



LOVELAND CITY SCHOOLS QUALITY PROFILE

2013-14



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 profile helps characterize the overall educational value of your school district in areas that matter most in our community.



ACADEMICS

Our district's academic program provides opportunities for all students to reach their full potential.

In Loveland, our creative, energetic team of professionals takes instruction beyond the traditional textbook to offer a rich academic experience at all grade levels. The district meets evolving state requirements of the Common Core Standards in math and English/language arts as well as the Ohio Revised Standards in science and social studies.

Our academic mission – grow every Tiger



"My primary goal as the educational leader of this district is to ensure that all of our students make gains, because education is about helping all students develop both academically and socially – and the best learning institutions understand that not all students grow at the same rate."

- Chad Hilliker, Superintendent

Throughout the district, the 2013-14 school year marked one of academic evolution in Loveland including the implementation of Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) in grades K-9 to monitor and promote student growth in reading and math. MAP is an online assessment that provides immediate results to students and teachers. Loveland shares results with parents at the end of each testing period through a printed parent report.

In addition, the district implemented an expanded gifted services model and increased services by 200 percent. Loveland now serves *all* students identified as gifted in the area of superior cognitive ability in grades 3-8. This new model was implemented at no additional cost to the district taxpayers.



DID YOU KNOW...

US News & World Report ranked Loveland High School in top five percent of high schools in state and nation!



We salute the Class of 2014

- Earned a total \$13,055,423 in scholarships
 - Three students named as National Merit Finalists; seven named as Commended Students
 - One senior selected as a 2013-14 National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar
- Strong Advanced Placement (AP) Program: 393 AP tests taken; 76 percent passage rate
 - LHS outperforms state/national average on ACT – Loveland Average = 24

Other district highlights from the 2013-14 school year include:

- A task force was convened which included parents, students, teachers, counselors, and administrators to develop clear criteria for identifying a course as Honors and thereby granting weighted credit for the course
- Technology Vision and Goal Setting: Engaged in collaborative work with parents, community members, students, teachers, and administrators to develop a clear vision and set goals and strategies for implementing technology into the student learning experience
- Designed a five-week summer enrichment opportunity – Tigers' Adventures in Learning (TAIL) – for students who need additional work in reading and math over the summer; the program serves more than 70 students and is funded primarily with federal grant dollars
- Universal Screeners and Common Assessments allow us to provide instruction that is targeted to individual students and delivered at their level; targeted homework allows families to reinforce the individual skills their child is working on in literacy
- Parent Information Nights, Family Math and Literacy Nights help support and educate parents on instructional practices so that they better understand how material is being presented and how their child is learning
- Additional classroom level technology added each year; in lower grades, all teachers have one interactive white board or SMARTBoard, one document camera, and at least one iPad for student use
- Grade level teams of teachers collaboratively adjust lesson delivery and expectations to assure consistency between classrooms in meeting state standards

DID YOU KNOW...

The Loveland City School District was selected as one of the Enquirer Media Top Workplaces for 2014! And, Superintendent Chad Hilliker was named one of the three Top Leaders in the Cincinnati area!



“When you become part of the Tiger Family, you find out very quickly that we are all about the excellent education of every student in our district and making a difference for every child, every single day.”

– Keith Koehne, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Our teachers ROCK!



National council names Loveland teacher top in nation for excellence

Gifted Intervention Specialist, Heidi Weber, was awarded the Donald H. Graves National Council for Teachers of English Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Writing. She has also presented at the OCTELA conference in Columbus, the Ohio Google ITIP Conference in Sandusky, and at the Reading, Writing, Math and More National Conference in New Orleans (summer of 2014).

Loveland teacher selected as Economics Teacher of the Year

Loveland High School (LHS) Economics Teacher Charles Warden was named Economics Teacher of the Year. The University of Cincinnati (UC) Economics Center presented Warden the award at UC's Annual Awards Luncheon.



LHS Spanish teacher one of 24 'Educators of the Year'

LHS Spanish Teacher Bre Sambuchino was honored as an "Educators of the Year" at the Celebrate Excellence breakfast in May.

Carol Huxhold named 'Outstanding Special Education Teacher'

Loveland Middle School Special Education Teacher Carol Huxhold was awarded Outstanding Special Education Teacher by the National Association of Special Education Teachers (NASSET). Huxhold was one of two teachers in Ohio to receive the award, and one of 37 teachers to receive the award across the country.





ARTS

Participation in performing and visual arts inspires students' creativity, problem-solving and critical thinking skills.

