



Anthony Wayne Local Schools Quality Profile

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ABOUT THE QUALITY PROFILE

The Quality Profile, developed by the Alliance for High Quality Education, provides a broader picture of district performance beyond the State of Ohio's Local Report Card. The Alliance is a group of high-performing Ohio school districts that collaborate to advocate for their unique needs and highlight measures of success that matter most to their communities.

While the Local Report Card offers a snapshot of academic performance, the Quality Profile serves as a more holistic view of the District. It reflects the full range of efforts that support student growth and help fulfill the District's mission. Together, these measures provide a deeper understanding of the work taking place each day to maintain educational excellence.

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ANTHONY WAYNE LOCAL SCHOOLS

Anthony Wayne Local Schools is a high-performing public school district in northwest Ohio committed to preparing students for success in college, career, and life. The District is dedicated to academic excellence, character development, and providing meaningful opportunities for students to grow both inside and outside the classroom.



Through rigorous academics, extracurricular activities, and strong community partnerships, Anthony Wayne Local Schools supports the whole child and empowers students to reach their full potential. Guided by its mission to prepare students to be future ready, the District continues its tradition of excellence while meeting the evolving needs of students, families, and the community.

DISTRICT MISSION

Anthony Wayne Local Schools empowers students to future ready.

DISTRICT VISION

Driven by our core beliefs and rich traditions, Anthony Wayne Local Schools will be among the best school districts in the state and our future ready Generals will be prepared to march forward with a foundation that will allow each individual ultimate success.

THE PORTRAIT OF A GENERAL

The Portrait of a General reflects the District's core values and the skills we strive to develop in every student. It serves as a shared vision for learning across Anthony Wayne Local Schools.

This framework guides our instructional practices and supports the development of future-ready graduates.



- ▶ **LIFELONG LEARNING**
- ▶ **CRITICAL THINKING**
- ▶ **EMPATHY**
- ▶ **ADAPTABILITY & FLEXIBILITY**
- ▶ **COMMUNICATION & COLLABORATION**

LEADERSHIP



Board of Education (L to R): Vice President Kyle Miller, Amy Barrett, President Jeff Baden, Lindsay Hoipkemier, and Mike Stamm.

The Board of Education is committed to effective governance through responsive leadership, active committee work and ongoing professional development. Throughout the year, the Board collaborated with district leadership to advance strategic priorities and make decisions that reflect the best interests of students, staff, and the community.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



Award-Winning Photography: This photo, captured on the flight line during the District's administrative retreat at the 180th Fighter Wing, received an Excellence Award in Photography from the Ohio School Public Relations Association.

Anthony Wayne Local Schools department directors and building administrators provide dedicated leadership that supports student success, staff growth, and continuous school improvement. Working collaboratively across the District, they oversee daily operations, implement strategic initiatives, and foster positive learning environments while partnering with families and the community to ensure every student has the opportunity to thrive.

SUPERINTENDENT



Superintendent Kevin Herman meets with AWHs Student Council members to hear their ideas, concerns, and feedback—and to discuss ways to make Anthony Wayne Local Schools even better.

Superintendent Kevin Herman's priorities for the 2025–2026 school year focused on servant leadership, communication, and meaningful engagement with students, staff, and the community. These efforts reinforced the District's commitment to listening, fostering transparency, strengthening relationships, and ensuring student and staff voices remained at the center of decision making.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Generals for Generations Foundation
- ▶ Donuts & Dialogue with the Superintendent
- ▶ Community Updates
- ▶ Classroom Visits
- ▶ One-on-One Conversations

“Each year, the Quality Profile offers a chance to reflect on the incredible achievements of our staff and students over the past year. I hope you are as proud of Anthony Wayne Local Schools as I am.”

Kevin Herman, Superintendent



Waterville Primary Career Day



Kevin Pfefferle, Assistant Superintendent and Kevin Herman, Superintendent

The District strengthened its leadership team with the addition of Kevin Pfefferle as Assistant Superintendent. With 22 years in AWLS, he brings a deep understanding of the District and a student-centered approach that supports continued growth and success. 

FINANCES



The District is entering a period of transition as long-time Treasurer Kerri Johnson retired at the end of year. Assistant Treasurer Ray Greene will assume the Treasurer role, with Meagan Conroy becoming the next Assistant Treasurer.

The Treasurer's Office remained focused on maintaining the District's financial stability and serving as a responsible steward of taxpayer resources during a challenging period for public education. Inflation, rising operating costs, and legislative changes continue to create a complex fiscal environment for Ohio school districts. These challenges are especially significant for Anthony Wayne Local Schools, which receives a smaller share of state and federal funding than the average Ohio school district and generates less local revenue per \$100,000 of home value than neighboring districts. This funding reality makes prudent financial stewardship essential to sustaining the exceptional educational opportunities our students and community expect.

