

**2025**

WOOSTER CITY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

# QUALITY PROFILE

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## Mission Statement

Provide the Opportunities and Encouragement for All Learners to Realize Their Potential.



## Community Profile

The Wooster City School District serves a mid-size community of approximately 27,000 people. Wooster is located in the heart of Wayne County, just off of US 71, SR 3, 30, 83 and 585.

The City of Wooster is surrounded by some of the finest agricultural land in the state and is home to the College of Wooster, the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center and The Ohio State University Agricultural and Technical Institute.

## Facts and Figures

**Total Number of Employees:**  
(as of 2024-2025 school year)

- Certified Teachers/Professionals: **278**
- Classified Staff: **239**
- Administrators: **29**
- Total Employees: **550**

**Student-Teacher Ratio:**

- Grades K-1 – **16:1**
- Grades 2-4 – **21:1**
- Grades 5-7 – **18:1**
- Grades 8-12 – **20:1**

**2024-2025 Budget:**

- General Fund: **\$60,792,087**
- Other Fund: **\$11,891,468**
- TOTAL: \$72,683,555**
- Cost Per Student: **\$16,327 (FY23)**
- Ohio Average: **\$14,533 (FY23)**

## Performance Data

**ACT DATA from 2023-2024 Jr. State Spring 2024 Assessment**

### Wooster High School Mean Scores

Composite: <b>21</b>	English: <b>19.7</b>
Math: <b>20.7</b>	Reading: <b>21.8</b>
Science: <b>21.2</b>	Writing: <b>7.5</b>
STEM: <b>21.2</b>	ELA: <b>23.7</b>

### PSAT Fall 2023

11th Graders Mean Score: <b>1180</b>	10th Graders Mean Score: <b>1108</b>
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## Student Population Profile

### STUDENT ENROLLMENT

- Preschool: 171
- Elementary School K-4: 1169
- Middle School 5-7: 695
- High School 8-12: 1328
- Total enrollment: 3363

### STUDENTS BY ETHNICITY (2024)

- American Indian: NC
- Asian or Pacific Islander: 2%
- Black: 3%
- Hispanic: 4%
- Multiracial: 7%
- White: 84%
- Percentage of students in economic disadvantage (FY23): 55.3%

## Class of 2024 Profile:

**233** Graduates

**57** Academic Honors Cords

**49** National Honor Society Members

**21** AP Honors Diplomas

**54%** with the intent to attend a 4-year university or college

**29%** with the intent to enter the workforce

**3%** with intent to pursue a 2 year college and/or technical training

**2%** with the commitment to Military Service

**\$16,795,573** in scholarships awarded to students, as reported by students

## Wooster City School District: Commitment to Safety

The safety and well-being of our students is the top priority of the Wooster City School District. We are dedicated to providing a secure environment where students can thrive academically and personally. Through strong partnerships with the Wooster Police Department and other local law enforcement agencies, we have developed a comprehensive crisis management plan to ensure the safety of our students and staff during any emergency.

### Enhanced Security Measures

Over the past year, we have continued to invest in advanced security measures, utilizing both local and grant funding. During the 2023-2024 school year, we implemented the Centegix Crisis Alert System across all school buildings. This system allows staff members to instantly alert building and district administrators, as well as the Wooster Police Department, in the event of an emergency. The alert system also triggers automated PA announcements and visual displays throughout the school, ensuring that everyone is informed of safety concerns promptly.

### Upgraded Surveillance and Infrastructure

We have upgraded and added security cameras in each building, including facial recognition technology. These cameras are accessible to the Wooster Police Department during emergencies, enhancing our response capabilities. Additionally, classroom door blockades across the district are regularly updated to provide robust protection.

### Improved Communication Systems

This past summer, we updated the High School Public Announcement system to extend coverage and increase accessibility for administrators and teachers, even from remote locations. We also added or replaced 192 speakers throughout the interior and exterior of the building to improve communication during critical situations.

### Safer Ohio School Tip Line

The district actively participates in the Safer Ohio School Tip Line, a state-wide service that allows students and adults to anonymously report threats to student safety. Whether it involves a potential mass incident or harm to an individual student, tips submitted to 844-SaferOH (844-723-3764) are reviewed and acted upon by local school officials, law enforcement, and the Ohio School Safety Center (OSSC). More information about this free safety resource can be found at Ohio School Safety Center, and safety concerns can be submitted directly here.

