

#TheHamiltonWay

2025 - 2026

Quality Profile

Hamilton City School District



Together, Positively Impacting Learning and Life



2025 Hamilton City School Board of Education

The Board of Education is proud to serve the students, staff, families and residents of the Hamilton City Schools. Our school district is a leader in education due in large part to an unprecedented level of partnership with our community. We invite all residents to stay connected with the schools and to reach out with questions.



From left to right: Mr. Laurin Sprague, Mrs. Mag Baker, Ms. Shaquila Mathews, Mr. Dave Davidson, Dr. Joe Copas

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Dear Reader,

On behalf of our students, staff, community members, and the Hamilton City School District Board of Education, I'm proud to welcome you to the 2025 Quality Profile – a closer look at the outstanding programs, achievements, and opportunities that define Hamilton City Schools.



As the 18th largest school district in Ohio, Hamilton City Schools is committed to delivering a premier educational experience. This Quality Profile showcases #TheHamiltonWay and our wide range of academic programs, athletic offerings, fine arts, and extracurricular activities that support our mission of preparing students for a bright future filled with endless possibilities.

Despite our size, Hamilton is a close-knit community with contagious hometown pride—what we proudly call our “Big Blue” spirit. Each of our schools reflects the character and heart of its neighborhood, creating a supportive and welcoming environment for every student and family.

Whether you're a longtime supporter of the district or learning about us for the first time, please know that you're always welcome here, and we have something for everyone.

Welcome to the Hamilton City Schools' 2025 Quality Profile.

Our Schools. Our Team. Our Blue. Our Way.

Yours in Education,
Mrs. Andrea Blevins
Superintendent



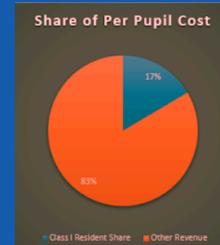
Positively, Impacting Learning and Life

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



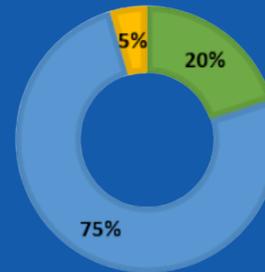
Compassion, Inclusivity, Relationships, Resilience, and Respect

Fiscal Responsibility Snapshot



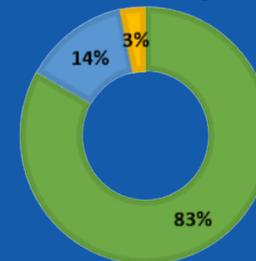
The District's daily cost to educate a student is approximately \$81. Class I (residential and agriculturally) property owner's provide 17%.

Revenue Overview



Local Taxes	
Real Estate Tax	19.84%
Public Utility Tax	0.24%
Income Tax	0.00%
State Sources	
State Funding	63.17%
Restricted Aid	9.53%
State Share of Local Tax	2.67%
All Other Revenue	
Other Revenue	4.21%
Other Sources	0.35%

Expenditure Overview



Personnel Costs	
Salaries	60.48%
Benefits	22.69%
Purchased Services	
	13.55%
All Other Expenditures	
Supplies, Capital, Debt, Other Obj	3.27%
Other Uses	0.00%

Class of 2025

Hamilton City Schools proudly celebrated the Class of 2025, honoring the dedication, resilience, and accomplishments of our 626 graduates. Once again, our community gathered at Virgil M. Schwarm Stadium—our home turf—to recognize each student's journey and milestone.

Through strong partnerships with families and the City of Hamilton, we remain committed to supporting students from their earliest days in preschool through high school graduation—and into the future. Together, we are building pathways to success that extend far beyond the classroom.



**2025
Hamilton High
School
Graduation Rate
97.8%**

64%
Percent of seniors who will enroll in a 2-4 year college

6%
Percent of seniors who will enlist in the military after graduation

**36
of HHS Seniors
Earning Honors Diplomas**

30%
Percent of seniors who will have secured gainful employment after graduation

544
The number of scholarships and financial aid offers at the time of graduation to the Class of 2025 totaling over \$13 million dollars.