2025-2026 EXPENDITURES

General Fund Expenditures

62% Salaries	\$32,095,292
23% Benefits	\$11,804,673
12% Purchased Services	\$6,370,861
2% Supplies & Materials	\$1,185,585
1% Other	\$691,451
Total Expenditures	\$52,147,862

General Fund Expenditure Trends

2025-2026	\$52,147,862
2024-2025	\$49,425,960
2023-2024	\$47,415,155
2022-2023	\$45,355,314
2021-2022	\$45,104,598

Per Pupil Spending Comparison

Cost per student

Toledo	\$22,175
Maumee	\$18,128
State Average	\$17,609
Ottawa Hills	\$16,908
Springfield	\$16,815
Oregon	\$16,529
Washington Local	\$16,483
Sylvania	\$15,041
Anthony Wayne	\$14,118

Despite having the lowest per-pupil spending rate among Lucas County districts and spending well below the state average, Anthony Wayne Local Schools consistently performs among the top districts in the state.

2025-2026 REVENUES

General Fund Revenues

Real Estate Taxes	\$38,647,438
State Aid	\$8,181,864
Other Local Funding	\$6,551,935
Non-Operating Revenue	\$0
Total Revenue	\$53,381,237

General Fund Revenue Trends

2025-2026	\$53,381,237
2024-2025	\$49,711,305
2023-2024	\$45,941,079
2022-2023	\$45,294,588
2021-2022	\$42,294,588

Revenue Source Comparison

	Local Funding	State Funding	Federal Funding
Ottawa Hills	69%	23%	2%
Anthony Wayne	66%	22%	4%
Maumee	64%	25%	5%
Sylvania	63%	25%	6%
Springfield	61%	23%	8%
Oregon	47%	22%	7%
State Average	47%	37%	8%
Washington Local	39%	46%	8%
Toledo	25%	52%	18%

Revenue data source: ODEW 2025 District Profile



As costs continue to rise, District leaders are closely monitoring spending trends and communicating financial information with stakeholders to provide transparency while balancing student services with a fixed budget.

Lucas County School District Tax Comparison

	Effective millage	Cost per \$100,000 home value
Ottawa Hills	66.51	\$2,252
Maumee	34.89	\$1,328
Washington Local	35.61	\$1,243
Sylvania	31.29	\$1,067
Toledo	32.75	\$1,193
Springfield	28.92	\$1,028
Oregon	27.39	\$956
Anthony Wayne	22.16	\$900

Last passing a new operational levy in 2013, Anthony Wayne Local Schools continues to maintain the lowest effective millage of all public school districts in Lucas County.

Anthony Wayne Local Schools operates with one of the lowest levels of available funding among neighboring districts, receiving less state support than the average Ohio district and generating less local revenue than surrounding communities. Despite these challenges, the District continues to achieve outstanding results through responsible financial management, efficient operations, strong community support, and the dedication of its educators and staff.

HUMAN RESOURCES



The Fall Professional Development Day presented staff members with a variety of session topics and hands-on learning opportunities.

Strengthening recruitment and retention remained a priority, with continued efforts to improve hiring processes, support new employees, and enhance training and professional development. Staff recognition and engagement also remained central to fostering a positive workplace culture, along with ongoing investments in employee well-being and work-life balance.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Employee Assistance Program
- ▶ Fall family picnic
- ▶ District wide pickleball socials
- ▶ Family Wellness Day at BGSU
- ▶ Quarterly wellness challenges
- ▶ Recognition programs



Hard Hat Awards



Family Picnic

IN APPRECIATION



Recent Retirees (L to R): Robin Burns, Van Driver & Aide; Shelly Bankey, AWHs Aide; Kerri Johnson, Treasurer; Becky Stutz, Marketing/DECA Teacher; Steve Trompeter, Maintenance Engineer; Toni Baldwin, Food Services Cook; Brenda Cohrs, Food Services Secretary; Lisa Ernsthansen, Business/ Technology Teacher. **Not pictured:** Jim Bolone, ELA Teacher; Debbie Harrison, Custodian; Jim Huddleston, 6th Grade Teacher; Cynthia Kerscher, Food Service; Bernadette Mierzewski, Custodian; Melinda Noward, Secretary; Custodian; Michael Tolles, Maintenance Specialist; Barry Vincent, Bus Driver.

