

# ALLIANCE CITY SCHOOLS

# DISTRICT PROFILE

# 2020





# Alliance City School District

## ***The Alliance City School District is pleased to present its 2020 District Profile!***

Each year, the Ohio Department of Education releases an Ohio School Report Card for each district in the state. This report card paints a generalized and often inaccurate picture of the district, and we feel that it does not reflect all of the amazing things happening inside and outside of the classroom that make our students successful.

This Quality Profile will provide a detailed look at some of the things going on in our elementary, middle and high schools, as well as the many extracurricular opportunities that are offered to our students. These programs assist students in developing critical thinking and problem solving skills, helping them gain the tools they need to become successful.

We are proud of all the incredible student athletes, creative thinkers and thought leaders that we have cultivated in Alliance! Our students' success can be attributed to their hard work each and every day, as well as our caring staff, parents and community members.

As you read this Quality Profile, be proud of not only the district, but your contributions as a parent, volunteer or community member. It takes the effort of all of us to continue making Alliance a thriving, high-quality school district.

### ***Vision***

All Aviators will graduate prepared for life, college and careers.

### ***Mission***

Our mission is for all students to reach their fullest potential and become productive citizens through staff who establish high expectations, a safe, positive and engaging learning environment, and content that supports critical thinking, collaboration, communication and creativity.



EVERY AVIATOR, EVERY DAY

*Reppin' That*



VALUE	BEHAVIOR	OUTCOME
HIGH PERFORMANCE We teach and learn at high levels	Think before we act Own our work Learn, Improve, Succeed	<i>All Aviators</i> reach maximum Altitude
LEADERSHIP We are engaged in the learning process at all levels	Be on target Follow through on what we say Act decisively	<i>All Aviators</i> influence the course of others positively
CARING CITIZENS We treat all people with respect and dignity	Seek first to understand Speak our truth - even when it's hard Care for and support those around us	<i>All Aviators</i> earn trust

### Aviator Profile

**Communicators** - Ask thoughtful questions, listen well and are able to clearly and concisely express their thoughts and ideas.

**Collaborators** - Are able to compromise and work with people of all personality types and backgrounds to reach a common goal.

**Critical thinkers** - Have the ability to analyze and assess complex problems or situations and produce logical conclusions or solutions.

**Creative innovators** - Use imaginative and unique ideas to develop more efficient and effective methods of problem solving.

**Caring citizens** - Have selfless attitudes and strive to build stronger communities through civic pride, volunteerism and community involvement.

**Courageous risk takers** - Are not afraid to take chances in order to accomplish something greater or facilitate change, whether it involves their career, finances, personal life or society.

### Core Values

All students can learn at high levels  
Teachers/staff are leaders and designers of engaging work  
All people deserve to be treated with dignity and respect  
Our students are our primary clients



# Academics

## Advanced Placement Courses

Realizing that students need a variety of learning opportunities, Alliance High School has advanced courses available to students who meet specific prerequisites. Advanced Placement courses are rigorous courses designed to expose students to college-level material and work. Teachers of advanced placement courses are trained through the College Board, the institution responsible for overseeing the entire Advanced Placement program.

Through AP's college-level courses and exams, you can earn college credit and advanced placement, stand out in the college admission process, and learn from a group of dedicated and skilled teachers. Alliance High School offers the following AP courses:

AP Biology	AP US History
AP English Literature	AP Studio Art: Drawing
AP English Language	AP Studio Art: 2-D Design
AP Psychology	AP Studio Art: 3-D Design

## Honors Courses

Students pursuing an honors diploma must complete additional requirements than those not on the honors track. These requirements include:

4 units of english, math, science and social studies	Hold of GPA of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale
3 units of a foreign language	Score either a 27 on the ACT or a 1280 on the SAT
1 unit of fine arts	

## College Credit Plus

Ohio's College Credit Plus program can help students earn college and high school credits at the same time by taking college courses from colleges and/or universities. The purpose of this program is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wide variety of options to college-ready students. Taking a College Credit Plus course from a public college or university is **FREE**, which means no cost for tuition, books, or fees.

