

Spencerville Local Schools

Continuing to Exceed Expectations

At Spencerville Local Schools, we take great pride in our longstanding tradition of academic excellence and our commitment to providing outstanding educational opportunities for every student. Year after year, our students and staff continue to demonstrate what can be accomplished through hard work, dedication, and strong community support. As we reflect on another successful school year, we have much to celebrate and remain focused on building an even brighter future for our Bearcats.

This year's Ohio School Report Card once again confirms the quality of education being provided throughout Spencerville Local Schools. Our district earned **4 out of 5 stars, a rating that means Spencerville exceeds state standards.** While this represents a slight decrease from our 4.5-star ratings of the past three years, it is important to recognize that four stars means our district continues to **exceed the expectations established by the State of Ohio.**

One of our greatest accomplishments continues to be the outstanding performance of **Spencerville Elementary School, which earned a perfect 5-star rating once again.** Our elementary students and staff have established a remarkable tradition of excellence, providing a strong academic foundation for our youngest Bearcats. **Spencerville Middle School earned 4 stars,** exceeding state standards, while **Spencerville High School met state standards with 3.5 stars.**

Beyond the overall ratings, several areas deserve special recognition. Perhaps most impressive is our **100% graduation rate,** with every student in the measured graduating cohort earning a diploma within four years. Our district earned **5 stars in Graduation,** significantly exceeding state standards. Another tremendous accomplishment is our **5-star rating in Gap Closing,** which measures how effectively schools are meeting the needs of different groups of students. This rating demonstrates our commitment to ensuring every student has the support and opportunities needed to succeed.

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Our district also earned **4 stars in Achievement, another indication of the strong academic performance of our students.** While we are proud of these results, we recognize opportunities for improvement. One factor contributing to this year's decline was a decrease in the high school's **College, Career, Workforce and Military Readiness rating from 5 stars to 3 stars.** Importantly, this measure is based on the previous year's graduating class, meaning this year's rating reflects the Class of 2025. **The good news is that we have already reviewed the data for the Class of 2026 and anticipate an improvement to 4 stars on next year's report card.** We remain focused on strengthening academic growth, early literacy, and college and career readiness as we work toward our goal of five stars districtwide.

Looking ahead, our focus remains rooted in our district's purpose: **to ensure all Spencerville students are prepared for life-long success.** That means developing strong **academic skills**, confident **technology skills**, healthy **social-emotional skills**, and ensuring students are truly **career-ready**. Whether students choose college, technical training, military service, or the workforce, we want every Bearcat prepared for success beyond graduation.

Of course, excellence doesn't happen by chance. It takes an entire community working together. **Our teachers, aides, counselors, drivers, food service teams, custodians, coaches, administrators, and office staff** dedicate themselves to our students every day. **Our families** support learning at home, volunteer their time, and remain actively involved in our schools. And **our students** demonstrate the hard work, kindness, and determination that make Bearcat Country special.

We're also proud of our commitment to **responsible financial stewardship and safe, modern learning environments.** Recent investments in our facilities, technology, and educational resources provide students with outstanding opportunities. As we navigate the growing financial challenges facing public education, we remain committed to making responsible decisions, maximizing our resources, and preserving the outstanding educational opportunities our students and community deserve.

Our accomplishments reflect much more than ratings and statistics. They represent the dedication of our students, the commitment of our staff, and the unwavering support of a community that believes in the importance of education. While we celebrate our successes, we remain focused on continuous improvement and ensuring that every Bearcat has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Thank you for supporting Spencerville Local Schools. Together, we're building bright futures—right here in Spencerville. **Our tradition of excellence continues!**

#ProudToBeABearcat

Sincerely,

Brian Woods
Superintendent,
Spencerville Local Schools



2025 - 2026 Report Card for Spencerville Local

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

Achievement

The Achievement Component is a measure of how well students performed on state tests.



Exceeds state standards in academic achievement

Performance Index.....87.4%

Progress

The Progress Component is a measure of the growth students are making based on their past performance.



Evidence that the district met student growth expectations.

Overall.....

Gap Closing

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



Significantly exceeds state standards in closing educational gaps

Annual Performance Goals.....68.3%

Graduation

The Graduation Component is a measure of the percentage of students that graduate within 4 or 5 years.



Significantly exceeds state standards in graduation rates

100.0% of students graduated in 4 years

100.0% of students graduated in 5 years

Early Literacy

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



Meets state standards in early literacy (K-3).

Improving K-3 Literacy.....39.7%

Third Grade Reading Proficiency.....76.3%

Promotion to Fourth Grade.....82.5%

College, Career, Workforce, and Military Readiness

The College, Career, Workforce, and Military Readiness Component is a measure of how prepared Ohio's students are for future opportunities.