### Visitor Management System

To further enhance student safety, all school buildings use a cloud-based visitor management system. This system streamlines the visitor sign-in process by scanning driver's licenses, conducting background checks, printing photo badges, and notifying staff of visitor arrivals. Visitor data is tracked and monitored online, allowing building principals to maintain awareness of who is in the building at all times. Additionally, students who arrive late or leave early are checked in and out using this system, which automatically sends email notifications to parents.



## Bus Transportation

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The Wooster City Schools' Transportation Department:

- Utilizes 26 school buses/134 different routes
- 8 vans for specialized transportation in its fleet
- Drivers make 2,056 school bus stops per day and drive a total of 2,300 miles per day

Bus routes and additional transportation information can be found on Wooster City Schools' website by clicking on the Transportation Link.

## Curriculum & Activities

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The Wooster City School District begins preparing students for college and career readiness as early as elementary school. The district also offers students gifted and advanced courses and provides best-in-class artistic and athletic programs to develop well-rounded individuals.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSE OFFERINGS

Advanced Placement (AP) courses bring the college experience to high school students, with the opportunity for them to earn college and university credit. AP classes are rigorous and designed to prepare students for college level coursework. The Wooster City School District offers the following AP courses:

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|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| ▪ Biology            | ▪ English Lang. & Comp. | ▪ Research              |
| ▪ Calculus AB        | ▪ English Lit. & Comp.  | ▪ Seminar               |
| ▪ Calculus BC        | ▪ Environmental Science | ▪ U.S. Gov't & Politics |
| ▪ Chemistry          | ▪ European History      | ▪ U.S. History          |
| ▪ Computer Science A | ▪ Psychology            |                         |

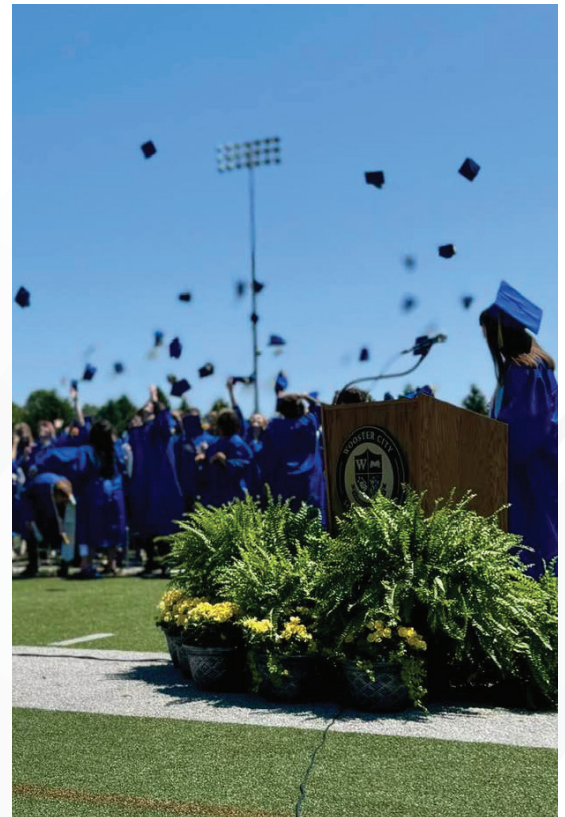
*More information on AP course offerings may be found in the WHS Course Selection Guide*

## College Credit Plus (CCP)

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Students may enroll at any state university or participating private college, and participate in College Credit Plus. Students must declare their intent and be enrolled in the college they want to attend. Some students remain at Wooster High School and receive both high school and college credit. College Credit Plus course offerings may vary each school year. More information on CCP can be found in the WHS Course Selection Guide. In the 2024-25 school year, Wooster High School offered the following on campus CCP Courses:

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ▪ Graphic Design         | ▪ French II                     |
| ▪ English Composition I  | ▪ History after the Civil War   |
| ▪ English Composition II | ▪ History through the Civil War |
| ▪ Java Programming       | ▪ Elementary Statistics         |
| ▪ Spanish I              | ▪ Pre Calculus                  |
| ▪ Spanish II             | ▪ Physics I                     |
| ▪ French I               | ▪ Physics II                    |



# Go Woo!

## The Arts

Wooster High School offers the following opportunities for students interested in music and art:

- Marching Band
- Concert Band
- Jazz Band
- Choir
- Majorettes
- Symphonic Band
- Freshman Band
- Flag Corps
- Art Club
- Pep Band
- Concert Strings
- Chamber Strings
- Music Theory
- Music Technology
- Introduction to Guitar

## Available Athletics & Activities

The following co-curricular activities are available to all students at Wooster High School. Students are encouraged to participate in activities to create a balance in their educational program.

