OLENTANGY SCHOOLS℠

2026–27 Quality Profile

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Dear Olentangy Community,

Every day in Olentangy Schools, more than 24,500 students arrive with their own interests, strengths, questions, and goals. Our responsibility is to create the learning experiences, relationships and opportunities that help every student discover what is possible and build a path toward their future.

That work is especially meaningful in a district that continues to grow. Olentangy continues to be one of Ohio's largest and fastest-growing school districts, welcoming hundreds of new students each year while working to preserve the relationships and sense of belonging that make each of our schools unique. Growth challenges us to plan thoughtfully, steward resources responsibly, and remain focused on what matters most: **facilitating maximum learning for every student.**

This Quality Profile provides a picture of the value of an Olentangy education. State assessments and financial reports are important measures, but they cannot fully capture the experiences that shape a student's journey.

The stories and information in these pages reflect the work happening across our schools and community. They are organized around our six district pillars: **Educational Excellence, Opportunity, Community, Exceptional Value, Personal Achievement,** and **Pride**. These pillars remind us that strong schools are built through partnership. We are grateful to our students, families, staff, and community for the trust and support that make this work possible.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about Olentangy Schools and the many ways our students are preparing to flourish today and in the future.

With Gratitude,

Todd R. Meyer
Superintendent

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OUR MISSION:

To facilitate maximum learning for every student

OUR VISION:

Be the recognized leader for high performance and efficiency in education

OUR VALUES:

We respect and we care

We make sound decisions

We can always get better

We partner at school and in the community

OUR BRAND PILLARS:

The six pillars of Olentangy Schools provide a clear framework for understanding the educational value we provide to students, families, and our community. They are not separate initiatives. Together, they encompass our Olentangy student experience.

Educational Excellence

We consider the needs of the whole child in pursuit of educational excellence. Our students today are the leaders of tomorrow.

Opportunity

Growth comes from opportunity. Olentangy students are encouraged to discover their interests, challenge themselves and follow their own paths.

Personal Achievement

We create nurturing environments that inspire students and staff to define achievement through their individual skills, abilities, and interests.

Community

Strong schools are essential to community well-being. Our One Olentangy community creates connections that help students build successful futures.

Exceptional Value

An investment in education is an investment in the future of our community. We are committed to responsible stewardship and a high return on that investment.

Pride

Hard work, dedication, and shared success create pride. Every member of Olentangy is an important part of a winning and dedicated team.

Threaded throughout these pillars is the belief that every student should have the opportunity to grow, contribute, and flourish.

Educational Excellence

Educational excellence at Olentangy means more than strong academic outcomes. It means supporting student wellness and social-emotional learning of students while creating rigorous, relevant learning experiences that challenge, build essential skills, and prepare students for an evolving world.

Across our classrooms, students are building strong foundations in literacy and mathematics while also exploring advanced coursework, career-connected learning, the arts, technology, and authentic problem-solving. Our curriculum and instructional practices continue to evolve so students can experience learning that is engaging, meaningful, and responsive to their needs.

Curriculum and Innovation

Olentangy is strengthening curriculum coherence to help guarantee a consistent, high-quality student experience across grades, schools, and content areas. Guided by our Olentangy Foundations and Portrait of a Learner, the district designs learning experiences that are rigorous, inclusive, responsive, and centered on students' growth. Our Foundations emphasize quality curriculum, assessment, instruction, and context, so every student has the opportunity to maximize learning.

Teachers and administrators partner to align frameworks, instructional resources, assessments, and supports. Through instructional coaching, curricular evaluation, collaborative planning, and professional learning, instructional specialists help strengthen classroom practice and ensure students receive the support they need to succeed. Our focus is on enhancing curricular consistency through the intentional integration of frameworks, performance-level descriptors, and instructional resources.

Current curriculum adoptions demonstrate this commitment to coherent, high-quality learning. These adoptions provide shared, high-quality resources while supporting teachers as they design engaging instruction that meets the needs of diverse learners.

Elementary schools are in their third year of Bridges Mathematics and the second year of Benchmark Advance—our English Language Arts (ELA) program. Middle school math classes are in their first year implementing the CPM program.

Olentangy also creates opportunities for students at both the middle and high school levels to exercise agency, explore interests, and connect learning to their goals. Agency work, student voice, and student leadership help learners take an active role in shaping their educational experience. The district's pathway work connects students' strengths and interests with meaningful academic, career, and future-ready opportunities. This reflects our commitment to designing curricular pathways that allow students to explore interests, build on strengths, and connect learning to what they care about.