EMPLOYEE HONORS AND AWARDS



Mary Dressel, 6th Grade Teacher at Fallen Timbers Middle School; Bryan DeKay, Art Teacher at AWHs; Claudine Strayer, Secretary at Monclova Primary School were named the Anthony Wayne Local Schools 2025 Staff Members of the Year.



Penta - AWHs Marketing Teacher Becky Stutz received the Ohio DECA Honorary Life Membership Award.



AWHS Instrumental Music Teacher Roy Young was named a CreativeOhio Arts Educator Champion Finalist.



Monclova Primary First Grade Teacher, Shannon Blaesing is the 2026 National Crumbl Cookie Teacher of the Year Runner-Up.



AWHS Assistant Principal Stephanie Buckenmeyer earned a Doctor of Education from Johns Hopkins University.



AWLS Head Mechanic Gary Vollmar was recognized as an Outstanding Alumnus of Penta Career Center.



AWHS Varsity Girls Soccer Coach Lori Williams was named OSSCA Division II Soccer Coach of the Year.

ACADEMICS



Fallen Timbers Middle School celebrated its Spelling Bee finalists, recognizing students for performing under pressure. Top speller Blake Werner advanced to the regional bee.



Whitehouse Primary 2nd grade students hosted a poetry and punch recitation event for their families, demonstrating their confidence, creativity, and public speaking skills.



Isaac Morrin was selected as the winner of the AW Education Foundation logo design contest.



Waterville Primary's Kylie Stout placed third in the NW Ohio Ode to the Zip Code poetry contest for the third time.



Josie Nemeth and Alexander Kohler were named the top two spellers during the AW Junior High Spelling Bee.



FTMS students Sullivan Lewis and Blake Werner were recognized by OMLA for their scholarship and citizenship.



Guest presenters and educational field trips provided students across the district with unique perspectives and hands-on learning opportunities, from exploring electron microscopes with experts from The University of Toledo to stepping back in time with the Waterville Historical Society.

CLASS OF 2026



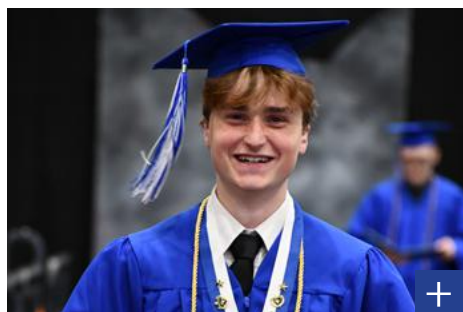
As reported by the 339 members of the Class of 2026, approximately 80% will pursue further education, 10% will enter the workforce, 3% will enlist in the military and 2% will take a gap year.



AWHS students received 550 scholarship offers totaling \$17.2 million, with 382 scholarships accepted and 92 local scholarships awarded through the generosity of community organizations and individuals.



BGSU remains the top post-secondary education choice for graduates, with UT following.



Grant Hubley got a behind-the-scenes look at U.S. government operations as part of the United States Senate Youth Program.



Aradhya Muthumula served as Ohio FCCLA State President, demonstrating outstanding leadership and student advocacy.



Garrett Smith was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy, continuing a proud family legacy of military service.



Through rigorous academics, including Advanced Placement, Honors, College Credit Plus, and Penta Career Center programs, along with athletics, the arts, leadership, service, and extracurricular involvement, the Class of 2026 embraced opportunities to explore their interests, build essential skills, and pursue meaningful pathways—demonstrating they are Future Ready.

ACTIVITIES & ORGANIZATIONS



From L to R: AW Junior High students Karis Doro, Hailey Thomas, Layla McLuckie, Tiffany Thomas, Piper Trumbull and Mary Amstutz earned a trip to Washington, DC for the National FCCLA Conference.



The AWHs and AW Junior High teams tested their academic skills, quick thinking, and teamwork against neighboring schools in a competitive Quiz Bowl seasons.



In its third year, hundreds of students in grades K–6 participated in Dave's Cross Country Program, building endurance, staying active, and having fun.



Whitehouse Primary's Girls on the Run participants built confidence, strengthened friendships, and developed healthy habits while preparing for their 5K.



Whitehouse Primary STEM Club helped students build critical thinking and collaboration skills.



Waterville Primary's LEGO Club inspired students to use creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills.

ACTIVITIES & ORGANIZATIONS



AW Junior High was represented by Leah Clark and Avery Flores in the AIA Toledo Design Competition, with mentorship from BGSU graduate student, Emma Zeitzheim.



Four AWHs teams qualified for the 2026 Ohio Personal Finance Challenge Finals.



AWHS Student Council earned the grand prize in the BCSN and Unison Health Project Prom Contest.