2,823
The number of total college credit semester hours earned by 231 Hamilton High Students enrolled in our College Credit Plus Program.

College App Day *Highlights*

236
of Students who attended College App Day

44
of applications submitted
(many students who attended either had already applied or apply afterwards)



Hamilton City Schools & Butler Tech: Empowering Students Through Career-Focused Education

Hamilton City Schools is proud to partner with Butler Tech to provide students with hands-on, future-ready learning experiences through eight robust programs at the Hamilton Career Tech Center. These programs include:

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|  | • Automotive Technology | • Emerging Media |  |
| | • Business | • Exercise Science | |
| | • Construction/Carpentry | • Family and Consumer Sciences | |
| | • Diversified Engineering | • Healthcare Careers | |

Through this partnership, students not only explore a **variety of career fields** but also gain valuable industry **experience**, recognized **credentials**, and potential **college credit**—setting them up for **long-term success**.

Credentialing opportunities available through the programs include:

- OSHA 10
- PTA (Personal Training Assistant)
- Forklift Certification
- STNA (State Tested Nursing Assistant)
- ASE (Automotive Service Excellence)
- Welding Certifications

Starting this school year (25.26), students in the Business Pathway will also have the opportunity to **earn College Credit Plus (CCP)** through two college-level courses offered **on-site**.

In addition to classroom learning, students benefit from a range of **career-readiness experiences**, such as:

- Sophomore Tours introduce underclassmen to career pathways
- Student Showcases highlight student innovation and achievement
- A February Career Fair connecting students with local employers
- Strong Advisory Boards that keep the curriculum aligned with workforce needs

Hamilton City Schools and Butler Tech are also committed to **expanding career exploration earlier in the educational journey**. IT and Engineering programs are active in the middle schools, and a new Career Studio class will launch at the freshman campus this year—ensuring students begin developing career awareness and technical skills as early as possible.

Together, Hamilton City Schools and Butler Tech are preparing students not only for graduation but for bright futures in high-demand fields.



TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

Hamilton City Schools continues to lead with innovation, expanding access to technology and offering students new and engaging opportunities to connect, create, and compete.

In its inaugural year, **eSports took off in full effect** at Hamilton High School, bringing together students, staff, and community partners. With support from boosters, the Technology Department, the Art Department, and the Carpentry Program, the launch of the eSports and Gaming Club was a collaborative success. Over 40 students joined, and both of our **Fortnite Teams qualified for the State Championship**, with one team placing an impressive **4th in the state**.

Behind the scenes, our tech team, through the apprenticeship program, unboxed, enrolled, and inventoried 1,600 brand-new devices for 5th and 6th-grade students, ensuring seamless access to digital learning tools. This year also marked the expansion of our **ACES program into 7th grade**, giving students a head start on career exploration and digital skills.

Additionally, **STEAM Labs** are now active in multiple elementary buildings, giving our youngest learners the space to experiment, explore, and engineer their futures.

Hamilton is committed to preparing students for a tech-driven world—starting early and going big.



Linden's Adopt A Class: Building Futures Through Community Connections

At Linden Elementary, the Adopt A Class program connects classrooms with caring professionals who help students dream bigger and aim higher. Through monthly visits, hands-on learning, and mentoring, our students build lasting relationships with community partners who are invested in their future.

This year, Linden welcomed an incredible group of partners including Butler Soil & Water Conservation District, Koncert!T Solutions, Inspiration Studios, First Financial, Ohio Means Jobs, United Way, Miami University, Ohio State Highway Patrol, YMCA Hamilton, and Matandy Steel. These partnerships introduce students to a wide range of careers and life experiences—showing them that learning doesn't stop at the school doors and success takes a village.