### ATHLETICS

Baseball, Basketball (Boys & Girls), Bowling (Boys and Girls), Cheerleading, Cross Country (Boys & Girls), Football, Golf (Boys & Girls), Gymnastics, Lacrosse (Boys & Girls), Softball, Soccer (Boys & Girls), Swimming (Boys & Girls), Tennis (Boys & Girls), Track (Boys & Girls), Volleyball, Wheelchair Basketball, Wrestling (Boys & Girls)

### ACTIVITIES

Academic Challenge, Art Club, Class Officers, Creative Writing Club, Drama Club, Green Club, History Club, National Honor Society, Science Club, Ski Club, Speech and Debate, Student Council, ESports Club

### STAND

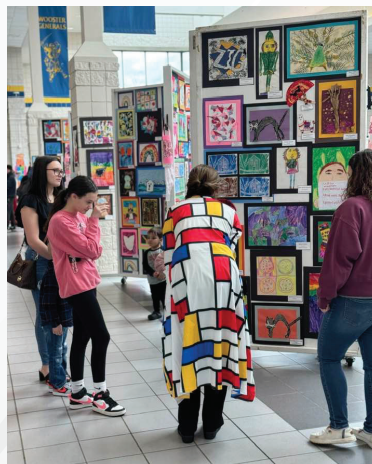
Stand Together Against Narcotics and Drugs is a voluntary drug testing program for students in grades 8-12 that rewards participation.

### OTHER CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Newspaper; The Wooster Blade, Yearbook; The Emperor, Robotics

### NON-DISTRICT SPONSORED ACTIVITIES / CLUBS (BOE POLICY 5730)

Key Club, Fellowship of Christian Students, Boy & Girls Club, Interact, Upward Bound, Young Life, Wooster Teen Institute, NAACP, Best Buddies, International Club



## Preschool and Student Services

### LITTLEST GENERALS PRESCHOOL

Our 5-Star Step Up To Quality rated Littlest Generals Preschool Program is taught by certified teachers using Ohio’s Early Learning and Development standards to provide engaging, hands-on and developmentally appropriate curriculum. Emphasis is placed on meeting individual needs of students, as well as social and academic growth needed to prepare for kindergarten. We have both AM and PM classes for ages 3 and 4. Classes take place Monday through Thursday. There is a sliding scale fee for eligible families. For additional information about Littlest Generals Preschool please contact 330-988-1111 ext. 1241 or visit [www.woostercityschools.org/preschool](http://www.woostercityschools.org/preschool) or [www.woostercityschools.org/preschool/littlest-generals-preschool](http://www.woostercityschools.org/preschool/littlest-generals-preschool)



### STUDENT SERVICES

The Wooster City School District provides extensive programming and services for all students along a continuum of settings.

Teacher-based teams co-plan to co-serve through proactive instructional practices for each student. Curriculum and instruction is rigorous, culturally responsive and universally designed. Research-based methodologies are implemented to enhance the instruction of all staff working with students presenting with academic, social, emotional, and/or behavioral needs.

Preschool through grade twelve integrated services include Speech and Language Therapy, Audiology, Occupational Therapy, Sensory Integration, Physical Therapy, Community Based Instruction, English Learner Language Services, Psychological Services, Service Coordination, Guidance Counseling Services, and Clinical Counseling.



### Nursing Services

Wooster City Schools contracts with Akron Children’s Hospital for nursing services. A Registered Nurse is available for each building within the district. In partnership with the Wayne County Department of Job and Family Services and local counseling agencies, clinical counseling is also available in each building.

### Whole Child-Focus

The Wooster City School District empowers the whole person, creating a culture that embraces diversity and promotes the development of social, emotional, and physical wellbeing of students and staff members.



## Food Service

### TOTAL MEALS/DAY - 2,378

- Breakfast - 733
- Lunch - 1,529
- Dinner - 86
- Snacks - 30
- Total Meals/Day in the Summer – 461



### GOALS

1. Sodexo delivers healthy and delicious school meals based on the USDA's nutrition guidelines so that students are engaged and ready to learn in school. All meals include a variety of fresh fruit and vegetable choices, and a variety of chilled non-fat or low-fat milk.
2. To achieve a financial breakeven in the food service account.

