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A successful school district places a high degree of importance on ensuring that all students have the opportunity to reach their full potential inside and outside of the classroom. This Quality Profile helps characterize the overall educational value provided by the Kirtland Local School District in areas that matter to our community.

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MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

Hello Kirtland Local School Community,

I need to start by thanking our students, staff, parents and community for a tremendous 2020-21 school year! While faced with historic challenges, everyone stepped up to ensure that learning continued and it was done safely throughout the pandemic while ending the

school year on a very positive note for our students. The end of school year parties and award ceremonies were able to take place. The annual drive-in movie night also was well attended. Our 94 seniors were able to have an in-person graduation ceremony and participated in many fun activities. I am so proud and grateful for our Class of 2021's leadership. In their last week of school, our seniors could be found all over the school campus and the city providing hours of community service. They were working with our youngest students, painting the Buddy Benches, landscaping and picking up trash. This speaks volume to their character and the legacy they have left behind.

Our staff is beyond excited to be welcoming back our students this school year to in-person learning. We will strive to provide the best quality education in a safe environment for our students and staff. We will continue to work closely with our local health officials to adjust our school protocols as needed. The community can find these protocols and other updates on our website at <https://www.kirtlandschools.org/COVID-19Updates.aspx>.

The district has put together a comprehensive plan to help ensure our students are getting the needed support for deficiencies that may have resulted from the challenges faced during the pandemic. The plan includes progress monitoring, supports for academic needs, extended learning opportunities and support for the social and emotional well-being of our students. The "Learning Recovery and Extended Learning Plan" can be found on our website at: <https://www.kirtlandschools.org/ExtendedLearningPlan2021.aspx>.

Thank you again to our voters for approving the Permanent Improvement levy in May. Throughout the school year, I will keep the community updated on the exciting progress of our projects that include the renovation of a science lab and stadium. You will be able to follow and get updates on our website at <https://www.kirtlandschools.org/permanentimprovement.aspx>.

Thanks for all of your support and Go Hornets!

Chad VanArnhem
Superintendent

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WE BELIEVE IN:

- Cultivating a personalized learning environment for all students.
- Providing a safe, positive and productive atmosphere.
- Increasing communications within the schools, families and the community.
- Encouraging innovation and cultivating a sense of intellectual curiosity.
- Treating all persons with respect and dignity.
- Empowering students to have a voice in our democracy.



Giving Back

Kirtland Elementary School

- Students created posters for residents of an assisted living facility to honor and show appreciation for Veterans Day.
- Students honored first responders during an outdoor parade on Patriot Day.
- Partnered with Kirtland Public Library to provide story walks outside of KES.
- Partnered with Mayor Potter's office and Holden Arboretum for Arbor Day activities.

Kirtland Middle School

- Students engage with seniors at the Rehabilitation Center.
- Students participate in the community Senior Citizen dinner.
- Students work the concession stand for basketball games.
- Students run a recycling program.

Kirtland High School

- Seniors participated in a community Service Day as part of their Senior Experience, providing service to different community businesses such as Holden Arboretum, Kirtland Rehabilitation and Care, Kirtland Service Department, and Kirtland Elementary School.
- Students worked to help disabled Vietnam Veteran through donations of basic care items and raising funds for a place of residence.



900
CHROMEBOOKS
PROVIDED FOR
GRADES K-8

400
COMPUTERS
PROVIDED
GRADES 9-12

155
I PADS
PROVIDED
GRADES K-12

100%
KIRTLAND STUDENTS
ENGAGED IN
1:1 TECHNOLOGY

Examples Around the District:

Computer Classes

- Learn about and upgrade computer hardware
- Programming in Java, C++, XHTML, JavaScript, SQL, and AppInventor
- Develop Android Apps
- Develop programs for educational use in the district
- Google Apps (Docs, Sheets, Slides)
- Write code to control Finch robots wirelessly using many different motors and sensors.