Expanding Horizons at Wilson Through Adopt A Class

Through monthly visits from dedicated Adopt A Class partners, Wilson students are gaining valuable exposure to new careers and trades. Hands-on activities, interactive lessons, and informal conversations keep students engaged while building real-world connections. These partnerships are opening doors and expanding possibilities—and Wilson looks forward to growing these relationships in the years to come.

Linden's First Multicultural Family Night: A Powerful Debut

While many schools across the district host multicultural events, Linden's first Multicultural Family Night was a powerful debut that will be remembered for years to come. Forty-two families proudly showcased their heritage through cultural displays, trifold boards, traditional food, and music—representing an incredible 31 different countries. The energy of the night was elevated by live performances from Moroccan dancers and the Southern Singers Native Dance and Drum group.

With over 300 participants filling the space, the sense of community and celebration was palpable. One staff member reflected, "I lost track of how many times I cried tears of joy—it was hands down one of the most beautiful experiences of my educational career." Linden's event didn't just reflect the spirit of diversity embraced districtwide—it amplified it.



PRESCHOOL EXCELLENCE: GOLD AWARD RECOGNITION

Hamilton City Schools is proud to share that our preschool program earned the prestigious **Gold Award** from Ohio's **Step Up To Quality** rating system. This recognition reflects our unwavering commitment to providing **high-quality early childhood education** that sets the foundation for lifelong learning.

From nurturing classrooms to skilled educators, our preschool program continues to exceed state standards—ensuring our youngest learners are set up for success from the very start.



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).





Bridging the Gap: Pre-Apprenticeship Programs at HHS

Hamilton High School continues to expand real-world learning opportunities through its growing pre-apprenticeship program. Designed to connect students directly with local industry leaders, this initiative equips students with hands-on experience and career-readiness skills before graduation. Current partners include Forward Edge, AURGroup Credit Union, Darana Hybrid, and Kettering Health—each providing unique pathways in technology, finance, skilled trades, and healthcare.

Through these partnerships, students gain invaluable insight into the workforce, build professional networks, and take meaningful steps toward post-secondary success.

Big Blue Works: HCSD Big Blue Works: Building a Workforce-Ready Future

Hamilton City Schools is committed to preparing students not just for graduation, but for meaningful careers beyond the classroom. Our Big Blue Works program connects students with real-world job experiences, guiding them through resume writing, mock interviews, and hands-on workforce exposure. This year alone, 426 students participated in the program, partnering with 189 local employers. Since its launch, Big Blue Works has impacted 1,489 students—helping them explore careers aligned with their skills and passions. By building confidence, sharpening professional skills, and fostering community connections, Big Blue Works is preparing Hamilton's students to succeed in today's competitive job market.

Highlights Future Planning Day

611
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



Planting Seeds for the Future: Career Exploration Starts Early

Hamilton City Schools believes it's never too early to start dreaming big. Across our elementary buildings, students are introduced to a wide variety of careers through engaging and interactive events featuring local professionals. From police officers and chefs to engineers, dentists, and artists, students meet real community members who bring their careers to life right inside the classroom.

By middle school, students take their exploration a step further with elective courses in Career Explorations during both 7th and 8th grade. These hands-on classes allow students to dive deeper into career pathways, build foundational workplace skills, and begin connecting their interests to real-world opportunities. It's all part of our mission to inspire purpose and possibility—starting from the very beginning.

Jaelynn Timler

- 2025 Graduate
- Participated in the first pre-apprenticeship class in health care (nurses assistant) alongside our business partner Kettering Health.

Kettering HEALTH

Braydon Lunsford

- 2024 Graduate
- Participated in the first pre-apprenticeship class in laboratory manufacturing alongside our business partner Darana Hybrid.