### FOOD SERVICE PRICING

- Breakfast - \$1.35 (Districtwide)
- Lunch - \$3.25 (HS), \$3.15 (EW), \$2.75 (Elem)



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## Partnerships



### ANAZAO COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

Anazao is a private, non-profit organization providing treatment, intervention, and prevention services to residents and organizations throughout Wayne and Holmes counties. Specializing in rapid access and program development and implementation Anazao is recognized as a leader in building innovative community partnerships.



### BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF WOOSTER:

The goal of Boys and Girls Club is to enable all young people, especially those that need it most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens.



### GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF WAYNE AND HOLMES COUNTIES:

In 1980, a group of Wayne County business leaders mobilized to form Goodwill Industries of Wayne County, Inc., a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization, and ten years later the agency expanded to include Holmes County. Like the other Goodwill affiliates of Goodwill Industries International, Goodwill Industries of Wayne and Holmes Counties operates independently, guided by its own local Board of Trustees made up of diverse community leaders. In this way, local Goodwill agencies are able to develop programs based on the needs of their own unique communities.



### THE LEADER IN ME:

Our Elementary buildings implement The Leader in Me, an evidence-based, comprehensive model that builds leadership and life skills in students, creates a high-trust school culture, and lays the foundation for sustained academic achievement.



### OHUDDLE:

OHuddle is a non-profit organization supporting students with invested relationships in the form of 1:1 Mentorship. OHuddle stands for "Odyssey Huddle." OHuddle's mission is to awaken youth to their unique value and empower every child to thrive and enrich their community.



### ONE EIGHTY:

At OneEighty, we support a continuum of care with an individualized approach that can save and restore lives. OneEighty actively supports an evidence-based approach to sustainable recovery from trauma and addiction, restoring dignity and purpose, reimagining potential, and rebuilding the lives of the students that we serve through peer mentoring in the schoolhouse.



### UNITED WAY OF WAYNE AND HOLMES COUNTIES:

To Live United means to work together to solve problems in the community. United Way focuses on four core areas that will help people improve their lives and make the community better. United Way believes healthy communities need builders, weavers, and warriors.



### YMCA:

The YMCA of Wayne County operates the Ellen Shapiro Natatorium on the Wooster High School campus.

## Building Information



### WOOSTER HIGH SCHOOL

**Principal:** Scott Musser  
**Associate Principal:** Margaret Davis  
**Assistant Principal:** Jessica Shaffner  
**Assistant Principal:** Jason Douglas  
 515 Oldman Road  
 Wooster, OH 44691  
 330.988.1111, ext. 3001  
 Grades: 8–12  
**Building Hours:** 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
**Student Hours:** 8:05 a.m. – 2:33 p.m.



### EDGEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Principal:** Heidi Haas  
**Assistant Principal:** CJ Spreng  
**Dean of Students:** Jeff Spittler  
 2695 Graustark Path  
 Wooster, OH 44691  
 330.988.1111, ext. 7170  
 Grades: 5–7  
**Building Hours:** 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
**Student Hours:** 7:50 a.m. – 2:19 p.m.



### CORNERSTONE ELEMENTARY

**Principal:** Eric Vizzo  
**Administrative Intern:** Katie Roth  
 101 W. Bowman Street  
 Wooster, OH 44691  
 330.988.1111, ext. 4003  
 Grades: PK–4  
**Building Hours:** 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
**Student Hours:** K-4: 9:05 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
**Preschool:** 8:30 – 11:40 a.m.,  
 12:35 – 3:45 p.m.



### KEAN ELEMENTARY

**Principal:** Gabrielle Montgomery  
 432 Oldman Road  
 Wooster, OH 44691  
 330.988.1111, ext. 5500  
 Grades: K–4  
**Building Hours:** 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
**Student Hours:** 9:05 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

### Building Information - Continued



**MELROSE ELEMENTARY**

**Principal:** Jayme Tucker  
1641 Sunset Lane  
Wooster, OH 44691  
330.988.1111, ext. 3500

Grades: K-4

**Building Hours:** 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Student Hours:** 9:05 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



**PARKVIEW ELEMENTARY**

**Principal:** Steve Furlong  
773 Parkview Street  
Wooster, OH 44691  
330.988.1111, ext. 4500

Grades: K-4

**Building Hours:** 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Student Hours:** 9:05 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



## Administration



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Superintendent



**Amy Welty**  
Treasurer

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