



WARRIOR WIRE

DISTRICT NEWS FROM FAIRVIEW PARK CITY SCHOOLS
WINTER 2024-2025



IMPORTANT DATES

- **MARCH 20-22**
Fairview High School Spring Musical
"Once Upon a Mattress"
Check website for showtimes
- **MARCH 23**
Superintendent Town Hall Meeting
on Facebook Live
6:00 PM
- **MARCH 24**
Board of Education Regular Meeting
FHS Warrior Room
6:30 PM
- **MARCH 25**
FHS/MMS Career Night
Fairview High School Gymnasium
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- **APRIL 3-10**
Spring Break
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS OR STAFF
- **APRIL 24 & 25**
Mayer Middle School Spring Play
"The Day the Internet Died"
Check website for showtimes
- **APRIL 25**
Gilles-Sweet Derby Dash
5K Fun Walk & Run
FHS Stadium - 8:00 AM start
- **APRIL 28**
Board of Education Regular Meeting
FHS Warrior Room
6:30 PM

FOR A FULL LIST OF SCHOOL CALENDAR EVENTS
FAIRVIEWPARKSCHOOLS.ORG/CALENDAR

Reflecting on Success and Embracing the Future

At the beginning of this school year, I met with staff across the district and asked them an open-ended question: What should we stop, start, and continue? Those conversations were thoughtful, honest, and grounded in a shared commitment to protecting what makes Fairview Park City Schools strong, while embracing accountability for continuous improvement results.

So what makes Fairview Park City Schools strong? What I heard over and over again was how deeply our staff cares about meeting the needs of the whole child, both their academic success and their social-emotional growth. Our commitment to supporting the whole child takes a variety of forms, whether through setting high expectations, building strong relationships, or reflecting on our own practices.

These conversations remind me of the importance of my role as superintendent in ensuring our district focuses on depth over distraction. In a world full of competing priorities, it is easy to feel pulled in different directions.

Go, Warriors!
Keith Ahearn, Superintendent



Follow Superintendent Keith Ahearn on Instagram @Mr.Ahearn



Gilles-Sweet Elementary students made a positive impact during the holiday season, through the Student Council's Sock-tober drive. More than 800 pairs of new socks were donated for community members in need. The drive supported the Fairview High School Care Closet and The City Mission, including Laura's Home and Crossroads Men's Crisis Center.

24 HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 25 ANNUAL REPORT

The successes outlined in this report speak to the strength of our school community and the shared responsibility we take in supporting student learning. At the same time, we recognize that public education continues to face evolving challenges that require thoughtful planning, collaboration, and innovation.

-Keith Ahearn, Superintendent



OUR DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN

Student success is at the core of our **STRATEGIC PLAN**.

Students succeed when organizational decisions focus on continuously improving student experiences in and out of the classroom.

The six focus areas broadly describe related organizational structures that, when aligned strategically, will improve performance and positively impact student success.

The six focus areas include: **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT & TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION, CLIMATE & CULTURE, CAREER EXPLORATION & DEVELOPMENT, FACILITIES, FINANCES & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, SAFETY & SECURITY, and COMMUNICATION.**



VISION

To create a supportive and engaging learning environment where students acquire skills necessary for future success and every student is empowered to reach their potential.

MISSION

We will deliver exceptional academic and extracurricular programs that challenge the mind, instill the joy of learning, and promote responsible citizenship.

OHIO STATE REPORT CARD

On September 15, 2025, the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW) released its 2024-2025 Ohio State Report Cards. This year's report includes an overall star rating for districts and schools, in addition to ratings in six component areas. We are proud to share that the Fairview Park City School District earned an overall 4.5-star rating, exceeding state standards.



2024-2025 School Report Card Overview

OVERALL: ★★★★★

Component Area:	Rating (out of five stars):
Gap Closing	★★★★★
Progress	★★★★★
Achievement	★★★★★
Graduation	★★★★★
Early Literacy	★★★★★
College, Career, Workforce and Military Readiness	★★★★★

Visit fairviewparkschools.org for more information.