Computer Applications Class

- Advanced Microsoft Office
- Digital photography and video editing
- Photoshop and Premiere
- SLR Cameras
- Graphic design

Art Classes/ Art Club

- Adobe Illustrator and Premiere
- Students create/draw vector graphics from scratch "making the traditional art classroom digital"
- 3D printer
- Students create videos and graphics such as the homecoming candidate video.

Yearbook Club

- Adobe Photoshop, SLR cameras

Media Club

- Streaming live events through Boxcast

Hackerspace

- 3DPrinting, TShirt Printing, Digital cutting, poster printer, video studio

Robotics League

- Building and programming robots. Designing parts and printing them on a 3D printer

Technology at
Kirtland High School:

- Every student is issued a portable computer.
- A computer lab with high end, up to date computers
- A lab of computers in the Art room
- 3D Printer, Vinyl Cutter/Printer, Shirt Printer, video recording and editing equipment

Technology at
Kirtland Middle School:

- Every student is issued a Chromebook
- 3D Printer in the Robotics lab

Technology at Kirtland
Elementary School:

- Every student is issued a Chromebook
- 3D printer in the STEM Classroom



An empowered citizen seeks opportunities and experiences that stimulate intellectual curiosity, that support the pursuit of their own learning, that foster open-mindedness, and that inspire critical reflection, voice, and agency. Every HORNET will demonstrate skills as a:

- **Resilient, Self-Directed Learner**
- **Respectful Collaborator**
- **Empathetic, Purposeful Communicator**
- **Problem Solver**
- **Inspired Innovator**
- **Self Confident Critical Thinker**

explore

GRADE 9-10

- Understand College/Career Planning
- Develop the plan to your pathway
- Experience real-life workforce
- Practice self-regulation
- Promote positive relationships
- Reflect and revise!

excite

GRADE 6-8

- Gain awareness of various career fields
- Exposure to real-life career opportunities
- Introduction to planning college/career pathway
- Engage with Thrively to identify skills, strengths, and interests
- Understanding self-regulation and positive relationships
- Ignite intellectual curiosity



engage

GRADE 11-12

- Evaluate your progress on your plan
- Exhibit problem solving skills
- Model integrity, ethical behavior, and leadership
- Communicate clearly, effectively, and with reason
- Embody creativity and innovative thought
- Use critical thinking skills and demonstrate perseverance
- Revisit and finalize!

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The Kirtland Local Schools provide a good value for our taxpayers' investment in our schools. The district works hard to stretch tax dollars and is recognized at the state level for our efforts in fiscal stewardship.

Financial Highlights

- Kirtland Local Schools are among the Top 20% of Ohio public school districts.
- 77.1% of teachers have a Master's degree.
- Kirtland receives only 15% of its budget from the state foundation.
- Kirtland's effective millage rate of 40.42 ranks in the middle of Lake County school districts.



WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

- Local - 74%
- Public Utility Taxes - 6%
- State Foundation - 4%
- Homestead and Rollback - 11%
- Other State Revenue - 3%
- Other Revenue - 2%

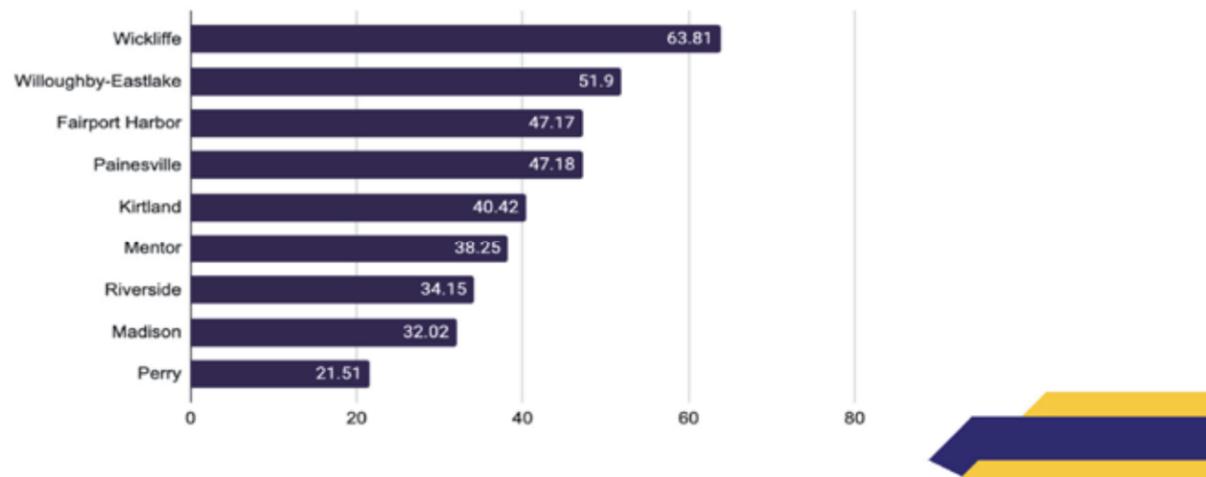
WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

