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Illustrated by  
A. Richard Allen

**Ask me  
about my  
Moo Cow**



**Call a Cab**

written by  
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**QUALITY PROFILE** | FIRST EDITION

## Message from Dr. Haselman



Dear Members of the Bowling Green City Schools Community:

A year ago, Bowling Green City Schools began an initiative to help tell the entire story of the District. This process is called a Quality Profile (QP). The QP highlights six areas of our district. These areas include: Academics, the Arts, Student Leadership and Activities, Fiscal Stewardship, Parent and Community Involvement, and Student Services. The information included in the QP is inclusive of the entire district, PK-12, and from all departments and areas for the 2023-2024 school year.

We are very proud of our great schools, the great education we provide our students, and the great value we provide to our families of Bowling Green City Schools. I hope you enjoy reading the district's Quality Profile.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ted Haselman', written over a white background.

Dr. Ted Haselman  
Superintendent

## Our District

Bowling Green City Schools encompasses 118 square miles in the heart of Wood County. It is the second largest school district in Wood County. We have approximately 2700 students enrolled in PK-12th grades and 450 employees.

### CORE VALUES

Accountability, Compassion, Courage, Creativity, Honesty, Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, and Service.

### KEY FEATURES

- Comprehensive PK-12 services emphasizing individual growth and achievement.
- Focus on holistic development: academic, social, emotional, and physical.
- Committed to high achievement and providing educational opportunities that will help prepare our students for college and career readiness.
- Global Perspective: We have many international students who share their culture and experiences with our students and staff.

# VISION

Bowling Green City Schools' vision is to provide excellent instruction and equitable opportunities for each student. We are committed to high academic expectations and extracurricular opportunities in an inclusive, caring, safe, and healthy environment. We empower and support our staff to be responsive to each student through a challenging and engaging curriculum. We partner with families and the community to ensure student success.



Bowling Green High School

## **BOWLING GREEN HIGH SCHOOL**

530 W. Poe Rd.  
419.354.0100  
Principal Dan Black  
Assistant Principal Josiah Rupp



Middle School



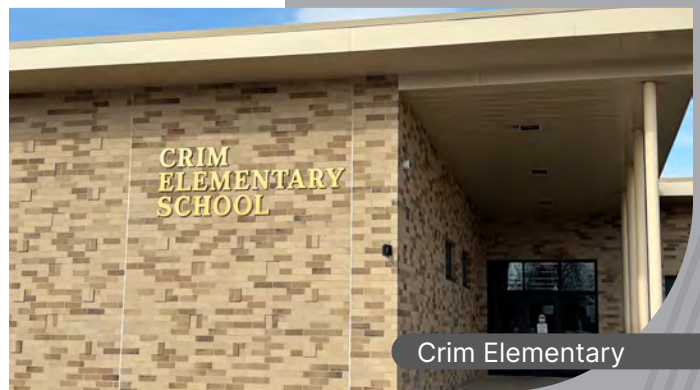
Conneaut Elementary

## **BOWLING GREEN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

1079 Fairview Ave.  
419.354.0200  
Principal Eric Radabaugh  
Assistant Principal Mike Headley

## **CONNEAUT ELEMENTARY**

542 Haskins Rd.  
419.354.0300  
Preschool: 419.354.0800, ext. 4031  
Principal Alyssa Karaffa



Crim Elementary

## **CRIM ELEMENTARY**

1020 Scott Hamilton Dr.  
419.354.0400  
Principal Zeb Kellough

## **KENWOOD ELEMENTARY**

710 Kenwood Ave.  
419.354.0500  
Principal Michel Bechstein



Kenwood Elementary

## District Achievements

- Bowling Green City Schools achieved an overall rating of 4.5 out of 5 Stars on the Ohio School Report Card. This is an improvement from last year's 4-star rating, highlighting the progress our students have made!
- Our preschool earned the GOLD Award Step Up to Quality Rating for meeting quality program standards that exceed preschool licensing and school-age childcare licensing health and safety regulations.
- Bowling Green Middle School and Conneaut Elementary were among the 310 schools statewide that were honored with the Momentum Award by the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce. This recognition acknowledges school buildings that have demonstrated outstanding improvements in achievement while also continuing to show student growth.
- Bowling Green High School has been listed on the Best High Schools Rankings by U.S. News & World Report for the last five years (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024).
- BGCS offers professional development opportunities for educators to ensure they are equipped with the latest teaching methods and technologies.