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Highlights NJROTC

- 🏆 Distinguished Unit with Honors for the 2024-2025 school year – awarded to the top 20% of NJROTC units nationwide. This marks Hamilton's sixth consecutive year earning this prestigious recognition.
- 🎖️ Eight out of eleven graduating seniors committed to serving in the United States military, continuing a proud tradition of leadership and service.
- 🏆 Named the Top Academic Unit among over 60 NJROTC programs in Areas 14 & 15, covering the entire Midwest region.



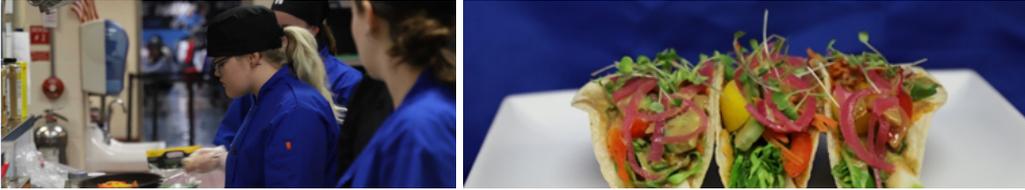
Celebrating Student Success: Excellence in Every Form

Hamilton City Schools is proud to recognize and celebrate the achievements, character, and leadership of our students across all grade levels. From academic excellence to personal integrity, our students continue to set the bar high.

This year, Junior Madeline Wagonfield earned a perfect score on all sections of the ACT, a remarkable academic accomplishment achieved by only a fraction of students nationwide. Peyton Davis, a senior, was accepted into the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he plans to study Civil Engineering—an honor that reflects both academic strength and leadership potential. Additionally, one of our students, Harper Szary, was recognized by the Character Council of Greater Cincinnati for consistently demonstrating compassion, responsibility, and integrity in her daily interactions.

Beyond individual accolades, HCSD continues to reinforce a culture of excellence and character through districtwide PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) structures. Every building highlights and rewards students who demonstrate what it means to be Ready, Responsible, and Respectful—whether through student of the month awards, house point competitions, or positive behavior recognition systems.

Together, these efforts not only spotlight student success but also cultivate a positive, supportive environment where every student is empowered to grow, achieve, and lead.



Student Chefs Cook Up Statewide Recognition

Three talented Hamilton High School students—Clay Hess, Candace Green, and Lacie Miller—served up success this year in the **Ohio Grown: Student Chef Showcase**, earning **first place** in this statewide culinary competition hosted at Columbus State Community College.

Competing against teams from across Ohio, these students created a standout **vegetarian taco recipe** that wowed the judges with its flavor, nutritional value, and use of locally sourced produce. Guided by Chartwells Executive Chef Roger Kipp, the team **developed, tested, and cost-analyzed** their original recipe while learning key skills in **food safety and culinary science**.

Their winning dish will now be shared with food service directors across the state and may be **featured in Ohio school cafeterias** as early as this fall—proof that **innovation and excellence are always on the menu in Hamilton**.



★ Shining with Character

Harper Szary is making a big difference with a small stand—raising nearly \$4,000 through her lemonade stand to support young patients at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. A true world changer!

🇺🇸 West Point Bound!

Senior Peyton Davis earned acceptance to the prestigious United States Military Academy at West Point, where he will study Civil Engineering and serve our nation with honor.

🎯 Perfect Precision!

Junior Madeline Wagonfield achieved a perfect score on every section of the ACT—an extraordinary academic accomplishment that puts her among the top of the top nationwide.



Elementary Arts

Creativity is blooming in our elementary buildings, where students are developing performance skills and confidence early on.

Ridgeway Elementary brought the stage to life with a full performance of *Matilda Jr.*, while Bridgeport's choir proudly sang the National Anthem at a varsity basketball game. Linden's choir performed at both the Hamilton Tree Lighting and the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, spreading joy throughout the community.

Additionally, Charlene Alfaro guided 12 elementary students to participate in the OMEA District 13 Honor Choir, giving them a platform to sing with peers across the region.



