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2021-22
Quality
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Superintendent's *message*

The Berea City School District is a community of excellence, integrity, and purpose. We value our residents and our students. We have excellent educators who care about our students. We are committed to offering a wide range of opportunities and engaging educational experiences that inspire lives of character, learning, leadership, and service.

The Quality Profile illustrates how our district is dedicated to offering a comprehensive education. We know that a Berea City School District education encompasses so much more than what a student demonstrates on a standardized test. We owe it to our community to share a more complete picture of where Berea City School District is today and our goals for the future.

Through this Quality Profile, we are sharing information about key areas of our school district and our goals for continued growth. This profile provides a glimpse of the full experience that is a Berea City School District education. You can view more information about the Berea City School District online at www.berea.k12.oh.us.

Finally, I wish to thank our community. It is because of your support over the years that Berea City School District is the excellent district it is today.

Sincerely,



Tracy Wheeler
Superintendent



5,457
students



Enrollment

American Indian or Alaskan Native 0.3%
Asian or Pacific Islander 5.7%
Black, Non-Hispanic 5.7%
Hispanic 9.9%
Multiracial 6.6%
White, Non-Hispanic 71.7%
Students with Disabilities 17%
Economic Disadvantage 24.5%
English Learner 2.4%



21 square
miles

3rd largest district in Cuyahoga County

Serves the communities of:
**Berea, Brook Park,
Middleburg Heights**
and a portion of Olmsted Falls

1 High School (grades 9-12)
1 Middle School (grades 5-8)
3 Elementary Schools (grades PK-4)
1 Virtual School (TVLA)
1 Specialized Instruction (Snow School)

Administration Building
Buildings & Grounds Facility
Transportation Center

7 schools



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Berea City
School District
2021-22

BELIEVE

*in each other
in yourself
in the*  **TITANS**

As the 2021-2022 school year was about to begin, a staff member asked Superintendent Tracy Wheeler if she still gets butterflies before the first day of school and welcoming students back. Her response was, “heck yeah!” As she anticipated her 31st first day of school, she did not sleep due to her excitement for our students returning to school. She hoped that staff also had those same butterflies and were just as excited to welcome back students. In an e-mail to staff, she mentioned how they should take a minute to just stand and take it all in. To enjoy the energy that is generated by classrooms, buses, hallways, and lunch lines full of students. A reminder of what matters most—our students.

Throughout the 2021-2022 school year, the district focused on the word BELIEVE. Now, more than ever, our Titans needed us to BELIEVE in them! As challenging times continued, some students were excited to be back, some were nervous about unfamiliar surroundings, and some were anxious about the pandemic and what being in school holds for them. It was our job to take care of them, take the time to listen to them, and BELIEVE in them. They needed all of us. Whether you are one of our dedicated employees, one of our supportive family members, or one of our generous community or business partners, your efforts to BELIEVE in our students were noticed, appreciated, and applauded.

Superintendent Tracy Wheeler shared at commencement what some of our graduates BELIEVE as they head off to the next phase of their journey. They believe hard work, dedication, loyalty, honesty, leadership, and teamwork are important skills they learned and that they will continue to use. They believe they have learned how to be a better version of themselves and how to be better for the people around them. They believe every school they have attended in the district emphasized the importance and value of responsibility. They believe this district has always made it possible for them to be pushed to their very best. They believe the school district sets its goals and standards high to push students to overcome adversity and prosper despite hardships. They believe their exposure to the diversity in our district and who they surround themselves with has changed who they are and have become more appreciative of people’s differences.

Anything is possible if we believe in each other, in ourselves, and in the Titans.





BEREA-MIDPARK HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022

BELIEVE IN THE TITANS

CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2022



Watch the
BMHS Ninth
Commencement
Ceremony

Friends and family members gathered on May 28 for the ceremony to commemorate the accomplishments and achievements of the Class of 2022. The ninth Berea-Midpark High School commencement ceremony signified a milestone in the lives of the graduates as they began the next stage of their lives. The Class of 2022 walked across the outdoor stage in front of Berea-Midpark High School to accept their diplomas and celebrate all that they have achieved together.

Dr. Mark Smithberger, principal of Berea-Midpark High School, served as the master of ceremonies for the event. He recognized the Berea Board of Education and all BCSD staff present, and thanked everyone for their tireless efforts in helping students achieve scholastic excellence.