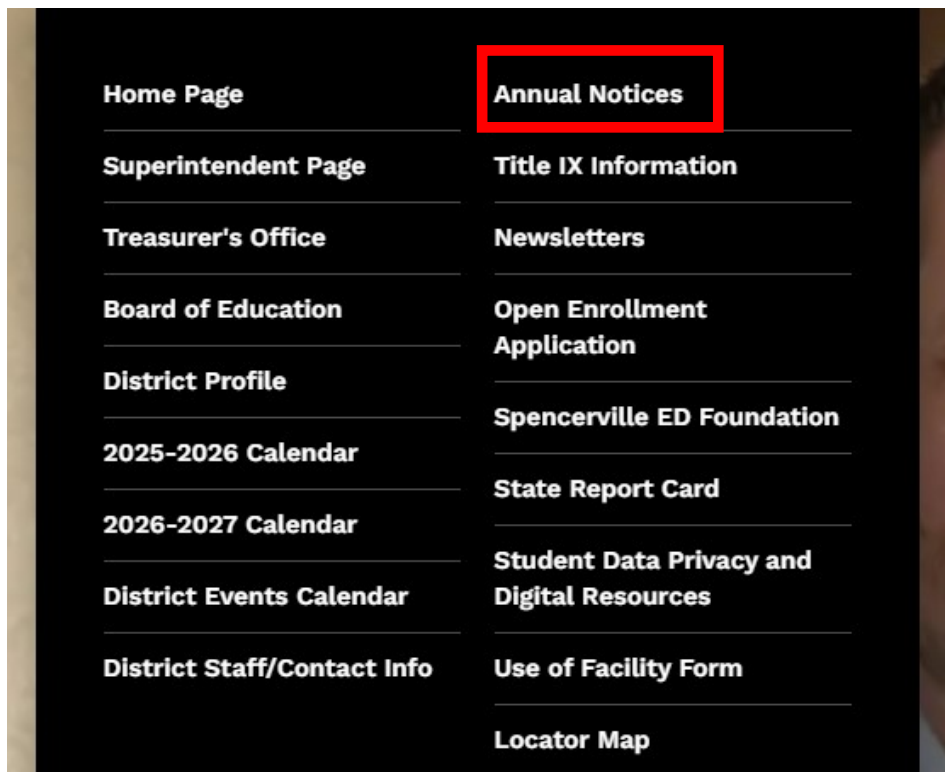


Meets state standards in college, career, workforce, and military readiness.

Students who are Ready.....68.7%

View all the data for our 2025-2026 district report cards at the following link:

<https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/district/045807>



REQUIRED ANNUAL NOTICES:

As the list of required annual notices we are required to provide our parents and community grows, we have decided to make them available year-round on our school website.

This feature will allow us to add and update notices as needed to provide you with the most accurate and current information.

Visit:

www.SpencervilleBearcats.com,

click on the **District Menu** and select **Annual Notices**.

If you have any questions, please call (419) 647-4111 x3201.

**YOU CAN'T HIDE
OUR PARENT PRIDE!**



The Spencerville PTO is excited for this school year, and we are looking forward to all the activities that we have planned for the students this year. Activities that the PTO pays for, supports or sponsors throughout the school year include:

Field Trips: We are happy to once again pay for all elementary field trips this year. Students will be going to Crossway Farms, Allen County Children's Museum, LaComedia Dinner Theatre, Brunner Nature Center and Johnston Farm this fall. Already scheduled trips for the spring include a trip to the Fort Wayne Zoo as well as the Ohio Caverns.

HERO Cart: We are excited to bring back the HERO Cart once again this year. This is an extra attendance incentive that works alongside Mrs. Wagner's recognition for students with near-perfect/perfect attendance. Any student in K-4 who has near-perfect/perfect attendance following each quarter will be able to pick an item off of the HERO cart. There will also be a drawing for a bike following the 2nd quarter for students who had near-perfect/perfect attendance in both the 1st and 2nd quarters as well as another drawing for a bike following the 4th quarter for students who had near-perfect/perfect attendance in both the 3rd and 4th quarters.

Teacher Conference Meals: We will be providing meals and snacks for the elementary teachers during parent/teacher conferences in November.

Fall Book Fair: The Scholastic Fall Book Fair will be coming in November during parent/teacher conferences. More info will be coming soon so keep an eye out!

National Reading Month: In the month of March, we will be doing themed Fridays again to celebrate National Reading Month.

Spring Book Fair: The Scholastic Spring Book Fair will be held during the K-12 Art Show. More info to come.

Teacher Appreciation: May 4th–May 8th. We are planning on ways to show our teachers how much they mean to us.

Laps for Learning: This is our one and only fundraiser each year and is held in May. More information will be sent out as we get it planned and organized again this year.

Spencerville-Jennings PTO is a non-profit organization, and we rely on the support of donations from parents, teachers and community members.

Box Tops for Education and Kroger Community Rewards are both easy ways to help support the PTO all year long. For Box Tops, just download the app, add Spencerville Jennings as your school and scan your receipts. Or connect your retailer accounts to earn for your school every time you purchase participating products without scanning receipts.

For Kroger Rewards, visit, www.krogercommunityrewards.com, sign into your account and link your Kroger Plus Card to our organization (Spencerville-Jennings PTO, Inc. Org#: XB857).

These are such simple ways to give back! Thank you, shoppers!

If you would like to be a part of the PTO or have suggestions; please reach out to us. Our meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in room 202 at 4:00 PM. Children are welcome to attend with their parents!

Facebook: Spencerville-Jennings PTO

Email: spencervillepto@yahoo.com

Spencerville School District Webpage: Departments, PTO|



1% School District Income Tax RENEWAL



Spencerville Local School District voters will consider the **renewal of the District's existing 1% school district income tax** on **November 3, 2026**. Below are answers to some of the most important questions about the ballot issue.

Is this a new tax or a tax increase?

No. This is a **renewal of the existing 1% school district income tax**. The proposed rate remains at 1%. If approved, the renewal would begin January 1, 2028, after the current tax expires on December 31, 2027.

How long would the renewal last?

The tax would be renewed for **five years**, beginning January 1, 2028.

What is the income tax used for?

Revenue from the income tax supports the District's **day-to-day operating expenses**, including personnel and benefits, utilities, purchased services, supplies, curriculum and other General Fund expenses.

How much revenue does the income tax generate?