## Student Achievements

- Six (6) students earned the State Seal of Biliteracy.
- Two (2) students were recipients of the Excellence in French Award from the American Association of Teachers of French.
- Our P.A.C.E. students in grades 3-5 compete in the International Perennial Math Competition and are consistently ranked in the top 10% of all students each year. In 2024, BGCS students received seven gold medals. The BGCS Rookie and Intermediate teams each had the highest team scores out of all teams competing in their respective divisions. The BGCS Advanced team was the only fifth grade team in the division with a perfect score.
- Thirty (30) of our students participated in the Math Kangaroo International Competition in Mathematics for students in grades 1-12. BGCS had two first-place winners.



## RIGOROUS ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

### Advanced Offerings

BGCS offers Advanced Placement (AP) courses, dual enrollment through the College Credit Plus (CCP) program, honors courses, and internship opportunities.

- Ten (10) AP Courses: 240 AP exams were taken, 70% scored a three (3) or higher, and 27 exams achieved a 5, which is the highest score.
- The CCP program gives BGCS students a head start to higher education. It allows students in grades 7-12 to earn tuition-free college and high school credits.
  - ▶ BGCS students completed 1856 CCP credit hours during the 2023-2024 school year. Students took CCP courses on campus, online, at BGHS, and at Penta.
  - ▶ Eight (8) CCP courses are offered on the BGHS campus.

### World Languages:

- BGCS offers world languages starting in sixth grade with a language exploratory class where students are introduced to both Spanish and French.
- Students in seventh through twelfth grades can then study Spanish (Levels 1-5 and BGSU Spanish 2010 and 2020) or French (Levels 1-3, BGSU FREN 2010 and 2020).

### Diverse Course Offerings:

- Agricultural Education, Business and Computer Science, English Language Arts, Family and Consumer Sciences, Fine and Performing Arts, Health and Physical Education, Mathematics, Science, Skilled Labor/Career Readiness Co-op, Social Studies, Technology, World Languages, and Yearbook.

### Gifted Services:

- All students are screened for gifted identification in second and fourth grade.
- BGCS offers P.A.C.E., a one day per week pull out program for gifted cognitive ability students.
- Additionally, we offer subject acceleration for students who are gifted in a specific academic area.

### Special Education:

- BGCS provides special education programming for students in preschool through graduation. Through collaboration and utilization of a team approach, educators create and implement programs specific to the needs of each child.

## PENTA CAREER CENTER

Bowling Green High School students also have the opportunity to pursue career-technical training through Penta Career Center, which offers 30 vocational programs for juniors and seniors and hosts a sophomore exploratory program. Through a partnership with Penta Career Center, BGHS offers Agricultural Education, Marketing Education, and Family and Consumer Sciences courses at Bowling Green High School.



## BRIGHT FUTURES FOR THE CLASS OF 2024

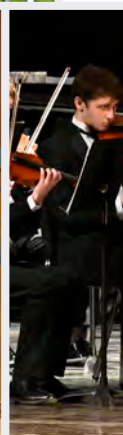
- ▶ 209 Graduates
- ▶ National Merit Scholarship Recognition:
  - One National Merit Commended Scholar
  - One National Merit Finalist
  - One National Merit Scholar
- ▶ Seventy-seven (77) National Honor Society Members
- ▶ Three (3) National Technical Honor Society Members
- ▶ Sixty-seven (67) received an Honors Diploma
- ▶ Twenty-one (21) students had a 30+ ACT Composite Score
- ▶ Class of 2024 Plans After High School:

4-yr college	65.9%
2-yr college	7.2%
Skilled Trade/Apprenticeship	4.8%
Military	3.0%
Work	13.2%
Undecided	6.0%

## The Arts

The Arts Education programs within Bowling Green City Schools are a great place for students to develop a lifelong appreciation, understanding, and involvement in the arts. We offer performing and visual arts programs at each school, ensuring every student can participate in the arts. Students receive quality training on the creative techniques and processes for each arts discipline.