Our younger Tigers have the opportunity to showcase art skills at Fine Arts evenings that feature singing, dancing and visual arts. The music and art instruction is integrated with the academic curriculum for skill reinforcement.



In music, fourth grade students have an opportunity to participate in Mallet Madness, a before-school program that develops students' musical talents through percussion.

Performance opportunity continues at Loveland Intermediate School and Loveland Middle School:

- Stringed instruments
- Concert Band
- Choir
- General Music

More than 500 students, one-third of the population, participate in music courses at Loveland High School (LHS) each year.

The nine curricular music performance ensembles at LHS include: Chamber Orchestra, String Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Chorale, Concert Choir, Jazz Orchestra, Jazz Lab Band, and the award-winning By Request Show Choir.

The music department now offers two levels of [guitar instruction](#).



In addition:



Band and Honor Jazz Band

- The Ohio Music Educators Association (OMEA) selected the 26 members of the Loveland Middle School Jazz Band to serenade the audience at their state conference – the only middle school jazz band selected to perform at the prestigious gathering
- Loveland High School music students were selected as members of the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) District XIV Honor Band and Honor Jazz Band
- The Loveland High School Marching Band received an "excellent" rating at OMEA; this made back to back years that the Marching Band qualified for state



It's like the Oscars for high school theatre, and in the 2013-14 school year, Loveland had 22 students walking the red carpet at the Aronoff Center – earning the most Cappies nominations of any participating Greater Cincinnati school, 18 of which were earned for the Loveland High School (LHS) spring production of Shrek the Musical.



Members of the Loveland High School Art Club partnered with the Cincinnati Zoo to participate in the Fifth Annual Party for the Planet.

Visual Arts classes offered at LHS include Art I through IV, AP Studio Drawing, 2-D and 3-D, Graphic Design, Ceramics, Photo I and II.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

A well-rounded education includes a wide variety of opportunities.

For Loveland student leaders, actions speak louder than words – check out these headlines from 2013-14:

In the 2013-14 school year, high school students earned a \$10,000 grant that enabled a zero waste cafeteria program to be implemented in the intermediate and middle schools. The new program has reduced trash from 22 bags down to one bag daily at the middle school.



“Not only does this promote eco-awareness, there is also a tremendous cost savings to the district. Representatives from other schools are now coming to Loveland to tour our program. Even executives with the Newport Aquarium booked time to visit with our environmental science teacher to discuss what she has set up. It is simply outstanding from every angle, and I’m tremendously proud of our students and our staff for supporting this initiative district wide.”

– Chris Kloesz, Loveland High School Principal



LHS students set up a shantytown to raise awareness on homelessness and poverty...

Loveland students did not raise goal of \$10K for Ronald McDonald House – they exceeded it!



LES students trade Valentine's Day party to produce special gift bags for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House

Loveland Intermediate School (LIS) students joined forces to raise \$651 for JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation)



Loveland Elementary School students turn business lesson into opportunity to give back, raising more than \$1,800 for CancerFree KIDS



DID YOU KNOW... More than 200 Loveland Middle School students spent five days getting to know the nation's capital!



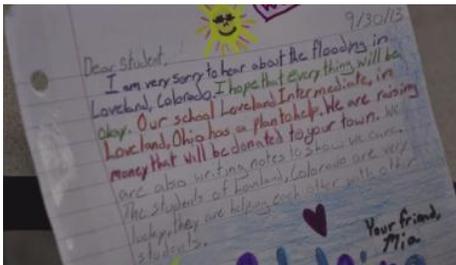
Loveland Middle School National Junior Honor Society raised \$1,001 for CancerFree KIDS

LMS students and staff participate in Pantene program to provide free wigs to cancer patients



LHS students join more than 500 from across Cincinnati to raise awareness for pediatric cancer

Loveland to Loveland



Loveland Intermediate School (LIS) fifth and sixth grade students got a campus-wide lesson on lending a hand to flood-stricken Colorado community with a special name... Loveland. The Loveland to Loveland project put student leadership on the map in the media – as multiple TV and newspaper outlets as far away as Denver covered the unique story of giving. LIS students wrote letters of support and collected a total of \$1,600 to send to the flood-ravaged area. The project also turned into a continuing classroom lesson, as Tiger students used Skype to communicate with some of the students in Colorado.



LHS students respond to emergency food shortage - donations benefited St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantries

100 days = 2,630 donations... Loveland Primary School students used the 100 days of school milestone to give back to the Loveland community by donating canned food





Loveland Intermediate School and Loveland Middle School students learned a lesson in giving donating more than 3,000 food items to Loveland's LIFE Food Pantry for the annual Pass It On food drive

Students helped to assemble nearly 1,600 birthing kits for shipment to third-world countries...



