

Southwest Licking
LOCAL SCHOOLS

**2025
QUALITY
PROFILE**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT



Kasey Perkins, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Dear Southwest Licking Community,

I'm excited to share with you our District's Quality Profile—a snapshot of what sets our schools apart and how we're working to support every student's individualized success.

The Southwest Licking Local Schools team knows education is about more than just grades and test scores. It's about helping students grow into their best selves—whether that's through academics, sports, the arts, or other programs that spark their interest. This profile highlights the work we're doing to give kids opportunities to explore, grow, and succeed.

Of course, none of this happens in isolation. It's the result of hard work by our teachers and staff, the support of families, and the strength of our community. We're grateful for everyone who plays a role in shaping the future for our students.

As we continue to grow and adapt to meet the evolving needs of our students, I encourage you to explore this profile and celebrate the collective achievements that make our District so special.

Thank you for your support of the Southwest Licking Local School District. Together, we are building a foundation for success and creating opportunities that inspire greatness.

Kasey Perkins
Dr. Perkins, Superintendent

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SWL AT A GLANCE

Southwest Licking Local Schools provides a high quality, student-centered learning environment with an emphasis on creating engaging opportunities that allow students to find their purpose, pursue their passions, and make connections.

4 ★
overall
rating

5 ★
gap
closing
rating

94.8%
graduation
rate

200+ students honored annually for academic, artistic, and community endeavors

1281 college credits earned by the Class of 2024

65
square
miles

5,000+
student enrollment

500+
staff
members

7
school
buildings



SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS



31
different
home
languages

5

most spoken
languages are
English, Spanish,
Nepali, French,
Creole



5%

of students are
English
language
learners



17%

of students
are
identified
as gifted



18%

of students are
identified as
students with
disabilities

inclusive
preschool
including 100
students with
disabilities and
85 peer models



Some Juniors and Seniors with disabilities are enrolled in ITEC (Individualized Transition Education to Careers). Students receive job coaching in a career field they are interested in while continuing to take classes at their home school.

The district supports students' social-emotional health through the following:

- SWL elementary and secondary social workers provide support for students and families by connecting them with community wraparound services to support the whole child.
- Partnerships with three community counseling agencies to provide one-on-one direct support to students during the school day.
- School Counselors in every school.
- Districtwide Behavioral Specialist support.
- School Resource Officer
- Trained Therapy Dogs

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Our vision for student learning is to challenge every student to expand their mindset and consider new opportunities and ideas while maximizing their individual potential.

Watkins Memorial High School and Watkins Middle School

- Rigorous coursework designed to meet the full range of student needs, including a wide variety of electives
 - CCP courses in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Computer Science, and Art
 - AP courses in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Spanish, and Computer Science
 - Grades 9 - 12 Entrepreneurship, and Computer Science pathways
 - Grades 6 - 12 Band, Choir, Orchestra, Visual Art, and Theatre
- Thriving agriculture program in grades 6 - 12, including a food forest that supplies cafeterias with produce, chicken and rabbit breeding, and hydroponic propagation



Elementary and Intermediate Schools

- Structured literacy practices aligned with the Science of Reading
- Over 20 teachers at various levels of Orton-Gillingham training
- Primary literacy specialists in every building
- Bridges Mathematics supports inquiry and problem solving

Connection Club and Peer Collaboration

- In all grades, students with disabilities work and learn alongside peers. In K-5 Connection Club, students strive to develop relationships, social skills, and as the name implies, connections. Peer Collaborators in 6-12 not only work with peers in their buildings but also work in other buildings across the District.



THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Beyond the classroom, we offer a vibrant array of extracurricular activities designed to ignite passions and broaden horizons. From athletics and arts to clubs and community service, there's something for all students to explore.



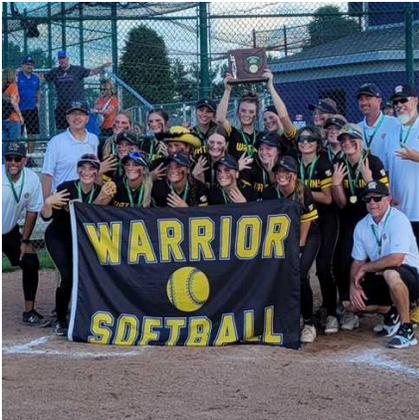
- Robotics in grades 4 - 12, building skills including:
 - mechanical and electrical engineering and design
 - programming and software development
 - CAD and modeling
 - project management and strategy
 - business, marketing, and outreach
 - safety and compliance
 - problem solving, teamwork, communication, and adaptability



- Annual K-12 District Arts Festival
 - over 3,000 visitors tour the gallery annually
 - over 1,800 pieces of artwork displayed
 - band, orchestra, and choral concerts by students at all grade levels
 - student created ceramics are the highlight of the Empty Bowls initiative, benefitting Licking County LEADS



- ECO Warriors
 - student-led group won a grant and raised over \$9,000 in community donations to support the planting of 75 trees on the WMHS campus, collaborating with architecture consultants on project design



- 22 school-sponsored varsity sports as members of the Licking County League
- 16 different sports have won an LCL team championship since 2020 (16 out of 17 sports eligible)
- The Lady Warrior Softball program has won four straight LCL, District, and Regional Championships (2021-24)
- 4 straight D-I State Final 4 appearances (D-I Softball State Runners-Up in 2022 and 2024)
- 2023 OHSAA D-I Individual Track & Field State Champion - Victoria Harvey (Pole Vault)

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

WATKINS INTERMEDIATE



- classroom pods for team teaching and small group work
- cafetorium for both dining and performance purposes
- interactive displays/sound application devices in each classroom
- fire suppression systems throughout the building

WATKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL



- greenhouse and outdoor food forest
- newly renovated gym with a capacity of 1,966
- STEM labs including computer science and engineering design
- modern media center
- auditorium with updated sound and lighting systems

KIRKERSVILLE & ETNA ELEMENTARIES

EACH BUILDING INCLUDES



- space for 600 students
- state-of-the-art all-inclusive playgrounds
- enhanced safety and security
- interactive displays/sound application devices in each classroom
- fire suppression systems throughout the building

WATKINS MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL



- state-of-the-art auditorium
- main and auxiliary gym
- commons area for dining, performances, and meetings
- updated large classroom spaces for special education
- two story media center
- fab lab for arts, agriculture, and engineering

ATHLETIC FACILITIES



- two new softball fields
- new baseball field
- new tennis courts
- new locker room facility
- renovated concession stand
- new stadium fencing and lighting

PATASKALA SOUTH FORK ELEMENTARY



- space for 800 students
- state-of-the-art all-inclusive playgrounds
- interactive displays/sound application devices in each classroom
- fire suppression systems throughout the building
- LEED compliant silver level building

FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

On the Treasurer's page, you'll find the District's Annual Financial Reports, Financial Audit Reports, Five Year Forecasts, and more. Contact information is available to reach any member of our department and you will also find a link to calculate real estate property tax in Ohio. Please check it out for a wealth of information.

