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CHARDON LOCAL SCHOOLS

2023-2024 Quality Profile

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A Message from Superintendent Hanlon



Dear Hilltopper Community,

The Chardon Local School District commits to high achievement for all students. We strive to be a model school district by 2028.

These district vision and mission statements are found in our 2023–2028 Success Plan. These are goals we strive to achieve every day. We can only accomplish these through the hard work of our students, staff and Hilltopper community.

At Chardon Schools, we seek to keep our community informed with regular updates as to our work and progress towards achieving our mission and the goals that define our vision for our schools. This annual Quality Profile is a communications tool designed to celebrate the exemplary programs and activities offered in our school district that form the foundation of an exceptional educational experience for students.

The Chardon Local School District's Quality Profile is supported by the Alliance for High Quality Education and provides a snapshot of the accomplishments of our students and staff throughout the 2023–24 school year. It also provides community members important information regarding district finances, extracurricular activities and business affairs.

The report is meant to be read in combination with the Local Report Card developed by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce. The overall score is based on state assessment performance with five rated components: Achievement, Progress, Gap Closing, Graduation Rate and Early Literacy.

For the 2023–24 school year, Chardon Local Schools received 4.5 out of 5 stars on its state report card, as well as a performance index score of 101.9, which ranks 50th among all public school districts in Ohio.

Scores from throughout our district included:

- Munson Elementary: 5 star rating, 104.2 performance index score;
- Park Elementary: 5 star rating, 101.1 performance index score;
- Chardon Middle School: 5 star rating, 103.6 performance index score;
- Chardon High School: 4.5 star rating, 100.6 performance index score.

Chardon Schools' overall rating of 4.5 stars means the district "exceeds state standards," in the overall measurement. It provides a snapshot of our district's success while also highlighting areas for further growth.

We hope that you read our Quality Profile in association with the state's report card to get a complete picture of the meaning behind the rating. If you have any questions regarding this report, our success plan or any other aspect of our school district, please do not hesitate to contact me at 440-285-4052, or by email at michael.hanlon@chardonschools.org.



CHARDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OHIO SCHOOL REPORT CARD RATING



OVERALL: 4.5 stars out of 5

ACHIEVEMENT: 5 out of 5 stars

GRADUATION: 5 out of 5 stars

GAP CLOSING: 5 out of 5 stars

EARLY LITERACY: 5 out of 5 stars

PROGRESS: 3 out of 5 stars

DISTRICT FINANCES

Fiscal Stewardship

Our community deserves to see high value for its investment in the district.

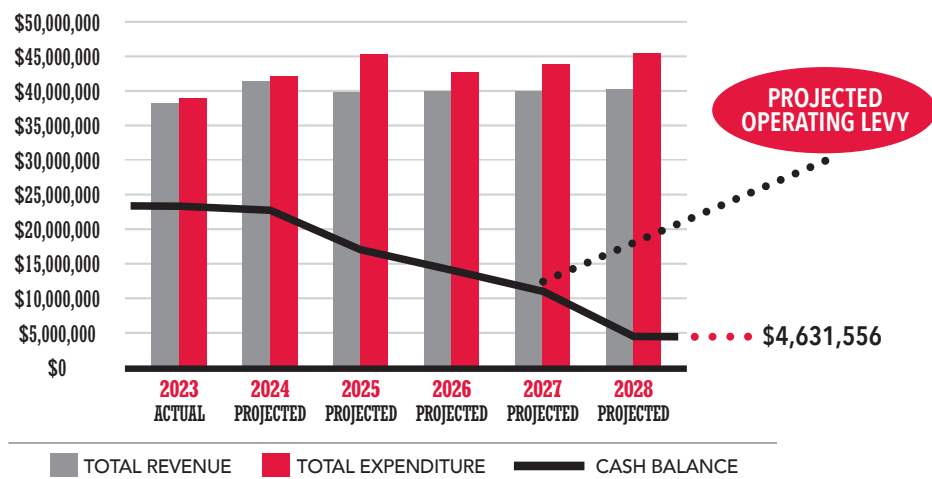
The Treasurer's department constantly researches ways to conserve taxpayer dollars, find alternative revenue sources and ensure the district maintains its excellent schools with financial responsibility.