Senior Jessica Crossen expressed gratitude to everyone who has put time and effort into helping the Class of 2022 achieve success. She reflected on her high school experience sharing how grateful she was that each day she came into a high school with peers welcoming her with open arms. In her final thoughts, she expressed, “if you take anything away from this speech...be appreciative when negativity surrounds you and to take nothing for granted.”



Jessica Crossen



Ian Taylor

“This is our last time together as a whole class,” shared Senior Ian Taylor during his student address. “Today is the day to appreciate one another, to appreciate your friends. To say something nice to the person you always sat next to in class but never talked to.” He thanked staff for their hard work, and families for their support, and congratulated his classmates.

The Class of 2022 has had many award-winning students this past school year. Their accomplishments have been recognized at the Academic Letter of Intent Signing program, the Senior Scholarship and Awards programs, and through Polaris Career Center. Many seniors received academic awards, athletic awards, athletic conference and district championships, music awards, class awards, participation awards, and scholarships.

The number of overall honor students included: 54 Cum Laude (GPA of 3.500 to 3.849), 52 Magna Cum Laude (GPA of 3.850 to 4.249), and 43 Summa Cum Laude (GPA of 4.250).

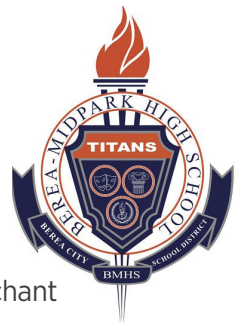
Mrs. Tracy Wheeler’s address as Superintendent focused on believing. “As you face change and challenges on the next journey, remember to believe in yourself, own your choices, and be the best version of yourself. Your mindset and your belief system are EVERYTHING. Instead of letting the world change who you are, You go out and change the world. Anything is possible if you just believe.”

We look forward to where the future takes our Titans. We will be cheering them on along the way.

Best of luck to the Class of 2022!

Our graduates are going places!

Students from the Berea-Midpark High School Class of 2022 are attending:



Baldwin Wallace University
Bowling Green State University
Butler University
Canisus College
Capital University
Case Western Reserve University
Cleveland State University
Columbia College
Cuyahoga Community College
Dodge City Community College
East Carolina University
Edinboro University
Georgetown University
Heartland Community College
Hiram College

James Madison University
John Carroll University
Johnson & Wales University
Kent State University
Kenyon College
Keuka College
Mercyhurst University
Miami University
Ohio Christian University
Ohio University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Otterbein University
Purdue University
The College of Wooster
The Ohio State University

Tiffin University
United States Merchant
Marine Academy
University of Akron
University of Cincinnati
University of Dayton
University of Mount Union
University of Pittsburgh
University of South Carolina
University of Toledo
Vanderbilt University
Walsh University
West Virginia University
Wright State University
And more!



Academics

Berea City School District is an excellent school district that provides a multitude of unique opportunities for our students and the greater community. This begins with a strong academic program that ensures our students are ready and successful for the lives they live beyond school. From Advanced Placement (AP) and dual credit college courses to pre-engineering and technical skills classes, our students have authentic and engaging college and workforce experiences that allow them to demonstrate their individual readiness in pursuit of their future career or academic goals.

Ensuring that our graduates are college and career ready is critical to our success. The District will continue to expand the opportunities for students to take college level courses and earn additional college credits before graduation.



The Class of 2022
was awarded
164
local scholarships



2021-22
3 National Merit
Semifinalists



Watch the
2022 Senior
Scholarship
Awards



Advanced Placement (AP Classes)

Number of courses offered: 17

- Computer Science A
- Computer Science Principles
- English Literature & Composition
- Language & Composition
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Statistics
- Environmental Science
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- US Government & Politics
- Human Geography
- US History
- Psychology
- Studio Art 2D
- Studio Art 3D

AP Scholars - 48

(scoring a 3 or higher on three or more AP exams)

AP Scholars with Honor - 12

(average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more AP exams)

AP Scholars with Distinction - 27

(average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more AP exams)



17

College Board
Advanced
Placement
(AP) Offerings

163

Students
enrolled into
the National
Honor Society

AVID

Advancement Via Individual Determination, AVID, is a 9th-12th grade program that prepares students in the academic middle for admission to a four-year college or university. Students take an AVID elective course throughout high school that provides them with the skills needed to be successful in advancing academically with the ultimate goal of attending college. For more than 25 years AVID has been instrumental in preparing students nationwide for success in higher education.

