



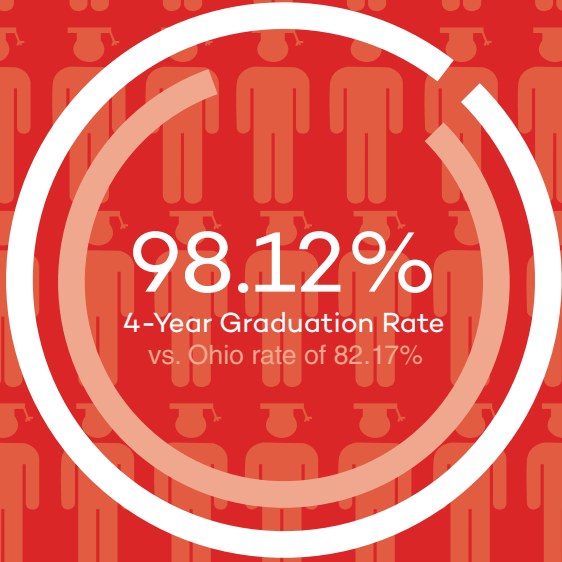
Mercer County

MEASURES *that* MATTER

A look at what makes our schools great

“We have a passionate and dedicated group of teachers willing to go above and beyond for their students. It is this very work ethic our county is known for that we hope to instill in our students and come to expect in our future citizens that has made our schools and our students so successful.”

Jason Luebke, Celina Curriculum Coordinator



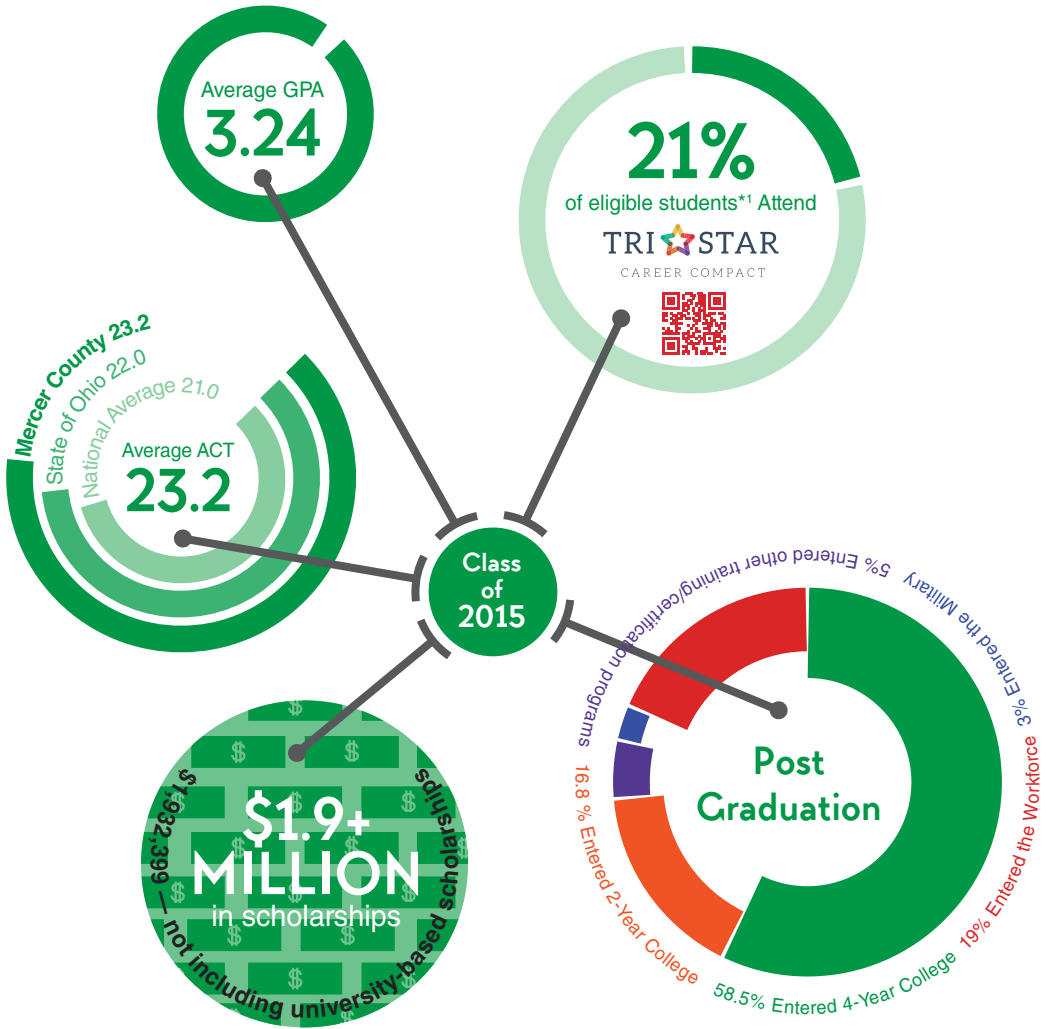
“ The focus of all the districts in Mercer County is for students to have the ability to face life’s challenges with confidence. ”

