

BLACK RIVER LOCAL SCHOOLS



2018-2019 Quality Profile

A successful school district places a high degree of importance on ensuring that all children have the opportunity to reach their full potential inside and outside of the classroom. This profile helps characterize the overall educational value of our school district in areas that matter most in our community.



Message from the Superintendent



Dear Black River Schools Community,

In the Black River Local School District, our vision is “World-class citizens reaching their full potential.” It is our mission to, in partnership with the community, provide the highest quality education to all students by engaging them with challenging opportunities in a safe, technologically rich environment, through superior staff, curriculum and facilities. As such, our Quality Profile goes beyond what is expected on the state report card and standardized test results to provide examples of learning opportunities that our district has provided to our students.

The Quality Profile provides information and statistics on our arts, athletics, extra-curricular and co-curricular activities and programs. We have also included community support and financial information within the Quality Profile to demonstrate the value of a Black River Local School District education.

The purpose of this Quality Profile is to provide information about the district that was omitted from the state report card or not taken into account in standardized testing. This profile gives the Black River community the opportunity to view a full and transparent report on how our schools are performing in the areas that matter most to our community members, parents, students and staff members.

Chris A. Clark, Superintendent
Black River Local Schools

Vision:

World-class citizens reaching their full potential.

Mission:

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Academics

Our district's academic program provides opportunities for all students to reach their full potential.

Highlights:

- Black River High School received a bronze medal ranking from U.S. News and World Report.
- The Class of 2019 was offered more than \$3.3 million in scholarships from their chosen colleges or universities. On average, 37% of Black River graduates receive college/post-secondary scholarships.
- Black River has a state-recognized Agriculture Education Program (FFA) and Family Consumer Sciences Program (FCCLA).
- Black River offers STEM courses in middle school and high school associated with Project Lead the Way and the Army Education Outreach Program, which includes Junior Solar Sprint cars and eCYBERMISSION. Both groups have been state-qualified and placed.
- Black River High School and Middle School are a part of High Schools that Work and Making Middle Grades Work programs.
- Students have the opportunity to gain CISCO computer service certification.
- Black River offers more than 33 possible college credits through our college academy. The Class of 2019 earned more than 825 credit hours to jumpstart their careers.
- Elementary students have the opportunity to participate in Camp Invention over the summer to enhance their STEM skills through hands-on activities.
- Black River High School had a National Merit Scholarship Finalist.
- Fifth and sixth graders participated in the Junior Solar Sprint competition.
- All juniors are required to take the ACT. Average ACT scores for the past three years:
Composite: 21.8 Math: 21.4 Reading: 22.2 Science: 22.3 English: 20.8
- Black River offers a 5-Star Rated Step Up to Quality preschool program
- All incoming kindergarten students have the opportunity to participate in Safety Town

World Languages Offered

Spanish
German

University of Akron/Ashland University College Credit Plus Opportunities

English

Composition I
Composition II
Classic & Contemporary Literature
Film Appreciation
Effective Oral Communication

Mathematics

College Algebra
Basic Statistics

Science

Physics for Life Science I
Physics for Life Science II

Social Studies

Government and Politics in the US
State & Local Government

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

United States History
Calculus A&B

Medina County Career Center

Black River High School juniors and seniors have the opportunity to attend the Medina County Career Center, which offers over 25 career technical majors along with a wide variety of academics and electives including college prep, post-secondary options, and dual credit courses.

Through the combination of career technical education, advanced academics and industry-based certifications, students leave the Career Center with the skills they need to pursue a career and/or further their education at the university level. Students will receive their diploma from Black River High School and a Career Technical Certificate from the Career Center.

Arts

Participation in performing and visual arts inspires students' creativity, problem solving and critical thinking skills.

High School Music and Art Offerings:

- Band
- Choir
- Visual Media
- Woods 1, 2 & Advanced
- Art 1-4
- Intro to Design
- Crafts 1 & 2
- Sculpture 1 & 2
- Digital Media Design
- Journalism
- Yearbook

Middle School Art Classes:

- 12-week courses in Visual Arts, Choir and Instrumental Music

Performances by ORMACO for all grade levels

Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) Contests

Band:

- Black River High School Pirate Marching Band performs at the OMEA Marching Band Adjudicated Contests
- Black River High School Concert Band performs at the OMEA High School Large Group Adjudicated Contests
- Black River Middle School Symphonic Band performs at the OMEA Junior High Large Group Adjudicated Contests
- Both high school and middle school students participate in OMEA Solo & Ensemble

Choir:

- Black River Concert Choir, Black River Women's Chorale and Black River Middle School Chorus perform in the OMEA Solo & Ensemble
- Black River Women's Chorale performs at the OMEA Large Group Adjudicated Contests

Visual Arts

- Students can display their work at Medina Medical Center on rotation.
- The Medina County District Library has a Teen Art Display each year.
- A Scholarship Art award is given each year to seniors from Black River.
- Students participate in the Medina County ESC Creative Writing program.