Up-to-date financial information is available through BoardDocs and the Treasurer's page of our district website.

On OhioCheckbook.com, stakeholders can search, view and compare expenditure information for participating governments.

Questions related to Chardon Local Schools' finances can be directed to Treasurer Deb Armbruster, deb.armbruster@chardonschools.org, or by calling 440-285-4052.

Chardon Local Schools Five-Year Forecast May 2024 Projected Revenue, Expenditures, and Cash Balance



This chart shows Chardon Local Schools' predicted revenue (money coming in), expenditures (money going out) and cash balance (money left over) from 2023 to 2028.

- **TOTAL REVENUE** (Gray Bars): This is the money the district expects to receive each year from taxes, state funding, and other sources.
- **TOTAL EXPENDITURE** (Red Bars): This is how much Chardon Schools expect to spend each year on things like salaries, facilities, and programs.
- **CASH BALANCE** (Black Line): This shows how much money will be left over at the end of each year after revenue is received and expenses are paid.

The cash balance is dropping each year, meaning that by 2028, the schools will have \$4.6 million left in savings.

Why is a levy projected for 2027?

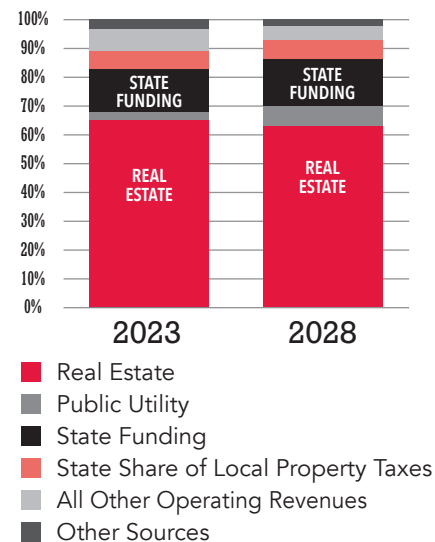


The district currently projects an operating levy may be needed in 2027 because while spending continues to rise, income is not increasing at the same rate. This means Chardon Schools will have less funds saved up each year. Without the levy, the district may run out of funds soon after 2028.

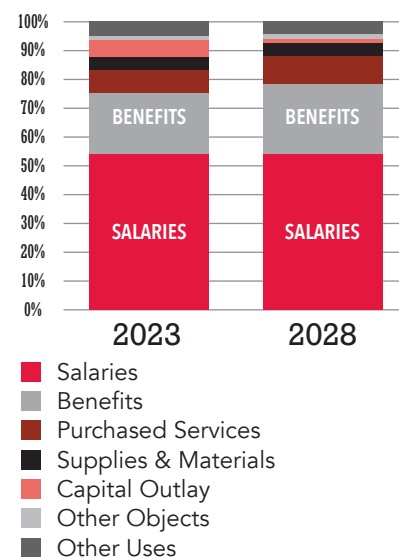
Financial Data

- Government Finance Officers Association Award—Three consecutive years
- Auditor of State 4 Star Award—Four consecutive years
- 2,442 PreK–12 students
- Last operating levy passed—3.8 mill in 2018
- Primary source of revenue—property taxes 74.5%
- Secondary source of revenue—State funding 14.3%
- Total annual budget—\$63M

Sources of Revenue Over Time



Expenditure Categories Over Time





Class of 2024 at a Glance

246 GRADUATES Of the class of 2024, 72% plan to attend a two- or four-year college or university, 26% plan to enter the workforce, and 2% are enlisting in the U.S. military.