The District received approximately **\$1.70 million** from the school district income tax in fiscal year 2026 and projects approximately **\$1.75 million** in fiscal year 2027. Income tax revenue currently represents approximately **12% of the District's General Fund revenue**.

Actual collections can vary from year to year based on taxable income and economic conditions.

Who pays the tax?

The tax generally applies to residents of the Spencerville Local School District who have income subject to Ohio's **traditional school district income tax**. It is separate from federal, state and municipal income taxes.

What does the District's financial forecast show?

For financial planning purposes, the District's August 2026 forecast reflects the **continued collection of the existing 1% school district income tax beyond its current expiration date**. This allows the forecast to show the District's financial position if this existing revenue source continues.

Even with this revenue continuing, the forecast shows expenditures growing faster than revenues. By fiscal year 2030, expenditures will exceed revenues by over \$1 million per year.

What happens if the income tax is not renewed?

The existing income tax would continue through **December 31, 2027**, and then expire. The District would no longer receive this revenue after the remaining collections associated with the tax are received.

Because the current forecast reflects the continuation of this revenue source, the District would need to update its forecast and financial plans accordingly.

What does my vote mean?

A vote **FOR THE TAX** means the existing 1% school district income tax would continue for another five years beginning January 1, 2028.

A vote **AGAINST THE TAX** means the tax would not be renewed and would expire at the end of 2027.

Additional Information

Residents who would like additional information may review the District's five-year financial forecast, Board resolutions and other public financial records or contact the District with questions.

This information is provided for informational purposes only. Spencerville Local School District does not advocate for or against the ballot issue.

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR SPENCERVILLE JUNIORS - PROM (DANCE)

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH | 5-9PM
3292 ELIDA RD, LIMA, OH, 45805

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **NNQ8L6N**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

Screen shot
this flyer to share
and show
at Chipotle!



CHIPOTLE

For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

SPENCERVILLE JUNIOR CLASS - 2027 PROM SPONSORSHIP

The Spencerville Junior Class is excited to announce our Prom to be held at the Veteran's Memorial Civic Center on **April 24, 2027**.

As we prepare for this memorable event, we are looking for sponsors to help offset some of our expenses. In exchange for your sponsorship you will receive the recognitions listed below. We will also list all of our sponsors on our school's Facebook page. **All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Receipts are available upon request.**

We do realize you receive numerous requests for donations and truly appreciate your consideration in helping us to make this a successful prom hosted by the junior class for our 2027 Senior Class. Your donation will go directly to costs (venue, security, decorations, DJ services, royalty awards). Any overage will stay with the junior class as they move on to their senior year.

I/we would like to help sponsor the 2027 Spencerville Schools Junior & Senior Prom:

1. Platinum Sponsor - \$300 or more
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognition on all promotional materials• Announcement of sponsorship during the event
2. Gold Sponsor - \$200 - \$299
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognition on select promotional materials• Acknowledgment during the event
3. Silver Sponsor - \$100 - \$199
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name listed on promotional materials• Acknowledgment during the event
4. Bronze Sponsor - \$50 - \$99
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name listed on promotional materials

Name/Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Sponsorship Amount:

Platinum \$ _____

Gold \$ _____

Silver \$ _____

Bronze \$ _____

Cash or Checks payable to SHS Junior Class.

Thank you,

Spencerville Junior Class - Kim Ekis, Advisor

(419) 647-4111 x3201 - ekisk@svbearcats.org

Please mail before 12/1 to:

Spencerville Junior Class
600 School St
Spencerville, OH 45887 |



Spencerville High School Building Report

Narrative: The employees of Spencerville High School made one commitment, to provide each student with an opportunity to receive an education that not only meets his/her current needs but also their needs in years to come. This is accomplished through a wide variety of educational opportunities, a caring and qualified staff, an energetic and thorough maintenance crew, and a supportive administration.



School Day: School begins at 7:45 am and ends at 2:45 pm. School was to be in session one hundred seventy-five (175) days. School was not in session nine (9) days due to inclement weather.

Attendance: There were three hundred twenty-eight (328) students enrolled in Spencerville High School for the 2025-2026 school year. Sixty-seven (67) students attended Apollo Career Center.

The Curriculum: Credits offered in the following areas: agriculture (8), art (6), business education (5), computer (3), English/Language Arts/Speech (9.5), foreign language [Spanish] (4), health/PE (1.75), mathematics (9), music (3), science (6), social studies (7), work and family life (5)

College Credit Plus Curriculum offered at Spencerville: Accounting I & II, Computer Applications I, Advanced English III, Advanced English IV, Personal Finance, and American Government, American History, Speech

Advanced Curriculum: Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy and Physiology, Calculus, Advanced Senior English, Advanced Junior English, Advanced Sophomore English, Advanced Freshman English

Fine Arts Curriculum: Art I, II, III, IV, V; Instrumental Music/Band; Vocal Music/Choir; Music Theory; Speech; Photography, Technical Drawing, Yearbook

Extra/Co-Curricular & Clubs: The high school offered a wide variety of extra-curricular programs and activities including football, golf, cheerleading, volleyball, cross-country, soccer, basketball, wrestling, track, softball, and baseball. Clubs included SADD, FCCLA, FFA, FCA, Art, Scholastic Team, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Choir, Varsity Singers, All-School Musical, Flag Corps, National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, Student Council, Spanish, and Yearbook.

Special Services: The high school is assisted by a school psychologist, speech therapist, and county special education supervisor.