Awards

Band:

- John Philip Sousa Award
- Patrick S. Gilmore Award
- National School Marching Band Award
- National School Color Guard Award
- U.S.M.C Semper Fidelis Award
- Outstanding Marching Band Member
- Outstanding Concert Band Member
- Selfless Service Award

Choir:

- Senior Choir Awards

Student Leadership, Athletics and Activities

A well-rounded education includes a wide variety of opportunities for students to gain leadership and team-building skills.

Athletics

High School

- Baseball
- Basketball (Boys & Girls)
- Bowling (Coed)
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country (Boys & Girls)
- Football
- Golf (Boys & Girls)
- Softball
- Track and Field (Boys & Girls)
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

Middle School

- Basketball (Boys and Girls)
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country (Boys & Girls)
- Football
- Track and Field (Boys & Girls)
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

Clubs/Activities

High School

- Academic Challenge
- National Honor Society
- Ruriteens
- Student Council

Elementary School

- Kind Kids Club
- Fifth Grade Student Leaders

Middle School

- Academic Challenge
- Art Club
- Fellowship of Christian Students
- Power of the Pen
- National Junior Honor Society
- Ruriteens
- Student Council

More than 50% of 4th-8th graders participate in extracurricular activities, while over 75% of high school students participate.

Parent and Community Involvement

Educational experiences are enhanced by partnerships between the school district and community.

Community:

- Pirate Parents-Support group for students PreK-8
- Academic Boosters-Support Group for recognizing student academic success
- Athletic Boosters-Support district athletic activities
- Music Boosters-Support district instrumental and vocal performers.
- Black River Full Backers-Support football activities
- Community Youth Associations include football, baseball and softball
- Facility Committee that is dedicated to enhancing the district facilities through corporate fundraising
- The Ruriteens work with the local Ruritans and sponsor Thanksgiving and Christmas meals in the community
- The Student Council coordinates at least three blood drives in the community
- The district hosts a Veterans Day breakfast and assembly and an evening assembly dedicated to veterans. Local veterans association works with district.
- Minister's association allows local clergy and churches to understand district needs

Student Services

A variety of services provide options to ensure all students receive individualized instruction, enrichment and support.

- Students identified as gifted – 14%
- Students with disabilities – 20%
- Special education students receiving services – 100%
- Middle and high school students, ages 14 and up, receiving transition services from the district transition coordinator – currently 100% placement
- Students identified as ESL – .003%
- ESL students receiving services –100%
- District operated preschool both typical education and special education
- All-day kindergarten
- All students are issued Google accounts
- 1:1 technology in the high school, middle school and elementary school
- Two blended-learning courses at the High School
- Wireless service throughout the district
- Centric Academy, allowing students different ways to learn required curriculum

Student Safety and Wellness

The safety and security of our students and staff is our top priority. We continually review and update our policies and procedures to ensure safety throughout our district.

- The district is compliant with all safety policies and regulations set forth by the Ohio Department of Education and Homeland Security.
- Black River holds at least three safety drills per school year.
- Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, the School Resource Officer will be on campus five days per week.
- The district added a PA system to the high school with a call button in every classroom.
- Black River opens up its buildings to all first responders for walk-throughs and training drills
- More than 75 staff members, including teacher, cooks and custodians, have been trained in mental health first aid. The goal is for all teachers and staff to be trained on this for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Through a grant, the district is partnering with two outside agencies to provide mental health services and supports five days per week.
- During the 2018-2019 school year, all staff will be trained in Stop the Bleed, a national program that cultivates grassroots efforts to train, equip and empower bystanders to help in a bleeding emergency before professional responders arrive. A Stop the Bleed kit will also be available in every classroom.
- The high school has had a new fire alarm installed.
- During the 2018-2019 school year, the district conducted a safety audit in conjunction with area safety forces.
- The district has begun switching over security cameras from an analog system to an Internet-based system.
- Many of the doors and windows have been safety-covered to resist breaking and shattering by a penetrating force.
- Beginning in the fall of 2019, guests and visitors must be remotely admitted twice before gaining access into all three buildings.



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