BY THE NUMBERS

108 certified staff **92.9%** graduation rate
110 classified staff **354** students (7-12) in Polaris programs *
13:1 student-to-teacher ratio **296** industry credentials earned at Polaris
79% teachers with a Masters degree **55** students in College Credit Plus
32% staff lives in Fairview Park **112** students enrolled in AP
16 average years of teaching experience **33%** economically disadvantaged
1,448 students **20%** students with disabilities



FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

As Treasurer of the Fairview Park City School District, I am honored to provide an overview of our financial performance for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.



Rob Showalter
Treasurer

Accurate reporting of our financial activities is not just a legal obligation, but a commitment to transparency and accountability. We understand that our community entrusts us with their hard-earned tax dollars, and I want to express my gratitude for the support and trust the Fairview Park City School District community has placed in us.

During the 2024-2025 fiscal year, our District's general fund saw a total revenue of \$28.2 million, mostly from local property taxes and state allocations. High interest rates have also benefited the district over the past fiscal year, but this interest income cannot be counted on each year as rates have begun to be cut recently.

Expenditures for the same period amounted to approximately \$42.2 million. However, \$17.3 million of that total represents the district strategically transferring dollars to funds other than the General Fund, to plan for future capital improvements.

Most of the remaining expenditures went directly into the classrooms, supporting salaries, benefits, extracurricular activities, purchased services, materials, supplies, and professional development.

Together, we will continue to prioritize diligent spending, transparent reporting, and educational excellence to benefit our students and our community's prosperity.

Find more in-depth information about all our finances on our website at FAIRVIEWPARKSCHOOLS.ORG/TREASURER.

GENERAL FUND REVENUES Fiscal Year 2024-2025



➤➤ **TOTAL: \$28,202,713**

- GENERAL PROPERTY TAX**
\$19,801,550
- STATE GRANTS-IN-AID**
\$2,853,266
- STATE SHARE OF LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES**
\$2,444,298
- ALL OTHER REVENUES & ADVANCES**
\$2,251,714
- PUBLIC UTILITY PERSONAL PROPERTY**
\$851,885

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES Fiscal Year 2024-2025



➤➤ **TOTAL: \$42,183,850**

- SALARIES**
\$14,834,300
- BENEFITS**
\$5,171,308
- PURCHASED SERVICES**
\$3,773,703
- CAPITAL OUTLAY, TRANSFERS/ADVANCES, OTHER OBJECTS**
\$17,744,088
- MATERIALS & SUPPLIES**
\$322,637

ACADEMICS

UNIQUE LEARNING EXPERIENCES

- » Gold Star Rated Early Education Center
- » Developmental Assistance Program (DAP)
- » Personalized Project Based Learning
- » Elementary Technology Skills
- » Certified Therapy Support Dog for Elementary Student Wellness
- » STEAM Labs and Maker Spaces
- » Sources of Strength Mental Health Wellness Student Group
- » Elementary & Middle School Visual and Performing Arts
- » Project Lead the Way Engineering Programs at Middle & High School
- » 12 Middle School Sports Offered
- » Student Clubs & Organizations
- » Mentoring
- » College Credit Plus options, including on-campus at FHS
- » 15 Advanced Placement Courses
- » 25 Career & Technical Education Options at Polaris Career Center
- » 10 High School Fine Arts Options
- » 13 High School Performing Arts Options
- » 24 Varsity Athletic Teams



We have a story that you don't want to miss!

- » The **2024-2025 Annual Report** shares the story of a community coming together to support students - highlighting learning, growth, and the moments that make the Fairview Park City School District special.

Visit fairviewparkschools.org/annualreport, scan the QR code, or find limited printed copies throughout Fairview Park.



