



QUALITY PROFILE

Our Purpose: "To Create a Culture of Accountability That Achieves the Best Academic and Developmental Outcomes for Each Student"



2025-26

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ABOUT THE DISTRICT

One Campus, One Community

Located just 10 miles northeast of downtown Columbus, New Albany-Plain Local Schools (NAPLS) serves more than 5,000 students in preschool through grade 12 across a 23-square-mile area that includes the City of New Albany, Plain Township, and surrounding neighborhoods in central Ohio.

Recognized as one of Ohio's premier public school districts, NAPLS is committed to our District Purpose: *to create a culture of accountability that achieves the best academic and developmental outcomes for each student.* Through exceptional teaching, innovative learning opportunities, and strong partnerships with families, businesses, and community organizations, the district prepares students for success in college, careers, and life.

All schools and district support facilities are located on a distinctive 120-acre, college-style learning campus at the heart of the community. Designed in classic Georgian architecture and connected by tree-lined walkways, the campus also includes an 80-acre nature preserve that provides students with unique opportunities for outdoor learning, environmental education, and exploration.

The campus is home to several signature facilities, including the Easton E³ Learning Lab (Energy, Engineering, and the Environment) and the Jeanne B. McCoy Community Center for the Arts, featuring a professional 785-seat theater and Black Box Theater. Together, these exceptional learning spaces reflect the district's commitment to innovation, creativity, and student engagement while fostering a connected campus where every student has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive.



5,000+

Students Grades PreK-12



120 & 80

Acre Campus & Nature Preserve



785

Seats in the McCoy Center for the Arts

LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Jason Fine

As I begin my first year as Superintendent of New Albany-Plain Local Schools, I have the privilege of joining a district with a strong foundation, an unwavering commitment to students, and a community that deeply values its schools.

The 2025-26 school year represented an important period of transition and progress for NAPLS. Throughout the year, our district remained focused on its core purpose: "To create a culture of accountability that achieves the best academic and developmental outcomes for each student." That commitment is evident throughout the accomplishments and stories highlighted in this Quality Profile.

More than 5,000 students in grades PK-12 benefit each day from the dedication of our teachers, administrators, staff members, and families. They are supported by an extraordinary community of partners, including the City of New Albany, Plain Township, the New Albany Company, the New Albany Community Foundation, civic leaders, the Chamber and business community, resident taxpayers, and countless others who believe in the success of our students.

The past year also marked the conclusion of an important era for our district. After more than 14 years of service to New Albany-Plain Local Schools, including 10 years as Superintendent, Michael Sawyers completed his tenure leading NAPLS. His leadership helped shape the district we know today, and during his final year he continued to advance the evolution of the Campus Master Plan and prepare our schools for the growth and opportunities ahead.



I am grateful to Michael for his leadership and for the thoughtful transition that allowed me to begin learning about this remarkable school district and community before officially assuming the role of Superintendent in the summer of 2026.

As I begin this next chapter alongside our Board of Education, Treasurer/CFO Rebecca Jenkins, our leadership team, staff, families, and community, I am energized by what lies ahead. The Campus Master Plan is moving from vision to reality, creating learning environments that will address our current needs while preparing NAPLS to serve future generations of students.

The pages that follow celebrate what our students, staff, families, and community accomplished during the 2025-26 school year.

I am honored to have been entrusted with the opportunity to lead New Albany-Plain Local Schools, and I look forward to working alongside this community as we write the next chapter together.

The future is bright. Go Eagles!

Dr. Jason Fine
Superintendent
New Albany-Plain Local Schools



OUR SUCCESS

NEW ALBANY - PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOLS

2025-2026 LOCAL REPORT CARD



Significantly exceeds state standards

Overall Rating

Districts and schools receive an overall rating of 1 to 5 stars in half-star increments. The overall rating is comprised of six rated components.

Achievement

This component represents whether student performance on state tests met established thresholds and how well students performed on tests overall.



Significantly exceeds state standards in academic achievement

Progress

This component looks closely at the growth all students are making based on their past performance



Significant evidence that the district exceeded student growth expectations

Gap Closing

The Gap Closing Component is a measure of the reduction in educational gaps for student subgroups.