More than 300 members of the senior class take a day to give back to 11 different Cincinnati and Loveland-area nonprofit agencies...

LHS presentation earns Scripps Foundation sponsorship – the \$2,000 used to purchase reading materials that will benefit students with reading disabilities at a Cincinnati Public School



“Each month, we have a Terrific Tiger lunch that recognizes three students from every classroom. Students can earn Terrific Tiger of the month through a multitude of ways – being a good citizen, participating in class, completing all homework, being kind to others, doing their very best on assignments... We know that engagement and recognition are key factors in academic success. This program allows us to recognize every single student throughout the course of the year, and we've had wonderful feedback from students, teachers and families.”

– Jennifer Forren, Loveland Elementary School Principal

Around 100 Loveland Elementary School students participated in the LES Runner's Club



15 young Tigers from the elementary school participated in Girls on the Run

The elementary buildings work with the PTA to offer enrichment programs after school including opportunities to explore science, engineering with Legos, technology, drama, music, math, art, yoga, and dance, iGineering, Lego Robotics, gymnastics, Spanish and cooking.



The middle school and high school both offer the Partner's Club - which pairs up students for peer support to help with social, emotional and academic needs.



LHS junior Kayla Bullock receives Ball State University journalism award

The Loveland High School Robotics Team competed in the state championship



The Loveland Middle School Science Olympiad team, consisting of students in grades six through nine, advanced to the State Finals



DID YOU KNOW... Three Loveland High School seniors – Nathan Bryant, Cameron Spicer and Thomas Worsham – created a working 3D bioprinter. The functioning bioprinter has the ability to print and grow bacteria – and is the culmination of a nine-month capstone project the students began as juniors as part of the LHS biotechnology class!

Juniors Zakary Kadish and Michael McManus selected to participate in the American Legion Buckeye Boys State – an intensive, eight-day education program on Ohio government for high school students



Loveland Athletics



During the 2013-14 school year:

- Total athletes: 750
- Multiple sport athletes: 250
- Varsity athletes achieving high honors (3.5 or higher) – 65 percent



“In Loveland, our athletics program is based on building traditions... We are Many Stripes, One Tiger! As a result of a great Athletic Year, the Loveland Tigers won the Eastern Cincinnati Conference (ECC) All Sports Trophy. The Eastern Cincinnati Conference has been in full operation for two complete years, with our Loveland Tigers holding this All Sports honor for the first two years of the league’s existence. Our fitness center serves as a premier workout facility for all Loveland Student-Athletes. This is a result of our Team Loveland spirit and community support.”

– Julie Renner, District Director of Student Athletics

2013-14 Results:

- Five conference champions in Football, Girl's Soccer, Men's Golf, Wrestling and Men's Track
- A Girls Soccer District Championship and making it to the Sweet 16 in the State Tournament
- A Southwest Ohio Regional Championship in Division II Football
- A State Championship in Division II Football – First ever team state title in Loveland School history
- An undefeated Football season, with a season record of 15-0
- In Men's Golf, Issac Vock qualifying for the State Tournament and finishing in the Top 25
- In Football, two Southwest Ohio Players of the Year; Nate Slagel in Offense and Charlie Lawler in Defense
- In Football, Nate Slagel earning the Division II Offensive State Player of the Year award
- A Wrestling season with 11 conference champions, 6 sectional champs and 1 district champion
- A State Champion in Wrestling with Andrew Alten winning the Division I 285 class
- A Men's Lacrosse District Championship and making it to the Sweet 16 in the State Tournament
- In Men's Lacrosse, Tanner Griffin earning the Southwest Regional Player of the Year award
- In Men's Track and Field, Camden Baucke qualifying for the State Tournament in the discus and breaking the Loveland High School record for the discus
- 150 All Conference recipients
- Five coaches of the year in the ECC
- Three coaches of the year in the Southwest Ohio Region
- Eight players of the year in the ECC
- Eastern Cincinnati Conference (ECC) 2014 All Sports Trophy
- In Men's Lacrosse Brian McElveen and Tanner Griffin named All Americans



DID YOU KNOW... Loveland High School Senior Andrew Alten knows what it feels like to win a state title, times two! He was captain of the State Champion Tiger Football Team – and he earned a second state title in wrestling!



FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

Financial responsibility ensures that the majority of funding is spent on classroom instruction.