Our students participate in numerous art exhibits, theatrical productions, school and community performances, and collaborations. They also have the opportunity to attend many arts-related field trips. Bowling Green City Schools prides itself on offering band, choir, and orchestra to students in sixth through twelfth grades, as well as fifth grade orchestra and Bobcat Beats Elementary Choir. Our music students participate in OMEA competitions and are often selected to participate in the All-State Choir, All-State Orchestra, All-State Band, and other honors ensembles. Our visual arts students have many opportunities to have their artwork featured through schoolwide art shows, exhibits in community locations, and having student artwork selected for competitive art exhibits. Our theater students and drama club members produce plays and musicals and our high school theater students attend and compete at the State Thespian Conference each year.



### IN 2023-2024:

- Two students were selected for the All-State Choir.
- One student was selected for the All-State Band.
- One student was selected for the All-State Orchestra.
- Two students were selected for the All-State Elementary Choir.
- Over 40 students participated in various musical honors ensembles.
- The Treble and Chorale choirs earned superior ratings at OMEA State and District large group adjudicated events.
- The Symphonic Band earned a superior rating, and the Concert Band earned an Excellent rating at the OMEA State large group adjudicated event.

- Many Bowling Green Middle School and Bowling Green High School band, choir, and orchestra students earned superior ratings for solos and ensembles at the OMEA Solo and Ensemble adjudication events.
- High school drama students attended and competed at the State Thespian Conference Thespy's and Tech Challenge competitions.
- In the fall, the BGHS Drama Club program presented an original play titled *From One World to Another*. This production was created in collaboration with students from Burkina Faso and received support from grants provided by the U.S. Citizen Diplomacy Action Fund of the U.S. Department of State and the BG Community Foundation. Additionally, the drama program performed the Winter One Acts and the spring musical, *The Addams Family*.



- BGMS drama club students performed *Rogues' Gallery*.
- Building level art shows for elementary, middle school, and the A-MAY-Zing Art Show for BGHS art students. The Senior Studio highlighted senior portfolios.
- Congressional Art Exhibit: Twelve (12) BGHS students had their artwork selected. BGHS student Oliver Irvin's *Atomic Man* won honorable mention and is displayed in Congressman Latta's district office.
- FOCUS Art Show: Twelve (12) BGHS students had their artwork selected. BGHS student Caitlin Lee won the Juror Award for Excellence in Metals.
- Kix Art Competition: Seniors secured first and third place.
- For the Love of Art: Two students placed, and there were multiple honorable mentions.
- Celebrating the Arts Publication: Numerous students featured in Dick Blick's fall and winter editions.
- Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest: First place winner
- Community Projects:
  - ▶ Students painted snow plows for the City of Bowling Green and the Ohio Department of Transportation.
  - ▶ Students volunteered at the Black Swamp Arts Festival and competed in the Chalk Walk.
  - ▶ There were many displays of student art throughout the community.

# Student Leadership & Activities

Bowling Green City Schools offers diverse opportunities and programs for students to engage in extracurricular activities, participate in academic challenges, develop leadership skills, and contribute to their community.



## BGHS

Twenty (20) clubs/co-curricular clubs and organizations  
Twenty-four (24) varsity sports

## BGMS

Thirteen (13) clubs and fourteen (14) athletic teams

## ELEMENTARY

Numerous clubs, youth athletics and student activities.

### ■ *Fifth Grade Camp*

Our fifth grade students attend an annual Outdoor Education Camp. This week-long adventure, with classes connected to the fifth grade state standards, allows students to unplug from technology, connect with nature, and bond with classmates. For many, it is their first time away from home. Students participate in hands-on activities and classes where they learn about canoeing, archery, rock climbing, campfire building, orienteering, fishing, tie-dye, aquatic life, creepy crawlers, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians. They also visit a pioneer village and perform group skits. The fifth graders further their academic growth through the camp experience while developing their collaboration skills.

## MODEL UNITED NATIONS

The BGHS Model UN team demonstrated their exceptional skills in diplomacy and collaboration through participation in conferences at Harvard University, Ohio State University, University of Chicago, and the University of Dayton.

