

Summer 2026 Edition



The WINTON WOODS REPORT

The World is Noticing What's Happening in Winton Woods

A global award. Championship seasons. A teacher of the year. And a community that makes it all possible.

Every year, thousands of families, and tens of thousands of residents, count on Winton Woods City Schools to do something extraordinary: prepare young people for a world that is increasingly connected, competitive, and complex.

This spring, the world noticed.

Winton Woods High School was named the **AFS USA 2026 Global School of the Year** — a prestigious honor awarded by AFS Intercultural Programs, one of the most respected international education organizations in the world. The recognition reflects what students, staff, and families have been building together for years: a school community where diversity is a strength, global thinking is practiced daily, and every student is prepared for life well beyond these walls.

The same is true in our classrooms. **Based on research from Harvard and Stanford**, Winton Woods was named one of just 108 districts nationally as a **2026 District on the Rise**. We received this recognition for outpacing our peers in student growth in mathematics.

But these honors are only part of the story. This publication is about all of it: the classrooms, the championships, the budget, and the community conversation we need to have together.

We hope you'll see what we see: *a school district worth knowing, and worth investing in.*

It's a privilege to serve our community.

Sincerely,

Steve Denny, Superintendent
Winton Woods City Schools

Success is Taking Many Forms

Across the district, several students (**Stephanie Espinoza**, **Britney Johnson**, **Kyle Schupp**, and **Logan Banatwala**) earned College Board National Recognition honors, Senior **Everson Stallworth Jr.** was inducted into the African American Collegiate & Youth Golfers Hall of Fame, WWHS teacher **Josh Amstutz** was named Ohio District 4 Teacher of the Year, and many other students received recognition in engineering, music, art, athletics, and career training.

These are not isolated moments.
They are signs of a district preparing students for college, careers, and life.



43

COUNTRIES

REPRESENTED
IN OUR
STUDENT BODY

34

LANGUAGES

SPOKEN
BY OUR
STUDENTS

11

YEARS

WE'VE BEEN NAMED
ONE OF THE 'BEST
COMMUNITIES FOR
MUSIC EDUCATION'

21

SPORTS

OFFERED
IN GRADES
7-12

3rd

LOWEST

OPERATING
EXPENSES PER
STUDENT IN
HAMILTON COUNTY

EXCELLENCE IS EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK

Staff Who Change the Odds

Every day, our staff walk into school buildings knowing that what they do matters. Not just for a test score, but for a life.

For example, staff member **Eddie Gray** was recognized as Educator of the Year from the Greater Cincinnati Alliance of Black School Educators (GCABSE). WWIS Principal **Daneine Fields** was named an Unsung Heroine by the E. Kathleen Cooke Foundation. WWHS Principal **Eric Martin** earned the Educational Impact Award from Iota Phi Theta, a prestigious honor that celebrates leaders who make a lasting difference.

These distinctions honor not just these three people, but also the culture of dedication and care that defines teaching, learning, and leadership across this district. When educators here are recognized, it reflects something bigger than an individual achievement. It reflects what happens every day, in every classroom, across every school in Winton Woods.

On Every Stage, Field, & Court

Excellence showed up in performance spaces and competition halls this year. WWHS student **Gabriella Miranda** won Best Female Actor in a Leading Role at the inaugural Queen City Theatre Awards for her performance in the school's spring production of *Hadestown*. The **Varsity Ensemble** performed alongside the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra at Music Hall. Many student musicians were selected for regional honor ensembles. Student artist **Corabelle Blevins** earned first place in a regional competition, with her artwork displayed publicly across the community for a full year.



On the court, the **Girls Basketball team** won the District Championship for the second straight year, and the **Boys Basketball team** captured a District Championship and advanced to the Regional Finals. Other student-athletes earned All-Conference honors and signed college scholarships at the Division I level.

In addition, our Men's 4x100m Relay Team (**Tariq Coleman, Jachai Dubois, Jon'ir Travis, and Greg Lawrence**) placed 7th in the state with a time of 42.58 seconds.