Credits Required for Graduation:

21.5 (4 English, 4 Math, 3 Science, 3 Social Studies, ½ Health, ½ PE, ½ Financial Literacy, 1 Fine Arts, 5 Electives)

The Grading Scale:

A 94 - 100 B+ 87 - 89 C+ 77 - 79 D+ 67 - 69 F 0 - 59

A- 90 - 93 B 83 - 86 C 73 - 76 D 63 - 66

B- 80 - 82 C- 70 - 72 D- 60 - 62

GPA: Calculated at the conclusion of each semester

Class Rank: Based on total GPA - total grade points divided by total credits attempted. (Does not include Spencerville Digital Academy students or classes)

Honor Roll: Merit 3.6 - 4.00, Regular 3.00 - 3.59

Testing: PLAN (optional for sophomores), PSAT (optional for sophomores and juniors), ACT (all juniors will take in 2026), End of Course Exams: English II, Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, American History, Government

End of Course Testing Results 2026:

English II - 77 tested with 68% proficient or higher; State Average 60%

Algebra I - 83 tested with 75% proficient or higher; State Average 57%

Geometry - 91 tested with 63% proficient or higher; State Average 45%

Biology - 89 tested with 74% proficient or higher; State Average 66%

American History - 75 tested with 80% proficient or higher; State Average 72%

American Government - 72 tested with 72% proficient or higher; State Average 71%

***ACT 2025-2026 Average:** 19.8 Composite (includes all juniors)

Graduates: Post-Secondary Plans: 2-yr institution 16%

[2026 graduates] 4-yr institution 36%

Military 2%

Employment 40%

Other/Unknown 6%

Student Data 2025-2026:

	Male	Female	Total	Apollo - only	Male	Female	Total
9th Grade	42	38	80				
10th Grade	37	32	69	10th Grade	2	0	2
11th Grade	37	43	80	11th Grade	23	14	37
12th Grade	39	50	89	12th Grade	18	10	28
	155	163	318		43	24	67

Mr. Scott Gephart
High School Principal

Spencerville Middle School Annual Building Report

Narrative

Regular attendance and strong work ethic are essential if students are to meet with the desired success level in school. Middle school students need, and in most cases prefer, defined expectations for regular attendance, discipline, and school work. Teachers and parents need to make a concerted effort to encourage pupils to be in attendance each day with their work completed and with a sincere interest in learning.

The Spencerville Middle School has a clearly defined discipline policy that promotes a strong learning environment as well as teachers who insist that students complete reasonable assignments. A clean, orderly environment with a sense of purpose is evident in our building. It is a place where all students are expected to learn.

Some Accomplishments of Middle School

1. Academic Success - over 60% of students in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 make the yearly merit or regular honor roll.
2. There were nine eighth grade students who were honored for academic excellence by receiving the President's Education Award. The award requires students to maintain a 3.6 or better GPA throughout Middle School. This special award is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and is signed by the President. Students receiving this award were Eden Bowersock, Kiya Fleck, Julia Kidd, Evan Litsey, Isabella Martello, Leah Moeller, Ethan Schwartz, August Smith, Lena Whetstone.
3. Some of the ways middle school students were being rewarded for academic achievement and/or good citizenship - Students of the Month, Rewards for Honor Roll Students, and Positive Progress Reports to Students.

The Grading Scale:

Letter Grade/Percentage

A	94 - 100	A-	90-93	
B+	87-89	B	83-86	B- 80-82
C+	77-79	C	73-76	C- 70-72
D+	67-69	D	63-66	D- 60-62
F	0-59			

Honor Roll: Merit 3.6 - 4.00, Regular 3.00 - 3.59

Staff Data - Middle School (Grades 5-8) 2025-2026

1. 1 full-time Administrator
2. 1 full-time Secretary
3. 1 Guidance Counselor
4. 1 Social Worker
4. 2 Teacher Aides
5. 20 full-time academic and special education personnel
 - Female 13
 - Male 7
 - Average years of experience, 22 years



Student Data- 2025-2026

Grade	Male	Female	Total
5 th	33	24	57
6 th	36	40	76
7 th	35	35	70
8 th	<u>39</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>80</u>
	143	140	283

Curriculum and Testing

Greater emphasis has been placed on improving growth for all students, specifically gifted and low performing students. Solving story problems and using manipulations are strategies being used by teachers to enhance students' reasoning skills. Providing support to help ensure students' access to their grade level curriculum. A select group of students take Algebra in the eighth grade and perhaps will subsequently have more opportunity for advanced math in high school.

Competency-based education tests are a state requirement for grades 5, 6, 7, 8 and are used as a tool for parents, teachers, and students to identify strengths and weaknesses of performance in the areas of reading, math, and science and social studies. We have state achievement tests in the following areas: 5th grade - reading, math, and science; 6th grade - reading and math; 7th grade - reading and math; 8th grade - reading, math, and science. For further information, the link for the Ohio Department of Education is listed below.

<https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/school/overview/061960>

John Zerbe

Middle School Principal

Bearcat Athletics: Finishing Strong and Looking Ahead!

Greg Ekis, Athletic Director

As we approach the end of the fall sports season, there is a lot to be proud of here at Spencerville! Our student-athletes and coaches have put in countless hours of hard work, dedication, and preparation to represent our school and community. It has been exciting to watch our teams compete, improve, and represent what it means to be a Bearcat.



With tournament time upon us, we want to wish all of our fall athletes and coaches the best of luck as they finish their seasons. This is the time of year when all that hard work pays off, and we look forward to seeing our teams compete and hopefully make some great tournament runs!

