Monroe Local Schools
Quality Profile

Motivating, Leading, & Succeeding

2018-2019

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VISION & MISSION

MOTIVATING
by fostering self-worth and mutual respect in a secure and caring environment.

LEADING
by providing innovative and challenging learning opportunities in partnership with families and community.

SUCCEEDING
by empowering students to become responsible contributing members of society.

A successful school district places a high degree of importance on ensuring that all children have the opportunity to reach their full potential inside and outside of the classroom. This quality profile helps characterize the overall educational value of the Monroe Local School District in areas that matter most in our community.
Our district’s academic program provides opportunities for all students to reach their full potential.

- Of the 184 members of the graduating class of 2019, 48 graduated with honors, and achieved a GPA of 3.8 or above.

- Monroe High School ACT – Scores
  English 18.2  Reading 19.4
  Math 18.9  Science 19.4
  Monroe HS composite ACT average 19.1
  State of Ohio composite ACT average 19.4

- Monroe Elementary offers gifted support for gifted identified students in grades 3 - 6 in Reading, Math and Superior Cognitive.

- All second through sixth grade students participate in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Music) classes.

- Monroe Primary provides all-day, everyday kindergarten classes for all students.

- World languages offered - Spanish and German.


- Monroe High School offers College Credit Plus courses on campus through Cincinnati State and the University of Cincinnati in Anatomy and Physiology, Spanish IV and V, and English IV.
Participation in performing and visual arts inspires students’ creativity, problem-solving and critical thinking skills.

- Visual arts students were included in the Miamisburg HS Art Gallery Show receiving multiple honors.
- The high school Chorale Choir earned an excellent rating in Class C at OMEA large group contest. For the last four years the Choral Choir has performed at the City of Monroe September 11th Memorial Ceremony.
- Vocal Music, Visual Arts, and Physical Education are offered kindergarten through 12th grade. At the high school, our music classes including piano, guitar, mixed chorus, Monroe Chorale, marching band, and concert band. We offer instruction in visual arts, painting, drawing, ceramics, sculpture, digital design and mixed media creation.
- The Monroe Band Program serves grades 6 through 12 by providing the following ensemble opportunities: concert band, symphonic band, jazz band, marching band, pep band, solo and ensemble, and pit orchestra ensemble.
- The Monroe concert band has participated in the OMEA State adjudicated performance for the past five years, achieving Superior ratings the three of the last five years. Our marching band is 91 members strong and performed at the U.C. Bearcat Band Day in November of 2018.

Art teaches that there can be many solutions to the same problem.
A well-rounded education includes a wide variety of opportunities.

- Monroe participates in the SWBL athletic league and competes in 21 athletic programs in the high school and 10 at the junior high.
- The average GPA of student athletes in junior high was 3.71 and the high school was 3.51.
- 582 students in grades 7-12 participated in interscholastic athletics this past school year. 182 students participated in multiple sports.
- 12 Hornet athletes committed to continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level.
- 2 athletes were named to All-State teams. 6 athletes competed at the state level.
- Cheerleading qualified for OASSA State.
- Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer and Softball won a SWBL Championship. Four teams qualified for OHSAA Regional Competition.
- High school clubs include, German, Spanish, Interact, Monroe Abstinence Squad, National Honor Society, Thespians, Mu Alpha Theta, and Pride. Junior high clubs include Junior National Honor Society, Power of the Pen, and Chess Club.
- Monroe Elementary has a safety patrol, Girls on the Run Club and student council.
Financial responsibility ensures that the majority of funding is spent on classroom instruction.

- Monroe’s Cost per pupil of $8,422 compares favorably with the State average of $11,953 and similar districts of $11,343.
- Percentage spent on instruction: 70.6%.
- The Monroe community supported the passage of an operating levy in November of 2016 by 74%.
- Recently, the district refunded more than 10 million dollars in Bonds, saving the local taxpayers over 2.5 million dollars.
- We completed a House Bill 264 energy conservation project with the installation of energy efficient lighting which will save the District $96,000 in utility expenses annually.
- On a cash basis, the District’s revenue exceeded expenditures by 3.6 million dollars. The Board passed a cash reserve policy that requires ending each year with a cash balance to equal or exceed sixty days.
- The district received the Auditor of State Award for excellence in financial reporting and compliance.
- We believe in transparency and participate in the Ohio Checkbook. See our website for more info.
- The most recent Five Year Forecast may be found here: http://fyf.oecn.k12.oh.us/genForecast.asp?IRN=139303&Format=HTML
Educational experiences are enhanced by partnerships between the school district and community.

- School volunteers: our community schools welcome and benefit from the help of parents and community members in many different ways, including but not limited to: classroom parents, school fund raisers, book fairs, PTO members, judges for science fairs, field trips and dance chaperones.

- Donations by Boosters/PTO's/Foundations: Our Primary PTO raised $13,000 to purchase computers, equipment, classroom carpets, and teacher supplies. Our Elementary PTO raised money to purchase playground equipment, picnic tables, computer equipment, classroom equipment and student awards.

- In cooperation with the Monroe MidPointe Library, student teams competed in the state wide Invention Convention.

- Family nights take place throughout the school year at the Monroe Primary and Elementary schools. They connect parents with the learning that is happening in the classrooms.

- At the junior high, students from the evolution of games class visited the residents at the Mt. Pleasant Retirement Community to play board games.

- All eighth grade students participate in Real Money, Real World event that involves representatives from many local businesses.

- Each year, local day care providers are invited to work with Monroe Primary teachers on a kindergarten readiness effort.

- Sixth grade choir performed on numerous occasions at Mt. Pleasant Retirement Community.

- The local chamber of commerce promotes Manufacturing Day. Monroe High School sent 40 junior and senior students to visit local manufacturers, including Middletown Tube, Phoenix Metals, Sheppard Chemical, AK Steel, Deceuninck, and Worthington Industries.

- Our anatomy and physiology class visited a surgical unit at the UC Health Center.

- With the support of The Chamber of Commerce Serving Middletown, Monroe & Trenton, 150 students attended a Pathways to Professions event in Middletown.

- Our high school is a member of the High Schools That Work organization and our junior high is involved in Making Middle Grades Work. This organization involves more than 100 schools in Southwest Ohio and focuses on implementing the best instructional strategies and conditions in our schools.
A variety of services provide options to ensure all students receive individualized instruction, enrichment and support.

- Students with disabilities – 12%
- Students identified as ELL – 4%
- Students identified as gifted – 15.6%

- Both gifted and IEP students earned an “A” in Value Added (growth based on past performances) according to the 2016 report card.
While we are proud of our students’ State Report Card results, we also recognize that learning and growing involves much more than scores on standardized tests. Our faculty, staff, parents and community support our young people and encourage them to achieve all they can, and often more than they think they can! We are thankful for the support of our community and for the outstanding young people they send to our classrooms.

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