The core component of the AVID program is the AVID elective, which supports students as they challenge themselves in more rigorous honors or AP classes. Students are taught study skills, note taking skills, time management, writing and research skills, while being immersed in a college-culture. The class also includes organizational strategies, and tutoring sessions that are led by college students and provide support for success in the academically rigorous curriculum. Additionally, the AVID class provides access to information about colleges and universities through field trips, guest speakers, college tutors, scholarship opportunities, and college admission requirement information.

Camp Mi-Bro-Be

The name Mi-Bro-Be comes from (Middleburg Hts, Brook Park, Berea) This week long outdoor education program is offered to all sixth graders. Each "team" of sixth grade students gets the opportunity to camp in the beautiful woods of Camp Whitewood. Teachers accompany the students and join with high school student cabin counselors and the camp directors to provide a meaningful and memorable learning and team building experience. Graduating seniors consistently rate sixth grade camp as one of their school career highlights.

Comprehensive K-12 Library Program

School library programs continue to undergo momentous changes that have heightened the importance of technology and evidence-based learning. The focus has moved from the library as a confined place to one with fluid boundaries that is layered by diverse needs and influenced by an interactive global community. Guiding principles for school library programs focus on building a flexible learning environment to produce successful learners skilled in multiple literacies.



Cleveland Clinic's eExpressions™ Program

Berea-Midpark High School has been recognized as a Cleveland Clinic Banner School. This award recognizes the school's noteworthy success in leveraging community resources to advance student learning.

The Cleveland Clinic Civic Education Department offers programs designed to promote health and wellness, academic achievement, and career preparedness for students in grades K-12.

Berea-Midpark High School is home to a Legacy Award winner, an award that is given to the student who has won an award in each of their four years in high school. Berea-Midpark's Legacy Award Winner has the distinction of winning five awards over her four years (the only one in Cleveland Clinic Expressions' history).

BMHS is also home to a Cleveland Clinic Expressions "Best in Show" winner. This award is given out each year to the student whose work is the best representation of Art, Creative Problem Solving, and the ability to translate the work done by Cleveland Clinic summer interns.

C.L.O.S.E.

Berea City Schools provides the Coe Lake Outdoor Science Education course to high school juniors and seniors. High school students engage K, 3rd, and 4th graders in lessons requiring them to critically think and problem solve and take personal action, and develop a lifelong love for the Earth system. Lessons are aligned to Ohio Science Standards and provide meaningful educational opportunities for both high school and elementary students. This far reaching, nontraditional science course blossomed in 2003 and since then has provided meaningful learning experiences to over 10,000 BCSD students.

Makerspaces

New for 2021-22

Makerspaces are collaborative work areas where students gain hands-on experience with equipment and new technologies while fostering individual creativity and critical thinking. These areas are designed to accommodate a wide range of activities.

The creation and expansion of district makerspaces could not have been possible without generous donations from the Berea City Club and the Berea Kiwanis Club.



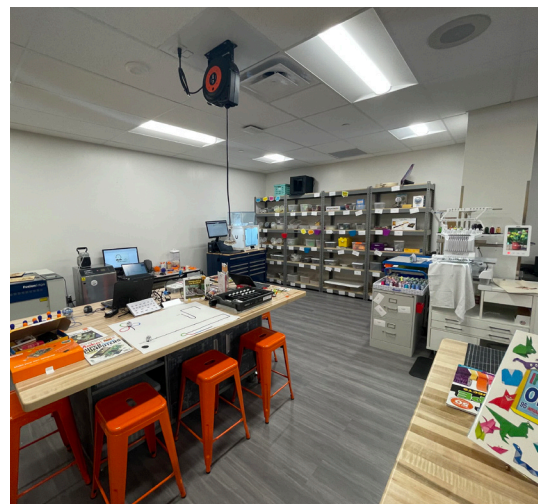
Early Childhood Education

The BCSD Early Childhood Education program is a 5-star quality rated program and is developed to meet the growing emotional, academic, and social needs of children in a developmentally appropriate environment. Each preschool classroom provides children with a learning environment that nurtures and supports their discovery and learning process. Children are provided the opportunity to explore, investigate, and discover at their own pace. We recognize that each child is an individual, growing, and learning in his or her own way and time.

Our Early Childhood Education program provides a core curriculum that includes: language arts, math, science, geography, health, art, and movement education. Classrooms offer literacy-rich environments, providing the foundations that are essential for reading and writing.