20 VALEDICTORIANS Lillian Beil, Megan Bender, Charles Brock, Colson Christie, Eve Downs, Rebecca Fullerman, Cole Gallagher, Tyler Gideon, Ryan Kleinhenz, Timothy Meleski, Jillian Morrison, Bria Ogint, Alex Pedersen, Madison Primc, Finn Snyder, Matthew Sopchak, Chelsea Stanish, Alivia Sudnick, Gray Tyminski.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT 18 AP Scholars with Distinction; 16 AP Scholars with Honors; 31 AP Scholars.

ASSOCIATE DEGREES Three graduates earned associate degrees through Lakeland Community College: Connor Norton, Selah Rogers and Hannath Toth.

BACHELOR DEGREE One student, Dominick Lakatos, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Integrative Studies from Kent State University.

AUBURN CAREER CENTER 45 students completed a two-year ACC program,

HONORS SOCIETIES International Thespian Society, 13 graduates; National Honor Society, 59 graduates; National Technical Honor Society, six graduates.

HONORS DIPLOMAS 84 students earned Academic Honors Diplomas by meeting at least seven of these eight criteria: four units each of math, science (including two advanced) and social studies; three units of one world language or two each of two languages; one unit of fine arts; a GPA of 3.5 or higher; and an ACT score of 27 or higher or an SAT score of 1280 or higher.

COLLEGE BOARD SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Five students were named National Rural and Small Town Scholars, and one earned National Hispanic Scholar recognition.

Eligibility requires taking the Fall 2023 PSAT/NMSQT or Spring PSAT 10 and scoring in the top 10% in their state, or earning scores of 3+ on two AP exams by 10th grade, plus a GPA of 3.3 or higher. Students must also identify as first-generation, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Indigenous or Native and/or attend school in a rural area or small town.



OUR SCHOOLS

GRADES 8-12

Chardon High School



CHARDON HIGH SCHOOL

151 Chardon Ave. (44024)

440-285-4057

Principal: Adam Tomco

Asst Principals: Christina Sherwood,

Edward Yeomans

Students: 1,040

Faculty members: 85

Chardon High School (CHS) excels in academics and athletics, consistently surpassing state and national averages on the ACT, SAT, and AP exams. Ranked in the top 7% of Ohio high schools by U.S. News & World Report in 2024, CHS offers a robust academic program supported by a variety of enrichment opportunities.

Students can choose from regular, honors, and 17 AP courses, as well as programs like Independent Study, College Credit Plus, and Auburn Career Center's 20 specialized offerings. In 2024, 227 students took 432 AP exams, with 70% earning scores of 3 or higher, including 65 AP Scholars. The school's average ACT composite score was 20.9.

CHS provides extensive student support through senior mentorship programs, guided study halls, and math labs, ensuring academic success for all learners. Beyond the classroom, students engage in 50+ clubs, performing arts, and 20 varsity sports, fostering well-rounded development and leadership skills.





GRADES 4-7 | Chardon Middle School



WE ARE CARING, MINDFUL AND SOLUTION-FOCUSED

CHARDON MIDDLE SCHOOL

424 North St. (44024)

440-285-4062

Principal: Craig Caroff

Assistant Principal: Tracy Paroubek

Students: 714

Faculty members: 85

COURSES OF STUDY

Chardon Middle School offers regular, accelerated, enriched and honors tracks.

ELECTIVES

STEM, Digital Design, Art, Band, Choir, General Music, Physical Education, and Spanish.

FUTURE READINESS

Programs include American Heart Association's STEM Goes Red®, Sources of Strength, Student Council, Builders Club, Arthur Holden Jennings Leadership Program (grades 5-7) and the Young Entrepreneurs Pitch Challenge.

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

The school's dedicated parent teacher organization raises funds for, organizes and hosts a variety of social events including the Back 2 School Bash, Glow-in-the-Dark Dance, and the Turkey Ball Tournament. It also provides funding for new learning opportunities.