Students from the Primary School (**Ray'Mir Offutt**), Intermediate School (**Levi Rias and Harrison Siffel**), Middle School (**Jamar Graves-Glenn**), and High School (**Asa Bouldin, Sha'Mareyah Farmer, and Kasey Russell**) were also honored at the annual GCABSE recognition ceremony for their character, resilience, leadership, and academic effort. The ceremony is a reminder that success is built by a village: families, educators, and community partners working together.

From the Halls to the World

WWHS senior **Shaniya Ruth** was selected as one of only 16 students in Ohio to receive the McDonald's 2026 Black History Makers of Tomorrow award in recognition of her academic achievement, leadership, community contribution, and

dedication to cultural pride.

This spring, five of our students (**Logan Banatwala, Ronin Buhl, Anjalie Lorenz-Harp, Kyle Schupp, and**



Cassidy Stockmeier) competed in the national Future City engineering challenge, won the School Project Management Institute Educational Foundation's Outstanding Future City Project Plan award, and took home a \$1,000 team prize for their sustainable city design.

Every Pathway to Success

Student success at Winton Woods doesn't follow a single script. Seniors **Khiari Allognon** and **Ramiah Taylor** received full-tuition scholarships where they earned HVAC technician certifications—a clear route to careers in a high-demand field. Other students are heading to four-year universities with college credits they've already earned. Still others are entering the workforce with certifications, credentials, and confidence.

At Winton Woods, **every graduate leaves with a plan for their future.**

Recognition Across Every Level of the District

Winton Woods earned the highest possible **Special Education rating** from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW), and more than 80% of our schools received **state-level PBIS recognition** for safe, positive learning environments. **Winton Woods Elementary School** received the **ODEW Momentum Award** for measurably improving student performance year over year. And the **Early Childhood Central Campus** earned a **Gold Rating** through **Ohio's Step Up to Quality program** — the state's highest standard for early childhood excellence.

These aren't just ratings. They reflect what it actually feels like to walk into a Winton Woods school building.

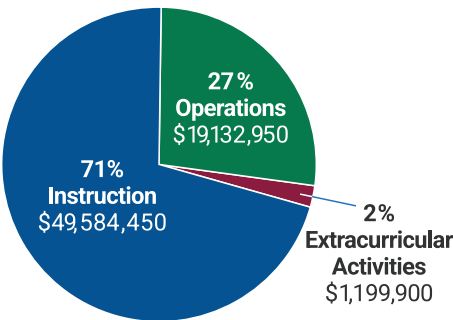
Our Financial Picture:

Honest Numbers. Responsible Management. Full Transparency.

We manage your tax dollars carefully. Here is the full picture, including the challenge ahead. Good stewardship means telling the truth even when the news is mixed. Winton Woods has worked hard to operate efficiently, and we want every community member—regardless of whether you have children in our schools—to know exactly where things stand.

How does the district spend its money?

The majority of our spending goes where it belongs: directly to students, instruction, and the people who serve them.



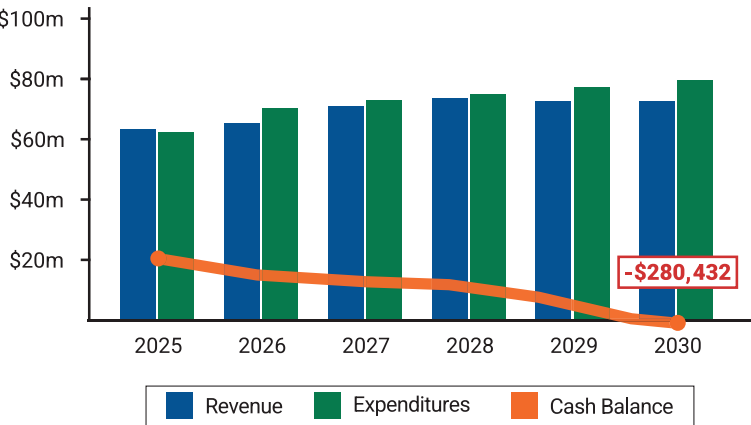
How does Winton Woods compare to other districts?

