



Oakwood City Schools

QUALITY PROFILE 2024-2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Dear Oakwood Schools Community,

It is my pleasure to share the 2024–2025 Oakwood Schools Quality Profile with you. Inside, you will see the story of our district, shaped by the curiosity of our students, the dedication of our staff, and the steadfast support of our families and community.

Together, we create the heart of Oakwood Schools. This past year, we continued to live out our mission of preparing students not just for the next test or grade, but for life. With high-quality learning at the center, we expanded opportunities in STEM, the arts, and leadership, while also ensuring our schools remain safe and welcoming places where every child belongs. We also remained committed to being good stewards of the resources entrusted to us, always prioritizing student learning above all else.

None of this would be possible without the strength of our community working alongside us. Thank you for your trust, your involvement, and your encouragement. As you read through this Quality Profile, I hope you feel the same pride and excitement I do for what our students have achieved and for the bright future ahead.

Sincerely,

Neil Gupta, Ed.D.
Superintendent, Oakwood Schools

Our Mission

Oakwood Schools introduced a new mission statement that reflects our shared purpose:





Together we learn.

Together we achieve.

Together we prepare students for tomorrow.

This mission guides our work to ensure students are ready to thrive in a changing world.

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TOGETHER



2024-2025 DISTRICT PROFILE

By the Numbers



5-STAR
OHIO STATE REPORT
CARD RATING



1,991
STUDENT
ENROLLMENT



20:1
AVERAGE
CLASS SIZE



244
STAFF
EMPLOYED

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT RANKED...



OAKWOOD HIGH
SCHOOL 6TH BEST IN
OHIO



OAKWOOD JUNIOR
HIGH SCHOOL 11TH
BEST IN OHIO



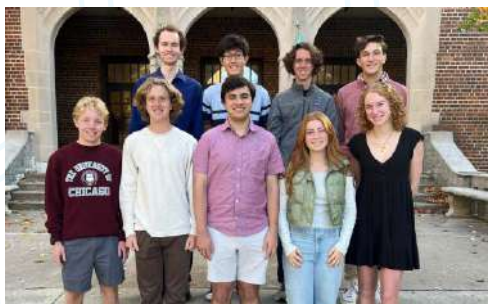
BOTH RANKED #1 FOR
SCHOOLS IN THE
DAYTON REGION

Celebrating the Class of 2025

170
GRADUATES

105
OHIO
DIPLOMA
WITH
HONORS

\$8.5
MILLION
IN
SCHOLARSHIP
MONEY
AWARDED



7
NATIONAL
MERIT
SEMIFINALISTS

7
NATIONAL
MERIT
FINALISTS

6
NATIONAL
MERIT
COMMENDED
SCHOLARS

86%
ATTENDING A
FOUR-YEAR
SCHOOL

8%
PURSUING
EMPLOYMENT,
MILITARY, GAP
YEAR, OR OTHER
OPPORTUNITY

6%
ATTENDING A
TWO-YEAR OR
TECHNICAL
SCHOOL



LEARNING TOGETHER

Learning in Oakwood is a shared experience built on strong connections among students, teachers, families, and the community. Each day, classrooms come alive with curiosity and collaboration as students explore new ideas, discover passions, and learn from one another. Through these relationships and real-world experiences, Oakwood students grow as thinkers, problem solvers, and caring community members.

Exploring New Ideas

Oakwood Schools was awarded the **Emerging STEM Credential** by AASA, The School Superintendents Association, and JASON Learning, recognizing the district's progress and leadership in creating a strong STEM learning culture from elementary through high school. This national honor affirms Oakwood's commitment to preparing students with curiosity, critical thinking, and future-ready skills.



Through the Oakwood School Foundation's Philanthropy 101 competition, students enrolled in Oakwood High School's **Wall Street 101** course researched local nonprofits and awarded \$5,800 in grants, including \$1,800 to BOGG Ministries, while building skills in leadership, analysis, and community engagement.



The **Oakwood Numberjacks**, Smith Elementary's math club for grades 4–6, showed remarkable dedication by practicing before school for the Math Olympiad for Elementary and Middle Schools. Their hard work earned them a spot in the top 25% of teams nationwide.



Discovering Passions

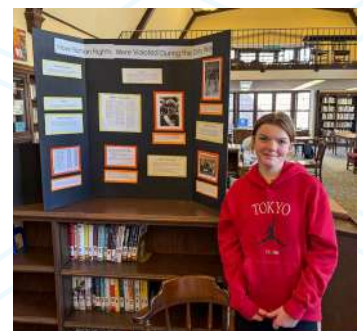
Oakwood students participated in **Ruling Our eXperiences (ROX)**, a national program that helps girls build confidence, develop leadership skills, and navigate challenges. The program gives girls in grades 5–8 the opportunity to gain support, motivation, and tools to thrive both in school and beyond.



Harman School sixth graders presented their passion projects at the **W.I.N.K. Expo (What I Now Know)**. They shared their year-long research on topics they enjoy through interactive exhibits that highlighted personal interests and raised donations for community causes.

Learning from One Another

Oakwood Junior High students in the **History on Display** course showcased projects exploring rights and responsibilities in history. The topics covered ranged from Theodore Roosevelt's leadership and Ohio's transformational impact to women's political rights and child labor reforms following the 1899 newspaper strike.



Learning from One Another (Continued)

Kindergarteners at Lange Elementary continued to benefit from the **Rotary Readers** program. This community partnership brings volunteers into classrooms each month to read stories and lead engaging library activities.



