

Experiencing Mt. Healthy: The Owl Effect

District Profile 2016-2017



Welcome from Dr. Reva Cosby, Superintendent

Welcome to Experiencing Mt. Healthy: The Owl Effect!

We are excited to share with you what makes Mt. Healthy a place where students want to belong; an Education Destination. Our intention is to inform you of the rich educational and extracurricular opportunities offered to our students, the overall profile of the district as well as our flourishing history.

The students are learning through the common core curriculum, and many are also being challenged and soaring academically through Honors, Advanced Placement, and College Credit Plus classes. We have students whose artistic talents and gifts are showcased through the fine arts such as music, theater, art classes, and other creative activities.

Our students athletically and academically are challenged to reach their highest potential. They meet and exceed that potential as evidenced by their vast achievements. These achievements would not be possible without our dedicated certified, classified, and support staff.

Experiencing Mt. Healthy: The Owl Effect provides you more information than what is available on state's web site. Like our Education Destination strategic plan, this is a living document, which will be updated regularly. As stakeholders in this endeavor, it is important to keep you informed of the positive and significant work and activities happening in MTHCSD. Rest assured that our students are ready for the world in which they will become leaders and strong citizens.

I hope *Experience Mt. Healthy: The Owl Effect* will allow you to celebrate the successes of our students and enlighten you to all our schools have to offer. I extend to you my sincere gratitude for your support of our students and staff as we continue on the path to success.

Educationally yours,

Reva Cosby Ph.D
Superintendent



A Message from Dr. Julie Turner, Mt. Healthy City Schools Board President



MISSION

Mt. Healthy's Board of Education, administration and staff are committed to providing:

diverse, high quality academic programs designed to maximize each student's potential;

a highly skilled and innovative professional staff, who reflect our community's values;

a safe, clean and caring environment, where discipline and respect are held in the highest regard.

an atmosphere and attitude that welcome parents, family and community involvement.



VISION

- Shape our youth to be concerned, contributing, and patriotic citizens.
- Offer as many opportunities to students that reflect their personal goals.
- Implementing a 5 year strategic plan that addresses the needs of all students
- To increase academic achievement for all students through instructional practices and the use of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports.
- To address safety concerns with innovative, up-to-date training and procedures for all staff, students, and school community.
- Stay current with financial trends as well as cost-saving measures that address fiscal responsibility as well as effective use of current resources.



Academics

Elementary Students are prepared with 21st Century technology skills with the most current software and programs available.

Jr. High Students take College Preparatory and accelerated courses in English Language Arts, Math, and Science.

High school offers 18 different Honors, Advanced Placement and College Credit Plus classes. They also partner with Cincinnati State Community College to offer Upward Bound for college-bound students.

Did You Know?

- **48% of high school students were on honor roll?**
- **39% of Junior high students are on honor roll?**
- **19 Seniors received Coordinating Council Scholarships totalling \$26,000.**



**200 Graduated
in 2017**



**27 Graduated
with a diploma
with honors**



**40 seniors
attending
college on
scholarship**



**Test Scores
for 3rd
grade rose
by 18% in
2017**



**2016-2017 Reading
proficiency increased
in grades 3-6 and
ELA I and II**



**2016-2017 Math
proficiency in-
creased in grades
3,4,6, and Algebra I**



**Many of the district's
proficiency increases
were greater than
state increases, thus
closing the gap**



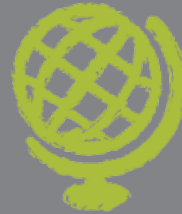
2017 Graduates

72.5% are attending college in 2017

40% a first generation college attendees

16 are attending college on athletic scholarships

50 students graduated through Oaks programs with the intent to work in their chosen career.



Academic Initiatives

The five-year strategic plan addresses **three objectives** in focusing on academic achievement for the future:

1. The administration and staff want to ensure the students are engaged in high-quality and effective instruction using the formative instructional practices (FIP).
2. The administration and staff want ensure the safety of all the students by using Postitive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS).
3. The administration and staff want to meet the needs of our diverse, complex population to reduce barriers to education and to increase parental and community involvement.

These objectives are coordinated by team leaders and teams who meet regularly to discuss goals and up-to-date information and data that support them. The data and information are then communicated to the district and community, through multi-year updates, to the Mt. Healthy Board of Education.

Student Activities and Leadership

- Mt. Healthy Jr/Sr High School offers 32 extra curricular opportunities for 9-12 students.
- Mt. Healthy partners with M2SE, a STEM enrichment program for students in Math, Science, and Engineering.
- More than 30 students per year participate in Upward Bound for academic and leadership development including 2017's Valedictorian, Fortune Uzo.
- National Honor Society recognized 15 graduating seniors in 2017.
- National Honor Society honored 27 high school students demonstrating high academic standards and service leadership.
- Junior National Honor Society honored 21 junior high students demonstrating high academic achievement.
- Mt. Healthy Seniors organize and lead an annual blood drive, supporting the community with donations totaling an average of 25 units of blood per year.
- Mt. Healthy High School students documented over 1600 hours of community service in 2016.
- Mt. Healthy High School Seniors lead an adventure trip for 6th grade students at Camp Kern every year.

