

Edgewood City Schools



Excellence in the Classroom...A Partnership with the Community

Quality Profile 2016-2017



Inspiring Minds Together





From the Desk of

Russ Fussnecker, Superintendent

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Greetings Edgewood Community Members,

Our Quality Profile provides the opportunity to celebrate so many achievements and successes that took place last year throughout our district. It also allows us to share our beliefs, mission, strategic objectives, and parameters which guided us to the creation of our new strategic plan. Last year, members of the board of education, key district leaders, Edgewood staff, faculty and students came together to undertake this challenge. The outcome of these dedicated individuals resulted in defining our district's "road map" for the future.



Beliefs:

We believe that...

- Everyone has inherent, immeasurable value and deserves to be treated with respect.
- Building and strengthening relationships through open, honest communication is vital for growth.
- Everybody has a unique capacity to learn.
- Each individual has meaningful purpose and personal responsibility.
- Everyone is accountable for their own actions.
- Each person deserves the opportunity for individual success.
- A safe environment supports learning.
- Together we shape our future.

Mission:

To ensure all students succeed as lifelong learners and productive citizens, through challenging and meaningful learning opportunities distinguished by: a dedicated team of students, staff, parents, and community; a safe, well-maintained learning environment; a climate of innovation.

Parameters:

- We will base decisions on what is best for students.
- We will treat all people with dignity and respect.
- We will foster healthy, caring, and supportive relationships.
- We will communicate honestly, clearly, and openly.
- We will be responsible stewards of our resources.
- We will commit to consistent expectations for students and staff.
- We will not compromise excellence.

Our new strategic plan is rooted in providing high quality learning where every student has an opportunity to learn and flourish. The following five strategies define our plan:

- We will ensure learning experiences are engaging, meaningful, and challenging for all our students.
- We will provide high quality environments that are safe and promote social acceptance.
- We will establish and sustain a communication plan that generates trust and productivity.
- Edgewood City Schools will operate in a spirit of innovation.
- Together we will inspire students, staff, parents, and community to commit to the vision and mission of the Edgewood City School District.

We also identified a new tag line that summarizes our strategic plan: **Inspiring Minds Together**

Our strategic objectives are for every student to be an innovative and critical thinker. In addition, we want every student to embody a sense of Edgewood Pride and develop a mindset for service in order to positively impact society. Most of all, we want every student to graduate so they can achieve their highest potential and pursue learning throughout life.



Edgewood at a Glance

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Enrollment

Babeck Early Childhood Center	495
Seven Mile Elementary School	282
Edgewood Elementary School	944
Edgewood Middle School	851
Edgewood High School	1,179
Total Enrollment	3,751



Faculty

- 232 Teachers, Counselors, Therapists & Psychologists:
 - 29 earned master's degree + 30 hours
 - 133 earned master's degree

Professional Development

- Over 40 hours of training with focus on curriculum, mentoring and requirements for the Resident Educator Program.
- Edgewood teacher achieved one of the top 100 overall scores on the 2016-2017 Resident Educator Summative Assessment.
- Maximize program effectiveness through High Schools That Work and Making Middle Grades Work.
- Ongoing partnership with the Butler County Educational Service Center.

District Directory

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Edgewood Middle School 5005 St. Rt. 73, Trenton, OH 45067	513-867-7425
Edgewood High School 3045 Busenbark Road, Trenton, OH 45067	513-867-6300



Babeck Early Childhood Center



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Jeff Banks, Principal

Our Preschool Program

● Earned 5-STAR rating for Step Up to Quality Award from the State of Ohio. Received the highest results for learning and development programs, exceeding licensing health and safety regulations.



Our Kindergarten & 1st Grade Classes

● Utilized Math in Focus curriculum and Reading Wonders curriculum along with a focus on guided reading.
● Music, art, physical education, library and computer classes provided to all students.



Exciting Events and Activities

- **Dr. Seuss Family Night**
 - Nearly 500 students and parents attended this year's event!
- **Kids Night Out**
 - National Honor Society student volunteers from Edgewood High School read and interacted with all the students.
- **Kindergarten Camp**
 - Funded through a grant from the United Way, Success by Six, and Middletown Community Foundation. Provided an academic baseline on incoming kindergarten students and also gave future students a first glimpse of Babeck.
- **Duke Energy Conservation Assemblies**
 - Students learned about ways to conserve energy at home and at school. Duke Energy offered free energy kits to all families in our school who requested them.
- **Raptor Program**
 - Dedicated to the conservation of birds of prey through rehabilitation, education, and community service. Students learned about birds and given the opportunity to see birds first-hand during on site visits.





Seven Mile Elementary School



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Lori Harrison, Principal

Commitment to Learning

- Cougar Club offered students daily enrichment and intervention.
- Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) provided small group instruction which supplemented literacy teaching.
- Star Reading Assessments used to gain insight on student learning and instruction.
- Character building programs supported the district's 12 Guiding Principles.
- Students attended one of five special classes every day: music, art, physical education, library, and technology.