SCHOOL TRADITIONS

Book Fairs, Holiday Parties, Local Field Trips, Science and Arts Fair, Spirit Weeks, Winter and Spring Concerts, and Seventh Grade Clap Out.

ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

Clubs and activities at the middle school include D.A.R.E., Athletics, Just Run, MATHCOUNTS, Power of the Pen, Robotics, Science Olympiad, Spelling Bee, and Yearbook.



OUR SCHOOLS, *continued*

GRADES 1-3

Munson Elementary School Park Elementary School



TOGETHER, HILLTOPPERS CLIMB TO THE TOP!

We take responsibility, offer kindness and persevere.

MUNSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

12687 Bass Lake Road (44024)

440-286-5901

Principal: Mathew Prezioso

Students: 238

Faculty Members: 39

PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

111 Goodrich Court (44024)

440-285-4067

Principal: Jill Makee

Students: 223

Faculty Members: 35—including 11 classroom teachers, 5 enrichment teachers (split between CELC and Munson); 3 Intervention Specialists; 3 Tutors; 4 Aides, 2 custodians, 2 office staff, 3 cafeteria, 2 Recess Aides

CURRICULUM AND INTERVENTIONS

Munson and **Park** offer a curriculum focusing on literacy and mathematics which features fluency assessments, progress monitoring and targeted interventions.

DEDICATED CLASSROOM

Munson Elementary houses a dedicated classroom, intervention specialist and support staff for students with autism. There is also a room focused on students with behavioral goals.

ENRICHMENT

Students enjoy a well-rounded education with classes in visual and performing arts, technology, world language and physical education.

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATIONS (PTO)

Each school's dedicated parent teacher organization, made up of parent and guardian volunteers, raises funds year-round and enables a variety of exciting events, PBIS programming and opportunities for new student learning.

SCHOOL TRADITIONS

Popular traditions include Author Visits, Autism Awareness Week, Award Ceremonies, Book Fairs, Career Vehicle Day, Field Day, Kindness Week, Literacy Night, STEAM Museum, Third Grade Clap Out, Veteran Visitors, Winter and Spring Concerts, and service projects.





PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

Chardon Early Learning Center

THE TINY TOPPERS PROMISE

Be Safe. Be Kind. Try Your Best.

CHARDON EARLY LEARNING CENTER

308 Maple Ave. (44024)

440-285-4066

Principal: Douglas Higham

Students: 227

Faculty Members: 48

Chardon Early Learning Center is a Step Up to Quality gold rated program. The district offers a full continuum of services including general education pre-school classrooms, integrated classrooms and special education classrooms. CELC preschool staff conduct developmental screenings and work with families to provide intervention services to students ages 3–5 who have been identified as having a disability. CELC preschool staff also provide support to providers and students in community preschools and daycare centers.

The school's Kindergarten classes are in an all-day, everyday format and include world language, art, music, physical education and technology. The preschool and kindergarten have benefited from being the recipient of the Ohio Comprehensive State Literacy Grant, focusing on the science of reading.

SCHOOL TRADITIONS

Charitable Projects, Seasonal Classroom Parties, PBIS classroom celebrations, Lunch Bunch & Social Groups, Field Day, Grinch Day, Kindergarten Orientation and Screening, Literacy Night, KDG Music Performance, One School One Book, Pre-K Graduation, and the Q and U Letter Wedding.