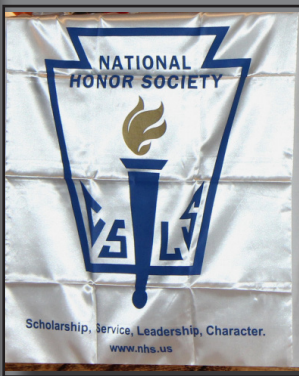


Did You Know?

Mt. Healthy has been conference champions 78 times in nine sports.

In 2017, MTH Boys Track team placed 4th in state.





Owl Athletics

Mt. Healthy High School offers 18 sports for students in grade 9-12, which 420 students participated.

For grades 7-8, there are 13 sports offered, in which 196 junior high students participated.

Mt. Healthy Youth Sports League serves students in grade 2-6 in 4 sports.

In 2016-17 there were 104 scholar athletes in 18 sports.

Mt. Healthy Hall of Fame celebrates 57 alumni having been inducted since 1995.

Joel Heath, a Mt. Healthy graduate, continues to reach his dreams by playing NFL for the Houston Texans.

Parent Involvement

Parents support the elementaries and Jr/Sr high school with hundreds of volunteer hours.

Mt. Healthy Athletic Boosters raises over \$5,000 for athletic programs every year.

Mt. Healthy Band Boosters raises approximately \$20,000 to support the performing arts programs such as band, choir, and dramas.

Parent Advisory Committees are involved in each building supporting open houses, student activities, field trips, and teacher appreciation activities.



Band and Choir

The high school has 85 students enrolled in Concert or Symphonic Band.

Band is offered to students in grades 5-12.

Marching Band performs at both home and away football games

Jazz Band, mostly a Winter and Spring band, performs in the Annual Jazz Coffee House a most well attended performance.

Pep Band performs at both boys and girls high school basketball games.

Freshman choir performs several concerts per year and perform at Spring Education Fair.

Vocal Ensemble has 115 performers in high school and they display talents about six times a year.



Did You Know?

The Band Boosters raises money through an Annual Spaghetti Dinner.

The Alumni Association gives a scholarship to a graduating senior every year with the money they raise through fundraisers.

The Coordinating Council gave 19 scholarships to members of class of 2017 for a total of \$26,000, the most they've ever offered.

Both North Elementary and South Elementary host literacy and science nights, Muffins with Mom, Doughnuts with Dad, an annual carnival, and Spring Education Fair throughout the year for parent engagement activities.

The Mt. Healthy School Alumni Association actively supports the school district and community through an annual garage sale and summer band concerts.

The Annual Homecoming parade is supported by the community, police department, and alumni.

The History of Mt. Healthy City Schools

City Public Schools

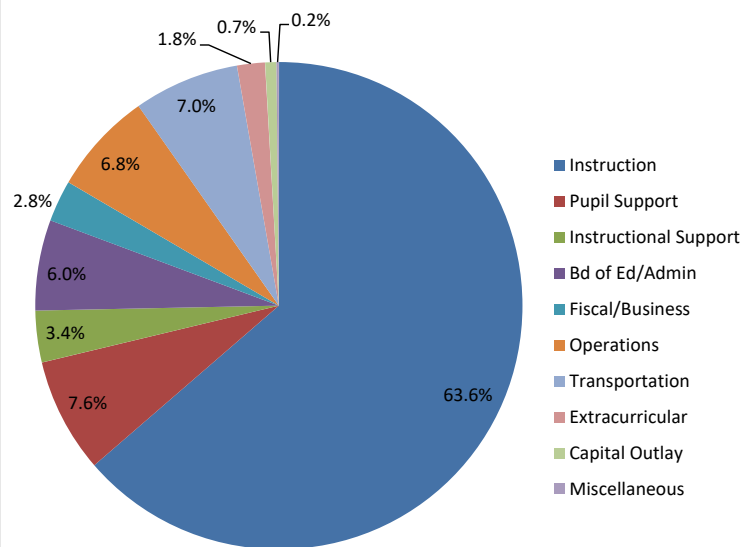
Established by Ohio Legislature in 1821, schoolhouses were built in Mt. Healthy to house grades 1-8, and a two-year high school program began in 1893. The high school program was later expanded to four years in 1911. The building located at 7601 Harrison Avenue was dedicated in 1911 to house grades 1-12, and it was the first in the country to have a gymnasium. A new state of the art brick high school opened and was used until 1962; It now houses the district administrative offices. Currently the district enrolls approximately 3200 students in three new energy efficient and technologically advanced buildings to provide the most up-to-date educational opportunities. Mt. Healthy Schools has a rich tradition of academic courses and success through its students and faculty.



Superintendents

Mt. Healthy School District has seen 11 superintendents since 1905, when it became independent with its own board of education.