*Sue Bruns
Marion Local Special Education Supervisor*

Mercer County schools are doing great things.

This publication highlights some of the many accomplishments of our students, schools, and staff.

Achievement & Success



24%



of High School students participate in

AP or CC+ courses*²

Mercer County continues to be a great place to live because of our strong families and dedicated workforce. The contributions this group of students who enter the workforce upon graduation will make to manufacturing, agriculture, healthcare, and many other areas are what will allow our communities to thrive in the future.

Excerpt from 2015 commencement ceremony at Fort Recovery High School

Involvement & Activities

425+

Mercer County Students
Receive Gifted Services



Every K-8 Student receives an
average of **37** minutes of
Intervention or Enrichment per day

82

Special Education Professionals
Serve our Students

100%
Have the opportunity to
participate in **DAILY ARTS**
instruction and productions

“We believe strongly in what extra and co-curricular activities can do for one’s well-roundedness. Not to mention the life-long friendships that are fostered and the sense of belonging to something special!”

*Jeff Hobbs
Fort Recovery High School Principal*



Students in grades 7-12
have more than
40 Activities & Clubs
to choose from.



Nearly 25% of 7-12
students participate
in the Arts

“Participation in the arts is vital to a well-rounded education. It is well known that students who are active in the arts score higher on tests, do better in school and have the confidence needed to succeed in life.”

Denise Peterson, Colliwater Teacher

23.4%
participate in
Vocational
Agriculture
and
FFA
programs

Take a Look

St. Henry Middle School’s
Student-Made
Video Announcements



“Thank you for all that you taught me in high school... I took my Dental Admission Test this summer... and I scored in the 95th percentile for general chemistry.”

*Former Student of Dave Scott,
AP Chemistry Teacher at Celina High School*

Technology is infused in every classroom. Students have access to:



Tablets



Computer Labs



Classroom Computers



Technology Instruction



1:1 Initiative



WiFi



Interactive Whiteboards

Educators & Technology

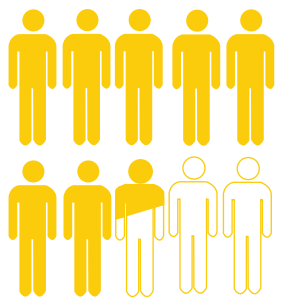
Our Staff

14.1

Average Years of Experience

35%

Serve as Coach or Club Advisors



73%

are Graduates of Mercer County Schools

“Our students are surrounded by technology every day before they enter our four brick and mortar walls... Using technology such as iPads, interactive whiteboards, QR Codes, and various learning apps are excellent ways to differentiate instruction, keep students engaged and on task while preparing them with 21st Century skills such as collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, and communication.”

