty Nulsen were selected as Honorary Leading Man and Leading Lady at the spring play because of their dedication to the district.

- Junior Morgan Starr's artwork was selected to be a part of a two-year, invitation only, Ohio House of Representatives Student Art Show at the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts.

- Winners in the 17th annual district Holiday Greeting Card contest were **Jacob Triantos** (Preschool), **Luke Crawford** (Madeira Elementary School), and **Avery Gavigan** (Madeira Middle School.) **Katie Dickness, Kate Manzi, and Ally Camper** tied as winners from Madeira High School.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

We believe that extracurricular activities and community service are a vibrant and vital part of the total Madeira educational experience and play an important role in the development of our students.

- [MHS Key Club held a fundraiser for victims of the August wildfires in Maui, Hawaii with a special connection to the district](#)

- Madeira High School Entrepreneurship Class students operated three non-profit companies and donated over \$17,000 to charities with profits from their products' sales.

- The MHS Spanish Club collected unused solar eclipse glasses to send to South America for the upcoming solar eclipse on October 2, 2024.

- The MMS seventh graders raised \$2418 from their service learning project Empty Bowls Event. They were able to donate to 20 charities including Scraps2home, Promise Water, Water is Life, Hands Against Hunger, UpSpring, Olyer Madhatter, Freestore Food Bank, Sam Hubbard Foundation, Toys for Tots, and Salvation Army.



- Madeira High School had the honor of being selected by the Cincinnati Reds and PNC Bank to participate in [Murals With a Mission](#) - a powerful student-led design and art project that connected a school-based, peer to peer suicide prevention program with art students.

STATE QUALIFIERS



- MMS wrestlers Derek Wallace and Simon Peters qualified for the state competition.
- Varsity football coach Chris Stewart was named ESPN NFL High School Coach of the Week.
- [The Madeira City School District completed the first phase of an athletic facilities renovation plan at Madeira High School.](#)

ATHLETICS



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



- [The Madeira High School Athletic Hall of Fame inducted six new MHS alumni in its 2023 class, bringing the total of Hall of Fame members to 176.](#)

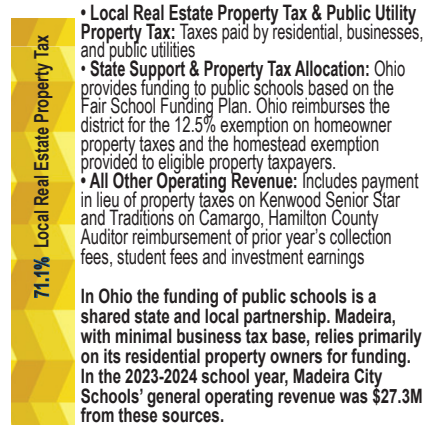
With a commitment to pro actively manage district resources in a cost-efficient manner, we ensure that resources from federal, state, and local levels are aligned with district goals and that the majority of funding is spent on classroom instruction.

FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

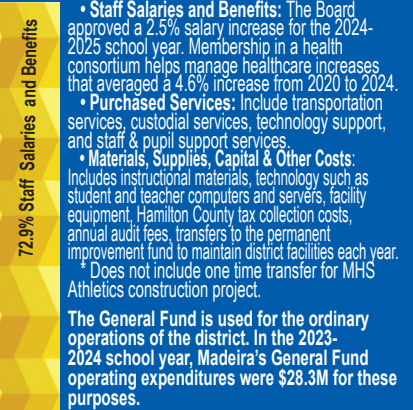
- In March 2019 the Board formally approved the Financial Guidelines and Parameters documenting the Best Practices the district has followed for many years including • [Continuing the privatization of custodial, transportation and selective staff services](#) • Continuing partnership with another school 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 2.15% 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 twelfth consecutive year.](#)

The Board of Education is committed to controlling costs while preserving an outstanding school system. The board is dedicated to effectively and efficiently operate the school district according to the board adopted best practices as reflected in the Financial Guidelines and Parameters report. The Board of Education also 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. Madeira School 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. The district also monitors the funding sources available to the district to make sure we are up to date on any changes at the state level and are forecasting tax revenues appropriately based on the current economy.

WHERE THE DISTRICT MONEY COMES FROM



WHERE THE DISTRICT MONEY GOES



Contact Emily Hauser at ehauser@madeiracityschools.org or 513.985.6070 with any finance related questions.

- The World Language Department in conjunction with the Hamilton County Clerk of Courts hosted a "Passport Night" at MHS to help process passport applications. 57 passports were processed in three hours.



• [Community members got their first look at a two story, 25,000 square foot addition at Madeira Elementary School at a community Open House.](#)

- Community Coffees with the Superintendent gave residents a chance to stay connected with the schools. [Fall Coffee](#) [Spring Coffee](#)
- [Through a partnership with the Madeira Police Department, MMS students learned about responsible online citizenship and safe and responsible use of technology.](#)
- [For the second year, Madeira Family Fun Nights were intentional in pausing homework to make space for special family memories to be made.](#)

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.

- Third grade students participated in a mock city council meeting with Madeira City Manager, Mr. Norton-Smith, to enhance their study of local government.

• [‘What’s App?’ provided senior citizens free assistance with smartphone applications and other technology by MHS students.](#)

- The Rinderles, owners of Mac’s Pizza in Mariemont, came to make pizza with the children. Each child made a personal pizza and they made pizzas for the staff.



- [Through a generous donation from the estate of a former community member, every graduate who’s attending a college, university, career training program, or is in the military received a \\$300 monetary Made in Madeira Scholarship.](#)

- 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 and families covered the cost of therapy visits through private insurance, Medicaid or private pay options.

- The optional and confidential services were offered in addition to those provided by school counselors and psychologists.



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

- Each school provided school counselors to help students with academic concerns, emotional issues, crisis intervention, conflict resolution, healthy decision-making, bullying and harassment prevention, and substance abuse prevention.

- Sources of Strength, a positive mental health program, was initiated at Madeira Middle School. The campaigns are aimed at students in Grades 6-8, and encourage a sense of belonging.

- 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.

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.



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.



- Counselors completed Wellness lessons with classes

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.

- MHS Latin teacher Jennifer Bruening was nominated by Live Oaks student, Xylem Ellison, and recognized as "Favorite Affiliate School Teacher."

- Staff members Jen Dershem and Sarah Kiefer received a proclamation from the city for work on a partnership with the Madeira Police to develop a digital citizenship and internet safety program.

- Tracy Alley was invited to teach at a gifted summer camp in Beijing, China.

- Christy Wanstrath received the "Teachers Who WOW" award from Tinkercast. She was nominated by one of her students.



Madeira City School Board presented the prestigious 'I Make A Difference Award' to seven recipients who have gone beyond the expected to make a difference in the district.



- The Madeira Schools Foundation's Distinguished Awards program recognizes alumni, citizens and staff members who have made significant contributions to society. This year's recipients were Amy Hugentobler (Distinguished Staff Award), Betsy Henning '95 (Distinguished Alumni Award), and Steve Kramer (Friend of the Foundation Award). They also awarded scholarships to 17 seniors.

- Out of 611 school districts, Madeira was one of only 8 districts in the state of Ohio to receive an overall rating of 5 stars on the state report card, as well as the only district in Southwest Ohio that received five stars in all categories. Madeira was also one of only 75 districts across the state to receive an overall rating of 5 stars.

- Madeira High School was ranked third in the state of Ohio in the 2024 US News and World Report's Best High Schools. The report also ranked Madeira High School #212 in the national rankings, #2 in Cincinnati Metro Area High schools, and #207 in STEM high schools.