The following courses are offered as dual credit at Alliance High School with credits earned through the University of Mount Union (UMU), Kent State University (KSU) and Stark State College (SS):

American Government (UMU)	College Composition I (SS)
American Lit: Colonial to 1865 (SS)	College Composition II (SS)
American Lit: 1865 to Present (SS)	Culinary Foundations (SS)
American Sign Language I (SS)	Deaf Culture and Community (SS)
American Sign Language II (SS)	Intro to Welding (SS)
American Sign Language III (SS)	Pre-Calculus A (SS)
Anatomy & Physiology (UMU)	Pre-Calculus B (SS)
Blue Print Reading (SS)	Spanish V (KSU)
Calculus I (UMU)	Statistics (SS)
Calculus II (UMU)	The Unity of Life (UMU)
College Algebra (SS)	Welding Lab (SS)
College/Career Success Skills (SS)	

The following courses are offered as ONLINE dual credit at AHS with credit earned through Stark State College. These courses are taught by a Professor at Stark State but facilitated by a high school teacher.

College Composition I (online)
College Composition II (online)
General Psychology (online)
Political Science (online)

## Class of 2020 by the Numbers

**Number of Graduates: 219**

### Students with Distinctions

**Summa Cum Laude: 16 students**  
**Magna Cum Laude: 12 students**  
**Cum Laude: 24 students**  
**Honors Diplomas: 36 students**

### Plans After Graduation\*

**Attending a four-year college or university: 60%**  
**Attending a two-year college: 6%**  
**Joining the military: 1.5%**  
**Entering the workforce: 20%**  
**Undecided: 12.5%**

*\*Based on a survey of 200 seniors*

### Scholarships

**51 students received scholarships totaling more than \$1.8 million**  
**14 students received full-tuition scholarships**  
**20 students made up the top 10% of the class, graduating with a GPA of 4.0 or higher**

### Career Tech

**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the passage rates for the Career Tech programs will be delayed until late summer or fall of 2020.**



# Academics

## Career Technical Education

Alliance High School offers a number of classes that provide students with hands-on, real-world experience. Several of these classes even offer industry certifications upon completion. Career Technical Education (CTE) classes prepare students for both further education and careers. Alliance High School offers the following CTE classes:

**Tech Prep Program:** (2 year programs) Automotive Body, Automotive Technology, Media Arts/Video Production, Cosmetology, Interactive Media, Construction Trades, Sports Medicine/Athletic Training, Pre-Medical Professions and Welding/Fabricating.

**Available at Marlinton High School:** Accounting, Engineering Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences, Turf and Landscape Technologies, Horticulture, Oil and Gas Processing and Engineering Courses.

## Technology

The Alliance City Schools understands the need to prepare students for tomorrow's world and, as such, places a high importance on enhancing instruction and students' learning with technology they will be using.

All classrooms have projectors and most have SmartBoards.

All teachers have personal laptops.

All students in kindergarten through grade 12 have access to 1:1 devices.

Preschool and kindergarten students at the Alliance Early Learning School have started familiarizing themselves with technology with exposure to various devices.

All students and staff have an ACS email address to correspond with staff and each other.

Parents and students can access daily progress through our electronic Home Access Portal.

Parents, students, and community members can download our app to keep informed of district academic and athletic events.

The district has an active social media presence on Twitter (@AllianceCSD), Facebook ([www.facebook.com/alliancecsd](http://www.facebook.com/alliancecsd)), Instagram ([alliancecsd](https://www.instagram.com/alliancecsd)) and Snapchat ([alliancecsd](https://www.snapchat.com/add/alliancecsd)).

Alliance Intermediate School has a new state-of-the-art science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) lab - exposing students to the process of building and using robots, programming and coding and the use of 3D printers.

The district incorporates GPS technology

via the "Here Comes the Bus" app that allows families to see exactly where their child's bus is and even be notified when it is within a certain range of their home.