Arjun Jayaraman, Aradhya Muthumula and AJ Rea earned first place in the nation in the DECA Power Perks Challenge.



Billy Dean, Alex Bischoff and Seth Gregory competed in the Virtual Business Challenge at the DECA International Career Development Conference.



Four AWHs students earned their FFA Chapter Degrees from the Anthony Wayne-Penta chapter.



AWHS Art Club students partnered with the AW Area Rotary to paint the Waterville welcome sign.

FINE, MUSICAL & PERFORMING ARTS



The AWHS production of Disney's *Newsies* delivered an entertaining experience for musical fans, featuring exceptional student talent in song, dance, and performance.



Five Anthony Wayne High School vocalists were selected for the OMEA District 1 Honors Festival at the Stranahan Theatre, earning recognition for their outstanding musical talent.



French horn player Evey Bringolf was named to the OMEA All-Ohio Band for the second time.



The 54th annual Anthony Wayne Art Show featured hundreds of student artworks from grades 3-12.



AWHS art students earned multiple awards at the Black Swamp Arts Festival's Chalk the Walk competition.



Ana Rodebaugh and Cadi Emerson were selected for the Toledo Arts Commission's Young Artists at Work program.



AW Junior High band students earned a spot in the OMEA District 1 Honors Festival through a competitive audition process, rehearsing and performing with other top musicians from our area.

FINE, MUSICAL & PERFORMING ARTS



The AW Junior High production of *The SpongeBob Musical Jr.* brought a colorful undersea adventure to the stage, celebrating friendship, creativity, and student talent.



Eight Waterville Primary and FTMS students were selected for the OMEA All-Ohio Children's Choir.



A group of AWHs sophomores put their film-making skills to the test in the Maumee Film Festival's 48-Hour Film Challenge, creating *Help Wanted*, which premiered during the festival weekend.



AWHS artists Ruby Rapp and Lillian Albert's artwork was selected for the 54th annual FOCUS Art Show at the Toledo Museum of Art.



Coltin Harrison and Madelyn Richardson's artwork was featured at the Ohio Middle Level Association Conference.



Monclova first graders celebrated Earth Day by performing songs about protecting our planet in front of a full house.



Anthony Wayne's band program includes 456 students in grades 5-12, with 150 members of the Marching Generals bringing school spirit to the community through dozens of annual performances, including the Homecoming Parade.

ATHLETICS



History made: The Anthony Wayne High School girls soccer team captured its first-ever state championship, defeating Hudson to bring home the title and celebrate an unforgettable season.



The AWHs Dance Team reached a major milestone by capturing the OASSA State Championship, showcasing the talent, dedication, and excellence that make them one of the top programs in the region.



Leah Pike became the first female athlete to earn All-Ohio in two sports: basketball and volleyball.



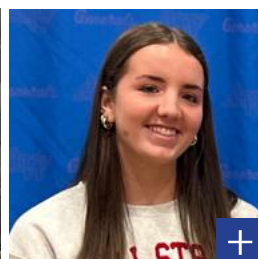
Ben Gasiorski & Jacob Proctor
All-Ohio Cross Country



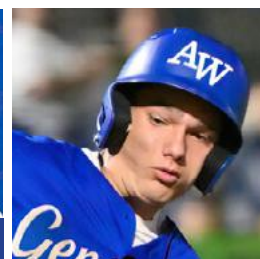
Lila Simon
All-Ohio Soccer



Hayden Heller
All-Ohio Track



Mallory Pike
All-Ohio Volleyball



Jett Smith
All-Ohio Baseball



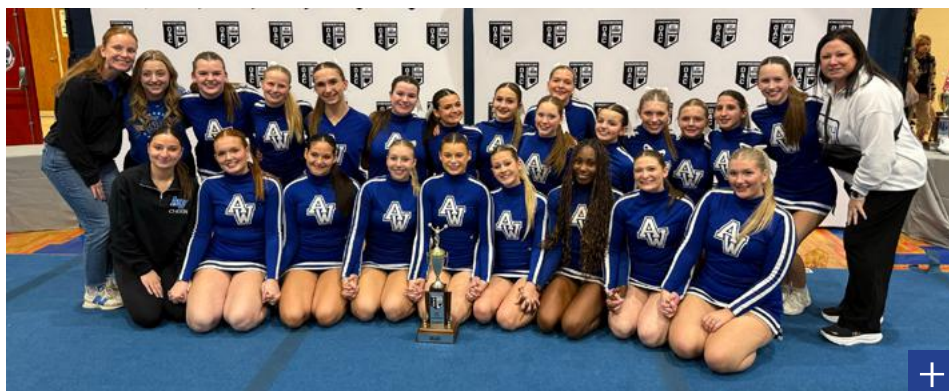
All-Ohio Track Relay Teams: Madeline Householder, Madeline Zimmerman, Ilana Miller, Kamryn Smith, and Ben Gasiorski, Ethan Rozick, Jacob Proctor, Josh Bighouse



