

High Schools in Ohio

GENERAL SCHOOL DATA

	<i>Ohio</i>	<i>National</i>
Public Schools ¹		
All Schools (K–12)	3,973	95,920
High Schools (9–12)	754	17,545
Average High School Enrollment ¹	757	754
Number of High School Students ²	552,137	13,878,879
Percent of Eighth Graders Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch ¹	23%	36%

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Successful Ohio high schools include **Walnut Hills High School**, in Cincinnati, **Columbus Alternative High School**, in Columbus, and **Liberty Center High School**, in Liberty Center.⁸ In partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Ohio Department of Education, the KnowledgeWorks Foundation assists seventeen of the twenty-one largest urban districts in the state to transform high schools, restructuring them into autonomous smaller schools of approximately one hundred students per grade level.⁹

FUNDING³

Average spending per pupil = \$8,165; national rank = 20

TEACHERS³

61% of Ohio teachers have a major in the subject they teach, compared to 64% nationally.

Teacher Pay: Ohio ranks 14th³

	<i>Ohio</i>	<i>National</i>
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$28,886	\$29,564
Average Teacher Salary	\$45,515	\$45,771

Ohio is one of sixteen states that require and finance mentoring for every novice teacher.³



GRADUATION RATES: Ohio ranks 10th⁵

	<i>Ohio</i>	<i>National</i>
All Students	78%	71%
White	83%	78%
Hispanic	55%	52%
Black	55%	56%

COLLEGE READINESS

To be considered “college ready,” students must graduate from high school, have basic literacy skills, and have taken the minimum high school courses required to be admitted to college.⁵

	<i>Ohio</i>	<i>National</i>
All Students	31%	34%
White	35%	40%
Hispanic	13%	20%
Black	15%	23%

28% of students took the SAT, and 66% took the ACT.⁶

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

2003 NAEP Reading Scores for Eighth-Grade Students¹

	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
White	18%	43%	35%	4%
Black	40%	47%	12%	1%
Hispanic	19%	44%	35%	2%
Asian	—	—	—	—
American Indian	—	—	—	—
Total	22%	44%	31%	3%

22% of Ohio eighth graders read significantly below grade level, lower than the national average of 28%.

70% of Ohio public schools offer AP courses, an increase of 5% from one year earlier, and above the 65% national average.⁷

In 2002, **47% of Ohio high school students took upper-level math** courses, compared to 48% nationally, and **23% took upper-level science** courses, compared to 31% nationally.³

Ohio is one of fifteen states that require and finance remediation for students failing end-of-course exams.³

¹ National Center for Education Statistics.

² Common Core of Data.

³ Education Week.

⁴ Urban Institute.

⁵ Manhattan Institute for Policy Research.

⁶ Education Vital Signs.

⁷ The College Board.

⁸ Education Trust.

⁹ Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Data represented in charts may differ based on data source.