## District App

The Alliance City School District has a FREE mobile app. Download it in the Apple App Store and the Google Play store. Just search for Alliance

City Schools. The app features:

- Lunch menus
- Sports schedules and live scores
- Bullying report
- News and events
- Personalized live feed

## Alliance Middle School - International Baccalaureate School

Alliance Middle School is officially designated as an authorized International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme School. The IB Middle Years Programme encourages students to become creative, critical and reflective thinkers; challenges students to make connections between their studies in traditional subjects and the real world; brings a connection between local and global engagement; and inspires schools to develop well-rounded students. The IB Programme includes eight classes: physical education and health, art, design, science, math, language acquisition, language and literature, and individuals and society.







## Arts

### **Band/Orchestra**

The Alliance City Schools is one of only a handful of school districts to offer an orchestra program, which begins in sixth grade and continues through 12th grade. Students in grades 6-12 can also participate in the band programs.

At the high school, students have the opportunity to perform in jazz band, concert band or the renowned Alliance Aviator Marching Band – The Pride of the Sky.

### **Vocal Music**

The District's vocal music program begins in Kindergarten allowing our youngest Aviators to experience the joys of music. Students in all grades hold performances throughout the year to demonstrate all they have learned.

At the high school, students have the opportunity to perform in jazz band, concert band or the renowned Alliance Aviator Marching Band – The Pride of the Sky.

### **Musical Performances**

Each year, Alliance High School students hold musical performances. Past performances include "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," "Hairspray" and "All Shook Up." Students on the stage and behind the scenes work tirelessly to make each show unforgettable. In 2020, AHS hosted the second Royal Aviation Show Choir Competition, an annual competition open to schools in and out of the state with competing show choirs.

### **Visual Arts**

Students in kindergarten through high school participate in visual art classes where they study the history of art while developing their abilities to draw, paint, sculpt and more.





# Student Leadership & Activities

## Clubs & Activities

The Alliance City Schools have a number of clubs and activities available to students at all grade levels. At the high school level, students can participate in the following:

- 99th Squadron
- Academic Challenge
- Arts and Geeks Syndicate
- Channel 11 Club
- Drama Club
- ESports
- Family, Career and Community
- Leaders of America (FCCLA)
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Foreign Language Club
- Girls with Pearls

- Guys with Ties
- Hack Club
- Key Club
- Lunch with a Leader
- National Honor Society
- Navigators
- PenOhio
- Ping Pong Club
- Red and Blue (Newswriting I and II)
- Red Tails
- Science & Engineering Club

- Shine
- SkillsUSA
- Student Senate
- Surge
- Tech Club
- Teen Court
- TIE (Together Initiating Excellence)
- Welding Club
- Yearbook



## Athletics

The Alliance City Schools offers athletic opportunities for students at the middle and high school levels. Last year, 320 students in grades 9-12 participated in sports, while 175 students in grades 7 and 8 participated in sports. Athletic offerings include:

- Baseball
- Basketball (boys and girls)
- Bowling (boys and girls)
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country (boys and girls)

- Football
- Golf (boys and girls)
- Softball
- Soccer (boys and girls)
- Swim Team (boys and girls)

- Tennis (boys and girls)
- Track (boys and girls)
- Volleyball
- Wrestling







# Student Leadership & Activities



## Field Trips

Students of all ages take local field trips to supplement what's being taught in the classroom. At Alliance High School, students have the opportunity to travel around the country to places like:

Walt Disney World  
Grand Teton National Park  
Yellowstone National Park  
Mt. Rushmore

Chicago  
Columbus  
Cleveland  
New York City

Middle School  
Washington, D.C.  
Camp Muskingum  
Niagara Falls



## Giving Back

At Alliance, we believe in teaching students the importance of giving back to their community. Examples include:

Students and staff brought in thousands of food items for the Alliance Food Pantry.  
The Sports Medicine classes collect supplies to make homeless kits and volunteer each year for the Special Olympics event.  
Annual volunteering partnerships with Salvation Army, Kiwanis, Alliance Food Pantry and YMCA.  
Annual support of Toys for Tots.  
Staff donated over \$11,800 to the United Way of Greater Stark County during the 2019-2020 school year.  
The Family Support Specialists hosted a Coat Giveaway and two Free Laundry events along with providing weekly meals for the students to take home on the weekend through the Aviator Flight Bag program.





# Fiscal Stewardship

The Alliance City Schools is committed to being open, honest and transparent with its finances.