### ■ *Harvard University*

One Diplomatic Commendation

### ■ *Ohio State University*

One Best Delegate, One Outstanding Delegate, One Honorable Mention

### ■ *University of Chicago*

One Outstanding Delegate, Two Honorable Mentions

### ■ *University of Dayton*

One Distinguished Delegate, Two Outstanding Delegates, Two Best Position Papers

## DECA

The BGHS DECA program is comprised of 50 driven junior and senior leaders passionate about entrepreneurship and business careers. Here are a few highlights from the program last year:



- Earned the Compass Award from Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague for guiding BGMS students in financial literacy, facilitating money management classes, and small group instruction.
- Achieved THRIVE Level Recognition, the highest DECA chapter achievement, for community service and promotional efforts.
- Fifty-two (52) members competed at the district level, 42 advanced to state, and 11 students achieved top 10 finalist honors at state.
- Seven (7) students competed at DECA's International Career Development Conference in Anaheim, CA.

## FFA

FFA prepares students for leadership and careers in the science, business, and technology of agriculture. Through hands-on learning, leadership training, and competitive events, FFA members gain valuable skills in areas such as agricultural science, mechanics, and entrepreneurship. FFA fosters personal growth, career success, and a commitment to community service.



The BGHS FFA chapter achieved outstanding success in 2023-2024, earning recognition as a National 3-Star Chapter and a Gold Medal Chapter, placing their program among the top 10% of FFA chapters statewide. In 2023-2024, there were 115 members.

- Four (4) members earned the prestigious State FFA Degree in 2024, awarded to only the top 3% of members statewide.
- Two (2) members earned the American FFA Degree in 2024, the highest honor in FFA.
- Three (3) Gold-rated officers recognized for excellence.
- First place in the State Ag Mechanics Career Development Event Team in 2023.
- Hosted a successful State FFA Leadership Night.

## SERVICE LEARNING

At Bowling Green City Schools, our students embody the spirit of service and actively give back to the community. They demonstrate this commitment at every grade level, ranging from individual volunteer efforts and acts of service to participating in club, team, schoolwide, and districtwide service opportunities. These activities provide vital support to our community and teach our students the value of compassion, generosity, and civic responsibility, building a foundation for lifelong service.

Here are just a few ways that our students have shown a remarkable commitment to helping others during the 2023-2024 school year:

- Food, toys, clothing, and hygiene product drives.
- Student-run recycling programs.
- DECA partnered with the American Red Cross to host biannual blood drives, and organized a school-wide Harvest for Hunger Campaign, donating \$800 to the Dear Santa Society and over 1,000 food items to the Brown Bag food pantry.
- FFA raised \$7,278.11 for Nationwide Children's Hospital through their Tailgate event and Bobcat-A-Thon, contributing to a total of \$86,593.46 raised since 2004.
- StuCrew coordinated the Goodwill Pass it On Challenge, hosted book, clothing, and hygiene product drives, raised funds for Morgan's Message for mental health awareness, purchased gifts for the Dear Santa Society, and promoted the school recycling program.
- Our high school student athletes volunteered to read to our second graders, bringing free books from the 2nd and 7 Foundation for each student. Each visit included engaging activities, discussions, and reflections centered around "The Hog Mollies" book series, which teaches valuable life lessons on respect, honesty, kindness, teamwork, and more.



# Athletics



## HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Bowling Green High School offers 24 varsity sports including baseball, basketball, bowling, cross country, football, golf, ice hockey, soccer, swimming/diving, tennis, track and field, wrestling and lacrosse. Participating in athletics fosters teamwork, discipline and school spirit.

## ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS

- Tricat Athletes (students who participate in 3+ sports each year): **61**
- Scholar Athletes: **250**
- Eight (8) students from the class of 2024 went on to participate in collegiate-level sports.
- BGHS hosted the first-ever NLL Student Section leadership program.
- BGHS had five representatives in the NLL Student Leadership Day.
- Bobcat Leadership Academy for in-season sport captains – 60 participants.



<b>NLL</b>	5 Coach of the Year 5 Player of the Year 37 NLL 1st Team 39 NLL 2nd Team 9 NLL 3rd Team 3 NLL Champion Teams 106 NLL All-Academic
<b>DISTRICT</b>	18 District Qualifiers 23 All-District Athletes 17 All-District Academic Excellence
<b>REGIONAL</b>	12 Regional Qualifiers
<b>STATE</b>	2 State Qualifiers 5 Named to All-State Teams



# Student Services

## ■ **Student Wellness**

Student wellness, prevention, and intervention services are available on three different tiers including but not limited to schoolwide, classroom, and individual systems of support.