Technology is purposefully integrated to support—not distract from—student goals. Students use digital tools to think, create, collaborate, problem-solve, and demonstrate learning in meaningful ways. Olentangy's focus is not simply on using technology, but on using it to transform learning and help students take greater ownership of their progress and future.

Together, aligned curriculum, intentional instructional support, thoughtful resource adoption, focused student pathways, and purposeful technology use advance Olentangy's commitment to mastery, inclusive excellence, and student agency.

Student-Centered Learning

Olentangy Orange High School teacher Andrea Vescelius and her students are moving beyond traditional grading and embracing self-directed, student-centered learning, empowering the class to take greater ownership of their education. Building on this innovative approach, Vescelius and seven of her students traveled to Los Angeles to participate in the 2026 Student Power Summit, the only national conference in the United States dedicated to student agency. Student agency is the ability and willingness to take purposeful action to shape one's learning and life. The group led an interactive 75-minute session, "Beyond the Grade: A Panel of Students and One Teacher's Journey with Agentic Learning," sharing their experiences and insights with educators from across the country. The presentation built on the students' work through the Learner Agency Club, discussions with the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, and professional development sessions within Olentangy Schools, highlighting their shared mission to inspire learning environments where every student feels seen, heard and valued.

Ohio School Report Card Results

5 stars

Olentangy is the only district with over 10,000 students to receive an overall five-star rating in Ohio.

Fourth consecutive year receiving five stars

All schools rated four-stars or higher

11 schools rated as five-stars

The Numbers Behind the Story

Student Enrollment

Preschool–Grade 12 Total Enrollment

Current Enrollment for 2026–27	24,568
Future Enrollment for 2036–37	26,966

Projected Increase **9.5%**

High School	Middle School	Elementary School	Preschool
7,825	5,945	10,228	570
8,488	6,211	11,599	668

Approximately **250** new students enroll annually

Number of Schools and Programs

17 Elementary Schools +
Deer Haven Elementary
opening for the 2027–28 school year

6 Middle Schools

4 High Schools +
Olentangy Hyatts High School
opening for the 2028–29 school year

District programs:
Olentangy Preschool, OASIS, ACT, Olentangy STEM Academy, Olentangy Teacher Academy

U.S. News & World Report

2026 Best School Rankings

4 of the Top 7

Best High Schools in central Ohio

4 of the Top 28

Best High Schools in Ohio

Ranked in the Top 5%

in the Nation

Top 3%

5 eligible middle schools ranked among Ohio's best

Top 7%

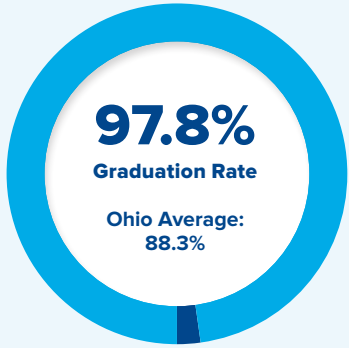
16 eligible elementary schools ranked among Ohio's best

30 2026–27 National Merit Semifinalists

Students Receiving Specialized Services

6.1%	English Language services
33.7%	Gifted Services
22%	IEP/504 Services
80	Languages spoken

Olentangy Schools Class of 2025



39.0%

earned an honors diploma

85.4%

of the 1,786 total graduates enrolled in a two- or four- year college

21.9%

enrolled at The Ohio State University Main Campus

9.5%

enrolled at University of Cincinnati

9.3%

enrolled at Columbus State Community College

19.9%

enrolled out of state

20.7:1

Elementary average student:teacher ratio

Opportunity

Olentangy is committed to helping students explore possibilities, discover their strengths, and build pathways that reflect their goals.

Students can personalize their learning through advanced coursework, College Credit Plus, career and technical experiences, internships, apprenticeships, service learning, arts, athletics, and a wide range of co-curricular opportunities. These experiences help students connect what they learn in school with the possibilities that await beyond it.

Olentangy: BridgED

Olentangy: BridgED connects students with businesses, higher education and community partners to create authentic learning experiences and help students understand the world beyond the classroom. Through career exploration, mentorship, workforce experiences, and hands-on learning, students can see how their interests connect to real opportunities.

Scan the QR code to watch a video and learn more about Olentangy: BridgED

From Classroom to Career

Through our Olentangy:BridgED partnerships, organizations like The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center (OSUWMC) are bringing career-connected learning directly into the classroom.