WEB: Where Everybody Belongs

This middle school orientation and transition program welcomes our 5th graders to the middle school and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their middle school experience. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, the program trains mentors from our 8th grade class to be WEB Leaders. As positive role models, WEB Leaders are mentors and student leaders who guide the 5th graders to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to middle school and help facilitate 5th grade success.





Titans Video Team

The Titans Video Team (TVT) is an extension of the Polaris-BMHS Broadcasting & Video Production program. The TVT supports the filming of special school activities and events in conjunction with Titans Film Crew (BMHS). Students are introduced to the exciting field of television and video production, including video technology and editing. Students participate in on-location shoots, live broadcasting, and news journalism.

Mobile App Design & Development

Students code and design basic fully functional apps, gaining critical job skills in software development and information technology. Through choice, exploration and self-paced learning students are empowered to be independent learners. It also allows students the opportunity to work in teams and develop career readiness skills and in demand soft skills: creativity, collaboration, persuasion, and accountability.

Marketing and Entrepreneurship

This program introduces all aspects of planning, starting, promoting, and running a business. This course introduces the dynamic field of business in a practical setting. This innovative program combines business concepts, sales, marketing, and graphic design to create a one-of-a-kind experience. Students apply their skills in the student-run shop, SignPro.

Planetarium Program

The District's planetarium is located at Berea-Midpark Middle School. As part of the elementary, middle school, and high school earth and space science curriculum, students in grades kindergarten, 2, 7, and 8 as well as physical science and astronomy students experience the night sky through units of instruction at the planetarium.

LINK Crew Leaders: Leading the Titan Way Through Connected Relationships

LINK Crew is a Berea-Midpark High School transition program that welcomes freshmen and provides a structure to help them transition to high school. This program is built on the belief that students can help students succeed. At BMHS, juniors and seniors are trained as LINK Leaders to serve as mentors to freshmen. As positive role models, LINK Crew Leaders help to create a structure that connects every incoming freshman with a caring upperclassman from their first day through the end of their freshman year. The student leaders help the freshmen to discover what it takes to be successful in school as well as build connected relationships.

Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) *New for 2021-22*

The Superintendent's Student Advisory Council is a forum that creates a direct communication between students and the Superintendent. The SSAC is made up of student leaders in grades 7-12. The Superintendent believes that student voices need to be heard and to gain input from them concerning what the BCSD is doing right and what we can improve. Through participation in the SSAC, students will have the opportunity to work alongside the Superintendent and other District leaders. Being a member of the SSAC provides students with the opportunity to develop leadership skills and collaborate alongside a diverse community of peers.

College Credit Plus

Students in grades 7-12 can enroll in College Credit Plus earning college and high school credits at the same time by taking college courses from community colleges or universities. The purpose of this program is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wide variety of options to college-ready students. At Berea-Midpark High School, we offer college level courses on our campus including College Composition, Humanities, Intro to Poetry, Intro to Fiction, US History, Anatomy, and Physiology, College Algebra, College PreCalculus, and Introduction to Gaming and Simulation.

Realizing Your Potential

The Realizing Your Potential (RYP) program is designed to address specific challenges encountered by the underrepresented students in our district. This voluntary program is in active support of the district's vision to inspire lives of character, learning, leadership, and service. RYP takes a more proactive role to ensure that its members are better represented and given equitable opportunities for meaningful growth and success. By providing supplemental support, helpful resources, and authorized adult mentors as allies, this program of accountability continually strives to promote self-confidence and resilience, enhance social relationships, and improve the academic motivation of its members.

Advanced Learning Course Progressions

The Berea City School District is committed to providing a continuum of rigorous programs and services for all students. Beginning in grade 2, the District offers self-contained gifted classes through the ASPIRE Program for identified students in grades 2-4. Beyond grade 4, students have opportunities to enroll in advanced course progressions based upon selection criteria. As early as grade 7, students can place in a high school Algebra 1 course.

Project Lead the Way

Project Lead The Way (PLTW) is a nationally recognized STEM curriculum providing students with transformative learning experiences. PLTW creates an engaging, hands-on classroom environment and empowers students to develop in-demand knowledge and skills they need to thrive in an evolving world. 265 high school students participated in the PLTW Biomedical Science and Engineering programs. 200 middle school students participated in PLTW robotics.