### ■ **Mental Health Services**

- ▶ Partnerships with mental health organizations for therapy and case management.
- ▶ Evidence-based suicide prevention programs (SOS) for grades 6–12.

### ■ **Prevention Education**

- ▶ Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs (ATOD) specialist offers evidence-based prevention education in the classroom and in one-on-one settings.

### ■ **Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)**

- ▶ Evidence-based framework fostering positive behaviors and academic success.

### ■ **Social-Emotional Learning (SEL)**

- ▶ Promotes skills in emotional regulation, goal setting, empathy, and decision making.
- ▶ Second Step, DARE, and Too Good for Drugs programs integrate emotional regulation, empathy, and decision-making skills.

### ■ **Mentorship Programs**

- ▶ BGCS mentors for elementary students.
- ▶ Check and Connect program with BGSU student volunteers for middle and high school students builds relationships and engagement.

## ■ **Nursing Services**

School nurses protect and promote student health, facilitate optimal development, and advance academic success keeping children healthy, safe, and ready to learn.

## ■ **Transportation**

- ▶ Buses travel more than 370,000 miles a year.
- ▶ Buses transported almost 1400 students daily.
- ▶ Bus drivers completed over 500 trips for athletics/field trips.
- ▶ Thirteen (13) full-time drivers and five (5) substitute drivers.

- ▶ Recognition: Bus driver Lucas Schang was on the first-place team in the Ohio School Bus Safety ROAD-E-O regional and state competitions.

## ■ **Technology**

- ▶ Bowling Green City Schools offers a 1:1 technology program for grades 1 – 12.
- ▶ The district technology team services:
  - Over 2700 Chromebooks
  - 157 iPads
  - 263 desktops
  - 92 interactive projectors with amps and speakers
  - 100 non-interactive projectors with amps and speakers
  - 59 smart boards
  - 96 document cameras
  - 250 wireless access points
  - 82 online instructional resources for PK-12
- ▶ All instructional staff were trained in assistive technology.

## ■ **Safety**

- ▶ Campus-wide security measures: 240 cameras, classroom safety mechanisms, and 24/7 Bowling Green Police access.

## ■ **Food Service**

- ▶ Over 255,000 meals were served in fiscal year 24.
- ▶ Four schools were awarded the 2024 Wood County Health Department Clean Plate Award. Of the over 800 licensed food facilities in Wood County, only 38 were honored with this award!
- ▶ The food service department is a self-sustaining operation that leverages federal funding and student payments.
- ▶ The food service department bases its menus heavily on commodity items and group purchasing memberships to minimize costs.

## ■ **Facilities and Maintenance**

- ▶ Our facilities and maintenance staff maintain over 580,000 sq. ft. across seven buildings.
- ▶ Our grounds crew care for 94 acres of athletic fields and green spaces.

## Parent & Community Involvement

Bowling Green City Schools values our partnerships, initiatives, and collaboration with our local organizations and the community. These efforts provide financial support, enrich educational experiences, and foster strong connections with families and local stakeholders.

### ■ **Engagement with Families**

- ▶ Strong focus on building partnerships with parents and guardians to support student success.
- ▶ Open houses, parent information nights, parent-teacher conferences.
- ▶ Parents and guardians are encouraged to volunteer in classrooms and at school events.
- ▶ Each of the five school buildings have Parent-Teacher Organizations (PTOs). There are also booster groups for athletics and music.
- ▶ Bobcat Gold Pass: Seniors 60 years or older who reside in the BGCS District can enjoy free admission to regular season home athletic events as well as BG Choral, Band, and Drama Club play performances! (Excludes musicals, hockey games, swim meets, tournaments, playoffs, sectionals, and invitationals).

### ■ **Community Collaboration**

- ▶ BGCS has developed partnerships with local businesses, Bowling Green State University, local government, non-profit agencies, civic organizations, and faith-based groups to enhance educational experiences.