For high school students, exploring a career in healthcare goes beyond the textbook. Through a first-of-its-kind BridgED partnership, students are stepping inside the world of surgery—watching recorded procedures, handling authentic surgical instruments and hearing directly from the professionals who make patient care possible. From surgeons and nurses to surgical technologists and nurse anesthetists, students discover how different specialties work together in the operating room while gaining a firsthand look at the many careers available in healthcare.

“Early exposure to surgical sciences, operating room professionals, and the broader medical team provides high school students with valuable insight into the diverse careers, skills, and collaborative roles within healthcare,” said Sarah Sweigert, MD, a urologist at OSUWMC. “These experiences can foster curiosity, strengthen interest in medicine and science, and help students make more informed decisions about future educational and career pathways.”

College Level Coursework

2025–26 school year

26	**Advanced Placement (AP) courses**
59.3%	**of high school juniors and seniors enrolled in an AP course**
3,122	**students enrolled in College Credit Plus (CCP) classes**
89.4%	**of high school juniors and seniors taking an AP exam scored a 3 or above on at least one exam**
45.0%	**of all high school students earned at least one CCP credit and/or scored 3 or higher on AP tests**

Personal Achievement

Personal achievement looks different for every student. For some, it is mastering a challenging academic concept. For others, it is earning a role in a performance, reaching a personal best, learning a new skill, achieving a conference title, overcoming an obstacle, or discovering the confidence to speak up.

Olentangy believes that every student deserves opportunities to identify their strengths and define success in ways that are meaningful to them. Our schools support students academically while creating space for individual interests and talents to grow.

The record-setting **Olentangy Liberty High School girls lacrosse team** has established itself as a premier program in Ohio, reaching the OHSAA Division I State Championship game four consecutive years and capturing three straight state titles in 2024, 2025 and 2026. After earning the program's first state championship in 2024, the Patriots followed with a 22-1 season and dramatic double-overtime victory in 2025. The team completed the three-peat victory over Upper Arlington in 2026. Coach Tim Bosco described the team culture as being built on commitment, hard work, and being a great teammate.

Since **Olentangy Berlin High School** opened its doors in 2018, Head Coach Jim Cornett has helped build the **boys volleyball program** from the ground up. In just a few short years, the Bears have risen to the highest levels of competition in a sport that only became an officially sanctioned OHSAA varsity sport in 2023. This year, the Bears captured an OHSAA Division I regional championship and advanced to the state Final Four, and developed into a program defined by sustained growth, competitive excellence, and a culture that continues to set new standards.

The **One Olentangy Choir** brings together fifth- and sixth-grade students from across the district for a unique opportunity to connect, collaborate, and share their love of music. Established last year, the choir of 100 students was led by seven district music teachers volunteering their time to rehearse and prepare the ensemble for performances at Berlin Middle School and the State of the Schools. The experience has provided students the opportunity to perform and form meaningful connections with peers from other Olentangy schools. Now entering its second year, the One Olentangy Choir will have two performances, including at Olentangy's State of the Schools event, continuing to celebrate the talent, enthusiasm, and connection that make One Olentangy special.

Shanahan Middle School's Leading Tones Show Choir had a historic inaugural 2025-26 season, being named Grand Champions at their first three competitions, and placing second at their final showcase. Along the way, the students received accolades for Best Vocals, Best Choreography, Best Band, Best Show Concept, and Best Crew. To top off the end of the season, the Leading Tones were the first middle school show choir ever selected as one of two show choirs to perform at Show Choir Camps of America (SCA) at Heidelberg University in July. Their SCA performance established the Shanahan Leading Tones as a premiere middle school show choir across the state and nation.

Olentangy Schools Special Olympics (OSSO) is creating meaningful opportunities for athletes with intellectual disabilities and serving as a champion of meaningful inclusion—creating an experience that mirrors the commitment, preparation, camaraderie and pride of competitive sports while building authentic connections between athletes, peers, families and our Olentangy community. The program has grown to approximately 170 athletes participating across 13 sports during the 2025–26 school year, supported by a volunteer pool of approximately 120 community members and peer volunteers. Through year-round training and competition, OSSO athletes develop physical fitness, confidence, courage, and lifelong friendships.

Athletic and Performing Arts Participation

during the 2025–26 school year

Middle School		High School	
40%	**49%**	**48%**	**22%**
Participated in a school sport	Participated in a performing arts course	Participated in a school sport	Participated in performing arts

Community

Olentangy Schools and our community grow together. Families, staff, businesses, alumni, volunteers, and community organizations all play an important role in helping students learn and flourish.

Our partnerships extend learning beyond the school day and beyond the walls of our buildings. Community members share expertise, open doors to new experiences, and help students see themselves as future contributors and leaders.