Ruling our Experiences (ROX) *New for 2021-22*



Ruling Our Experiences or ROX uses evidence-based programming and research to help 7th grade girls navigate complex issues they are currently facing. ROX teaches communication skills and strategies and provides tools to help girls experience healthy relationships and positive self-esteem. Girls also learn self-defense maneuvers. 101 7th grade girls completed the 20 lesson ROX course.

The Arts

The performing and visual arts are all part of a complete education at the Berea City School District. The arts develop skills such as creativity, inspiration, and problem-solving that help students to develop balance in life and realize their full potential as adults. This is why Berea City School District highly encourages students to take advantage of opportunities in the arts as part of a complete educational experience. Residents are invited to attend the various art shows and performances that are scheduled throughout the school year from pre-school to high school.

Berea City School District will continue to seek new ways to increase the level of participation in the visual and performing arts programs.



Music

The Berea City School District provides a music program for all children beginning in kindergarten through high school. The music program includes both general music and performance music. The performance music program includes a variety of offerings in band, orchestra and choir. Students may begin instrumental music lessons on string instruments in fifth grade. Electives at the high school include Guitar, Orchestra, Concert Choirs, Show Choir, Marching Band, Concert Bands/Wind Ensembles, Jazz Band, and Music Technology/Theory.



NAMM Foundation

In its 22nd year, the NAMM Foundation has once again recognized the Berea City School District for its outstanding commitment to music education with a Best Communities for Music Education designation. The Berea City School District has been consistently ranked in the top in the nation for music education.

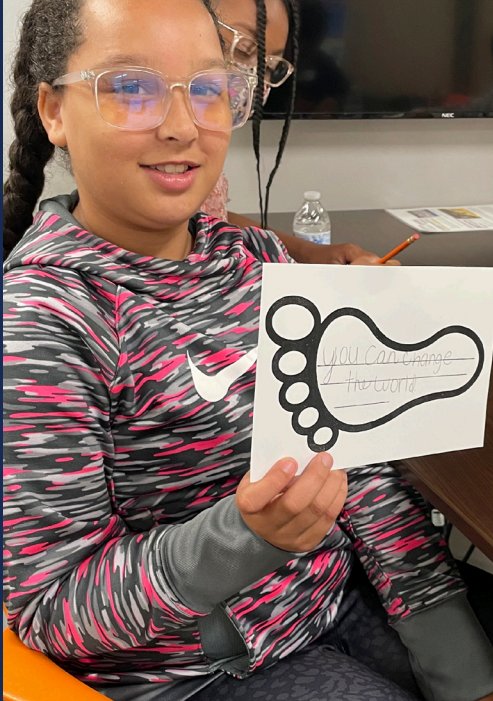
Visual Arts

The Berea City School District's visual arts program begins in kindergarten and extends through high school. Our art program allows students to be engaged creatively and to explore, understand, and demonstrate their learning through the arts. At the elementary, middle, and high school levels, students are encouraged to experience a range of art materials, tools, and techniques as well as subject matter, themes, and ideas that can shape their art and inform their understanding of the world through an artistic lens. High school courses offered include Art Exploration, 21st Century Graphics and Design, Painting/Drawing, Airbrush, Commercial Art, Ceramics, Photography, and Titan Visual FX and Design course (www.titanfx.org).



Beginning in kindergarten, all students participate in visual and performing arts programs

Whole Child



In promoting the long term development and preparing students for the challenges and opportunities of today and tomorrow, Berea City School District addresses students' comprehensive needs by going beyond the core academic focus. A whole child approach, which ensures that each student is healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged, sets the standard for a comprehensive educational experience. The District expands students' horizons through participation in athletics, clubs and service organizations so that students serve in the community and participate in groups that promote character, learning, leadership, and service.

Berea City School District will continue to encourage student participation in service and extra-curricular opportunities that take place outside of the school day.