STUDENT and STAFF ACHIEVEMENT

Students



Audrey Adair



Matthew Sopchak



Charlotte Jons

ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS

- Chardon High School Academic Challenge Team: Connor Mosher, Lily Meyer, Kayla Schneider;
- Chardon High School Academic Decathlon Team: 13 medals, second place finish at State Competition

ATHLETICS

- Chardon High School football: 2023 Ohio High School Athletic Association Division III Regional Champions (Final Four Qualifier)
- Chardon High School boys cross country: 2023 OHSAA Division I State Qualifier
- Chardon High School boys track: 2023 OHSAA Division I District Champions; 2023 OHSAA Division I Regional Runner-up

GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY

- Buckeye State Program 2024 delegates: Chardon High School juniors, Caroline Evans, Dominic Iskra, Elaina Mardula, Meadow McDonald, Violet Meissner, Brendan Ptasznik, Devney Rich and Ryan Zielinski

THE ARTS

- Charlotte Jons—National Speech and Debate Association, national qualifier in Program Oral Interpretation; Ohio Speech and Debate Association Program Oral Interpretation Event, state champion.
- Audrey Adair—Power of the Pen, Platinum Pen Award State Qualifier.
- Ohio Music Education Association District VII Middle School Honors Band Selection 2024—Nathan Brockway, tuba; Charlie Patterson, tuba; Nicholas Saakov, clarinet; Sean Howser, percussion; Sarah McBride, saxophone; Adrianna Yaney, clarinet.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Ohio FCCLA Regionals—Autumn Jones and Gabriella Santamaria, Culinary Arts Product, state golds; Jase Muni, Culinary Arts, state gold for top overall score, national qualifier; Harmony Nemetz, Culinary Arts Fashion Design Event, state silver, national qualifier; McKennah Ruyf, Culinary Arts, state gold in Product Development, state silver in Garde Manger and national qualifier; Taylor Holt, Culinary Arts Job Interview Event, state gold;
- Ohio FCCLA Nationals—Jase Muni, fifth place in Culinary Arts; Harmony Nemetz, silver standing in Baking and Pastry.
- SkillsUSA Ohio State Championship—Noah Bernesser and Matthew Evans, Construction TeamWorks Event, state golds and national qualifiers; Jordan Huston, Architectural Drafting Event, state gold and national qualifier;
- SkillsUSA National Placers—Noah Bernesser, Matthew Evans and Caleb Whitehead, Construction TeamWorks, 10th place.



Building and Staff



- **AP SCHOOL HONOR ROLL, SILVER DISTINCTION:**
Chardon High School
- **OHIO ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, GOVERNOR'S THOMAS EDISON AWARD:**
Chardon Middle School
- **U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT:**
Chardon High School, Top 10% of Public High Schools in Ohio, Top 20 (#18) of Cleveland, OH Metro Area Public High Schools, TOP 40% of High Schools Nationally
- **GOVERNOR FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING:** District Treasurer's Department
- **OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE 4-STAR RATING:**
District Treasurer's Department
- **OHIO SCHOOL PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSOCIATION:**
District Communications Department
Mark of Excellence Awards
Best of the Best—District Facebook Page 2024;
Mark of Distinction—e-Newsletters Topper Talk, Hilltopper Happenings;
Mark of Distinction—District Instagram Page;
Mark of Excellence—Writing, 10-12-2023 news article on district website:
- **NATIONAL SCHOOL PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSOCIATION:**
Merit Award, Writing; Honorable Mention, e-Newsletters Topper Talk, Hilltopper Happenings: District Communications Department



DISTRICT OPERATIONS

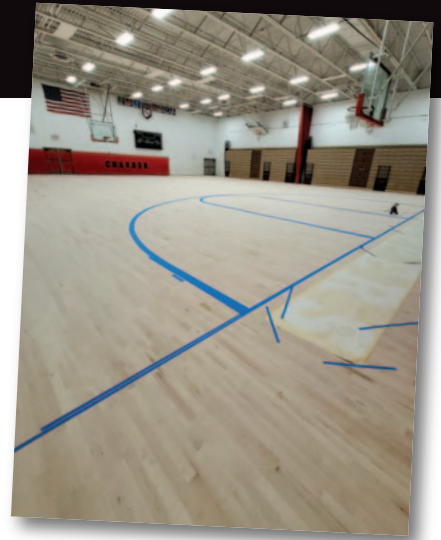
Business Affairs

Our business affairs department oversees construction projects, plans capital improvement projects including needed repairs to classrooms and buildings, as well as recommending methods to improve the efficiency and cost effectiveness of operations. Work in business affairs also encompasses food service, technology and transportation.