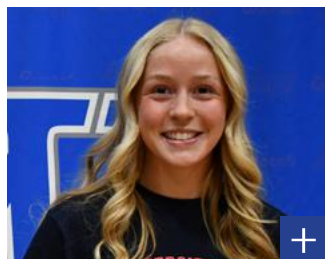
The Anthony Wayne High School girls volleyball team capped off an incredible season as state runners-up, earning recognition for their hard work, dedication, and outstanding achievement.

STATE APPEARANCES

Boys Cross Country
Cheerleading
Dance
Girls Golf
Gymnastics
Swim & Dive
Boys Tennis
Girls Tennis
Girls Soccer
Track
Volleyball



The AWHS Game Day Cheer squad made history in 2026, capturing its first-ever National Championship at the America's Cup National Championship, followed by an OASSA State Championship.



Lydia Smucker
All-Ohio Soccer



Megan Sumner
All-Ohio Softball



Madeline Zimmerman
All-Ohio Track



Will Black & Brody Sutto
All-Ohio Doubles Tennis



The AW Junior High Cheer Team was named the 2026 OHSCCA Best in State Champions, celebrating an incredible achievement and outstanding season.

Other notable achievements from AWJH Athletics include: NLL titles in 7th and 8th grade volleyball, 7th and 8th grade football, girls cross country, 7th grade girls basketball, and 8th grade boys basketball.

COMMUNICATIONS

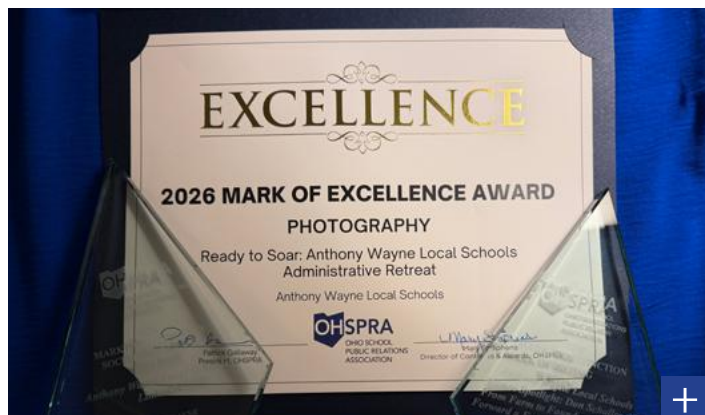


AWHS Student Council members and Principal Jon Burke kicked off the school year with live morning coverage from 13abc, sharing the excitement of the first day with viewers across the region.

Stakeholder communication remained a priority for the district, with continued expansion of social media outreach, increased community engagement activities, and consistent sharing of district news and updates. The district met its goal of publishing at least one news story per day, providing regular information to students, families, staff, and the community.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ 1,115,050 website page views
- ▶ 795 media mentions
- ▶ 286 published stories
- ▶ 22 newsletters published
- ▶ Expanded social media to include LinkedIn and Instagram
- ▶ Increased staff and student recognition programs



The District received recognition from the Ohio School Public Relations Association for excellence in school communications in the categories of writing, social media, and photography.



The Ohio Education Association visited the District to highlight student support efforts through its statewide magazine, podcast, and video series.



Seniors Maya Geiger and Grant Hubley served as two of four student interns, gaining hands-on experience supporting district storytelling efforts.



The Anthony Wayne Food Services team gives students their choice of several fresh fruits and vegetables served each day.

The Food Service Department's main goal is to serve appealing, nutritious meals that students will enjoy eating. We must comply with all USDA meal standards. We have upheld the standards to the highest level by passing our tri-annual state audits with no financial penalties.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Over 1,500 lunches are served daily
- ▶ Approximately 600 breakfasts are served to students daily
- ▶ New coolers were installed at AW Junior High and Fallen Timbers Middle School



The Food Services Department upgraded its payment system to MySchoolBucks, making it easier and more convenient for families to manage student meal accounts.



During National School Lunch Week, first graders welcomed family members to join them for lunch, creating a special opportunity to share a meal together.



The AWHs Food Services team showed their school spirit by joining in the Homecoming festivities.

GIFTED (LEAP) PROGRAM



Fourth grade students in Mrs. Hertzfeld's class at Monclova Primary are ready to learn.