High School Clubs and Extracurricular Activities

Academic Challenge	LINK Crew
Alateen	Mindfulness Club
Anime Club	National Honor Society
AVID	Peer Mediation
Book Club	Realizing Your Potential
Camp Mi-Bro-Be	S.A.D.D.
Class Advisors	Sign Language Club
Drama Club	Speech and Debate
Dungeons and Dragons	Student Ambassadors
Environmental Club	Student Council
Film Crew	Titan P.R.I.D.E. Leaders
GSA	World Language Honor Societies
Key Club	Yearbook Club

Middle School Clubs and Extracurricular Activities

Band Practice Club	Model UN
Band Switchover Sessions	Orchestra Practice Club
Builders Club	Ski Club
Camp Mi-Bro-Be	Student Council
Guitar Club	Unite Us
GSA	WEB
Junior Titans Theater Troupe	Yearbook



Elementary School Clubs and Extracurricular Activities*

**varies by school building*

All Pro Dads
Art Club
C.A.V.S. Club
Drama Club
Garden Club
K-Kids
K'nex Club
Mileage Club
Peace Path Mediators

Recycling Club
Right At School
Robotics Club
Running Club
Safety Patrol
Student Council
Tech Club
Ukulele Club

High School Athletics

Fall Sports

Competitive Cheer
Cross Country (Boys & Girls)
Fall Sideline Cheer
Football
Golf (Boys & Girls)
Soccer (Boys & Girls)
Tennis (Girls)
Volleyball

Winter Sports

Basketball (Boys & Girls)
Bowling (Boys & Girls)
Gymnastics
Indoor Track (Boys & Girls)
Swimming (Boys & Girls)
Winter Sideline Cheer
Wrestling

Spring Sports

Baseball
Softball
Tennis (Boys & Girls)
Track (Boys & Girls)



Middle School Athletics

Basketball (Boys & Girls)
Cheerleading
Cross Country (Boys & Girls)
Football
Softball
Track (Boys & Girls)
Volleyball
Wrestling

Educational Support Services



Today, different students have different needs and it's important for us as educators to meet those needs regardless of a student's background, income, or cognitive ability. Berea City School District is committed to offering a personalized education that includes services such as, early childhood programs, advanced academic opportunities, comprehensive literacy supports, academic intervention, and a continuum of gifted programs to ensure every student is being fully challenged and successful in his or her unique goals.

Berea City School District will continue to reach students at a more personal level so that we can find the best match of behavioral, cultural, or educational services to better meet the unique needs of students.

Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports

(PBIS), also called Positive Behavior Supports (PBS), is a broad range of systemic and individualized strategies for achieving important social and learning outcomes in school communities while preventing problem behavior. The key attributes of PBIS include preventive activities, data-based decision making, and a problem solving orientation.

Response to Intervention

RtI is a comprehensive school-wide model for identifying "at-risk" students through the use of universal screeners, and by providing preventative intervention to students by aligning assessment and instruction to inform school stakeholders about how to best meet the needs of students.

English Language Learner Program (ELL)

The purpose of the ELL Program is to provide support to students as he or she attempts to understand and function in a new cultural or academic environment. This service is delivered during school hours. Our ELL tutors provide intensive instruction to support English language acquisition for ELL students. Students enrolled in the ELL Program come from a variety of cultural, linguistic, socioeconomic, and academic backgrounds. Berea City School District services students who come to us from all over the world.

Gifted Education

The needs of gifted students are met through a continuum of services and strategies. Parents are viewed as partners who share in this responsibility. Many of the academic and social needs of gifted students are addressed. Practices such as cluster grouping differentiation, subject and whole grade acceleration, the ASPIRE program includes self-contained elementary gifted classes, a coaching model, independent study, internships, mentorships, and advanced course options that may be used to meet identified students' needs within and outside the school day.

Special Education Services

The district provides a continuum of special education services from preschool through high school. We envision an integrated learning environment between general and special education. All members of the learning community take responsibility for providing a personalized education plan to meet the individualized needs of students to ensure success.



JEDI Task Force

Stakeholders work to develop a culture that embraces, seeks an understanding, respects, accepts, and celebrates our unique individual differences. The BCSD Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Task Force identified strengths, areas of growth, and a plan of action as it relates to diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-racism in the school district.

Right At School Program

The Right At School Program has been designed to provide quality educational and recreational activities and offers enrichment in areas such as language, arts and crafts, sports, music, homework assistance, and much more. The program provides a safe, fun, and often times educational experience before and after school.

Summer Camp

The camp is designed to meet the needs of working parents or others who have a desire for interesting, supervised activities for their children. Children who have completed kindergarten through 6th grade are eligible to enroll. Children will participate in a wide variety of experiences including sports, outdoor games, arts, crafts, science activities, and field trips; all built around a weekly theme. Campers will have daily access to the gym and playground and swimming at our community recreation center swimming pools.