- Salaries & Benefits - 85%
- Purchased Services - 10%
- Supplies - 2%
- Other - 2%
- Equipment - <1%

2020

Total Effective Tax Rates (Mills)- Lake Co. Schools

Total Effective Tax Rate (Mills)- Lake Co. School Districts



Art/Music Highlights

Kirtland Middle and High School

Covid-19 protocols and precautions have made band and choir at Kirtland Local Schools difficult this year. It has greatly affected the performing arts, from how and where ensembles rehearse to the ability to have an audience. In a year of limitations, it has become even more essential to actively expose students to professional level music making.

The Kirtland music department partnered with Apollo's Fire, The Cleveland Baroque Orchestra, to expose students to professional musicianship and to keep their music history lessons interesting. Throughout the winter months, teachers Tom Dingeldein and Jessica Sammarone taught lessons with an emphasis in the Baroque time period. These lessons led up to Zoom masterclasses with Soprano Amanda Powell and Baroque Flautist, Kathie Stewart who are both professional musicians and members of Apollo's Fire. Then, the students had a culminating event in the form of a socially-distant and masked watch party of Apollo's Fire's concert Elegance, The Harper's Voice. If students preferred to watch the concert from home, they were able to do that.

Special thanks for the financial support from the Kirtland Music Boosters and from Apollo's Fire for facilitating this project.

Social and Emotional Health of Students and Staff Top Priority

During this time of uncertainty, social-emotional well-being is more important than ever and Kirtland Local Schools made it a major focus for the 2020-21 school year. Working closely with school counselors, every grade level took part in presentations, discussions, activities and programs to support our school community.

2020-21 School Year Monthly Themes:

- September:** Suicide Awareness; Sources of Strength
- October:** Social Justice; Acceptance; Anti-Bullying
- November:** Gratitude; Kindness Day
- December:** Empathy
- January:** Mindfulness, Emotional Intelligence/Awareness
- February:** Positive/Healthy Relationships; Conflict Resolution; Dating Violence
- March:** Resilience; Self;Advocacy
- April:** Service Learning
- May:** Mental Health Awareness

Student and Parent Virtual Connect

We recognize that both in-person and virtual learning platforms were extremely different and we worked on refining and improving in-person and virtual learning throughout the 2020-21 school year. In an effort to support all students, the district formed the Student and Parent Virtual Connect, virtual meetings for students as well as virtual meetings for parents.

Say Something Program

In March 2021, Kirtland Middle and High School once again participated in Say Something Week to help raise awareness in our students as well as celebrate upstanders and trusted adults. The Say Something program reminds students to look for the warning signs of someone who is struggling and at risk of hurting themselves or others and encourages them to tell a trusted adult to get help.

Kirtland Elementary School Receives Ohio PBIS Gold Recognition Award

Kirtland Elementary School (KES) is a recipient of the Ohio Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Gold Recognition Award for 2021. The school was recognized by State Support Team Region 4.