Drama

The stage came alive at Hamilton High School with dynamic student performances and real-world applications of theatrical skills.

This year's productions included the fall play *Almost, Maine* and the winter musical *Once Upon a Mattress*, showcasing student talent in acting, set design, makeup, and direction. The drama department also played a critical role in the 2025 Mock Crash event, providing narration and live-acted scenes that contributed to the impactful educational experience.



Vocal Music

Hamilton's vocal music program hit new high notes in 2024-2025, with our talented students performing on local and national stages.

Enharmonix had a powerhouse year—serving as an opening act for the Cunningham Sisters and *En Vogue* at the YWCA's Herstory and Heritage event, hosting Hamilton High School's first-ever A Cappella Night, and earning third place at both the ICHSA Quarterfinals in Indianapolis and the OTR Holly Jolly Jamboree. The group also recorded two studio songs, created a music video, and self-produced two Christmas videos.

Prestige Show Choir also had a season to remember, reaching Finals at *Voices in the Grove*. Vocalist Marie Cunningham was named Best Female Vocalist at every competition the group attended, while Jaxon Rogers earned a scholarship to Show Choir Camp after competing in Loveland. To top it all off, Prestige and Enharmonix performed aboard *Royal Caribbean's Liberty of the Seas*, taking their talent to the high seas.

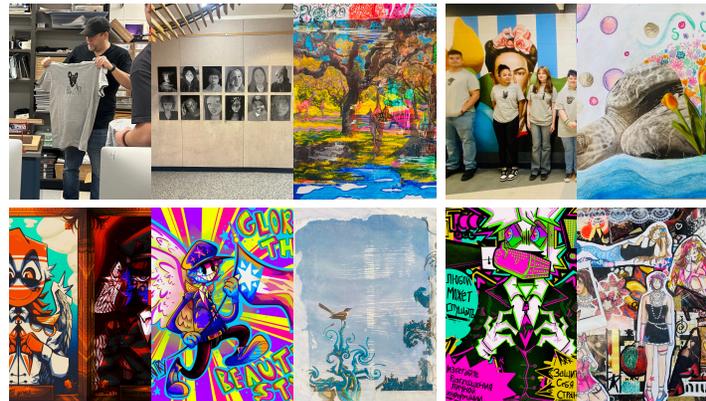
Instrumental Music

Hamilton's instrumental music program delivered unforgettable performances and national-level recognition this year.

The Hamilton High School Marching Band earned a Superior Rating at State Finals for the fifth time and competed at Bands of America Grand Nationals in Indianapolis, showcasing their talents on a national stage. They also represented Hamilton with pride in parades throughout the year—including Disney World in January.

Across the district, students participated in new and enriching experiences. The band program hosted its first Solo & Ensemble event for grades 7-9, while the Concert Band joined the Regional Music for All Festival. The Jazz Band performed and learned at the Beaver Creek Jazz Festival, and students were selected for Wright State's Honor Band Festival.

Hamilton's Indoor Percussion Ensemble (IMPE) dominated MEPA competitions, winning first place at multiple events, including Fifth Third Arena with the highest score of the season. The Varsity Winter Guard also brought home a first-place finish at Kent Arena. HHS Orchestra and Band Combo helped bring holiday cheer to the city by performing at Hamilton's Christkindlmarkt.



Visual Arts

Hamilton's visual arts students showcased creativity and skill through exhibitions, public art, and regional recognition.

Seven student artworks were selected for the 10x10 Teen Art Expo, themed "Whimsy," out of more than 500 submissions. Artists included Danielle Ernst, Diego Rangel, Hazel Culver, Jordan Colby, Illiana Velasquez, Madison Williams, and Penelope Cannon.

Under the guidance of Leslie Getz, students participated in a district-wide photography project featured in the Fitton Center's Fotofocus "Our Stories" exhibit, complementing the professional collection "Backstories."