The Gifted Education (LEAP) program provides rigorous accelerated learning opportunities for students identified as gifted, while supporting their academic, social, and emotional growth. During the year, six gifted education teachers supported 1,502 students in kindergarten through grade 12.

Throughout the year, our focus remained on providing challenging instruction tailored to identified students in LEAP-specific classrooms alongside peers with similar abilities, and collaborating with classroom teachers to support their success in the regular classroom setting.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ 36% of students in grades K-12 participated in LEAP programs
- ▶ LEAP took a lead role in the AP process at AWHs
- ▶ Many thanks to Laura Amburgy for her many years of service to Fallen Timbers Middle School.



Students practice collaboration and communication skills through research and presentation of new knowledge.



Mrs. Amburgy's class enjoys a lesson outside as they celebrate the final days of working together with her.



A Waterville Primary student is deep into a book.



Operations staff participated in the MVOM Bi-Annual Training Day, gaining new skills in safety, equipment care, and collaboration to continue providing safe, welcoming learning environments for students.

Through a dedicated team of custodial, maintenance, and grounds professionals, we work each day to ensure our facilities are well-maintained, responsive to staff and student needs, and conducive to learning. Despite challenges with limited funding, staffing, and substitute shortages, our team remains focused on essential services and maximizing available resources. This year's key successes include maintaining high standards of cleanliness, responding efficiently to work orders, supporting district events and activities, and completing targeted facility improvements.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ AWHs Tech Carpentry & Welding Lab Improvements with Penta Career Center
- ▶ AWHs Technology Wing HVAC Control Upgrades
- ▶ Waterville Primary Chiller & Boiler Replacement
- ▶ AW Junior High Boiler Control Upgrades
- ▶ AW Junior High Gymnasium Sound System Replacement
- ▶ Fallen Timbers Middle School Playground Equipment Installation with AWPTA
- ▶ Building Fire Alarm Panel Upgrades Throughout District
- ▶ Athletics Cameras at Baseball and Softball Fields and AW Junior High Gym
- ▶ New Transportation Fuel Center Replacement



Operations staff members completed CPR and AED training in partnership with the Whitehouse Fire Department, strengthening safety skills and preparedness across the district.



Monclova Primary's roof had exceeded its expected lifespan and was replaced.

STUDENT SERVICES



The Student Services Department supports approximately 800 students receiving services under IDEA and Section 504/ADA. As the number of students requiring individualized support grows, so does the complexity and scope of the department's work.

Each year brings countless successes, from student growth and increased independence to academic and behavioral progress and movement toward post-secondary goals. Our work is grounded in an inclusive philosophy that recognizes and honors the many ways students learn and succeed.

Through collaboration with families, teachers, administrators, and community partners, we develop individualized pathways that help students access the curriculum, engage meaningfully in their school communities, and build skills for their futures. The dedication, creativity, and resilience of our Student Services staff make these successes possible.

HIGHLIGHT

► Elena North, Intervention Specialist, and Madeline Schnabel, Occupational Therapist, were featured in an [Ohio Schools Magazine's cover story](#) for developing 3D-printed assistive devices that are changing their students' lives.



Waterville students in the special education and general education programs come together for games, activities, and fun on Fridays.



Monclova students got a hands-on science lesson and practiced research, writing, and presentation skills by raising chicks.



AWHS celebrated its first-ever Student Services Graduation Ceremony, honoring students' achievements and future goals.



AWHS students enjoyed an adaptive cycling experience during PE class thanks to a partnership with Cycling Without Age.



School Report Cards

The 2025-2026 school year once again demonstrated high academic achievement for Anthony Wayne students. The District saw outstanding growth in 15 of 20 tested areas and increased the overall percentage of accomplished, advanced, and advanced plus scores by 5%. The district continues to work to ensure that students receive an engaging academic curriculum grounded in the skills and concepts needed for student success.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Approved new courses for AWHs: AP Computer Science A and Generals Athletic Performance
- ▶ Students completed 6,248 state assessments during the 2025-26 school year.
- ▶ 88% of all state assessments received a proficient or higher score.
- ▶ Sixty-five students earned an 'advanced plus' performance rating on the Algebra 1 End of Course Exam.



Lifelong learning is part of the Portrait of a General and being ready to learn is one of the district's Strategic Plan 2022-2027 goals. From students discovering new possibilities to staff growing through professional learning, our Generals are ready to learn, grow, and succeed at every stage of life.

TECHNOLOGY



The AWLS Technology Department hosted a series of free workshops for community residents, addressing topics such as cybersecurity, managing digital photo storage and artificial intelligence.