"We use the HORNET character traits to guide us in our PBIS efforts. Hornets are Hard-Working, Open-Minded, Respectful, Noble, Engaged, and Trustworthy. Our staff does a fantastic job communicating clear expectations and modeling expected behaviors. We use common language so that everyone hears the same words, sees the expected behaviors and is taught the same ways to represent the traits we value. Each month, we focus on one of the character traits. We teach what that looks like, sounds like, and how we act in such a way both at home and at school. We wear a color of the month each Tuesday to represent the trait, and we celebrate those who act in such ways. The result of these efforts is a feeling of safety and positivity among our students. I am extremely proud of our hard-working staff who have cultivated a very warm and welcoming climate here at KES and I am confident we will continue to do so in the future."

- Principal Katy Nagaj, Kirtland Elementary School

District Revamps Positive Behavior Program for Grades 6-12

Kirtland Local Schools revamped its Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) programming in grades 6-12.

The redesigned program:

- extends the core value of the Kirtland Elementary School "HORNET" PBIS program to something that is more age-appropriate for middle and high school students.
- centers around the concept of IMPROVE Yourself, EMPOWER Others, and IMPACT the World.
- fosters growth in competencies and skills of students as they transition from the middle to the high school and supports our Profile of a Hornet upon graduation.
- creates empowered citizens that can affect positive change within the community and beyond.

The Kirtland Local Schools offer athletic opportunities for students at the middle and high school levels. A well rounded education includes a variety of opportunities. The Kirtland Local Schools believe there is more to our students than test scores. Athletics and extracurricular activities build character, teamwork and engagement. Kirtland High School offers 15 clubs and 28 co-curricular and extracurricular opportunities for students. Kirtland Middle School offers 9 clubs and 8 athletic teams for students.

Athletic Highlights

FALL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Kirtland's fall sports teams enjoyed unprecedented success in the fall of 2020. The football team won its third consecutive state championship while the girls' soccer team won its first state championship after reaching the state Final Four in 2019 and finishing as the state runner-up in 2017 and 2018. The girls' cross country team won the Chagrin Valley Conference title for the first time since 2006 and the volleyball team won its first Division III district championship and its first district title since winning the Division IV crown in 2008.

Due to COVID, the CVC did not recognize league champions for team sports during the 2020-2021 school year.

- 56 athletes named all-conference (5 golfers, 12 cross country, 17 football, 8 boys soccer, 8 girls soccer, 6 volleyball players)
- Junior Reilly Greenlee became the first cross country runner to compete at the state meet since 2008
- The girls' cross country team qualified for the regional meet for the first time since 2010
- Mason Sullivan named District Offensive Player of the Year
- Joey Grazia named District Defensive Player of the Year
- Tiger LaVerde named District Coach of the Year
- 11 football players named first-team all-district
- 5 football players named honorable mention all-district
- 11 football players named all-Ohio
- Erika Zschuppe named the Ohio Division III Girls Soccer Player of the Year
- Marko Cubela named first-team All-Ohio in soccer

WINTER SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

- 5 boys basketball and 6 girls basketball players earned all-conference honors
- 5 girls and 2 boys swimmers earned all-conference honors
- Kaley Ream placed fourth at the state meet in the 50-yard freestyle and eighth in the 500-yard freestyle
- 3 wrestlers qualified for the state tournament including Will Davidson, who won a district title and placed third at state, Brennon Braud, and Anthony Gencarelli, both of whom placed fourth at the district tournament

2020 STATE CHAMPION HORNETS FOOTBALL	2020 STATE CHAMPION HORNETS GIRLS SOCCER	GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY CVC TITLE	GIRLS VOLLEYBALL DISTRICT TITLE
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SPRING SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

- Andrew Spencer was named the CVC Valley Division Baseball Player of the Year
- Luke Smrdel was named the CVC Valley Division Coach of the Year
- 4 girls athletes and one relay team qualified for the Division III regional track meet
- 1 male athlete qualified for the Division II regional track meet

Student/Staff Leadership Highlights

Kirtland High School

- Student-athletes from Kirtland and Shaker Heights partnered to "Build the Bridge" towards racial equality
- Earned College Board's AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award
- Students initiated virtual opportunities for enrichment and social-emotional awareness
- All senior students engaged in local service projects during our first annual Senior Day of Service