Fall Tournament and Season Information

- Girls Soccer: October 21 - HOME vs. Delphos at 5:30 PM
- Boys Soccer: October 22 - AT Ottoville at 5:00 PM
- Volleyball: October 22 - vs. Marion Local at St. Henry at 7:30 PM
- Football: October 22 - Final regular-season game AT Delphos Jefferson

We encourage everyone to get out and support our Bearcats as they finish their seasons. There is nothing better than seeing our community come together to support our student-athletes. To all our fall athletes, keep working hard, keep competing, and keep winning and moving on! We are proud of you!

Winter Sports Are Right Around the Corner!

As our fall sports wrap up, we are already looking forward to another exciting winter season. Our coaches and athletes are preparing to get back to work, and we cannot wait to see what this winter brings.

Winter Sports Start Dates:

- Girls Basketball - October 30
- Bowling - October 30
- Boys Basketball - November 6
- Boys and Girls Wrestling - November 13

We are excited about the opportunities ahead for all of our winter programs. Whether it is on the basketball court, wrestling mat, or bowling lanes, we look forward to watching our athletes compete and continue building on the pride and tradition of Spencerville Athletics.

We Need Your Help!

One of the things that makes Spencerville special is the support we receive from our community. **As we prepare for basketball season, we are looking for volunteers to help make our home games run smoothly.** We need individuals willing to help with game clocks, scoreboards, announcing, and playing music during games.

You do not need to be an expert! We can help you learn, and even volunteering for a few games would make a tremendous difference. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Athletic Department.

Thank You, Bearcat Nation!

I want to personally thank our athletes, coaches, parents, staff, volunteers, and community members for their continued support of Spencerville Athletics.

We have a lot to be proud of at Spencerville. Let's finish the fall strong, carry that momentum into the winter, and continue building something special together.



The poster is for the Spencerville Athletic Booster Bash. At the top left, it says "SPENCERVILLE ATHLETIC BOOSTER Bash" in a mix of bold, blocky, and script fonts. To the right is a large red "S" with a white star. Below this is an illustration of a jockey in a red and white uniform riding a black horse. To the right of the horse, it says "MAIN EVENT NIGHT at the RACES" in large, bold letters. At the bottom, there are four circular icons: a horse head, two wine glasses, a dollar sign, and a group of people. Below these icons are details about the event: "EXCITING HORSE RACES YOU BET!", "FOOD, DRINKS & FUN!", "REVERSE RAFFLE", and "GREAT PEOPLE. GREAT CAUSE. STRONGER TOGETHER." Further down, it lists the date as "SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH", the schedule as "5:00 PM - DOORS OPEN 6:00 PM - DINNER", and the location as "SPENCERVILLE VFW". At the very bottom, it says "ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT SPENCERVILLE ATHLETES" and "THANK YOU FOR INVESTING IN THEIR FUTURE!". The bottom of the poster has a red banner with the text "BET ON FUN. BET ON OUR ATHLETES. MAKE AN IMPACT." and a star.

★ SPENCERVILLE ★
ATHLETIC BOOSTER
Bash

MAIN EVENT
NIGHT
at the
RACES

EXCITING HORSE RACES YOU BET!
FOOD, DRINKS & FUN!
REVERSE RAFFLE
GREAT PEOPLE. GREAT CAUSE. STRONGER TOGETHER.

DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH
SCHEDULE: 5:00 PM - DOORS OPEN 6:00 PM - DINNER
LOCATION: SPENCERVILLE VFW

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT SPENCERVILLE ATHLETES
THANK YOU FOR INVESTING IN THEIR FUTURE!

BET ON FUN. BET ON OUR ATHLETES. MAKE AN IMPACT. ★

Join us for a Night at the Races at The Booster Bash on Sat, Oct 24th at the VFW !

To purchase tickets or to donate (baskets, gift cards, monetary, etc), please contact our AD, Greg Ekis or any Booster Board member - Shawn McPheron, Brooke McMichael, Gina Sensabaugh, or Chasidy Bell! Tickets are also being sold at The Hair Chair by Alisha McMichael!

Spencerville Elementary Building

Annual Progress Report from the 2025-2026 school year

I. Narrative

The purpose of education at Spencerville Elementary is to provide students with competent continuous instruction, sequential learning activities, and personal guidance whereby each child may develop to the maximum of his/her ability.

Students should be given opportunities to develop a sense of social and civic responsibility. The emotional maturity of the student may be improved by self-discipline, a sense of belonging, and by finding satisfaction in his/her development.

In elementary education there is the permanent responsibility to help students explore their abilities and interests in order for them to discover and develop their goals, purposes, and direction in life.

The goal of education in the elementary grades of the Spencerville schools is to assist children in mastering the basic tools of learning. These tools, including reading, language arts, math, science, and social studies, are needed to help students become clear thinking individuals capable of solving everyday problems. The years of elementary education are also designed to provide opportunities for each child to develop mentally, physically, and socially. Strong efforts are also made to encourage each child to respect law and order, to respect the rights, opinions, and property of others, and to practice tolerance and self-control. The teachers work hard to teach a knowledge of, and appreciation for, the people of other lands, a loyalty to America and the American way of life.

We are very fortunate at our elementary school to have an outstanding Parent-Teacher Organization. The Parent-Teacher Organization has purchased many items for our school over the years, as well as fund our field trips.

Parents are welcome and encouraged to visit our schools and to become an active part of our volunteers and Parent-Teacher Organization.