Significantly exceeds state standards in closing educational gaps

Graduation

The Graduation Component is a measure of the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate and the five-year adjusted cohort graduation rate.



Significantly exceeds state standards in graduation rates

Early Literacy

The Early Literacy Component is a measure of reading improvement and proficiency for students in kindergarten through third grade.



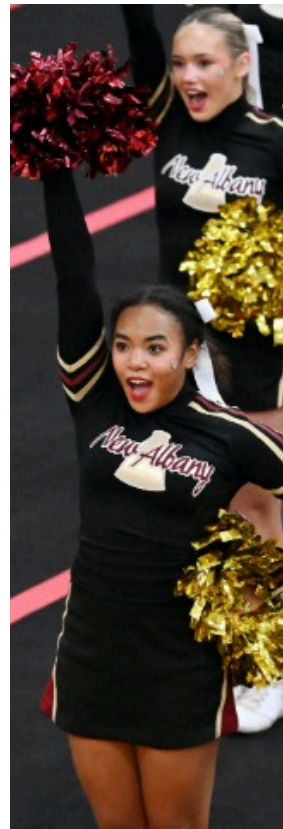
Significantly exceeds state standards in early literacy (K-3)

College, Career, Workforce and Military Readiness

This component looks at how well-prepared Ohio's students are for future opportunities, whether training in a technical field or preparing for work or college.



Exceeds state standards in college, career, workforce, and military readiness



Houses at NAHS & NAMS



→ Celebrating the Class of 2026

The Class of 2026 leaves New Albany High School with much to celebrate. From academic achievement and artistic talent to athletic accomplishments and service to our country, our graduates are taking the next step prepared to make their mark.

The Class of 2026 included five National Merit Finalists (Ornob Amin, Erik Jacoby, Diya Sakthivelan, Yashas Devulapally & Jackson Goodman) and 11 Commended Scholars. Senior Seminar finalists; Project of the Year (Bilingual Book for Children) - Diya Sakthivelan and Project of Excellence (The Cyber Clarity Project: Educating Seniors for a Safer Digital Life) - Katelyn Keininger.

NAHS House System; Eight Houses - One Nest!

→ Notable Stats

- **Valedictorian - Alannah Pryke, Salutatorian Henry Naumoff**
- **22** student-athletes continuing their athletic pursuits at the collegiate level
- **7** student-artists continuing their talents at the collegiate level
- **3** graduates committed to serving our country
- **186** graduates earning an Honors Diploma
- **\$1,198,930** in scholarships and awards carried into the first year of college
- Acceptances to nearly **275 colleges and universities across 29 states**
- **59%** of college-bound graduates staying in Ohio
- The New Albany Chamber of Commerce **Delta Award** for Outstanding Student - **Sreshta Erravelli**

NAPLS By the Numbers

 Five-Star State of Ohio Rating	 1 One Central Community Campus	 \$14,566 Cost per Pupil	 98.4% Graduation Rate	 4,847 Students Enrolled	 40 Languages/Dialects Spoken by Students	 186 Graduates Earned Honors Diplomas	 13 Consecutive Years of Financial Awards
 39% Racially and Ethnically Diverse Students	 100% Third Grade Reading Guarantee	 120 Acres Central Campus Acreage	 \$1,198,930 Class of 2026 Scholarships Earned	 25 Non-Academic Support Staff for Student Well-Being	 Teachers 402 Administrators 37 Non-Teaching Staff 313 Staff Breakdown	 1,800 Grade 6–12 Fine Arts Participants	 464,790 Meals Served
 134 Global Learning Experience Participants	 1,175 Student Athletes	 510,788 Miles Transporting Students	 8,513 School or Community Events on Campus	 134 Athletic Teams, Clubs & Activities	 29 Student Athletes/Artists Continuing at Collegiate Level	 1153 SAT NAHS Average	 26.4 ACT NAHS Average
 28 Honors Courses	 21 AP Courses	 13 College Credit Plus Courses	 AP Scholars 103 Scholars 65 With Honor 174 With Distinction	 15.4% Economically Disadvantaged Students 16.2% Students With Disabilities	 12,913 NAHS Community Service Hours	 5 Finalists 11 Commended National Merit	 16 Teacher Average Years of Experience