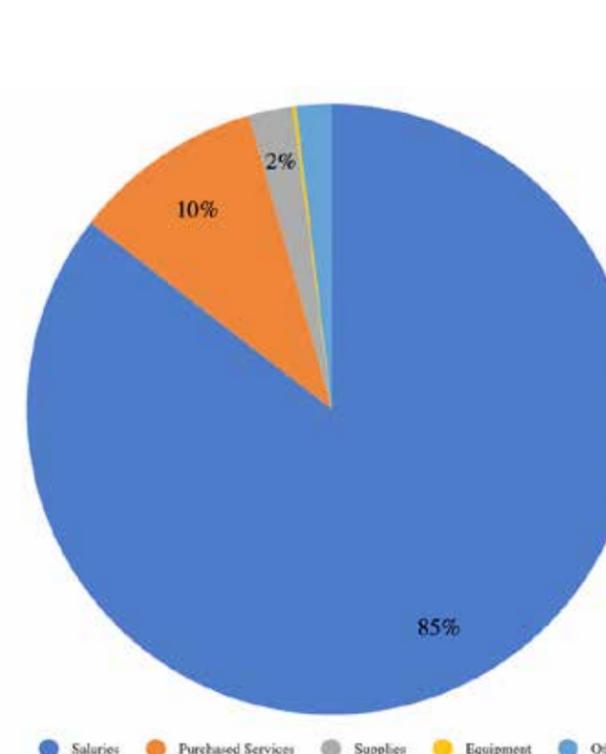
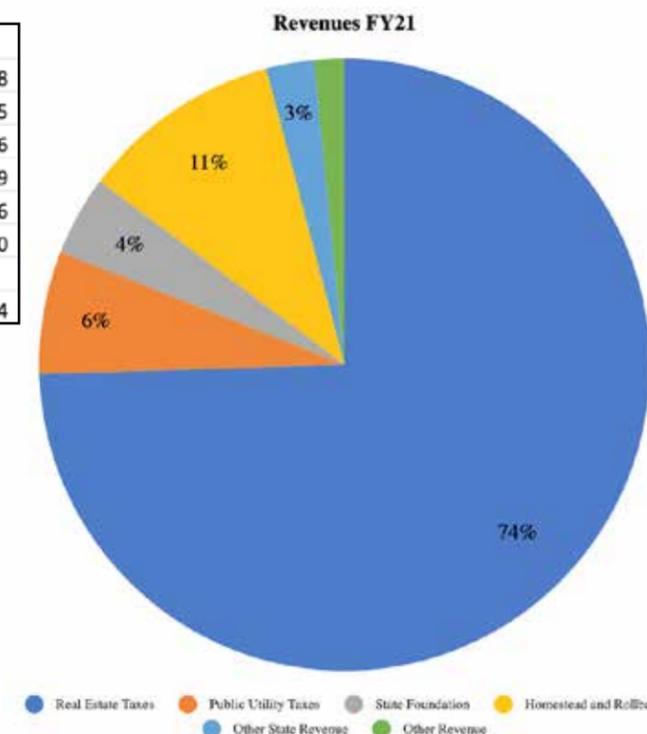
Kirtland Middle School

- "Starts with Hello" Spirit Week
- "P.S.I Love You Day"
- "Red Ribbon" Week
- "Say Something" Week
- KMS Building Leadership Team (BLT) led Staff Wellness Activities - Pickleball and Yoga

Kirtland Elementary School

- World Kindness Day
- Kindness Council organized displays for classrooms to share acts of kindness
- Read Across America Day/Dr. Seuss's Birthday
- Right to Read/Spirit Week
- Fourth Grade Peer Leadership Mentoring group with Mrs. Filla
- Wellness Committee organized staff wellness activities (yoga, bootcamp, outdoor walk, recipe swap)

REVENUES		
Real Estate Taxes	74%	11,114,488
Public Utility Taxes	6%	968,585
State Foundation	4%	631,586
Homestead and Rollback	11%	1,587,309
Other State Revenue	3%	377,406
Other Revenue	2%	240,470
Total Revenue		14,919,844