FACILITIES

Capital Improvements at a glance:

- Initial work on the new transportation/business affairs complex on Washington Street;
- Installation of the new security vestibule at Chardon High School;
- Replacement of lights with energy efficient LED Fixtures at Chardon Memorial Field;
- Installation of a new gymnasium floor at Chardon Middle School;
- Replacement of scoreboards at the CHS gym;
- Installation of outdoor, Daktronics digital signage at CHS and CMS;
- Parking lot improvements at CHS, CMS, Chardon Early Learning Center and Munson Elementary;
- Installation of new windows on the east elevation of the 100s and 300s at CHS;
- Classroom improvements, including the replacement of tile flooring, the installation of new windows and shades and the painting of walls in six classrooms at CMS and two at CHS;
- Replacement of gutters at CELC;
- Installation of a new travel curtain in the auditorium of Park Elementary;
- Installation of new exterior doors at CHS Makerspace, kitchen loading dock and boiler room.





Transportation



*Chardon Schools
continues recruitment*



*efforts to
increase
awareness
of vacant driver
positions resulting
from the ongoing
labor shortage.*



The Chardon Transportation department's highest priority is the safe transport of students every day of the academic year, traversing a total area of 88 square miles. In addition to routine transportation, the department is responsible for non-routine transportation, including field trips and extracurricular activities, averaging over 450 non-routine excursions per school year.

AT A GLANCE 2023-2024

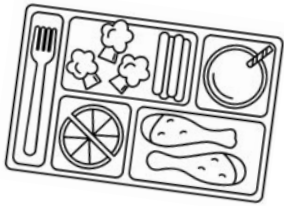
- 33-vehicle fleet (26 buses and 7 vans) operated by Chardon School drivers and maintained by three on-site district mechanics
- An additional 12-school bus fleet operated by Cardinal Local School District and maintained by Chardon's three on-site district mechanics through a shared-service maintenance program
- 527,187 miles traveled for routine routes, excludes field trips and extracurricular events

LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY FOR ENHANCED SAFETY AND EFFICIENCY:

- Maintenance software to track service, inventory and fuel consumption.
- BusRight interactive application for parents to securely access their student's routing information.
- BusRight tablets mounted securely in the driver area with route information to aid substitute drivers.
- Transpar ticketing system to provide consistency in recording, tracking and tabulating issues and concerns resulting in more efficient office operations.
- One new 78-passenger school bus and one new 18 passenger school bus with a wheelchair lift to replace aging vehicles.



Food and Nutrition Services



2023-2024 AT A GLANCE

Total meals served: **194,930**

Total Lunch meals: **144,311**

Breakfast meals: **50,619**



We are forward-thinking and forward-acting in regard to how we are setting the standards for the meals served to our students. Food and Nutrition Services is breaking with the expected or usual and continues to incrementally improve the level of services and meals. FNS is determined to evolve the school meal program and continually elevate our schools.

FNS will strive to:

- Provide enforcement of vending and student body sales for compliance.
- Maintain the highest nutritional standards and quality for school meals.
- Continuously maintain the directives of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.
- Increase the variety, visibility, and accessibility of unprocessed fresh fruit and vegetables whenever possible.
- Offer local food choices whenever possible.
- Continue to provide at least one vegetarian option at each meal in the school meal program.
- Incorporate student and parent input with the nutritional improvements.

2024-2025 Health-e-Pro and My School Menus

We have implemented our new Nutrition Services software Health-e-Pro, which provides easy access to our menus along with nutritional information and an allergy filter. Our menus are posted on the Chardon Food Service website and also include a mobile app, "My School Menus" (available for Android and Apple Devices).