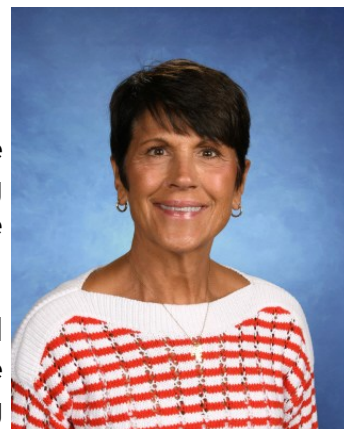
II. Staff Data:

In 2025-2026 the elementary school (K-4) had:

1. 21 full-time equivalent classroom personnel and special education personnel and a pupil/teacher ratio of 18 to 1
2. 2 full-time equivalent other personnel (Title One)
3. 1 full-time equivalent administrative personnel
4. 1 Guidance Counselor
5. 1 full-time equivalent paid aid (Playground Supervisor)
6. 1 part-time instructional aide.
7. 1 part-time TESOL instructor.
8. 4 part-time elective teachers (PE, Music, Art and Technology)
9. 5 part-time equivalent volunteers
10. Average teaching experience, 16.25 years.

Homeroom teachers:

- 4 personnel with five years training (Bachelors +)
- 21 personnel with Masters Degree
- 11. 100% of teaching staff was Caucasian.
- 12. 80% of the teachers were women.



III. Pupil Data:

1.	Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
	Kdg	38	26	64
	1	32	25	57
	2	49	25	74
	3	40	40	80
	4	35	32	67
		186	146	342

2. 161 (47%) of total enrollment received free or reduced-price lunches.

IV. Standardized Test Data:

The Readiness Assessment was given to kindergarten students as required by the state. Grades K-4 were administered diagnostic tests for reading and math. Grades 3 and 4 students were given Ohio State assessments for both reading and math.

All students in grades K-3 who were determined not "on track" were put on a Reading Improvement and Monitoring Plan, which included parental input, and were progress monitored. Progress monitoring is done to help to ensure that students are making adequate gains toward grade level expectations. On track means that students were reading at or close to grade level.

Students in grade 2 were also given Cognitive Abilities Test in the fall. All students are given the iReady benchmark assessment. These tests determine a basic level of aptitude and ability in Science, Math, English Language Arts, and Social Studies. These tests also help identify students who are gifted and may need additional services.

Spencerville Elementary held a parent night in March that enabled parents and students to learn more about the canal. There were several stations available, including relics to see from the local museum, lock stations to see how the water levels changed to get the canal boats through and a simulation to learn how difficult it could be to navigate the boats. Our FFA students presented a station so students could learn about the animals and fish that live in the canal. We even had students design the infamous canalligator!

Spencerville Elementary received an overall rating of 5 stars.

Explanations and details for the grade card can be found at <https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/school/overview/035337>.

This is an interactive site on Ohio Department of Education's web page.

Susan Wagner, Principal

Growing More Than Just Vegetables!

Our school garden has been growing more than just vegetables—it has been growing skills, confidence, and opportunities for our students! Students have enjoyed picking fresh produce to take home to their families and using it in school activities. Our agriculture students practiced proper vegetable-cutting techniques, while our multi-handicap students learned how to harvest vegetables and cut fresh flowers. FCCLA students even incorporated garden-fresh vegetables into a delicious breakfast! The garden has provided hands-on learning experiences across multiple programs, helping students build practical life skills while discovering the rewards of growing and sharing fresh food. We are proud to see our garden bringing learning to life throughout our school!

Mrs. Rachel Munshower - 7th and 8th grade Science



RETIREE BREAKFAST



Front Row (L to R): Pam Smith, Karen Shafer, Pat Warnecke, Georgia McMichael, Teresa Savidge, Judy Coil, Georgia Keller, Marie Herman

Second Row (L to R): Diane Binkley, LuAnn Youngpeter, Paula Bice, Diane Eutsler, Verna Howell, Deb Kill, Karen Schwark, Denise Lyle, Cindy Rammel, Linda Yahl, Ted Savidge

Superintendent Brian Woods welcomed our retired staff back this month for our 54th annual Retiree Breakfast on Wednesday, September 30th. The delicious breakfast was prepared by Miss Purdy and the FCCLA.

If you are a retired staff member of Spencerville Local Schools and you did not receive an invitation this year, please contact Kim Ekis at (419) 647-4111 x3201 or ekisk@svbearcats.org to be sure you are first on the list for next year! Thank you!



STUDENT COUNCIL 2026

TRUNK OR TREAT

all ARE WELCOME
6-7:30PM



JOIN US IN THE WEST
PARKING LOT
@SPENCERVILLE
SCHOOLS
FOR A NIGHT OF
HALLOWEEN FUN



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Contact

baumgartnerjoy@svbearcats.org if you
want to display your trunk.

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SPENCERVILLE SCHOOLS - JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE - 2026 / 2027