### ■ **Family Support Services**

- ▶ Our Coordinator of Community Outreach and Student Wellness connects students and families to resources, workshops, and family engagement programs.
- ▶ Our Bobcat Basics Pantry provides clothing, hygiene products, household supplies, and school supplies for our students and families in need.
- ▶ Through a partnership with Children's Hunger Alliance, students who qualify in grades K-5 have the opportunity to take home a free weekend meal box each week.



# Fiscal Stewardship

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

- Fiscal Year 24 Revenue **\$37,139,511**
- Fiscal Year 24 Expenditures **\$38,586,165**
- Fiscal Year 24 Revenue Sources **73% local**  
**27% state**
- Fiscal Year 24 Grants Received **Nearly \$2 Million**  
This allowed for the reallocation of vital resources in the areas of media, technology, student services, and professional development.
- Fiscal Year 24 Cash and In-Kind Donations **Over \$300,000**

## BOND SAVINGS

The \$72.8 million bond issue for the new high school obtained a 4.08% rate of interest as opposed to the predicted 5.25% interest rate, resulting in a savings of \$18.6 million less in total interest that the district has to pay and less in taxes that the district residents must pay. For example, the owner of a \$200,000 home will pay \$80.00 less a year than forecasted for the new high school.

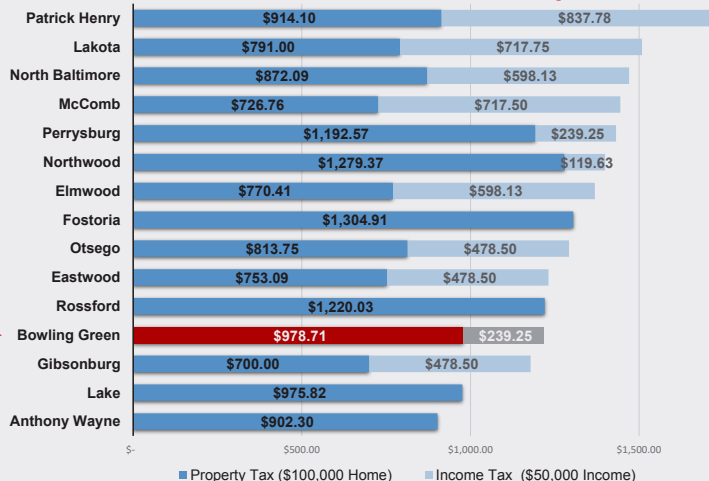
## EFFICIENCY AND COST SAVINGS

- **Tax Rate**  
Fourth lowest among Wood County school districts.
- **Consortiums and Savings**
  - ▶ Bowling Green City School District is a member of multiple purchasing consortiums to help secure discounted products, goods, services, and equipment. Some examples of discounted items include buses, insurance, utilities, food products, instructional supplies, and cleaning and maintenance supplies. The district utilizes a central storage warehousing system that allows purchasing resources in large quantities at discounted prices, saving the district significant dollars annually.

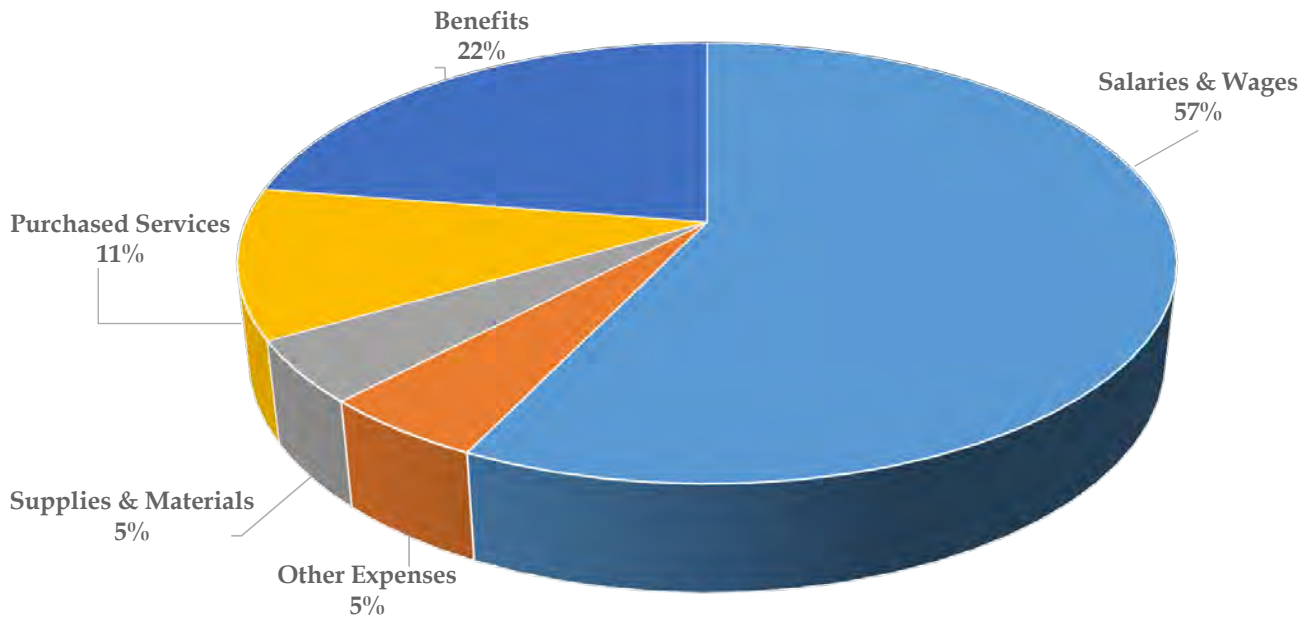
**Bowling Green City Schools was awarded the 2024 Auditor of State Award for a clean audit, putting us in the top eight percent statewide!**