Our Schools



New Albany Primary School

- Grades 1-3
- Enrollment 974
- Traditions: Carnival of the Animals, The Journey of Orpheus (Ori) & Eurydice (D.C.)
- Art, Library, Music, Technology & Wellness
- House System; Akoma, Fortis, Yili and Zonta

New Albany Intermediate School

- Grades 4-6
- Enrollment 1,137
- Traditions: Entrepreneur Day, Biztown
- Art, Music, Technology & Wellness
- House System; Akoma, Fortis, Yili and Zonta



New Albany High School

- Grades 9-12
- Enrollment 1,522
- Academic, art, music and theatre buildings, tech hub (opening Feb. 2027), athletic complex, including the aquatic center
- Over 29 interscholastic sports, 52 student clubs and organizations
- Senior Seminar, an 80-hour project required for graduation

New Albany Middle School

- Grades 7 & 8
- Enrollment 849
- Art, Athletics, Band, Career Connections, Choir, Library, Life Skills, Music, Orchestra, Technology & Wellness

New Albany Early Learning Center

- Grades Pre-K & K
- Enrollment 524
- Full Day & Half Day Programs
- ODE 5-Star Step Up to Quality Rating
- Art, Library, Music, Technology & Wellness
- House - Team Eagle

TEAM EAGLE

ARTS, ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULARS

Arts

We celebrated our middle and high school theater students shining on the stage in productions of *Willie Wonka Jr.* and *Beetlejuice Jr.* (middle school); the stage play *Romeo & Juliet* and musical *Chicago: Teen Edition*, and *Return to the Forbidden Planet* (summer) at the high school. Student participation in activities beyond the classroom enriches lives, enhances school culture, and builds community while also increasing academic achievement.

Robotics and Rocketry Clubs traveled to national competitions supported by grant funding from Meta. Student artists placed at the highest level both in the Scholastics and Governor's Youth Arts Exhibition.



Athletics

In 2025-26, we celebrated amazing achievements in academics, fine and performing arts, and athletics as our talented students excelled in band, choir, orchestra, theatre, visual arts, and twenty-nine interscholastic and club athletic teams.

The New Albany High School Boys Baseball Team won the State Championship in the Spring of 2026! NAHS also had individual State Champions in Diving - Sammy Petroff; High Jump - Reese Holman and Indoor Track, 60 Meter Hurdles - Ric'Keya White



ACCESS & OPPORTUNITY



Access & Opportunity

NAPLS Students have access to a wide variety of events and opportunities throughout the school year. The New Albany Lecture Series featuring national and international figures in politics, world affairs and more is made possible by The New Albany Community Foundation. In 2025-2026 our students had the opportunity to hear from; James Carville & Reince Priebus on civil discourse and Christian Slater on mental health & well-being.

The Jeanne B. McCoy Center for the Arts grants provide opportunities to enhance exposure to the arts for students. Grants in the past have included Carnival of the Animals (grade 1), The Journey of Orpheus (Ori) and Eurydice (DC) (grade 2), support and production of the annual Black History Month celebration, and more.

Once again the District hosted the Author-in-Residence series for students in the 2025-26 school year. The New Albany Community Foundation, The Ruberto Family, New Albany Women's Network and our Parent Teacher Organizations funded this program through generous donations of over \$20,000. The featured author visiting both New Albany Primary and Intermediate Schools in 2025-26 was Kate Messner.

In Spring of 2026, with financial support from Amazon, the district established Think Big Corner classrooms for the middle & primary schools.