JV/Varsity Boys Basketball				JV/Varsity Girls Basketball			
Friday, December 4, 2026	St. Henry	Home	6:00 PM	Tuesday, November 24, 2026	Ottawa-Glandorf	Home	5:30 PM
Saturday, December 5, 2026	Fort Jennings	Away	6:00 PM	Tuesday, December 1, 2026	Elida	Away	6:00 PM
Saturday, December 12, 2026	Ottoville	Home	6:00 PM	Thursday, December 3, 2026	Lima Sr	Away	5:30 PM
Friday, December 18, 2026	LCC	Away	6:00 PM	Tuesday, December 8, 2026	Van Wert	Away	6:00 PM
Saturday, December 19, 2026	Wayne Trace	Home	5:00 PM	Thursday, December 10, 2026	LCC	Home	5:30 PM
Saturday, December 26, 2026	Perry	Home	5:00 PM	Thursday, December 17, 2026	Columbus Grove	Home	5:30 PM
Tuesday, December 29, 2026	Coldwater	Away	6:00 PM	Saturday, December 19, 2026	Delphos St. John's	Home	11:00 AM
Saturday, January 2, 2027	Kalida	Away	6:00 PM	Tuesday, December 22, 2026	Marion Local	Home	5:30 PM
Friday, January 8, 2027	Columbus Grove	Home	6:00 PM	Saturday, January 2, 2027	Fort Jennings	Home	12:00 PM
Saturday, January 9, 2027	Bath	Home	5:00 PM	Tuesday, January 5, 2027	St. Marys	Home	5:30 PM
Friday, January 15, 2027	Lincolnvew	Home	6:00 PM	Thursday, January 7, 2027	Lincolnvew	Away	5:30 PM
Saturday, January 16, 2027	Arlington	Home	5:00 PM	Saturday, January 9, 2027	St. Henry	Home	12:00 PM
Friday, January 22, 2027	Crestview	Away	6:00 PM	Thursday, January 14, 2027	Crestview	Away	5:30 PM
Saturday, January 23, 2027	Delphos St. John's	Away	6:00 PM	Saturday, January 16, 2027	New Knoxville	Home	11:00 AM
Saturday, January 30, 2027	Minster	Away	6:00 PM	Tuesday, January 19, 2027	Coldwater	Away	6:00 PM
Tuesday, February 2, 2027	Elida	Home	6:00 PM	Thursday, January 21, 2027	Delphos Jefferson	Away	5:30 PM
Friday, February 5, 2027	Allen East	Away	6:00 PM	Saturday, January 23, 2027	Parkway	Home	11:00 AM
Saturday, February 6, 2027	New Knoxville	Away	6:00 PM	Tuesday, January 26, 2027	Kalida	Away	6:00 PM
Friday, February 12, 2027	Bluffton	Home	6:00 PM	Thursday, January 28, 2027	Allen East	Home	5:30 PM
Saturday, February 13, 2027	Marion Local	Away	6:00 PM	Monday, February 1, 2027	Bath (Sr Night)	Home	5:30 AM
Friday, February 19, 2027	Delphos Jefferson	Home	6:00 PM	Thursday, February 4, 2027	Bluffton	Away	5:30 PM
Saturday, February 20, 2027	Van Wert	Home	5:00 PM	Tuesday, February 9, 2027	Colina	Away	6:00 PM
Jr High Boys Basketball				Jr High Girls Basketball			
Tuesday, December 1, 2026	Crestview	Away	5:00 PM	Tuesday, December 1, 2026	Crestview	Home	5:00 PM
Tuesday, December 8, 2026	LCC	Home	5:00 PM	Thursday, December 3, 2026	Ottoville	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday, December 10, 2026	Perry	Away	5:30 PM	Monday, December 7, 2026	Kalida	Away	5:00 PM
Saturday, December 12, 2026	Fort Jennings	Home	10:00 AM	Tuesday, December 8, 2026	LCC	Away	5:00 PM
Tuesday, December 15, 2026	Lincolnvew	Away	5:00 PM	Thursday, December 10, 2026	Perry	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday, December 17, 2026	Elida	Home	5:00 PM	Tuesday, December 15, 2026	Lincolnvew	Home	5:00 PM
Tuesday, December 22, 2026	St. Marys	Home	5:00 PM	Thursday, December 17, 2026	Fort Jennings	Away	5:00 PM
Monday, January 4, 2027	Kalida	Home	5:00 PM	Tuesday, January 5, 2027	Columbus Grove	Away	5:00 PM
Tuesday, January 5, 2027	Columbus Grove	Home	5:00 PM	Thursday, January 7, 2027	Wapak	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday, January 7, 2027	Wapak	Away	5:30 PM	Saturday, January 9, 2027	Parkway	Home	10:00 AM
Tuesday, January 12, 2027	Bluffton	Away	5:00 PM	Tuesday, January 12, 2026	Bluffton	Home	5:00 PM
Tuesday, January 19, 2027	Allen East	Home	5:00 PM	Monday, January 18, 2027	Allen East	Away	5:00 PM
Thursday, January 21, 2027	Van Wert	Home	5:00 PM	Tuesday, January 19, 2027	Elida	Away	5:00 PM
Saturday, January 23, 2027	NWC Tournament	Away	10:00 AM	Saturday, January 23, 2027	Hardin Northern	Away	10:00 AM
Thursday, January 28, 2027	Shawnee	Away	5:00 PM	Thursday, January 28, 2027	Shawnee	Home	5:00 PM
Saturday, January 30, 2027	NWC Tournament	Away	10:00 AM	Saturday, January 30, 2027	NWC Tournament	Away	TBA
Tuesday, February 2, 2027	Parkway	Away	5:00 PM	Wednesday, February 3, 2027	NWC Tournament	Away	5:00 PM
Thursday, February 4, 2027	Delphos Jefferson	Away	5:00 PM	Thursday, February 4, 2027	Jefferson	Away	5:00 PM
Saturday, February 6, 2027	NWC Tournament	Away	10:00 AM	Saturday, February 6, 2027	NWC Tournament	Away	TBA
Varsity Boys Wrestling				Varsity Girls Wrestling			
Saturday, December 12, 2026	Lincolnvew	Away	9:00am	Saturday, December 19, 2026	Ayersville	Away	9:00 AM
Saturday, December 19, 2026	Delphos St. Johns	Away	9:00am	Sunday, December 20, 2026	West Liberty Salem	Away	9:00 AM
Saturday, December 29, 2026	Parkway	Away	9:00am	Monday, December 28, 2026	Defiance	Away	10:00 AM
Saturday, January 2, 2027	Lima Senior	Away	10:00am	Saturday, January 16, 2027	Patrick Henry	Away	9:00 AM
Saturday, January 9th, 2027	Crestview	Away	9:00am	Sunday, February 7, 2027	National Trail	Away	9:00 AM
Monday, January 11, 2027	Lincolnvew	Away	6:00pm	Saturday, February 13, 2027	Crestview (NWC)	Away	9:00 AM
Tuesday, January 26, 2027	Crestview	Away	6:30pm				
Friday, January 29, 2027	LCC	Away	5:30pm	Jr High Wrestling			
Saturday, January 30, 2027	LCC	Away	9:30am	Saturday, December 5, 2026	Spencerville	Home	9:00 AM
Saturday, February 6, 2027	Ada	Away	9:30am	Saturday, December 12, 2026	Allen East	Away	9:30 PM
Saturday, February 13, 2027	Crestview (NWC)	Away	9:00am	Saturday, December 19, 2026	Ayersville (Girls)	Away	9:00 PM
				Wednesday, December 23, 2026	Coldwater	Away	10:00 AM
				Monday, December 28, 2026	Defiance (Girls)	Away	10:00 AM
				Saturday, January 9, 2027	Ayersville	Away	9:00 AM
				Monday, January 11, 2027	Lincolnvew	Away	5:00 PM
				Saturday, January 16, 2027	Shawnee	Away	10:00 AM
				Saturday, January 16, 2027	Patrick Henry (Girls)	Away	9:00 AM
				Tuesday, January 26, 2027	Crestview	Away	6:00 PM
				Saturday, January 30, 2027	Elida	Away	9:00 AM
				Saturday, February 13, 2027	Crestview (NWC)	Away	9:00 AM
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SPENCERVILLE CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