The Technology Department is tasked with empowering all users with the most effective use of technology for their specific purposes. The team manages over 5,000 computers/tablets, over 200 interactive boards in classrooms, over 400 wireless access points, and a fiber optic data network spanning over 70 square miles.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ All AW Faculty and Staff received updated laptop computers.
- ▶ Data closet upgrades at FTMS include new switches, cabling, and equipment organization.
- ▶ Nearly 100 community members attended free workshops focused on technology use and technology media.
- ▶ The District received approval for a cyber security plan based on NIST standards.



Lead Technology Supervisor Devin Filip and Director of Technology, Chris Hamady presented at the Ohio Educational Technology Conference.



Each student has access to a Chromebook for their academic use, with one-to-one devices available to all students in grades 5-9. Approximately 600-700 Chromebooks are purchased each year to support learning.



Technology Supervisor Nickie Sattler completed the Marine Corps Marathon.



Three new buses were purchased during the 2025-2026 school year as a part of the district's fleet management program. The vehicles are purchased using permanent improvement funds.

The Transportation Department continued to provide safe, reliable service throughout the year, with a dedicated team committed to transporting students safely to and from school each day. While recruiting qualified bus drivers remains an ongoing challenge, our transportation team continues to demonstrate flexibility, teamwork, and dedication to keeping routes running and students safe between home and school.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ 3,786 students were transported daily
- ▶ 3,400-3,500 miles were traveled each day
- ▶ The fleet is comprised of 46 buses and three vans
- ▶ Head Mechanic, Gary Vollmar mentored his son, Curtis through a co-op program at Penta Career Center.



The replacement of the fuel center at the Transportation Center will improve operational efficiency and support the fleet for years to come.



Local law enforcement officers and the State Highway Patrol partnered with the district to conduct targeted traffic enforcement during Bus Safety Week.



Bus Driver Matt DeWitz was recognized as a Rising Star by 13abc.

ANTHONY WAYNE HIGH SCHOOL



Community Engagement class projects are fostering a spirit of giving back and school pride, including the first-ever students vs. staff basketball game benefiting Neighborhood Bridges.



Jasper joined AWHs as the district's sixth school facility dog, bringing support, comfort, and connection to students and staff.



AWHS welcomed new Principal Jon Burke to the team.



Students of the Month were recognized for their achievements and demonstrating The General Way.



Ohio's new cell phone law has created more opportunities for students to make connections.



Student engagement was a priority with fun activities like free Chick-Fil-A for Red Ribbon Week.

1370

students in
grades 9-12

82

certified classroom
teachers

41

classified
staff members



A new mural in the cafeteria celebrates the Portrait of a General values. Painted by Art Teacher Megan Woodrum over the summer, the artwork brings the district's vision to life for students and staff.



Students planted a native prairie on campus in partnership with the Toledo Zoo, creating a learning space that supports conservation.



SRO Morgan Schumann was named a Rising Star by 13abc.



AW Junior High students are active throughout the year giving back through community service projects, including supporting the City of Waterville's annual Easter Egg Hunt.



Students celebrated the first-ever Color Blast Run, a colorful reward for fundraiser participation.

680

students in
grades 7-8

48

certified classroom
teachers

22

classified
staff members

FALLEN TIMBERS MIDDLE SCHOOL



House Council members strengthened their leadership skills at the Level Up Leaders in Action workshop, practicing collaboration, communication, and other Portrait of a General competencies.



From sleeping away from home for the first time to paddling a canoe, climbing a rock wall, and encountering creepy crawlies, sixth grade camp pushed students beyond the comfort zone into the learning zone.



Leigh Pancoast joined Fallen Timbers Middle School as Assistant Principal.



House Sorting Day welcomed 5th graders to FTMS, creating a sense of belonging while reinforcing expectations of being responsible, respectful, safe, and involved—with a little friendly competition along the way.



Abby Brose won her age girls division at the Dave's Elementary Cross Country Championship 5K.

661

students in
grades 5-6

64

certified classroom
teachers

15

classified
staff members

MONCLOVA PRIMARY SCHOOL



Monclova staff members and volunteers hosted the annual Back to School Bash, helping students register and prepare for the school year with needed supplies and support.



Students and staff welcomed Dunkin, the school's new facility dog, following Laney's retirement.



The first Wednesday of the month is Wellness Wednesday, a day for spending time focusing on health and well-being, including winter Olympics-inspired challenges like "bobsled" scooter races.



Fundraising for new accessible playground equipment kicked off with a pie in the face event.



Teachers launched Kickstart Your Day, a monthly before-school program providing students with screen-free play, connection, and opportunities to build friendships through creative activities.