School Support Organizations

Our Parent Teacher Organizations (PTOs), athletic boosters and performing arts boosters play an integral role in strengthening the connection between our schools, families, and community. These dedicated organizations provide meaningful support that enhances students' educational programs, opportunities, school events, sense of belonging, and overall student experiences. Through volunteerism, fundraising and community-building activities, they help provide resources and experiences that complement the work of our teachers, coaches, directors, and staff. Their partnership reflects the school pride that exists throughout Olentangy Schools and demonstrates what is possible when families, staff, and community members come together to elevate student success.

Be part of the great work happening in Olentangy Schools. Scan for employment opportunities.

Olentangy Education Foundation

The Olentangy Education Foundation (OEF) is a non-profit organization that supports and funds enhanced educational experiences for all students by providing staff grants for innovative programs and learning opportunities for which tax dollars are not available. OEF also recognizes outstanding Olentangy staff members, and provides scholarships for graduating seniors. An example of a 2026 grant is the purchase of LEGO Education SPIKE coding kits for Berlin Middle School 8th graders to build, program, and test models, while also strengthening engineering skills, critical thinking, and persistence through real-world problem solving. Scioto Ridge 5th graders are learning about economics thanks to an OEF grant which brought in Challenge Island, an award-winning STEAM program, to lead two engaging, on-site field trip experiences.

Partnering for Safety

Olentangy Schools places the safety, security, and well-being of students and staff among its highest priorities, and strong partnerships with local emergency services are an essential part of that commitment. In collaboration with the Delaware County Sheriff's Office and other local first responders, the district maintains comprehensive emergency preparedness plans, conducts ongoing training and preparedness exercises, and works to ensure schools are equipped to respond to a wide range of situations. Through the School Resource Officer program, law enforcement officers build meaningful relationships with students, staff, and families while serving as trusted, visible members of the school community. These partnerships extend beyond emergency response to include prevention, security planning, education, and relationship-building, creating a comprehensive approach to safety in our schools.

Scan the QR code to view Olentangy's Safety, Security, and Preparedness Guide

Growth With Purpose

Olentangy continues to grow and thoughtful planning is essential to maintaining high-quality learning environments and opportunities for students.

The District's long-term facilities planning helps Olentangy anticipate enrollment growth, evaluate building needs, and make responsible decisions about how to serve students and families in the years ahead. With hundreds of new students joining the District each year and significant development continuing throughout the community, our work must balance immediate needs with a long-term vision.

The community's investment in Olentangy Schools supports the facilities and infrastructure needed to keep pace with growth. The community's support of the November 2025 no-new-millage bond issue funds the construction of Deer Haven Elementary and the District's fifth high school—Olentangy Hyatts High School.

Scan the QR code to view Olentangy's State of the Facilities overview

Exceptional Value

Providing an exceptional educational experience requires careful stewardship of the resources entrusted to Olentangy Schools. The district earns the support of our community by being financially responsible without sacrificing educational excellence. Through efficient and deliberate management of taxpayer funds, we deliver an exceptional value in public education.

Cost to Educate and State Funding

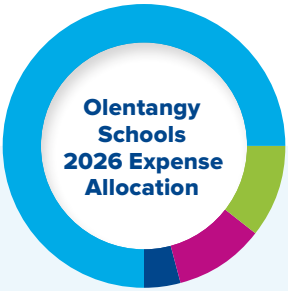
Olentangy Schools

$1,584.92 State Formula Funding Support Per Pupil

Cost Per Pupil **$17,929.48**

State Funding Gap Per Pupil
$16,344.56

Olentangy Schools 2026 Expense Allocation



75.53%
Instructional*

10.33%
Administrative Costs**

10.14%
Operation of Facilities and Food Service

4.00%
Student Transportation

Includes instruction provided by teachers, pupil and staff support services

**Central office expenses, part of administrative costs: 6.4%*

Olentangy is committed to managing taxpayer dollars responsibly while maintaining the staff, programs, and learning environments students need to succeed. Olentangy is in the top 1.2% of Ohio public school districts in allocating resources directly to the classroom, and our administrative overhead costs are in the bottom 2%.

Who Pays to Educate Olentangy Students

75.13%
Property Taxes
$346,616,758

15.5%
State Support, Including State Share of Local Property Taxes
$71,688,888

4.8%
Fundraising, Donations, Fees/Admissions Tuition and Interest
$22,249,426

2.6%
Grants (State, Federal, and Private)
$71,688,888

1.9%
Business-Type Activities
$8,874,414

Financial data does not include building capital funds, debt refunding, or transfers.