Fairview NEWS & NOTES

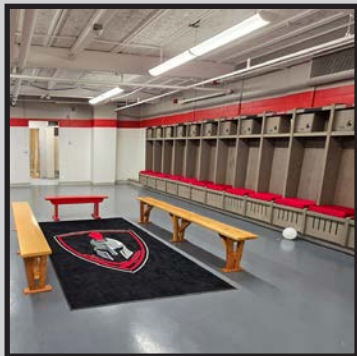
STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR LETTERS HONORING VETERANS

In December, three Lewis F. Mayer Middle School seventh-graders - Anna Kreps, Kaleb Kish, and Julius Carden - were honored by the City of Fairview Park for heartfelt letters written to military veterans through the *We Do Care* program, celebrating student voice, and gratitude for service.



FAIRVIEW STAGECRAFTERS PRESENT "ONCE UPON A MATTRESS," MARCH 20-22

Fairview Stagecrafters and Thespian Troupe 8671 invite you to a fairy tale with a twist! *Once Upon a Mattress* brings humor, heart and royal fun to the Frank W. Barr Auditorium at FHS. Purchase tickets and view showtimes at fairviewparkschools.org/boxoffice.



FAIRVIEW GIRLS LOCKER ROOM RENOVATED WITH COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The FHS girls locker room was renovated with \$13,597 from an anonymous donor and \$5,000 from the Fairview Park Athletic Club. Over the last two years, FPAC and the anonymous donor have contributed more than \$67,000 to Fairview Athletics.

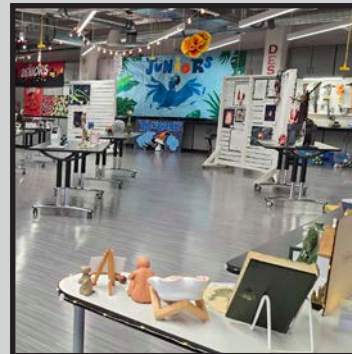
CAREER NIGHT CONNECTS STUDENTS WITH LOCAL PROFESSIONALS

Fairview Park PTA is seeking volunteers to present at 2026 Career Night and share their careers with students. Families are invited to attend this community event on Mar. 25 and explore a wide range of professions. Learn more or sign up at fairviewparkschools.org/careernight.



OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER HONORED FOR OVER A DECADE OF SERVICE

After 12 years of service to the schools and community, Joslyn Dalton was honored at her final Fairview Park Board of Education meeting on Dec. 16. Recognized by city and state leaders, colleagues, and students, Dalton was celebrated for her leadership, advocacy, and lasting impact on families.



CREATIVE ARTS & DESIGN SHOWCASE & SUPER POPS CONCERT ON MAY 16

Join us on May 16 as Fairview High School hosts the Super Pops Concert and Creative Arts & Design Showcase. Students from across the district will display artwork while school music groups perform throughout the day. Visit fairviewparkschools.org for more information.



GILLES-SWEET'S ANNUAL DERBY DASH RETURNS APRIL 25

Gilles-Sweet is hosting the 11th annual Derby Dash on Saturday, Apr. 25, beginning at 8:00 AM at FHS. Last year, the Derby Dash raised more than \$8,700 for students at the school. For more information and to sign-up, visit fairviewparkschools.org/derbydash.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Springtime in the Fairview Park City Schools is a busy time!

Don't miss upcoming events like concerts, recognition nights, athletics, and more as we count down to Commencement and celebrate the Class of 2026.

Visit fairviewparkschools.org, check out our social media, listen to our podcast, or sign up for our district e-newsletter to get important updates delivered to your inbox.

Go, Warriors!



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Keith Ahearn, Superintendent
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NOW OPEN!



2026-2027 

**KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION**

We offer full-day, tuition-free Kindergarten for all families living in Fairview Park. Students will enjoy an inclusive and supportive educational experience with lower student-to-teacher ratios where all students feel safe, valued, and respected.

Register your incoming Kindergarten student at fairviewparkschools.org/kindergarten by April 16, 2026, and you will receive a special invitation to our official Kindergarten Round-Up event on May 7th!