Alexei George earned a Silver Key for her art portfolio, and Nayeli Chavez received an Honorable Mention for her sculpture at the 2025 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, hosted by the Art Academy of Cincinnati.

Paul Loehle's public art classes added new murals to HHS, and students in Leslie Getz's digital art class got hands-on experience with t-shirt printing, thanks to a workshop led by Andrew Au from Miami University's Printmaking Department.

Athletics: Big Blue Pride Runs Deep

Hamilton City Schools bleeds BLUE when it comes to athletics. With over 30 Division I varsity teams, "THE BIG BLUE" competes fiercely in the Greater Miami Conference (GMC)—and we're proud to say our athletes dominate both in competition and in the classroom.



Highlights

- Over 150 athletes have a 3.0 GPA or higher
- 19 athletes were named 1st team All GMC, and 19 were named 2nd team All GMC
- Hamilton had 6 state qualifiers
- Hamilton Athletes broke 15 school records this year in a variety of sports
- Our swim team recorded its best finish in over 15 years in the GMC

Did you know...

- 11 of the top 21 top scholars of the senior class participated in athletics
- We recognized over 100 Athletes of the Week, sponsored by Wings on Brookwood
- Hamilton started publishing the Big Blue Blitz Bulletin, highlighting current sports, athletic department events, and alumni highlights

Athletic Celebrations / Successes

- Varsity Softball Head Coach Steve Heckman recorded his 450th victory
- Junior softball player Emily Schappacher, recorded the 400th strikeout of her career
- Senior wrestler Julius Knowles finished his career with 133 wins, a school record
- Senior bowler Mason Kelley rolled a 777 3 game score, with 27 total strikes, to qualify for state.
- Senior Football player Gracen Goldsmith broke 4 school records this past fall

HAMILTON TRACK & FIELD
SCHOOL RECORD
RJ SHEPHERD
200 METER DASH
(21.60)

400 STRIKEOUTS
EMILI SCHAPPACHER
PITCHER | #3
400 CAREER STRIKEOUTS

HAMILTON TRACK & FIELD
SCHOOL RECORD
MASON HOLBROOK
SHOT PUT

SCHOOL RECORD ALERT
ELIJAH LAY
JUDE YORDY
COLESON CULVER
JAMES HOSSLER
400 FREESTYLE RELAY
5:20.55

HAMILTON CHEERLEADING
STATE CHEER COMPETITION
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23—COLUMBUS, OHIO

HAMILTON ATHLETICS
SCHOOL RECORD
MOST HOME RUNS IN A SINGLE SEASON BY A TEAM (28)

HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL WINTER ATHLETES STATE QUALIFIERS
JAMES HOSSLER (WRESTLING)
MASON KELLEY (BOWLING)
TAYLEY ASHER (WRESTLING)
JULIUS KNOWLES (WRESTLING)
JAYDEN KNOWLES (WRESTLING)

PEYTON EVERSOLE
SINGLE SEASON HOME RUNS
9 HOME RUNS

GRACEN GOLDSMITH
SINGLE SEASON PUSHING YARDS (4005 YARDS)
SINGLE SEASON TOUCHDOWNS (24 TOUCHDOWNS)
TIED SINGLE GAME TOUCHDOWN (15 TOUCHDOWNS VS. FAIRFIELD)
MOST PUSHING ATTEMPTS IN A SEASON (254)

HAMILTON TRACK & FIELD
SCHOOL RECORD
ELIJAH LAY
POLE VAULT

CAREER WINS
JULIUS KNOWLES
133 CAREER WINS

HAMILTON TRACK & FIELD
SCHOOL RECORD
ELIJAH LAY
POLE VAULT

WIN #450
COACH STEVE HECKMAN
HAMILTON SOFTBALL

HAMILTON ATHLETICS
SCHOOL RECORD
MOST HOME RUNS IN A SINGLE SEASON BY A TEAM (28)