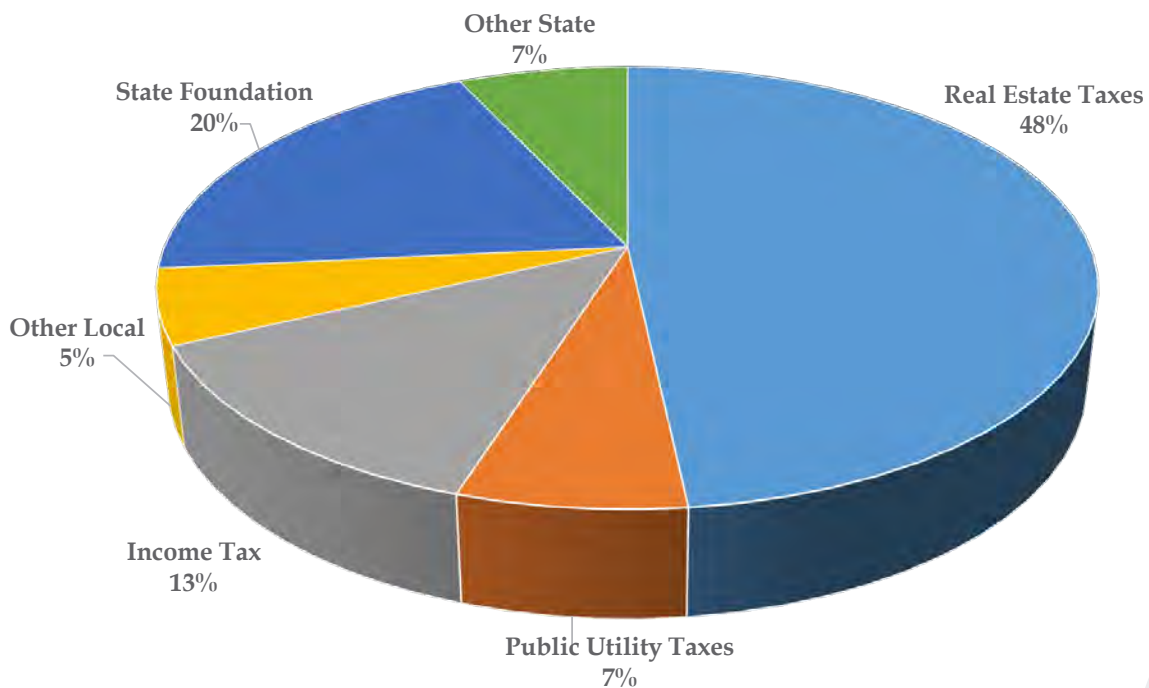
**Wood County School Districts  
2025 Local Tax Collection Comparison**



## Bowling Green City Schools 2023-24 Expenditures



## Bowling Green City Schools 2023-24 Revenue



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