Technology

Our technology department manages the district's network infrastructure, cybersecurity, digital policy development and enforcement, technical support, technological maintenance and budgeting for hardware and software.

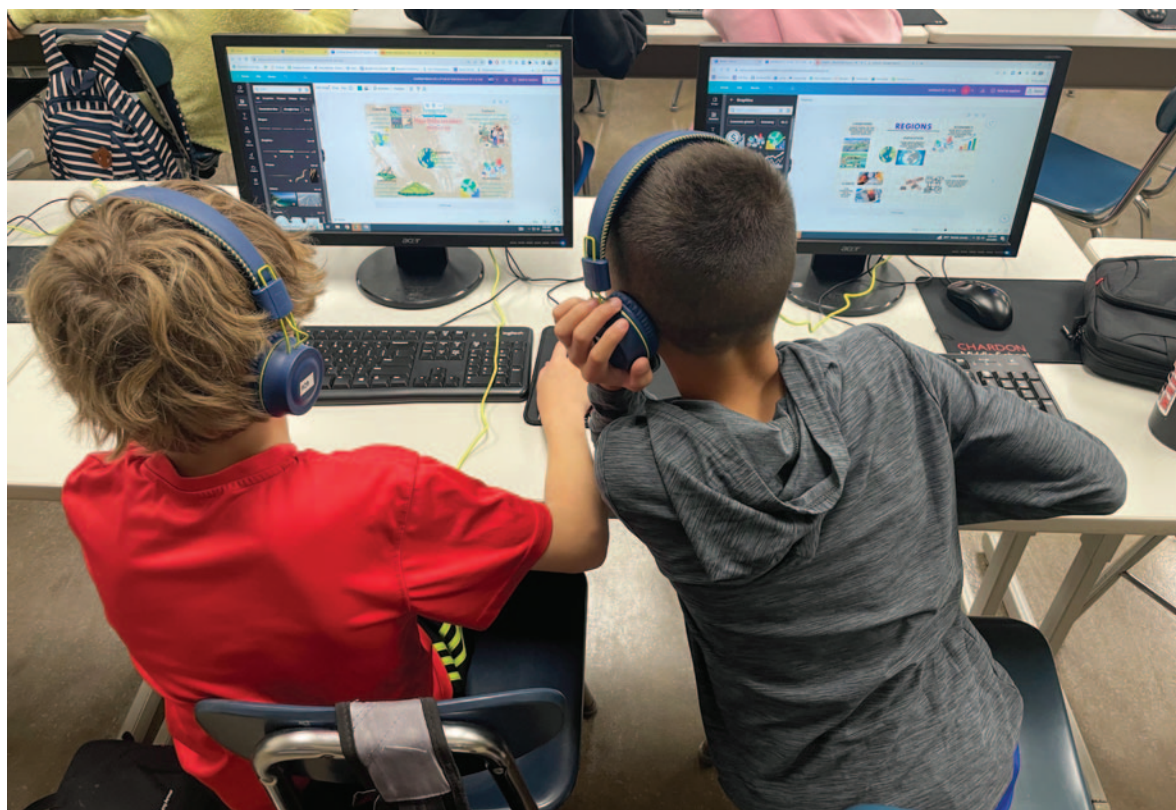


CHROMEBOOK STUDENT ACCESS AND REPLACEMENT

- 1:1 Chromebook classroom access for grades K–3
- 1:1 Chromebook assignment for grades 4–12
- Chromebook replacement cycle is approximately 25% annually

AT A GLANCE 2023–2024

- Purchased 450 replacement Chromebooks;
- Purchased 159 Promethean interactive flat panel displays with mobile height adjustable stands for every classroom PreK–12;
- Upgraded the District's wireless network to support dense environments for future enhanced speeds in high-bandwidth applications.





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