Finances

Berea City School District is fiscally responsible in its daily operations. We understand that the conditions of our school facilities play a major role in the bottom line of our operations. As an ongoing strategy, we continuously take a closer look at how changes to our facilities may have a significant and positive impact to our overall financial operations. By using emerging technology trends and best practices, the District optimizes purchases and reduces costs. Consistently, the Office of the Treasurer promotes and supports District and building-level innovation through budget allocation. With purpose, through the budget planning process, we believe in directing money into the classroom where it can be used to impact the quality of education for all students.

Berea City School District is committed to managing District resources to ensure finances are aligned with District goals and support a sustainable future.



2021 Association of School Business Officials International's (ASBO) Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

The District received the **Meritorious Budget Award**, for the ninth consecutive year, which recognizes excellence in school budget presentation. Last year, less than 131 school districts in the United States and Canada received this award, and only 6 districts in Ohio received the award.

Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the CAFR from the Government Finance Officer Association. The GFOA has recognized the District's commitment to transparent financial reporting for the past twenty-eight consecutive years.

The Auditor of State Award with Distinction for the filing of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and timely financial reports, as well as receiving a "clean" audit report. This is the eighth consecutive year this was awarded to the District.

\$12,420

Expenditure Per Pupil (FY21)

Surrounding Districts FY20 Expenditure Per Pupil Comparison

Lakewood CSD	\$14,938
Brecksville Broadview Heights CSD	\$13,780
North Olmsted CSD	\$13,757
Parma CSD	\$12,953
Berea CSD	\$12,420
Strongsville CSD	\$12,340
North Royalton	\$12,005
Olmsted Falls CSD	\$11,402

Source: Ohio Department of Education

For each dollar spent

67.5%

Instruction and Pupil Support

13%

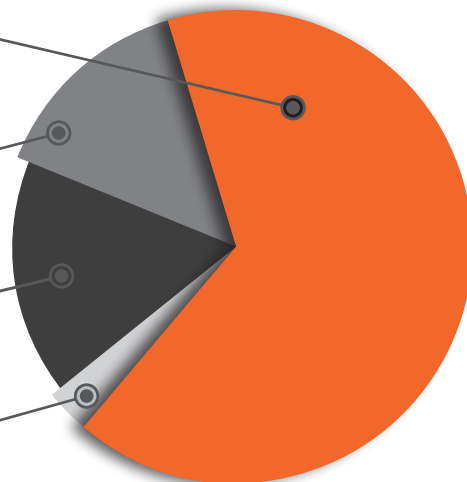
Administration

16.5%

Building Operations

3%

Staff Support



Sources of school revenue

64.8%

Local

20.2%

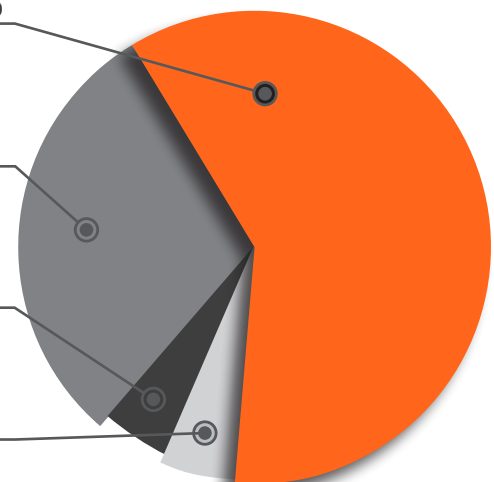
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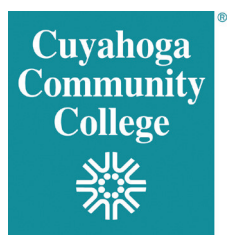
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Parent and Community Involvement

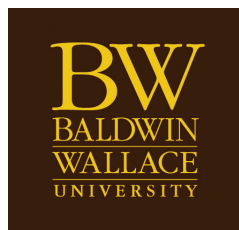
The essence of our school district is the interwoven connections between our schools and our community. Berea City Schools recognizes the need for a total support system and values parent involvement, seeks community partners, and celebrates opportunities to showcase excellence.



Cuyahoga County
Public Library



Partnership with
University Hospitals



The Education Foundation

The Foundation supports and enhances educational opportunities for students served by the Berea City School District. Over \$26,000 in grants were awarded to educators for projects that enhance educational experiences for students in the district.