Access & Opportunity

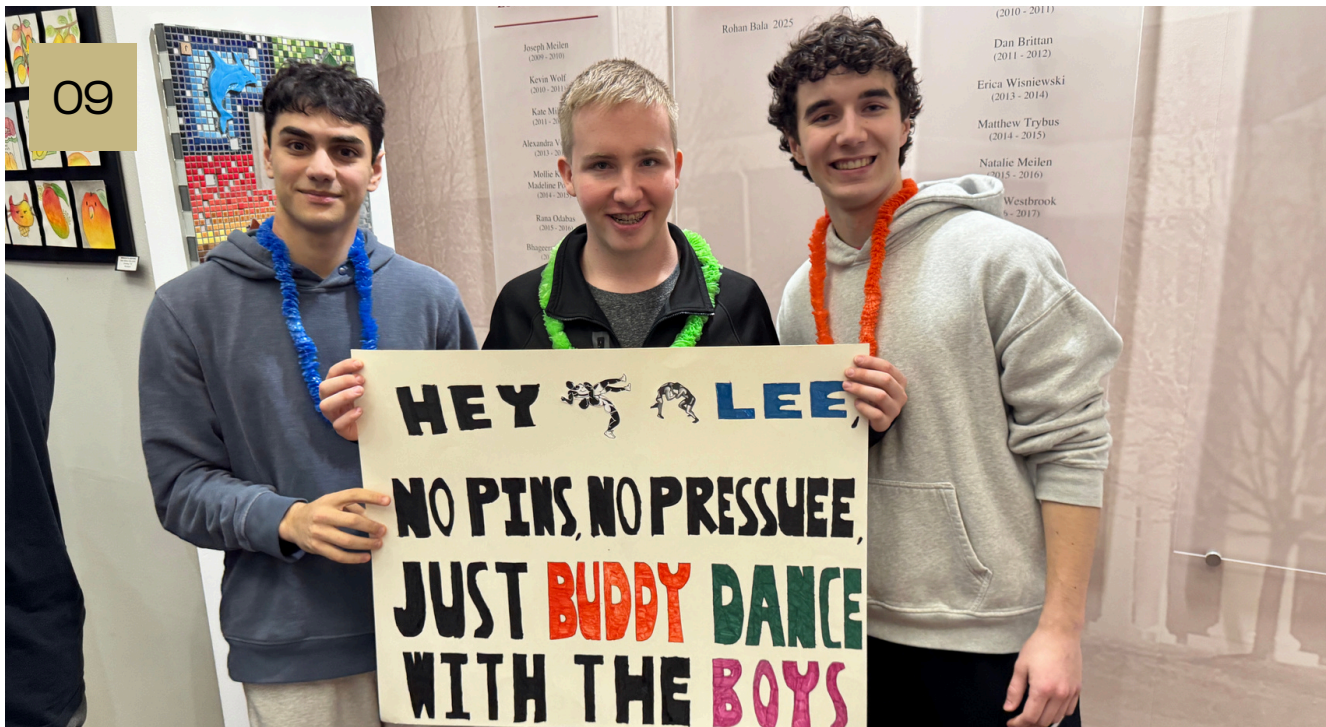
NAPLS students have the opportunity to participate in Global Learning. We partner with Education First (EF) to offer New Albany students the opportunity to follow their passions and learn in locations around the globe. In 2026 teacher-led student trips included: Historic Boston, Exploration of Spain and the Global Leadership Conference Lima, Peru & the Amazon (Grades 7-12)

Our student population continues to evolve as the district now has 40 languages spoken within our learning community with students proudly representing 60 countries of origin. The district continues to host an English Learners celebration night each year to create meaningful opportunities for students and families to learn from each other as they celebrate and share their cultural traditions, foods, language, dance and music.

New Albany High School is committed to service with a 25-hour service learning requirement for students for graduation. Our students serve the community in a variety of ways including the New Albany Food Pantry, Healthy New Albany, the New Albany Chamber of Commerce, New Albany Parks and Recreation, New Albany Special Olympics and more.

New Albany High School and Middle School students participate in a number of athletic opportunities and clubs at each school. Students participated in 29 athletic teams and 71 clubs and activities at New Albany High School. Students participated in 17 middle school sports and 17 clubs and activities at New Albany Middle School.





Campus Culture & Student Belonging

At NAPLS, we continued to implement The R-Factor for students and families to build upon our culture by instilling common language and behavior expectations necessary to promote student achievement, student growth and student well-being. We challenged students to understand the power of their “R” (Response) when navigating “E’s” (Events) to create desired “O’s” (Outcomes). Our efforts to infuse $E+R=O$ into our daily school culture and lives continued in 2025-26. The six disciplines are: Press Pause, Get Your Mind Right, Step Up, Adjust & Adapt, Make a Difference and Build Skill.

