

OUR DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

Van Wert City Schools serves a diverse and growing student population, providing essential programs and services each day. The following data offers a snapshot of the district's overall scope, resources, and operational impact.



2,000+
students enrolled



1,500+
meals served daily



605
bus miles driven daily,
transporting **878** students



295
full-time staff



\$161M
VWCS buildings are valued
at more than \$161 million



COUGAR PRIDE



→ MISSION

Van Wert City Schools will continue to be a source of Cougar Pride while providing each student a quality education through innovative instructional methods and technology.

→ VISION

In partnership with our community, Van Wert City Schools will ensure that all students develop the knowledge, skills, and attributes they will need to thrive in post-secondary education, careers, and civic life.

→ CONTACT US

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VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS QUALITY PROFILE 2026



Van Wert City Schools
Education • Innovation • Tradition

INNOVATIVE EDUCATION

Learning is engaging, meaningful, and connected to the real world. Through hands on experiences and strong community partnerships, students build the skills and confidence to succeed.

→ REAL-WORLD LEARNING

Project based learning connects classroom content to real life experiences.

→ CAREER-FOCUSED OPPORTUNITIES

Partnerships provide hands on experiences, internships, and career exploration through our CEO Program.

→ STUDENT-CENTERED APPROACH

Instruction meets individual needs and supports growth at every level.

→ STRONG COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Partnerships extend learning beyond the classroom.

→ WHOLE CHILD FOCUS

Emphasis on communication, teamwork, leadership, and confidence.

→ PATHWAYS FOR THE FUTURE

College, career training, and workforce experiences prepare students for life after graduation.



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Van Wert City Schools continues to be a place where students **GET TO** grow, thrive, and discover their potential at every level. From the Early Childhood Center, where young learners build a strong start through play, to our elementary and middle grades where curiosity, confidence, and leadership take shape, each child is supported every step of the way. In high school, students explore career pathways, earn college credit, and gain real-world experience that prepares them for life beyond graduation. At the Goedge, students in grades 6–12 benefit from a personalized approach that builds life skills and keeps them on track for success.

Project-based and problem-based learning bring lessons to life as students take on meaningful work connected to the world around them. Through our **Cougar Culture** and the **R-Factor**, they learn teamwork, responsibility, and how their choices shape their future. Athletics, clubs, music, and the arts offer countless ways for students to get involved and find where they belong.

These accomplishments are possible because of our dedicated staff, supportive families, and strong community partners. I'm proud of the meaningful work happening across our district and grateful for the community that stands behind us.

We remain committed to making Van Wert City Schools a **WE > ME** place for every student to learn, grow, and succeed.

Learn more about the great things happening across our school district:

www.vwcs.net

GO COUGARS!

Mark Bagley
Superintendent

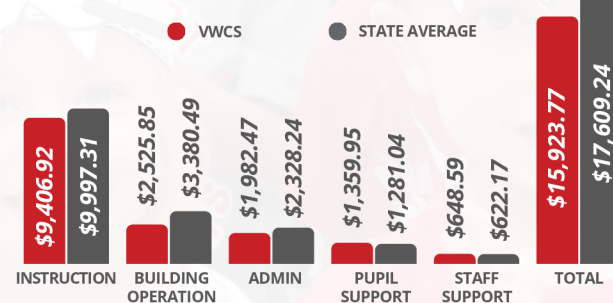


FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

QUALITY EDUCATION DELIVERED WITH FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Van Wert City Schools is committed to providing an exceptional educational experience while maintaining a fiscally responsible budget. The district operates efficiently and directs the majority of funding toward classroom instruction, ensuring a strong return on investment for the community.

OPERATING EXPENSES PER STUDENT DATA FROM ODEW 2025 CUPP REPORT



→ A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

A review of VWCS fiscal year 2025 general fund shows that 85% of the \$25.8 million budget went toward salaries and benefits. The remaining 15% supported our educational programs, including classroom materials, technology, contracted services, audit costs, and expenses tied to facilities, transportation, and equipment.

We maintained a balanced budget for the year and continued setting funds aside to help address current and future needs of our aging facilities. The fiscal year 2025 annual audit was also completed with a clean report.

As we plan for each school year, the Board of Education and administration work to be efficient while still providing strong educational opportunities for our students. As stewards of taxpayer resources, we keep our students and community at the center of our educational decisions. Thank you for your continued support.



Troy Bowersock
Treasurer