Olentangy's Funding

A Conversation with Your Treasurer, Ryan Jenkins

Hear directly from Mr. Jenkins on how Olentangy Schools approaches transparency, accountability, and the changing landscape of school property taxes.

How does Olentangy Schools demonstrate transparency and accountability?

Mr. Jenkins: Transparency and accountability are at the heart of how we manage the district's finances. Our community deserves to know how public resources are collected, managed and invested.

The Treasurer's Office publishes a wide range of financial information to provide insight into the district's financial position and how resources are being used.

Two important examples are our Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR). The ACFR provides a comprehensive look at the district's financial activities, while the PAFR offers an easier-to-understand overview for community members.

Scan the QR code to view Olentangy's Popular Annual Financial Report

Our commitment to financial reporting has also received recognition from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). For 25 consecutive years, Olentangy Schools has earned the GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, providing independent, third-party recognition of the district's efforts to maintain high standards in financial reporting.

What is happening with school property taxes in Ohio?

Mr. Jenkins: Property tax reform has been an important topic across Ohio, and is also a complicated one.

In recent years, the Ohio Legislature has enacted several changes designed to slow the growth of residential property taxes. For many Ohio homeowners, school property tax increases are now generally limited to the rate of inflation over the three years since the last reappraisal or update, regardless of changes in property values.

Here in Olentangy, tax reduction factors continue to apply as property values change. This means that an increase in property value does not automatically translate into a proportional increase in the amount of school property tax collected.

For example, the district is currently forecasting approximately a 15% increase in existing property values following the most recent reappraisal/update. However, district voted tax rates are expected to decrease by approximately 11%, helping offset the increase in property values.

There are several factors involved in determining a property owner's tax bill, so the relationship between property values, tax rates and the amount collected is complex. We put together a Tax Information Guide for our community, and I encourage residents who have questions about how these changes affect them to reach out to my office.

Scan the QR code to view your Tax Dollar Information Guide

Is Olentangy reducing its debt-service tax rate?

Mr. Jenkins: Yes. As part of our continued effort to be responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars, the district will again reduce the tax rate associated with paying our debt service.

We have consistently worked to collect only what is needed to make our budgeted debt-service payments. Based on our current projections, the district will be able to reduce the debt-service rate from 6.00 mills to 5.75 mills.

That ¼-mill reduction is forecasted to reduce the cumulative school property tax bill paid by Olentangy residents and businesses by approximately $2.1 million—a savings of approximately $40 per year for a homeowner of a $500k house in Olentangy Schools.

It is important to us that we balance the district's financial obligations with our responsibility to taxpayers. When we can meet our debt-service commitments while collecting less, we believe we should do exactly that.

Pride in One Olentangy

Pride is found in the moments and accomplishments that bring the One Olentangy community together.

It can be seen in students supporting one another at a competition, staff members celebrating a colleague, families filling the stands and seats in our stadiums and theaters, a school community welcoming a new generation of students, or an alumnus returning to share how an Olentangy experience helped shape their path.

Across the 2026-27 school year, Olentangy students and staff will continue to earn recognition in academics, athletics, the arts, service and leadership. Those accomplishments matter, but so do the relationships and shared experiences behind them.

There is no "place" that is Olentangy. Olentangy consists of many schools and neighborhoods across 95-square miles, stretching seven townships and three cities.

Together, we are One Olentangy—a community that grows, learns, and flourishes together.

Olentangy Alumni Spotlight:

Alex Sheen

An Olentangy graduate and current resident, Alex Sheen is a powerful example of the lasting impact of an Olentangy education. Sheen is the founder and CEO of *because I said I would*, a social movement and nonprofit dedicated to helping people build resilience and develop habits that help them navigate life's challenges. Inspired by the loss of his father in 2012, Sheen created the organization around the simple power of promises made and kept. The organization provides promise cards at no cost to people around the world and has distributed more than 12 million cards across more than 150 countries. Sheen's work has been featured by ABC World News, CNN, *The Today Show*, NPR, *The Los Angeles Times* and other national media outlets, and he is a five-time TEDx speaker.

Sheen credits many of his Olentangy experiences with helping shape his path, particularly his participation in lacrosse and DECA. Competing in Olentangy High School's DECA and winning at the state level gave him real-world entrepreneurial skills that he used to launch his first business at age 17. He was also part of Olentangy's first lacrosse team, which taught him that he was capable of achieving more than he thought possible. Today, Sheen remains connected to the district and continues to give back through his nonprofit's 92-acre resilience retreat center, where his organization supports grieving families and is developing youth camps focused on resilience and mental health.

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