Students at Oakwood Junior High and High School had a front-row seat to history as 38 individuals from 22 countries officially became U.S. citizens during the school's second annual **Naturalization Ceremony**.



The event featured performances by the high school orchestra and choirs, as well as a question-and-answer session with federal judges, giving students a powerful lesson in democracy, unity, and citizenship.

By the Numbers



3.741

**AVERAGE GPA
(WEIGHTED)**



25.4

**AVERAGE ACT
COMPOSITE SCORE**



18

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT
COURSES OFFERED**



357

**STUDENTS ENROLLED
IN ADVANCED
PLACEMENT COURSES**



1624

**COLLEGE CREDIT
PLUS CREDITS
EARNED**



85%

**OAKWOOD SCHOOLS
EDUCATORS WITH
ADVANCED DEGREES**

ACHIEVING TOGETHER

Achievement reflects dedication, teamwork, and shared pride in doing our best. Whether on stage, in the classroom, or through service to others, Oakwood students and staff strive for excellence that inspires the entire community. From academic competitions to creative performances and leadership opportunities, their accomplishments show what's possible when passion meets perseverance and support.

Celebrating Successes



Ten Oakwood Junior High students represented India and Malaysia at the **Junior Ohio Model United Nations** in Columbus, where Team India's resolution on air pollution earned Outstanding Resolution. Students also received top honors in problem-solving and leadership, including first place, runner-up, and several elected leadership roles for 2026.



Student teams earned international honors at the **Destination Imagination Global Finals**, with the high school team placing seventh in the world and winning first in the Instant Challenge, and the elementary team earning 15th place and a special creativity award.



Oakwood High School students earned recognition at the state level across various programs. Highlights include the **Academic Decathlon** team placing first in the Ohio Regional Competition and the **Speech and Debate Team** bringing home the State Championship for the first time in school history.

Oakwood High School teacher Heidi Edwards was named a 2025 Ohio finalist for the **Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching**, recognizing her outstanding dedication and impact in STEM education.

Showcasing Creativity



Harman School's **Arts Showcase**, themed *All You Need Is Love*, featured artwork from grades 1–6 and a Beatles tribute concert by the fifth and sixth grade music program. A highlight of the event was the unveiling of 3D sculptures created by sixth graders, inspired by drawings of monsters created by the first graders.



Through the **Acorns & Achievements** program, community volunteers brought STEM to life for kindergarteners with monthly problem-solving, creativity, and collaboration lessons. The topics included the science of germs, engineering with circuits and electricity, and the math and procedural skills of baking.



Oakwood's **Symphonic Chorale** and **Wind Ensemble** both earned Superior ratings through the Ohio Music Education Association. The Chorale received its rating at the state competition, while the Wind Ensemble earned Superior ratings in both stage performance and sight reading at the district contest.

Promoting Character & Wellness

All five Oakwood City Schools earned the Platinum Award from **Montgomery County Educational Service Center's Schools of Excellence in Prevention and Mental Wellness** for the second year in a row. The recognition highlighted each school's commitment to creating healthy, drug-free environments and programs that support the well-being of students and staff.



At Smith Elementary, more than 5,000 **Smith Superstar** certificates were awarded to students demonstrating the district's new 3R initiative that encourages students to be respectful, be responsible, and build relationships.

Clubs & Activities



Clubs & Activities

SMITH
3 activities
14 clubs

HARMAN
6 activities
14 clubs

OJH
21 clubs

OHS
44 clubs



Athletics

HIGH SCHOOL
24 Sports Teams

JUNIOR HIGH
12 Sports Teams

**SOUTHWEST BUCKEYE
LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**

Girls Cross Country

Boys Cross Country

Girls Tennis

Boys Basketball

Girls Swimming

Boys Tennis

Girls Track & Field

Academic Team

All Sports Champs
2024-2025



Athletics



PREPARING FOR TOMORROW TOGETHER

Investing Wisely in Our Students

As a school district, we take our responsibility to be good financial stewards of taxpayer dollars seriously. Our focus is on ensuring that every dollar supports students and strengthens learning, while maintaining the trust of our community.

Source of Funds

LOCAL	\$24,148,434	65.6%
STATE	\$8,991,205	24.4%
FEDERAL	\$675,288	1.8%
OTHER*	\$3,017,115	8.2%
TOTAL	\$36,832,042	100%

*This category includes funds raised through tuition, fees, extracurricular activities, grants, and other non-tax sources.

Source: <https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/district/finance/044586>



Oakwood Schools directs **72.5% of its budget to classroom instruction**, ranking 19th out of 262 similarly sized schools in Ohio. This fact demonstrates the district's focus on putting resources where they have the most significant impact, supporting teaching and learning.



Oakwood Schools has an **Aa2 credit rating** from Moody's, a widely recognized financial rating firm. This rating reflects the district's strong financial position, including healthy reserves and a history of strong community support.

Oakwood Schools Earned the Auditor of State Award



For the fourth consecutive year, Oakwood Schools has earned the **Auditor of State Award with Distinction**. This top honor recognizes a perfect audit with no findings, highlighting the district's commitment to financial transparency and responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars.





“ ON BEHALF OF THE OAKWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION ”

On behalf of the Oakwood Board of Education, I am proud to celebrate the dedication and accomplishments of our students, staff, and community as highlighted in this year's Quality Profile. It reflects the progress we have made and the exciting opportunities on the horizon for Oakwood City Schools. We look forward to working together to create meaningful learning experiences and support every student as they grow, explore, and achieve in the year ahead.

**– John Wilson
President,
Oakwood City Schools Board of Education**



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