SCHOOL RECORD ALERT
HANNAH ROBINSON, HAZEL CULVER, MAKAYLA PLATT, ANA GRANT
200 METER FREESTYLE RELAY
4:20.55

ALL-CONFERENCE
JACOB ALEXANDER
MEMBER OF ACADEMIC CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM
FIRST TEAM GREATER MIAMI CONFERENCE

ALL-CONFERENCE
MASON KELLEY
MEMBER OF BOWLING STATE
FIRST TEAM GREATER MIAMI CONFERENCE

SCHOOL RECORD ALERT
HANNAH ROBINSON, HAZEL CULVER, MAKAYLA PLATT, ANA GRANT
200 METER FREESTYLE RELAY
4:20.55

SCHOOL RECORD ALERT
HAZEL CULVER
200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
2:20.72

SCHOOL RECORD
JORDON JOHNSON-PERDOMO
13 ASSISTS VS. WESTERN HILLS
TIES SINGLE GAME ASSIST RECORD

CONGRATULATIONS
CAIRON
Chiron Naisy

CONGRATULATIONS
GRACEN
Gracen Goldsmith

CONGRATULATIONS
RJ
RJ Shepherd

CONGRATULATIONS
Trey Verdon

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SCHOOL RECORD ALERT
JAMES HOSSLER
100 BREASTSTROKE
1:00.19

At Hamilton City Schools, our people make the difference. Every educator, coach, aide, and support staff member plays a vital role in shaping the success of our students—and the strength of our community.

This year, we celebrated achievements that span classrooms, campuses, and careers. From a coach reaching a remarkable 400 career wins, to staff receiving character education honors, city proclamations, and the distinguished Owl Award for outstanding service, we are proud to shine a spotlight on the excellence that lives in every corner of our district.

We also continued to invest in our future leaders through our LEADS Program, designed to grow and support Hamilton's next generation of administrators and instructional leaders from within. And thanks to a strong partnership with Miami University, our staff are serving as mentors to student teachers—shaping the educators of tomorrow while strengthening our own instructional practice today.

Whether sparking curiosity in the classroom or creating a safe, welcoming environment behind the scenes, our staff are the heartbeat of Big Blue. We are proud to recognize their work, their impact, and their unwavering dedication.

Honoring Excellence in Education

The Hamilton Community Foundation—through the generosity of the Harry T. Wilks Foundation—recognized exceptional educators making a difference in the lives of students across our community.

Nineteen outstanding educators from local schools were honored at the 22nd Annual Harry T. Wilks "Hamilton Celebrates Education" event. Teachers, counselors, custodians, and staff members were nominated by their schools for their innovation, leadership, and daily impact on students and school culture. Each honoree received a \$1,000 grant to support their classroom or school.

This annual celebration continued the legacy of Harry T. Wilks, a proud Hamilton High School graduate and lifelong advocate for education and the arts. His enduring commitment to honoring educators lived on through this event, which remained a highlight of the school year and a powerful reminder of the lasting influence of great educators.

Hamilton City Schools was proud to join in celebrating these dedicated individuals and the vital role they played in shaping our schools and our future.

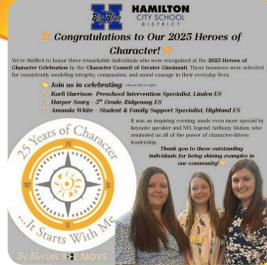
Future educators meet seasoned pros!



Miami University students collaborate with Hamilton City School District staff, gaining real-world experience and learning from some of the best in the field.



Loretta Bryant was the recipient of the Crystal Owl Award through Horace Mann for going above and beyond



Growing Our Own: Developing Hamilton's Future Leaders

At Hamilton City Schools, we believe the best leaders come from within. This year, **seven dedicated staff members** participated in our LEAD (Leadership Exploration and Development) program—a dynamic initiative designed to cultivate leadership potential in those already invested in our schools and community.