## Scholarships

The Alliance City School District works with local businesses, colleges/universities and organizations to secure scholarships for our seniors. Students in the Class of 2020 received more than \$1.8 million in scholarships, including:

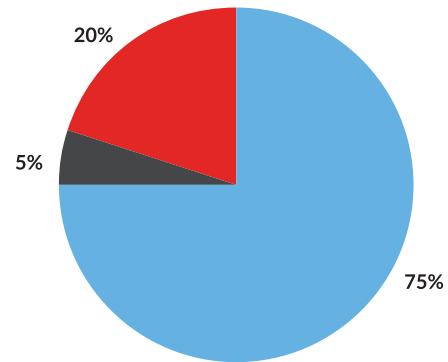
Four full-tuition AllianceWorks scholarships to Stark State for graduates of Alliance's Career Technical Education program

Nine full-tuition Investment Alliance Scholarships to the University of Mount Union

One Elvin Wilson/Duke University Scholarship

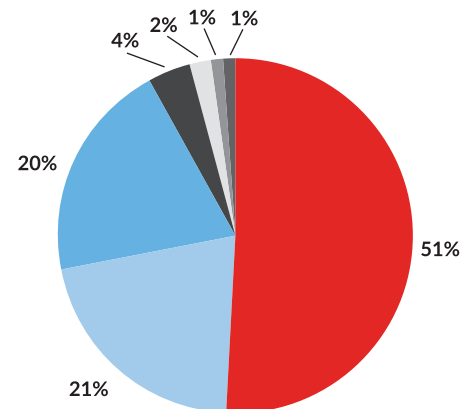
More than 80 locally funded private scholarships

## General Fund Revenues



Local Taxes	\$7,302,928
State Monies	\$26,961,822
Other Revenues	\$1,734,409
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$35,999,159</b>

## General Fund Expenditures



Salaries	\$18,259,819
Purchased Services	\$7,609,406
Benefits	\$6,970,048
Supplies and Materials	\$1,524,479
Capital Outlay	\$711,800
Debt Service Principal	\$232,267
Miscellaneous	\$316,081
Debt Service Interest	\$20,259
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$35,641,159</b>



# Parent & Community Involvement

The Alliance City Schools is fortunate to have parents, community members, businesses and organizations that support our schools.

## **Parent-Teacher Organizations**

Parkway and Rockhill Elementary Schools have active and hardworking Parent-Teacher Organizations (PTOs).

PTO members volunteer hundreds of hours every year to raise and disperse thousands of dollars to enhance the educational experience for our students.

## **Alliance High School Booster Club**

The AHS Booster Club maintains and manages "The Hangar," an on-site spirit shop at the high school that raises funds for the district's athletic program.

## **Alliance Middle School Academic Booster**

The AMS Academic Booster is a parent led organization dedicated to promoting and raising money for the academic programs at AMS.





# Student Services

**The Student Services Department provides resources and support to both students and families to ensure our students obtain the education that best meets their needs. The Department:**

Delivers a continuum of services in the area of special education from regular education classrooms to self-contained special education classrooms to intensive settings in alternative buildings.

Develops and implements 504 plans for students who have diagnosis that interferes with a child's ability to learn at school.

Utilizes a team of speech-language pathologists, psychologists, occupational therapists and physical therapists to meet the needs of all students.

Partners with Stark County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services to provide mental health services.

Provides home instruction to homebound students.

Employs school health aids or nurses at each school.

Provides gifted education services to identified students.

Serves as a liaison for family legal/court issues.

Processes open enrollment applications for students from other districts who are interested in coming to Alliance.

Arranges for language interpreters for school and at functions throughout the year.

Coordinates summer school enrichment and intervention programs.

Provides EL students and families with necessary programming and interventions.

Provides Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) to students.

Oversees K-12 local and state assessments.



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## **Administration**

Rob Gress, *Superintendent*

Michelle Balderson, *Director of Elementary Education*

Kirk Heath, *Treasurer*

Nicholas Cowles, *Director of Operations*

Jane Stone, *Coordinator of Special Education*

Cathy Brooks, *Teacher & Student Support Services Coordinator*

Michael Schott, *Athletic Director*

Chad Morris, *Technology Supervisor*

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