The work encourages and supports cultural awareness, knowledge, and skills creating opportunities for connectedness that lead to inspirational learning experiences. The focus of these experiences is to motivate all students and staff to achieve their best academic and developmental outcomes. During the 2025-26 school year several initiatives were enhanced including the House System district-wide.

Other student well-being supports and programs for students include Sources of Strength (SOS) both at the middle and high school, our school counselors and mental health specialists, prevention clinicians and programming through the Well-Being Initiative including The ROX “Ruling Our Experiences” program, Operation Street Smart and Drug and Alcohol Awareness.



FOCUS ON FINANCE

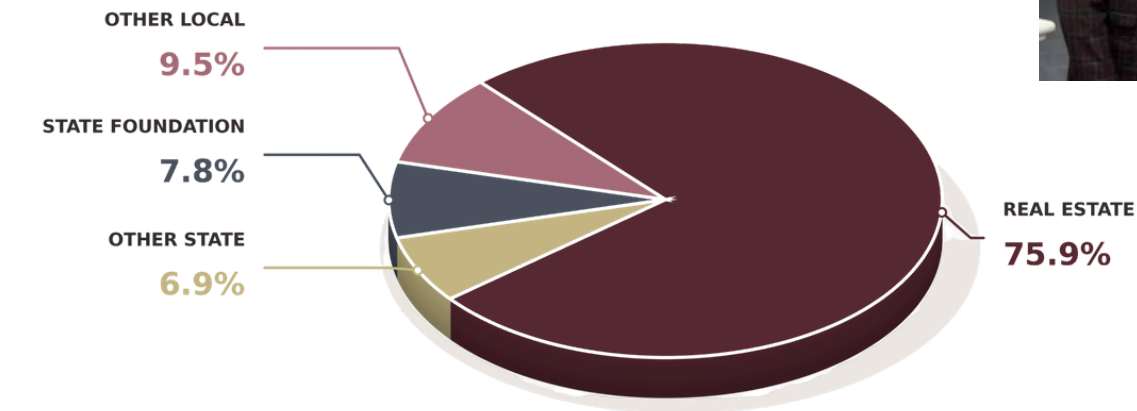


The District's Five-Year Forecast shows a positive ending cash balance in all future years. The February forecast projects a positive ending cash balance of \$868,575 due to unexpected prior year Tax Increment Financing (TIF) payments where a portion will continue into future years and reductions in all expenditure areas from the original October projections. Expenditure efficiencies helped offset the reduction in revenue due to reduced costs through attrition by only hiring those positions that can be justified and only spending funds when necessary. The graphic below illustrates how the District per pupil spending compares to other Franklin County school districts. ~Rebecca Jenkins, Treasurer/CFO

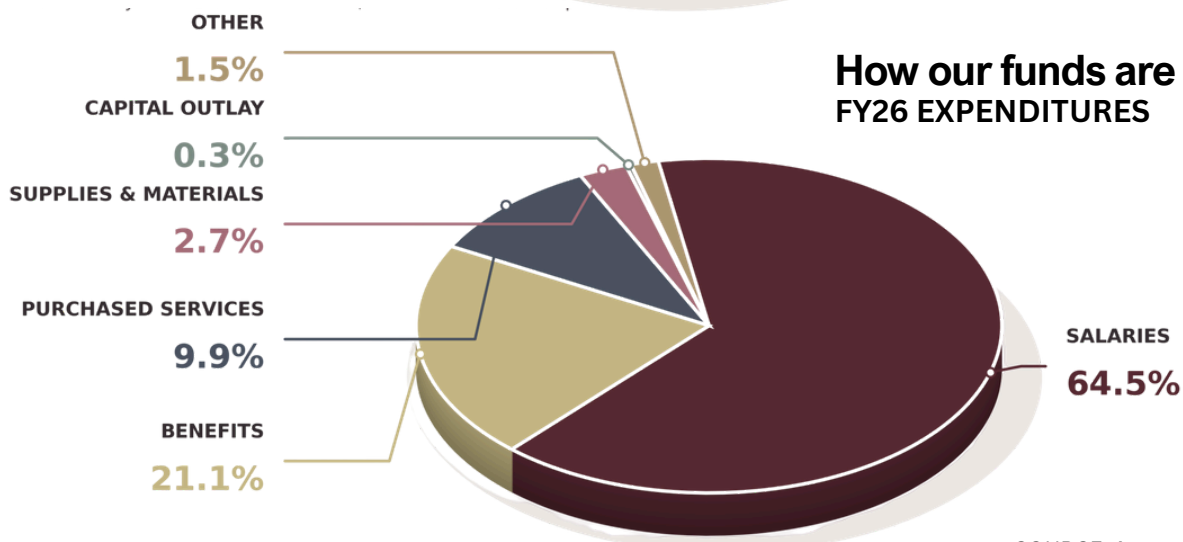
For the tenth consecutive year the NAPLS Finance office received the Auditor of State Award with Distinction for financial excellence and GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.