Where the money comes from

In Ohio, the funding of schools is shared by the state and local school districts. The Ohio General Assembly determines what an adequate education costs in the State's biennial education budget.

Loveland has grown tremendously in residential construction, but lacks a strong commercial base. Approximately 2 percent of our total revenue from taxes comes from commercial/industrial, which places a larger tax burden on our property owners for the operation of the schools.

Voters in the Loveland City School District passed a 5.6 mill operating levy in May of 2014; the district continues to operate in a fiscally conservative manner:

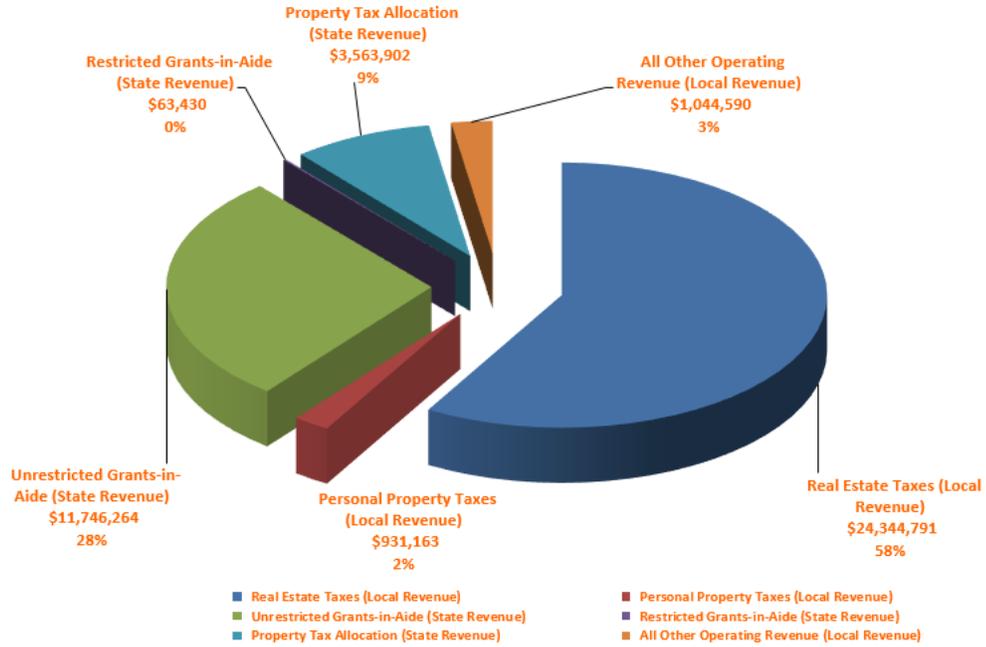
- With the addition of energy efficient initiatives funded through an interest-free loan, the district has saved more than \$400,000 per year since 2011
- The district is saving more than \$250,000 due to participation in two insurance programs
- The district has reduced staffing cost by \$692,000 over the past two years
- Over the past three years the district has saved more than \$1.5 million through new initiatives and cost saving measures



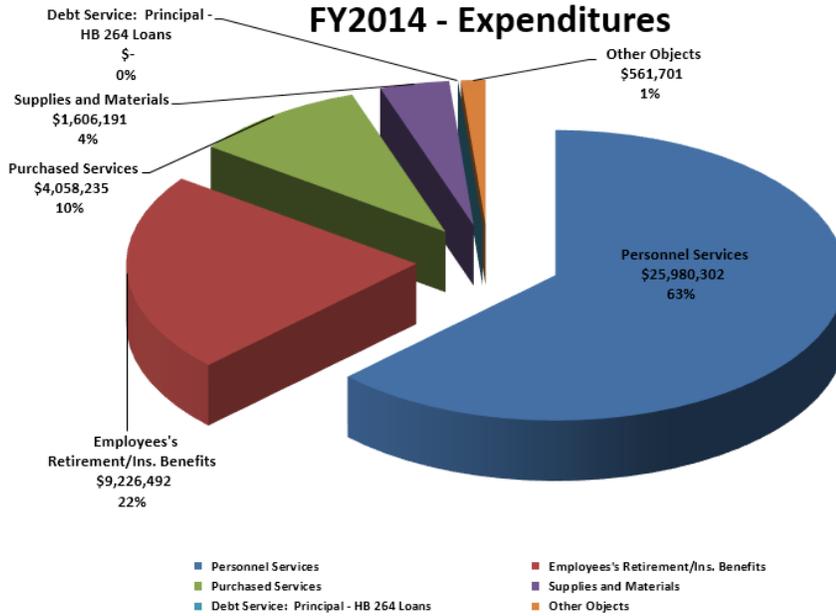
“Our Tiger Family understands that an investment in the Loveland City School District is an investment in the future of Loveland. Passage of the levy provides our team an opportunity to continue the excellent education we provide to our 4,700 students. We offer a sincere thank you to those who support our mission, and an assurance that we will continue to operate in a fiscally conservative manner.”