We spend \$1,242 less than the Ohio state average and below most comparable districts in the region. However, efficient doesn't mean cutting corners. It means doing more with less.

School District	Operating Expenses Per Pupil
Wyoming	\$15,389
Cincinnati Public	\$13,978
Princeton	\$13,510
State Average	\$12,723
North College Hill	\$12,278
Mt. Healthy	\$11,747
Winton Woods	\$11,481
Northwest	\$10,222

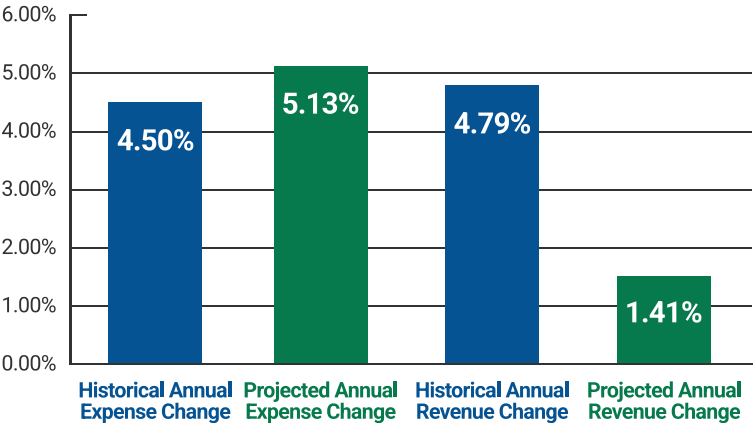
What is the district's financial forecast?

Revenue has remained relatively flat. Expenditures continue to rise. The gap between what the district takes in and what it costs to operate is widening. Without new revenue, cash reserves are projected to decline in the years ahead. The district is taking this seriously and managing accordingly.



What state money does the district receive?

State funding has declined over time. School funding from local property taxes, which have not increased since 2010, now carry more of the financial weight. In addition, as a result of the State's new Fair School Funding Formula, the district anticipates receiving less of an increase in funding when compared to previous years.



What We've Already Done

The district has operated responsibly for 15 years without new revenue. Here's what we've already done to manage costs:

- Proposed a 10% reduction in non-personnel spending across all departments for 2026–27
- Consolidated six neighborhood schools into three modern campuses (two opened in 2021 and one in 2024) to reduce operational costs
- Switched to digital progress reports and curriculum to reduce printing and mailing expenses
- Adjusted building schedules to lower utility costs

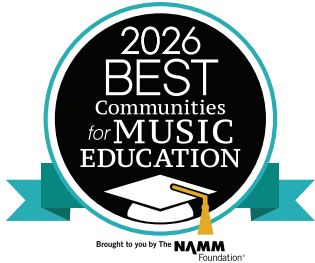
What we're watching:

- Growing enrollment
- Rising costs for insurance, transportation, and specialized services
- Ongoing uncertainty in state and federal funding

These challenges continue to place pressure on the district's budget. We will continue pursuing every responsible efficiency. **The district has managed carefully and will continue to do so.**



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This Community Built These Schools. Help Shape What Comes Next.

Winton Woods is not just a school district. It is the shared infrastructure of three communities. Its graduates live and work here. Its buildings anchor neighborhoods. Its events bring people together.

From Forest Park to Greenhills to Springfield Township, we're bringing people together to listen, learn, and take action on the priorities that matter most.

In fall 2025, the district launched a community initiative with the goal of bringing together residents, families, business owners, and local leaders to start a real conversation about shared priorities. Our first Community Conversation took place in March 2026. Now we want to hear from you.

Everyone belongs at the table.

There are many ways to contribute to the movement. Find the one that fits you best.



Find out more at: wintonwoods.org/conversations



Winton Woods offers free admission to athletic events, concerts, and musicals for district residents who are 60 years old or older!

Pick up an MVP Card at the Winton Woods Board of Education Office (825 Waycross, Suite A).

Questions? Please call 513-619-2300.



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