

FAST FACTS



ABOUT THE TROY SCHOOLS

TROY STUDENTS:

- The Troy City Schools consist of approximately 4500 students as of this time in the 2015-2016 school year. **11%** of our students are minorities (African American, Hispanic, Asian, American Indian, Multi-racial); 41% are economically disadvantaged, and **10%** are identified with a disability, qualifying them for specialized services of some kind (speech and language services, occupational or physical therapy, special education classes, etc.)
- In a normal year, **250** of our students participate in open enrollment. **150** of those students attend an elementary school different from the attendance zone in which they live. These requests are usually tied to childcare decisions. **100** students who live in contiguous districts attend Troy. This is known as inter-district open enrollment. About the same number of students who reside in Troy attend elsewhere. These numbers are fluctuating all of the time (ex. A Troy student moves to another contiguous district, but wants to continue to attend Troy). Students who live in a district that is not contiguous to Troy may attend here, but they are required to pay tuition, the amount of which is determined by the state.
- Typically, **three to four hundred** students withdraw from our district every year, most of them moving to another public school district. Some leave to go to private school, some leave to be home schooled, some leave the United States, some leave due to court orders, and some are expelled from school. In a typical year, roughly the same number of students will enroll in our district.
- A little less than half (**41%**) of our students are eligible for free or reduced lunch.
- Approximately **20%** of our students have been identified as Gifted. Students can be identified in any, some, or all of the following areas: reading/writing, math, social studies, science, cognitive ability, creative thinking, visual/performing arts.
- **2.3%** of our student population is considered limited English proficient.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:

- The State of Ohio has established that a district must graduate at least **93%** of its students to be classified as acceptable (our class of **2015** graduated **98.4%**). Therefore, support programs are in place unlike ever before to assist students in earning a high school diploma.
- All of our elementary buildings operate all-day kindergarten classes.
- We educate students ranging from profoundly handicapped to gifted. We employ student-specific aides when needed to assist with the special needs of the more severely handicapped students. We employ numerous other aids to assist in classrooms with less seriously handicapped students.
- We have **three** certified staff members who work specifically with gifted students.
- Public schools are responsible for educating handicapped children beginning at age **three**. In an effort to pool resources, Miami County schools participate in a consortium to help pre-school students with special needs. Located behind the Van Cleve 6th Grade building.
- Special education services are provided in all of our buildings. We house county programs that service multiple handicapped students as well as students with emotional disabilities. Outside the county consortium, we also service students with specific learning disabilities, speech and language deficiencies. In addition to these students, we educate visual and auditory handicaps, autistic, and wheelchair-bound students, providing support staff wherever necessary.

- Students at Troy High School have **28** official clubs and organizations available to them as well as **21** athletic teams on which they can participate.
- Students at Troy High school can enroll in general education, honors and Advance placement courses.
- College Credit Plus has also arrived allowing students to take classes for both HS and college credit. Students can take the classes on the HS campus or at the college of their choice. This program is of no cost to the student. The Upper Valley Career Center supports satellite programs in Troy High School for students who want those programs, but still want to attend Troy High School. Approximately **two hundred** THS students attend the Career Center full-time.
- We offer a full variety of online courses for our students as well. Our students use online courses for credit recovery as well as enrichment.
- We are responsible for providing educational services to West Central, both regular education as well as special needs services. We oversee standardized testing for all students housed at West Central. Testing at West Central is also online just like Troy High School with a few exceptions.
- Years previous to new report card we were considered an Excellent District and Excellent with Distinction District.
- 29/33 Academic Standards passed on latest State testing.
- ACT Scores continue to remain high with 23.4 average in Troy to the State average of 22.0

FACILITIES:

- The district is comprised of more than **\$90 million** in facilities, with just less than 1,000,000 square feet under roof and 80 acres of property to maintain. Construction dates of our nine school buildings are:
 - ❖ CONCORD – built in 1919; additions in '32, '52, '72 and 2006;
 - ❖ COOKSON – built in 1964; addition in '68;
 - ❖ FOREST – built in 1949; renovated and reopened in 2006;
 - ❖ HEYWOOD – built in 1930; addition in '74'
 - ❖ HOOK - built in 1966;
 - ❖ KYLE – built in 1950; addition in '74;
 - ❖ VAN CLEVE – built in 1913; addition in 1930; renovations in 2006;
 - ❖ TJHS – built in 1972; and
 - ❖ THS – built in 1959; additions and renovations in 2006.
- Only one of our buildings, Troy Junior High, is completely air-conditioned.
- In 2006, the district completed a \$21 million building project during which Forest was reopened as K-5 elementary school, Van Cleve was converted to a sixth grade building, Concord was expanded, and the high school received a new science wing, gymnasium/commons area, and interior renovations.
- The Permanent Improvement levy generates approximately **\$685,000** annually. Those dollars can be used to address facility issues. To put this amount of money into perspective, the cost to replace on roof, at Cookson Elementary, costs approximately **\$600,000.00**.
- For fifty years, Troy Memorial Stadium was a city-owned facility that the schools leased. The city transferred ownership to the schools. The schools are now responsible for the day-to-day operations and general maintenance of the stadium.
- The district has approximately **1800 chrome books**. **Smartboards** are in almost every classroom K-8. We currently have close to **450 IPADS** in the district. **We have a little over 2800 computers total.**

available on a daily basis. All buildings in Troy City Schools are wireless. We presently have a 1.51:1 ratio of computers per students with some of our buildings being a 1:1 ratio.