LEAD empowers aspiring leaders through **hands-on learning, collaborative problem-solving**, and focused growth in four key areas: leadership, learning, culture, and management. Participants were selected based on their alignment with our district's mission—*Together, Positively Impacting Learning and Life*—and their proven ability to lead from where they are.

By growing our own leaders, we ensure that Hamilton's future is shaped by individuals who know our students, share our values, and are deeply committed to the success of our district. The LEAD program is more than leadership training—it's a strategic investment in the people who will carry Big Blue forward.

Hamilton Celebrates Education Harry T. Wilks 2024 Educators of Excellence Award Winners



Stronger Together: Our Community is Connected & Committed

At Hamilton City Schools, community is more than a concept—it's a daily commitment. From the way we build classroom culture to the partnerships we foster citywide, we believe education thrives when it's rooted in strong, connected relationships.

Inside our buildings, we focus on building inclusive, supportive classroom communities where students feel seen, valued, and empowered to lead. That same sense of belonging extends far beyond our schools through dynamic partnerships throughout the community—all working together to strengthen the fabric of our city, one student at a time.

Together, we're not just educating students—we're empowering citizens and building a stronger Hamilton for generations to come.

Check out some of the wonderful opportunities our students share with our community partners!

Leading With Heart: Service in Action at Wilson Middle School

In Hamilton City Schools, community connection is more than just collaboration—it's care in action. At Wilson Middle School, students and staff demonstrated this spirit through their annual holiday service project, supporting 41 children across the district. Led by Ms. Tagliamonte, National Junior Honor Society students partnered with our Butler County Success Liaison to shop for and wrap gifts for families in need. This tradition not only meets real needs, but also instills in our students a powerful lesson: building community begins with giving back.



A Place to Play: FC Cincinnati Mini Pitch Comes to Hamilton

Community partnerships continue to bring lasting impact to our students and neighborhoods. On March 14, city leaders, FC Cincinnati, and mascot Gary, the Lion, joined students and families to cut the ribbon on a brand-new mini pitch located behind Riverview Elementary at the Booker T. Washington Center.



As part of FC Cincinnati's regional initiative, this mini pitch offers a free, safe, and accessible space for children to play soccer and stay active. More than just a field—it's a symbol of what's possible when cities, schools, and professional organizations invest in youth and neighborhood pride.

District Partnerships with the City of Hamilton & 17STRONG

Hamilton City Schools has built a strong, ongoing partnership with the City of Hamilton and 17STRONG to support students, families, and neighborhoods across the city.

Key collaborations include:

- Hamilton Neighborhoods Summit hosted at HHS, featuring student performances and the Rising Youth Awards.
- Youth Outreach Committee launched a citywide Summer Program Guide connecting families to free youth activities.
- Student-Led 17STRONG Groups & Microgrants fund neighborhood events and youth leadership projects at multiple schools.
- 5th Grade Nanogrants empower students to lead real community improvement efforts.
- Love Your Block Cleanups engage student volunteers in beautifying Hamilton neighborhoods.
- Summer Days Events bring families together for games, food, and music in local parks.
- Hispanic Heritage Festival (2024) was co-led by HCSD students, celebrating culture and diversity.
- CHIPs Internships & Career Days give students hands-on exposure to city jobs and public service.
- Civics Day allows high schoolers to shadow City staff and lead mock government meetings.
- City Engineer Visits support student pathways in welding, tech, and engineering.

Together, these efforts reflect a shared commitment to youth voice, community pride, and meaningful collaboration.



Halloween Trunk-or-Treats on the Trail with Bulldog and Zander

Families enjoyed a festive evening at the Halloween Trunk-or-Treats on the Trail event, sponsored by Metro Parks of Butler County. Community members, local businesses, and our school district came together to make it a night to remember—complete with candy, costumes, and special appearances by Bulldog and Zander, the city and district mascots.



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High Schools (9-12)



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Middle Schools (7-8)



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