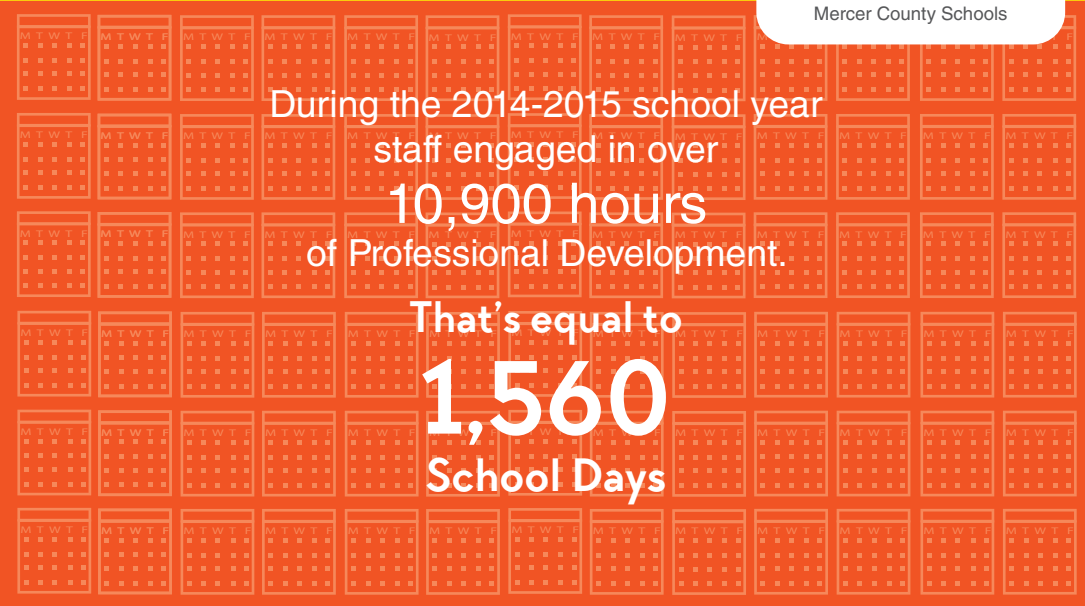
*Betsy Crites
Wright State University Lake Campus Education Instructor and STEM Coordinator*

“STEM is the culmination of all subjects being combined in a meaningful way to further enrich the minds of the students in a hands-on atmosphere.”

*Andy Miller
St. Henry STEM Teacher*

During the 2014-2015 school year staff engaged in over **10,900 hours** of Professional Development.

That's equal to **1,560 School Days**



Responsibility

Average
Spending
Per
Pupil



Ohio \$9,189

Mercer County
\$9,049

“Marion Local ranks in the top 10 of similar sized school districts in regards to the percent of funds that are spent on classroom instruction... which shows that the majority of our funds are invested back into the classroom to increase student achievement.”

*Heather Cramer
Marion Local Treasurer*



71%

Spent directly on
classroom instruction

vs.

Ohio average of **67%**

“I believe that the conservative nature of Mercer County residents is well-represented by local boards of education and school administrators. As other schools in the county, Parkway Local School District is committed to investing current tax dollars on current students.”

Debbie Pierce, Parkway Local Treasurer

“Gifted students in Mercer County are offered a wide range of courses and services... robotics teams, Lego competitions, STEM activities, field trips, artifact box exchange and scholastic competitions. Elementary and middle school students are often taught by teachers who are licensed in gifted education. High school students have the opportunity to take honors, AP and College Credit Plus courses.”

Wendi Moorman, MCEC Gifted Coordinator

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Behind The Scenes

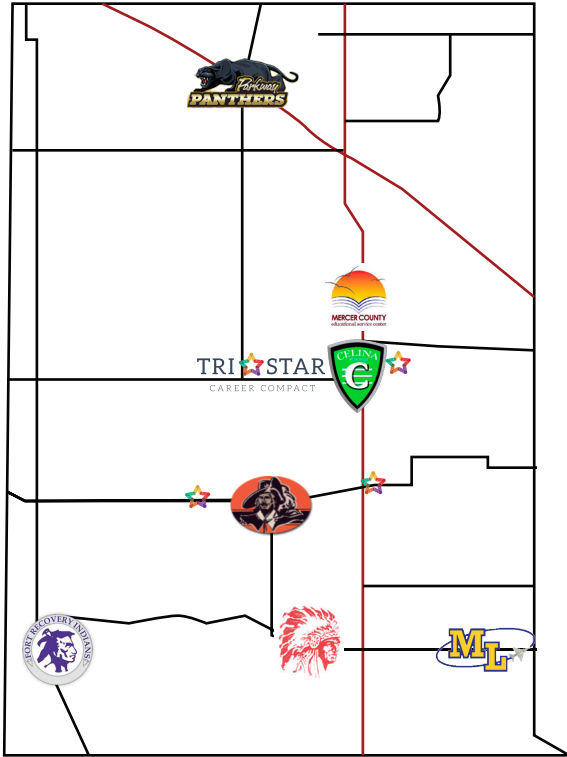


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“It is no secret that Mercer County residents have a work ethic that is second to none, which is a major factor of our student success”

Kyle Kunk, St. Henry Middle School Principal



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*1 Parkway students attend Vantage Career Center

*2 AP = Advanced Placement; CC+ = College Credit Plus



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