December 4-5, 2026 | Spencerville, Ohio

Get ready for a weekend full of Christmas magic, family fun, and small-town holiday spirit! Join us for the Spencerville Christmas Village, a beloved community tradition filled with festive activities, holiday entertainment, and memories for the whole family.

Friday, December 4th at 6:00 PM: Kick off the festivities with our **Christmas Parade and Village Tree Lighting!** Come downtown, enjoy the holiday sights and sounds, and help us light up Spencerville for the Christmas season.

Saturday, December 5th from 3:00-7:00 PM: The Christmas Village returns with something for everyone! Enjoy our **craft show, cookie walk, ice skating rink, bounce houses, pony rides, barrel cart rides, Santa's Workshop, letters to Santa, and a chance to meet Santa himself!** There will also be **food trucks, prizes, and so much more** Christmas magic waiting around every corner. **Best of all, the Christmas Village is a FREE community event!** Bring the whole family, invite your friends, and spend the weekend celebrating the most wonderful time of the year right here in Spencerville.

Want to get involved? We welcome community participation, volunteers, and those interested in being part of the festivities. Follow Spencerville Christmas Village on Facebook for event updates, participation opportunities, and more details as the big weekend approaches.

The Spencerville Christmas Village Committee – Kelly Wellman, Deb Graves, Denise Lyle, Julie Layman, and Kylie Lotz – we all look forward to celebrating with you!

SPENCERVILLE CHRISTMAS VILLAGE FIRST ANNUAL

Christmas PARADE

Friday, December 4th | 6:00 PM

The parade will line up at the Spencerville Pool at 5:30 PM and begin at 6:00 PM, traveling south on Broadway Street, turning onto East 2nd Street, and ending at Village Park.

Tree Lighting Ceremony to immediately follow.

Businesses and organizations, marching bands, dance groups, festive floats, adults and children in costumes, golf carts, side-by-sides, scooters, bicycles, tractors, lawnmowers—or even Santa's sleigh—we want to see it all! Decorate it, dress it up, light it up, and make it YOURS! There's no limit to your imagination, so gather your family, friends, coworkers, or group and help us fill the streets with Christmas spirit, creativity, and holiday magic!

To sign up, please scan the QR code or contact Kylie Lotz 419-236-7281. —>



Illustrations of pumpkins and leaves are placed around the top and sides of the central text area. At the top center are two pumpkins. To the left is a single leaf. To the right is a leaf with an acorn. At the bottom left and right are clusters of pumpkins and leaves.

SADD FALL FEST

Local Food Trucks

SAT OCTOBER 24
2 PM - 8 PM

Face Painting
Petting Zoo
Bouncy House
Basketball Shooting Contests
Pumpkin Painting
Apple Cider Table

VILLAGE PARK,
SPENCERVILLE



SPENCERVILLE LOCAL SCHOOLS
proudly invites all Veterans and their families to our

VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM

A TIME TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE OUR VETERANS
FOR ALL THEY GAVE AND ALL THEY CONTINUE TO GIVE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026

9:30-10:30AM

COMPETITION GYM

Performances by students of Spencerville High School.

**VETERANS PLEASE JOIN US AT 8:30 AM FOR
A SPECIAL BREAKFAST PREPARED
FOR YOU BY THE FCCLA**

Please RSVP by calling (419) 647-4111 by 11/6.

**Mark Your Calendars:
Spencerville Senior Citizen's Breakfasts**

Holiday - Thursday, December 3rd, 2026

Wax Museum - Friday, May 7th, 2027

Congratulations to our 2026
Homecoming Court and
our new
Queen Grace Fledderjohann
and King Landon Kahle!