Parent-Teacher Associations

A strong Parent-Teacher Association at every school, and early childhood backed by volunteers, supports the learning experiences for all students. Each school has its own PTA, which belongs to and cooperates with the Berea City School District PTA Council. All elementary, middle, and high school PTA units were named as a 2019-2021 National PTA School of Excellence. The School of Excellence program supports and celebrates partnerships between PTAs and schools that work to improve the educational experience and school environment for every child. As a National PTA School of Excellence, at our schools, families feel welcomed and empowered to support student success, and PTA is a key partner for continuous school improvement.

P.E.A.K.

A parent support group started in 2014 by parents of children in the special education programs in partnership with Berea City School District.

ImPACT

The parent advocacy group for gifted services in the district. Formerly founded as LINK, this group holds quarterly meetings to connect and support parents, and to share information about gifted kids. It promotes collaboration between **P**arents, **A**ministrative staff, **C**hildren, and **T**eachers to impact educational options for gifted students in the district.

Southwest Regional Business Advisory Council

Berea City Schools, Polaris Career Center, Brooklyn City Schools, Fairview Park City Schools, Olmsted Falls City Schools, North Olmsted City Schools, and Strongsville City Schools are working collaboratively toward the shared goal of developing students that are prepared for college, career, or military upon graduation from high school. The advantage of meeting as a regional business advisory council is that participants will be able to assess workforce/business needs in relation to the development of student skills in schools from a regional perspective versus solely the needs of one community.

Gold Card Club

Since the early 1960s, the Berea City School District has encouraged its residents, 60 or older, to attend school events free of charge through the Gold Card. Members are admitted free of charge to any school-sponsored event in which students participate. This includes plays or music concerts and home athletic events during regular season play.

Community Partnerships

Leading business companies and service organizations have given our students real world experiences and the ability to apply concepts they have learned in the classroom. Our active partners include Baldwin Wallace University, Chamber of Commerce (Berea, Brook Park, and Middleburg Heights), The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cuyahoga Community College, Cuyahoga County Libraries, Smart Consortium, Polaris Career Center, Southwest General Health Center, Junior Achievement of Greater Cleveland.

About Berea City School District

The Berea City School District provides education to approximately 5,450 students in grades preschool through 12. The District serves students in the cities of Berea, Brook Park, Middleburg Heights and a portion of Olmsted Falls.

The Berea City School District is located in Cuyahoga County in northeastern Ohio, immediately southwest of the city of Cleveland.

The curriculum offers a wide range of electives and comprehensive courses of study in college preparatory, college accredited courses, vocational, visual arts, performing arts and physical education programs. A full range of extracurricular programs and activities are available beginning in the elementary grades. All District schools have libraries, lunch programs, and multipurpose rooms or gyms for student activities.

Classroom teachers at all levels are supported by librarians, art, music, and physical education certified staff. All elementary schools have full-time school counselors, nurses, psychologists, and speech pathologists who are employed to work with students at all levels. In meeting the needs of the whole child, District services include school health and psychological services, pupil appraisal, and counseling.

At each K-4 elementary school, we offer our youngest Titans a preschool option.

Our middle school supports grades five through eight.

Our high school is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Through our partnership with Polaris Career Center, our students attend career-technical and STEM based programs at the center and on our campuses.

Berea City School District's 1:1 Chromebook Initiative strengthens students' 21st century skills and presents them with a transformational learning experience that provides around-the-clock access to learning, with virtually unlimited information sources. Teachers will have more opportunities to deliver instruction using a variety of methods to better meet the different learning needs of all students, actively engaging them in learning.

The District operates a variety of non-classroom facilities, including an administration office, a maintenance facility, and a transportation depot. In addition, the Roehm Athletic Complex, multiple athletic fields as well as a full size natatorium at Berea-Midpark Middle

School are used throughout the District to support athletic endeavors among our students and the community.

Berea City School District is committed to serving our community of learners. The aim of education is to not only help our students be successful within school, but to ensure that students succeed beyond school. Our learning environments cultivate culturally responsive schools that support and encourage our students, staff, parents, and community members to contribute their talents and be recognized for their efforts.

By fostering a District-wide community identity, Titans, we are committed to uniting and inspiring our students through innovative programs. We work regularly to ensure safe and secure facilities and transportation by utilizing the best safety practices. Ultimately, we validate and support the diversity, uniqueness, and individual talents of each of our students and staff by providing an environment that offers the best learning opportunities for our students.





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