Developing Talents, Social Skills and Community Involvement

- Music concerts
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Right to Read Week
- Agriculture Day provided by the Edgewood FFA Chapter
- Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Drive
- Successful partnership with the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
- Student of the Month Principal Breakfast
- Scholastic book fairs
- Dr. Seuss Breakfast



Student Support Services

- Gifted services provided to students through “clustered” grouping.
- Response to Intervention (RTI) Team was used to identify at-risk students.
- Catalyst Counseling Mental Health Services available.



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Jenny Halsey, 2nd & 3rd Grade Principal
Pam Theurer, 4th & 5th Grade Principal



Focus on Academics

- Genius Hour- encouraged creative thinking and problem solving.
- Scripps National Spelling Bee- 4th and 5th grade students participated in one of our nation's oldest competitions.
- Sumdog Competition- participated in national competition to solidify math skills.
- Writing Buddies- tutoring supported by Edgewood Middle School students.
- Family Curriculum Nights- engaged families in student learning partnerships.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters- mentors reinforced social skills, relationship building and educational success.
- Whiz Kids- community volunteers assisted in tutoring students.

Promoting Character Development, Learning and Life Skills

- Character Focus Program- reinforced our district's 12 Guiding Principles.
- Student of the Month – recognition program for students who exemplified excellent character traits and behaviors.
- Right to Read Week- sponsored by Ohio Council International Reading Association (OCIRA).
- Girls On The Run - inspired girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrated running.



Our Community Connections

- First Responders Assembly- presentation held to honor our local first responders.
- Red Ribbon Campaign- focused on drug prevention, education, and advocacy.
- YMCA Partnership - before and after school programs provided daily.
- Edgewood Ministerial Association- partnership to support family needs.
- Historical Bike Tour of our Community- annual 5th grade event.
- Multiple donation efforts sponsored by students, families and staff to assist:
 - Local food pantries, Pennies for Pies, bottled water for Flint, MI, Ronald McDonald House, clothing for students impacted by floods.
- Funds provided to purchase Buddy Benches for the playground in the name of Kristina Blust, an Edgewood graduate.
- Received the Middletown Community Foundation Grant.



Edgewood Middle School



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David Slamer, Principal

Academics

- Offered Gifted and Advanced courses for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade in English Language Arts and Math.
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) classes available for 7th and 8th grade.
- Algebra and Spanish offered for high school credit.
- Junior Achievement in a Day presentations supported career education.

Arts and Music

- 41% students participated in either choir or band.
- 8th grade choir received Superior rating at Festival of Music competition. 50 member choir competed with choirs from Ohio and Indiana.
- 55 students selected for “The Overtures” Show Choir. Performances included “That 70’s Show” featured in Edgewood High School’s Choralier Decades Dinner Theater.
- 70 students participated in the largest 6th grade concert band.
- 7 students selected to participate in the 2017 Ohio District 13 Honor Band.
- Pep Band, Jazz Band and the Percussion Ensemble performed throughout the community.



Athletics

- 28% of all Edgewood Middle School students played at least one sport.
- Football - 7th and 8th grade teams placed 3rd in the league.
- Volleyball- 8th grade placed 3rd; 7th grade placed 2nd.
- Boys Basketball- 7th and 8th grade teams earned 3rd place.
- Girls Basketball- 8th grade team were league champions.
- Wrestling- earned league championship.
- Track- Boys were league champions; Girls achieved 3rd place.

Community Partnerships and Schoolwide Activities

- “Start with Hello” Week- program raised awareness and educated students on the power of inclusion, connectedness and belonging. Partnership with the city of Trenton and Sandy Hook Promise initiative.
- White Christmas Canned Food Drive- donations made to Edgewood Ministerial Association Food Pantry.
- 12 students participated in the Ohio Middle Level Association (OMLA) Student Leadership Retreat.
- October Bully Prevention Month - awareness and prevention training including month long planned activities and speakers.



Edgewood High School



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Doug Geygan, Principal

Academic Achievements

- 115 students earned college credit for Advanced Placement (AP) courses.
- In partnership with Miami University and Cincinnati State, 731 college credit hours were earned from College Credit Plus (CCP) courses.
- \$1.2M in scholarships awarded to the Class of 2017.
- Edgewood achieved a 90.7% graduation rate.
- 38 students received an Edgewood High School Honors diploma.
- 28 students earned State of Ohio Honors diplomas.



Student Activities, Leadership Opportunities & Accomplishments

- Our Marching Band received a Superior rating at the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) contest and state qualifier. The Drumline was undefeated in the 2016 season.
- Choraliars, our competitive show choir, earned the Grand Champion title in 2016 and 2017 including: Best Vocals, Best Choreography, and Best Show Concept.
- Edgewood's Future Farmers of America (FFA) named as the National AgriScience Fair finalist. Recipient of the State FFA Degree and the American FFA Degree. FFA has strong community partnerships with Harvest Land Co-op, Pioneer Seed, and Turner Farms and is supported by the FFA Alumni Boosters.
- National Honor Society inducted 34 outstanding high school students in 2016-2017.
- 12 graduates from the Class of 2017 were accepted to serve in the Armed Forces including one graduate who was appointed to the United States Air Force Academy.
- Edgewood's DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) chapter is lead by an officer team which operates a school-based enterprise led by 6 student managers.
- Our HOSA (Health Occupations Students Association) chapter promotes the development of skills and knowledge for our graduates to become health science professionals.