EXPENSES FY2021		
Salaries	85%	12,490,818
Purchased Services	10%	1,483,020
Supplies	2%	339,991
Equipment	0%	25,690
Other	2%	274,585
TOTAL Operational Expenses		14,614,104

- 36 RECEIVED HONORS DIPLOMAS
- 32 GRADUATED WITH A FOUR YEAR ACADEMIC LETTER
- 2 NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED SCHOLARS
- 13 GRADUATES EARNED A 30+ ON THE ACT
- 4,000 COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS LOGGED
- \$350K SCHOLARSHIPS EARNED OVERALL BY CLASS OF 2021

- 17 STUDENTS GRADUATED FROM AUBURN CAREER CENTER
- 263 AP EXAMS TAKEN BY KHS STUDENTS IN 2020-2021
- 2 STUDENTS EARNED ASSOCIATE DEGREES
- 1 STUDENT EARNED ONE LIFE SCHOLARSHIP FROM AUBURN FOR ARCHITECTURE
- KHS EARNED AP COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES FEMALE DIVERSITY AWARD



Graduates of the Class of 2021 will be attending 28 different colleges.

- Arizona State University - Tempe
- Baldwin Wallace University
- Bowling Green State University
- Cedarville University
- Cleveland State University
- Eastern Michigan University
- John Carroll University
- Kent State - Geauga
- Kent State University
- Lakeland Community College
- Miami University
- Michigan State University
- Ohio Northern
- Ohio State University
- Ohio University
- Roosevelt University
- Tennessee Tech
- University of Akron
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Findlay
- University of Louisville
- University of Mount Union
- University of Southern Florida - Tampa
- University of South Carolina - Upstate
- University of Toledo
- Walsh University
- West Virginia University
- Youngstown State University

84%
OF THE CLASS OF 2021 ARE CONTINUING THEIR ACADEMIC PURSUITS AT HIGHER LEARNING INSTITUTIONS IN FALL 2021

Highlights

- Kirtland High School is a 2021 Best High School, based on rankings from *U.S. News & World Report*.
- Kirtland High School is ranked #1 in Lake County
- Kirtland High School is ranked #17 in Cleveland
- Kirtland High School is ranked #52 in Ohio (out of 683 schools ranked in Ohio.)
- 14 KHS Students Graduated Summa Cum Laude (4.25+ Cumulative GPA)
- 19 KHS Students Graduated Magna Cum Laude (4.249 - 4.00 Cumulative GPA)
- 8 KHS Students Graduated Cum Laude (3.999 - 3.75 Cumulative GPA)



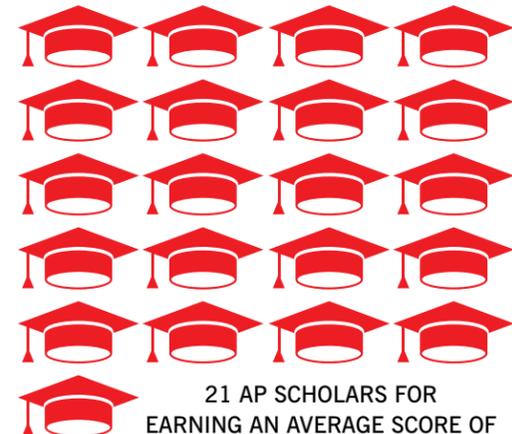
42 KHS students were named AP Scholars in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement exams.



11 AP SCHOLARS WITH DISTINCTION FOR EARNING AN AVERAGE OF 3.5 ON ALL AP EXAMS TAKEN, AND SCORES OF 3 OR HIGHER ON FIVE OR MORE OF THESE EXAMS.



10 AP SCHOLARS WITH HONORS FOR EARNING AN AVERAGE OF 3.25 ON ALL AP EXAMS TAKEN AND SCORES OF 3 OR HIGHER ON FOUR OR MORE OF THESE EXAMS.



21 AP SCHOLARS FOR EARNING AN AVERAGE SCORE OF AT LEAST 3 ON THREE OR MORE AP EXAMS.