504

students in
grades PK-4

37

certified classroom
teachers

19

classified
staff members

WATERVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Waterville Primary earned re-designation as an Ohio STEAM School for its outstanding commitment to providing high-quality Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math learning opportunities.



Kindergarten students learned how first responders help others and support our community.



Walk to School Days gave students fresh air, exercise, and time with friends before class.



A \$5,000 Ohio STEM Learning Network Grant supported lessons about our environment.



Waterville Primary was named S.A.V.E.'s Eco-School of the Year, recognizing the school's commitment to sustainability and environmental learning.



Fourth graders presented citizen science projects at the Toledo Zoo's Globe Research Symposium.

450

students in
grades K-4

33

certified classroom
teachers

22

classified
staff members

WHITEHOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL



After learning about local government, third graders put their knowledge into action by electing council members and a mayor, conducting a council meeting, and voting on community banners.



Fourth grade students enjoyed their Bike Hike to Oak Openings for a day of outdoor learning.



Select fourth graders make a difference through the Service Squad, supporting their school community as lunchroom helpers, library leaders, STEM Club assistants, and more.



Mia Heller and Leah Nevi had their artwork selected for the 2025-2026 yearbook cover.



Whitehouse Primary third graders partnered with BGSU Construction Management students for a day of hands-on learning and exploration during their annual campus field trip.

453

students in
grades K-4

34

certified classroom
teachers

22

classified
staff members

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS



Generals March, hosted by the Waterville Parents Association, promotes teamwork and exercise to raise funds that support students, classrooms, and programs at Waterville Primary School.



In a collaboration with MAPS, Monclova Primary second graders practiced opinion writing through a pizza taste test featuring local favorites.



Parent visits at Fallen Timbers help students explore careers, and strengthen connections between families and the school community.



Mystery Readers at Monclova Primary connect students with family and community members who share stories and encourage a love of reading.



New Gaga Ball pit at AW Junior High, purchased by the AWPTA adds a fun way for students to connect.



Parents introduce Waterville Primary students to the variety of jobs available to them during Career Day.



Parents and students celebrate the end of the school year during a picnic at Fun Fest held at Whitehouse Primary.



Anthony Wayne booster organizations at AWHs continually find creative ways to raise funds that provide students with opportunities, resources, and experiences that might not otherwise be available.

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY



A new chapter began with the launch of the Generals for Generations Foundation, creating new opportunities for community engagement that support students through academics, athletics, and the arts.



Don Schaller ('57) continued his family's legacy of education and service as the founding donor of the Generals for Generations Foundation.



Alumni engagement efforts included spotlighting graduates who are making an impact like journalist Karen Gerhardinger ('83), who covers stories affecting the AW Community and medical student Benjamin Bethel ('22), who is using the skills he learned at AWHS in service to others.



Donuts and Dialogue provided an opportunity for community members to connect with district leaders to share ideas, get answers to their questions and engage in meaningful conversations about our schools.



The True Blue Alumni event brought together couples whose stories began on Campus.



The AWHS Class of 1975 reunited for a special gathering, including a tour of their alma mater and entertainment provided by musicians from their graduating class.

GIVING BACK IN SERVICE



AW Junior High students put civic responsibility into action by participating in community service projects as part of their social studies curriculum.



Junior Addy O'Shea used the leadership skills she learned in DECA to support Blood Cancer United.



Ongoing support from school volunteers, community donations, and the Neighborhood Bridges partnership helps ensure students have the resources they need to succeed.



Fallen Timbers House Council volunteers made decorations for the True Blue Alumni event.



AWHS and AW Junior High musicians brought the sounds of the season to the Lights Before Christmas at the Toledo Zoo.



Waterville Primary's partnership with StoryPoint Senior Living connects students and residents through cards, service projects, and meaningful relationships.

SUPPORTING OUR MILITARY



Military Appreciation Night featured a pre-game flyover by the 180th Fighter Wing at seven area districts, a Purple Star student recognition, and a halftime message of appreciation for our Anthony Wayne service members and their families.



Purple Star Liaison Christine Young was recognized for her dedication to supporting military-connected students.



Anthony Wayne High School celebrated its second annual Military Signing Night, recognizing seniors who have chosen to serve our country and honoring their commitment to military service.



AW Junior High hosted family members for a special Veterans Day breakfast.



Waterville Intermediate fourth graders honored local veterans through their Veterans Day program and by performing the National Anthem at the University of Toledo Veterans Day Luncheon.



AWHS added 24 service members to the Wall of Honor, while Fallen Timbers hosted a Veterans Day lunch and learn with local veterans and active duty service members.



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