- 15 student-athletes attended Anthony Munoz Leadership Seminar for a full day of leadership development.
- The Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) Foundation invited 10 of our student-athletes to the Student Leadership Conference to discuss overcoming adversity and leadership skills.
- 10 student-athletes were chosen to represent Edgewood at the Southwest Ohio Conference (SWOC) Leadership Summit.

Athletic Achievements

- 271 student-athletes achieved a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher.
- 32 students earned 1st Team All-Conference Honors.
- 21 Varsity teams; consisted of 864 students.
- 15 students participated in college/university athletics.
- 5 SWOC Athlete of the Year recipients; 4 SWOC Coach of the Year recipients.
- 4 league championship titles won by EHS: Girls Golf, Football, Girls Basketball and Softball.



Student Services

- A variety of services ensured all students received appropriate instruction and support.
- 14 classes were offered to assist students, with special needs, in successfully completing their course requirements.
- Additional support provided for our Special Education students include:
 - Small group resource rooms.
 - Transition Training Program.
 - Supervised Study Table (SST) - assisted students with comprehension, re-teaching of material and work completion.
 - EDGE TIME - a daily support program for students.



Districtwide Upgrades

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Facilities

- Created and implemented a comprehensive 5 Year Facility Assessment Plan.
- Upgraded HVAC control system at Edgewood Elementary School.
- Roof repairs made at Edgewood Middle School.
- Repaired and painted south side of Seven Mile Elementary School.
- Installed 18,484 LED lights throughout the district at no charge to Edgewood (Duke Energy rebates and federal incentive programs covered all expenses). Lighting costs reduced by 42%, estimated annual savings of \$58,000.
- Stadium upgrades in restrooms, concession stand, bleachers and the field house.



Safety and Security

- Appointment of new Director of Safety and Security.
- Adoption of Rachel's Challenge in Edgewood Middle School and Edgewood High School- objective to reduce bullying, violence, alcohol, tobacco and other drug use.
- Implemented RAPTOR (visitor management system) and NaviGate (virtual safety response tool for developing an effective school safety program) in every school.

- Completed districtwide safety training, including A.L.I.C.E (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) and a reunification drill.
- Scored 100% on our Emergency Operation Plan from the Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Homeland Security. 58 different elements were evaluated to assess our district's prevention, response, mitigation, and recovery plan.
- Conducted a Hazardous Materials Table Top Exercise with police, fire, state and county Emergency Management Agencies, other local school districts, and the Butler County Educational Service Center. Exercise tested our Emergency Operations Plan.



Technology

- Edgewood is a G Suite for Education school district. Utilizing email, productivity tools, document storage and archiving services for students and staff at no cost to taxpayers. Our Technology team is dedicated to providing world-class support and service.
- Interactive projection system installed in every classroom.
- iPad/chromebook allocation: 1 device per every 2 students at all grade levels.
- Over 20 digital learning platforms and software programs available to grades K-12.
- Laptops provided to every teacher, counselor, therapist, psychologist, principal and administrator.
- Upgraded district auditorium's audio and visual systems.
- New district website: www.edgewoodschools.com

Transportation

- District's bus lot was paved to reduce maintenance costs to our fleet.
- 365,500 miles driven in 2016-2017 by 26 drivers.



Fiscal Stewardship

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Edgewood is dedicated to controlling cost year over year. We recognize our community wants their tax dollars to go towards our students and classrooms, not to administrative costs.

Spending per Student*		
	Our District	Ohio
Operating Expenditure per Student	\$9,693	\$11,164
Classroom Instruction	\$5,744	\$6,470
Non-Classroom Spending	\$3,949	\$4,694

*ODE 2016 Report Card

New Central Registration Office Provides Lease Income for District

Partnered with Premier Health/Atrium Hospital, to construct a Central Registration Office while creating space for local physicians. \$3.2M in lease payments will be generated, over the next 15 years, for the district’s General Fund, to pay for day-to-day operations.



Partnership with the City of Trenton

The district and the City of Trenton entered into a Resident Improvement District (RID) arrangement whereby the district received annual payments directly from the city. In the last five years, the district has received approximately \$350,000. These dollars flow directly to the General Fund to support daily operations.

Medicaid Reimbursements

The district received state and federal reimbursements for students who are Medicaid eligible and received various types of services that qualified for reimbursement. With the backlog of unpaid claims at the Ohio Department of Medicaid, and prior errors in how reimbursements were calculated, the district aggressively sought to have prior year reimbursements paid in full. During the FY 2017 school year, reimbursement payments totaling approximately \$630,000 were received (from fiscal years 2010 – 2015). All reimbursement payments have been directed into the General Fund.

Wise Investment Strategy Yields Interest Income

Investments of excess funds took place in fiscal 2017. By utilizing an effective investment strategy, the district earned \$100,000. Plans are underway to take advantage of a favorable market in order to earn additional income from excess cash balances not needed for short term operating expenses.



District Information

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