Finance

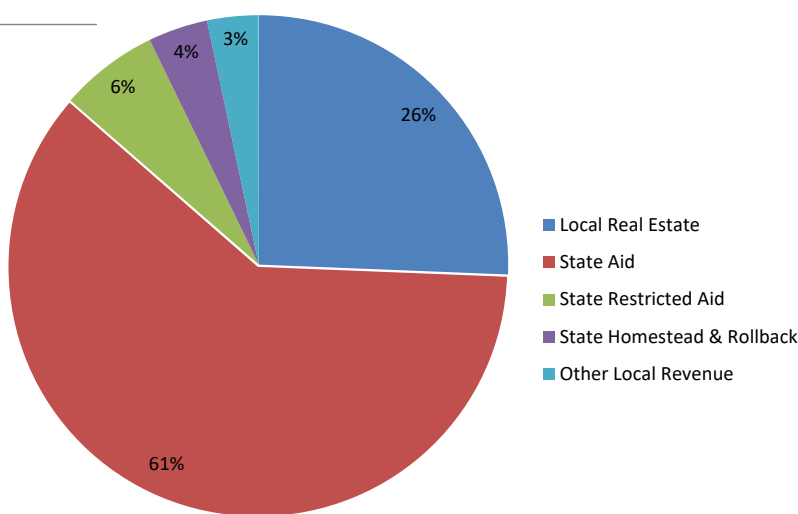


General Fund FY17 Expenses

Mt. Healthy School District has consistently received clean financial audits from Ohio Department of Education. Treasurer Rebecca Brooks and her staff manage the funds from the state and community appropriately and efficiently.

- When voters passed a bond issue to build the three new buildings in the district, the State of Ohio supplied 71% of the cost. The newer buildings are LEED Certified for green construction and technology, meaning the buildings are resource-efficient, energy and utility efficient, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which in turn saves money.

- Several federal grants are used to pay staff salary and benefits, enabling smaller class sizes as well as additional paraprofessionals to assist classroom teachers and students.



Funding Sources FY17

- The MTHCS district participates in consortium-based purchasing for employee benefits, fuel, district and student supplies, and food programs, resulting in continued savings.
- MTHCS is the recipient of \$5.4 million in numerous state and federal grants through ODE :
 - Enhancing Education Through Technology,
 - Race-to-the-Top,
 - 21st Century Community Learning Center,
 - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act,
 - School Improvement Act

Federal Programs

Title I is designed to provide all children significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education, and to close educational achievement gaps. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), signed into law on December 10, 2015, gives school districts the opportunity to broaden their definitions of educational excellence, and enables schools to focus on providing students the diverse, integrated curriculum and learning experiences necessary for a well-rounded education. Mt. Healthy City School District is a Schoolwide Title I-served in all buildings.

Parents and community members are encouraged to participate in the three essential components of a Schoolwide Title I program effective implementation: conducting an all inclusive needs assessment, preparing a comprehensive Schoolwide plan, and annually reviewing and revising the Schoolwide plan, as necessary. The Mt. Healthy City School District calendar displays each building's annual Title I meeting and numerous opportunities for parent engagement. Please contact your child's building principal for more information.

Did You Know?

Mt. Healthy City Schools won high accolades as "Champions of School Breakfast" in Fall 2016 and Spring 2017.

In 2016, MTHCS and Rebecca Brooks received the Ohio State Auditor's Award for exemplary financial reporting.

Mt. Healthy City Schools Student Services

MTHCSD offers a variety of services and support options to ensure all students receive individualized instruction, support, and enrichment.

The Student Services Department offers extensive special education services that comply with all state and federal requirements.

The district follows each identified student's Evaluation Team Report (ETR) and Individual Education Plan (IEP) to deliver quality services and supports in providing a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).

A full-range of additional services from special transportation, physical, speech, and occupational therapies are available for qualified students.

Specialized instructional opportunities and staffing are available for students with visual and/or hearing impairment.

MTHCSD employs two full-time social workers at each elementary building.

MTHCSD employs ESL staff to meet the needs of our the growing population of English Language Learners.

The Student Service Department has trained over 110 staff members in Crisis Prevention Intervention.

Partnerships are maintained with multiple community service providers for mental health supports, job skills instruction, and vocational opportunities for students.

Each building is staffed with one Registered Nurse and a clinic aide to meet the medical/health needs of all the students.



MTHCSD Food Service Programs



Studies show that there is a strong link between nutrition and cognitive development. At Mt. Healthy City Schools, we have made it our goal that all students receive an adequate breakfast and lunch, no matter the financial circumstances. The National School Lunch Program, Community Eligibility Provision provides the ability to offer all enrolled students of MHCSD can enjoy a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at no charge to individual households.



A proper breakfast enables students to be more alert in class and help them concentrate throughout the day. A hot breakfast is offered in the classroom one day per week, and a cold breakfast choice is offered on the remaining days. At lunch, to increase the acceptance and consumption of nutritious foods, we have the option of "offer versus serve" at all of our lunchrooms. This provision is intended to reduce food waste by allowing children to choose three of the five meal components offered each day. One of these meal components must be a fruit or vegetable. Additionally, extra meals, snacks and a la carte items are available for students to purchase. All snacks meet the requirements of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Smart Snack Rule and The Alliance for a Healthier Generation.



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