– Brett Griffith, Treasurer/CFO

Loveland City Schools FY2014 - Revenue



Loveland City Schools FY2014 - Expenditures





PARENT & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Educational experiences are enhanced by partnerships between the school district and community.

When we say “Tiger Family” – we mean it. It truly does take a community to grow our students, and we appreciate all of the ways our extended family supports our district!



Granny’s Garden School is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that collaborates with the Loveland City School District to offer hands-on learning opportunities for more than 1,600 first - fourth grade students through the 24-acre Loveland School Garden. Each year, Granny’s Garden serves up a [harvest lunch](#) of roasted veggies for the students to enjoy!



It was a standing ovation as veterans took an honored place at the front of Loveland Middle School (LMS) Auditorium packed with LMS students showing sincere gratitude for the time the special guests spent presenting their [stories to classes](#), along with a Holocaust survivor.



Pearl Harbor is more than a history lesson to [Don Forney](#) – it’s part of his personal memoir. He has shared his story with an estimated 2,000 Loveland History students the past nine years.

DID YOU KNOW... *Loveland High School offers a mentoring program for at-risk students. The [Loveland Adult Mentor Program \(LAMP\)](#) is a partnership between the school and business community. Professionals volunteer their time to mentor the students. And, Loveland Intermediate School students worked with a volunteer staffed homework club.*



Loveland Middle School seventh grade students enjoyed the addition of a full-day [Career Day](#). More than 25 different careers were represented during this first year of Seventh Grade Career Day.

For our youngest Tiger families...

- Open House invitation for families of preschoolers and kindergartners
- Family Reading Nights offered to families of students receiving reading intervention
- Annual Science Day in collaboration with parent volunteers, PTA, and local businesses
- Parent Information Nights
- Math Night for parents and students
- Go Green Team partnership to implement building-wide recycling programs
- We work diligently to make sure that building funds are used to support classroom instruction; Money raised through partnerships is utilized to purchase instructional materials for students



DID YOU KNOW... *The Department of Homeland Security came to the Loveland City School District to debut their new cyber-safety presentation in the Cincinnati area!*



STUDENT SERVICES

A variety of services provide options to ensure all students receive individualized instruction, enrichment and support.

Revisions have been made to procedures used to identify and serve English Language Learners (ELL) and students needing school accommodations through 504 Accommodation Plans. Staff members are better aware of and responsive to student needs in these areas. Better curricular resources have been identified for ELL students, including the use of technology to assist with instruction and access to the curriculum. Many classroom staff members have also attended on-going professional development to better serve ELL students in the classroom.

Staff members have attended team training in Autism identification and intervention. Additionally, sensory consultation and supports, including necessary sensory equipment, has been expanded district wide. This has allowed for more students to access the curriculum, including students who previously, due to sensory and related needs, had difficulty even coming to school.

Assistive technology has been expanded district wide to assist nondisabled students, as well as students with disabilities, to better access the curriculum.



Two important efforts have been the adoption of [Learning Ally](#), an online text-to-speech resource that students can use to orally access any text used in instruction, and technological supports to assist students in transferring speech-to-text. This has better engaged countless students who struggle with reading fluency, reading comprehension, and written expression. Feedback thus far has been overwhelmingly positive.

Schools continue to improve tiers of intervention options to better serve students needing academic and behavioral supports. Loveland continues to serve most students with the general curriculum, moving students forward in the core curriculum. Rates of identified students continue to fall below state and national averages – one indicator that prevention efforts are working to support students better in general course offerings.



MANY STRIPES, ONE TIGER

Loveland City School District is a progressive, vibrant educational institution that covers more than 15 miles and overlaps three counties – Hamilton, Clermont and Warren. The District surrounds the City of Loveland and reaches into Symmes, Goshen, Hamilton and Miami Townships, serving a population of 50,000 residents, including the City of Loveland. Loveland Schools' current enrollment is approximately 4,700.



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Loveland Board of Education

(Left to Right) Michele Pettit, Linda Pennington, President Art Jarvis, Dave Blumberg and Vice President Dr. Kathryn Lorenz



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