



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SUMMARY

Ohio Avenue Elementary School

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School Overview

MISSION: Our mission is to educate the whole child by providing a healthy, safe, engaging environment where families, staff, and community are supported.

VISION: Each student is prepared for success in the world by learning foundational academic and life skills.

We work to attain our goals by addressing the whole child through the following tenets:

- ✓ **Healthy:** Each student enters school healthy and learns about and practices a healthy lifestyle.
- ✓ **Safe:** Each student learns in an environment that is physically and emotionally safe for students and adults.
- ✓ **Engaged:** Each student is actively engaged in learning and is connected to the school and broader community.
- ✓ **Supported:** Each student has access to personalized learning and is supported by qualified, caring adults.
- ✓ **Challenged:** Each student is challenged academically and prepared for success in college or further study and for employment and participation in a global environment.

(ASCD Whole Child Initiative: www.ascd.org/whole-child.aspx)

We believe that our collaborative efforts will enable all Ohio Avenue Elementary School students to achieve their highest potential to become respectful, responsible, safe, and engaged learners prepared for the 21st century and beyond.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM: Ohio Avenue incorporates the Common Core Standards for reading/language arts and math and Ohio Content Standards for health, science, social studies, and technology into the instructional program. Students participate in a blended learning model by using the iReady instructional program to support their traditional learning with online learning to help prepare them for 21st century learning demands and the upcoming online PARCC assessments which will replace the previous state Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA) in 2015. We also include social emotional learning standards into our program including self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making.

Recent Awards, Accomplishments, and Achievements

2013 21st Century Learning Grant Recipient – Awarded a 5-year grant to provide after-school and summer programming through the Salvation Army

2013- 2014 Girls on the Run Grant – Awarded a grant for students to participate in 2014 Girls on The Run program

2014 Jefferson Award For Public Service – Awarded to volunteer JoAnn Evans

2014 School Improvement Grant Recipient – Awarded a \$1,000,000 federal grant to help with improving the school

2014-2016 ASCD Emerging Leader Award – Principal recognized by international education organization ASCD as an *Emerging Leader*

2014 Book Grant Recipient – Awarded \$150,000 to purchase books for the school and for classroom libraries

2014 School Report Card

- a. Maintained an **A** in value-added (students demonstrated more than a year's worth of learning growth)
- b. Improved from **C** to **B** in achievement of students in the lowest 20% of achievement
- c. Improved from **F** to **D** in achievement of special education students

School Goals

1. Increase student achievement in reading and math.
2. Each student will grow at least one year in their learning.
3. Continue to make our school a safe place where students, staff, parents, and community work together towards achieving goals.

Strategies for Improvement

1. After School Tutoring – helping meet individual student learning needs
2. Ohio Avenue University – closing opportunity gaps
3. Saturday Academies and Monthly Parent Breakfasts – ongoing communication with parents and families
4. Establishing Ohio Avenue as a Literacy Collaborative school in training – teachers learning reading strategies to help students improve
5. Implementing a blended learning model through the use of iReady program in reading and math

Key Partnerships Supporting School Improvement Efforts

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS: The Ohio State University, Urban Connections, CDC Headstart, The Red Cross, Girl Scouts, Charity Newsies, Replenish Spa, Columbus Crew, Columbus Clippers, COSI, Central Community House, Columbus Metropolitan Library, Fifth Third Bank, Community for New Directions, First English Lutheran Church, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Tail Waggin Tutors, and the Salvation Army. We place high value in community involvement with our students, parents, and staff to help achieve our common goals for enriching lives and increasing academic success.

Ways of Getting Involved

Parents and community members are encouraged to visit classrooms and volunteer at the school. Volunteer orientations are offered each month. Please call our office today to help us improve our school 😊