- 4 Title Buildings are located in Troy-Kyle, Forest, Heywood, Cookson

SCHOOL FINANCE:

- The district's General Fund operating budget for this year is projected to be between **\$44 and \$45 million**. The General Fund is used for the day-to-day operations of the district. Projected revenues are around **\$44 million for this school year**.
- Adding Capital Improvement (which cannot be used for operational purpose), Hayner (the district is the fiscal agent for Hayner since the family left the estate to the schools), State and Federal grants, Food Service dollars, Auxiliary Funds (we are the fiscal agent for our local private schools), and student Activity Accounts adds another **\$13-\$15 million** to the budget. It takes around **\$163,000** a day to operate.
- Payroll is normally right around **\$1.063 million** per pay period. The amount fluctuates because of overtime costs and other factors such as payment of supplemental contracts.
- A school district, much like your home, is impacted by costs over which it has little or no control. When spikes in fuel costs occur, it can have a significant impact on our budget. For example, we have budgeted **\$264,000 for gas and oil for transportation** this year. For this year, we have budgeted almost **\$500,000** for electricity and **\$317,000** for natural gas. Postage costs normally run a little more than \$25,000.00.
- School districts have two methods by which they can secure local funding: property taxes and income taxes. Schools are required to collect a minimum of 20 mills of property taxes from individual and businesses for operation costs. Our collection for individuals is at **21.98 mills**. We currently collect at least five more mills than that from businesses. We also have a **1.5%** earned income tax. We have a 1.1 mill permanent improvement levy that generates money that can only be used on the repair and maintenance of facilities and a 1.99 mill bond issue that paid for improvements and additions to our buildings.
- In an effort to attract more businesses to Ohio, the legislature has reduced business inventory taxes to zero. These reductions directly impact the tax base that schools, particularly schools like Troy, receive from local businesses.
- Troy City Schools is also the fiscal agent for local private schools such as St. Patrick's and Troy Christian, which means that their state and federal funds run through us.

DISTRICT STAFF:

- The district employs approximately **500** people on either a full time or part time basis, making it one of the biggest employers in town. This includes slightly more than 300 certified staff members, (teachers, guidance counselors, school psychologists, school nurses, administrators, etc.) The rest of the staff consists of classified workers such as administrative assistants, classroom aides, clinic aides, food service workers, bus drivers, and custodians.
- Nearly **three-fourths** of the teaching staff has earned at least a Master's Degree.

TRANSPORTATION:

- The district owns **37 buses**, four of which are equipped to transport students confined to wheelchairs. At nearly **\$90,000** apiece, that amounts to almost **\$3.3 million** worth of buses. We run approximately thirty daily routes, transporting over **3,000** students to fifteen different school buildings.
- For the last few years, we have been systematically replacing **two** buses a year to try to get our fleet to the point that we will have no buses older than twelve years old on the road.
- In a normal school year, our school buses travel in the neighborhood of **400,000** miles using approximately **60,000** gallons of fuel.
- The district is required by law to transport Troy students who attend private schools to their school of choice as long as it is within one-half hour travel time from the point of departure for the bus. We can sign an agreement with parents who agree to transport their own children and we pay them in lieu of transporting them.
- The law requires school districts to transport students who live outside a two-mile radius from their school. We transport students who live outside of one mile. The law also does not require high school students to be transported at all. We transport them as well. The law permits bus stops to be half-mile from a student's house. It is rare that we have students walk that far to a bus stop.

FOOD SERVICES:

- The Troy City School's Food Service Department is a **two million dollar** a year operation.'
- It is one of the biggest restaurants in Troy. Last year we served **420,477** plate lunches and **109,800** plate breakfasts.
- Lunch prices are \$2.40 for elementary student, \$2.65 for secondary students, \$3.00 (plus beverage) for adults and milk costs \$.50.
- 41% (more than 1,900) of our students qualify for free or reduced lunch.
- Parents can pay for their child's lunches online or through a link on our district's web site.

LET'S TALK!

- ❖ Special Programs
 - Pop Rocks
 - Hockey
 - Archery
 - Bowling
 - Robotics team
- ❖ Fiscal Year Appropriations and Five Year Forecast
- ❖ Accountability
- ❖ Discipline
- ❖ Ohio Achievement Tests
- ❖ Ohio Graduation Tests
- ❖ Data-Based Decisions
- ❖ IDEA

- ❖ Competition
- ❖ Facilities
- ❖ No Child Left Behind
- ❖ Adequate Yearly Progress
- ❖ Special Education
- ❖ Levies
- ❖ District Report Cards
- ❖ Character Education
- ❖ Strategic Plan
- ❖ State Operating Standards
- ❖ 3rd Grade Guarantee
- ❖ Public Access
- ❖ Educational Alternatives
- ❖ College Credit Plus
- ❖ OTES/OPES

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