Where our funding comes from FY26 REVENUE SOURCES



How our funds are spent FY26 EXPENDITURES



SOURCE: August 2026 five-year forecast

BUILDING OUR FUTURE

Significant progress is being made on Phase One (2026-2028) of the Campus Master Plan with a groundbreaking for the New Primary School in February 2026, that will house grades K-2, the renovation of the iconic “H” building on the high school campus into a Technology Hub (slated to open in February 2027) and the ongoing development of an Athletic Campus at the former Discover Site. The Athletic Campus will prioritize the baseball & softball complex as those fields were displaced due to the new Primary School development. Phase Two (2028-2031) of the Campus Master Plan will result in a new Arts Hub (grades 6-12) & Science Hub at New Albany High School.



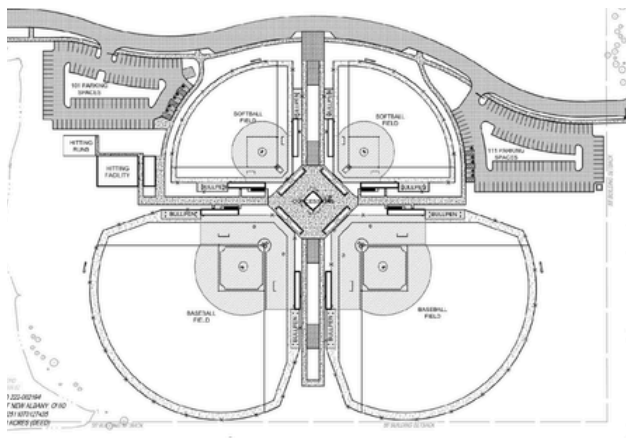
Primary School



Technology Hub



Baseball & Softball



BOARD OF EDUCATION



(L-R) Jeremy Nicholas, Board Member; Coleen Barber, Board Member; Jennifer Fuller, Board President; Mark Wilson, Vice-President & Paul Naumoff, Board Member



As a Board of Education, we remain committed to our District Purpose: *creating a culture of accountability that achieves the best academic and developmental outcomes for every student.*

The 2025-26 school year was one of achievement, progress, and transition for New Albany-Plain Local Schools. Our students continued to excel academically, supported by the extraordinary commitment of our teachers, administrators, staff, families, and community. Our strong performance on the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce Local Report Card reflects that collective dedication and our continued focus on growth, achievement, and student success.

We also made significant progress in planning for the future. Thanks to the continued support of our community, work advanced on our Campus Master Plan and the facilities and learning environments that will serve generations of students. At the same time, the District navigated an important leadership transition, celebrating the service of Superintendent Michael Sawyers and welcoming Dr. Jason Fine as our next Superintendent.

In 2025-26, the Board also experienced a transition. We are also grateful for the leadership of outgoing President Debra Kalinosky concluding her ten-year term in December 2025 as well as the leadership of then President John McClelland who also served over 12 years, leaving the board in the spring of 2026 to fill a vacancy on New Albany City Council.

We appreciate a community that continues to believe in its schools and invest in our students. Together, we are building upon a tradition of excellence while continually looking ahead to what is possible for every student. Thank you for your trust, partnership, and commitment to New Albany-Plain Local Schools.

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