

Quality PROFILE

2023-2024



A Message from the Superintendent

Dear Bexley Community,

I am proud to present our 2023-2024 Quality Profile, a review of the remarkable achievements of our students and staff during the past school year. It is an honor to serve a district that is passionate and aligned in its commitment to **Learn with Curiosity, Demonstrate Kindness, and Embrace Equity**. Our students excel not only in classrooms but also on fields, stages, and beyond, in part because of the ongoing support and partnership from our tight-knit community.

This document showcases how we champion our students' futures with dedication and pride and in alignment with our three focus areas:



Teaching and Learning,



Culture



Facilities

We believe in our students, are grateful for our supportive community, and are confident in our continued success.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jason Fine
Superintendent





TEACHING AND LEARNING

Bexley City Schools at a Glance



5 SCHOOLS

19:1 - Ratio of Students to General Education Teachers

2,489

Students



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- **98%** Graduation Rate
- **93.4%** on State Performance Index
- **3.68** Average GPA
- **923** AP Courses completed
 - **88%** of students scored 3+ on Advanced Placement exams in 2024



COLLEGE AND CAREER-READY

- **814** College Credits Earned
- Average ACT score: **24**
 - National Average **19.2**
- Average SAT score: **1275**
 - National Average: **1050**
- **9** Certificates Earned at Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical School



AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- **5-star** overall rating from the Ohio State Report Card ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
- U.S. News & World Report named Bexley High School the **#2 public school in the State** and **#147 in the U.S.**



CULTURE INSIDE BEXLEY SCHOOLS

EQUITABLE ACCESS TO EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES



Ability Bites Cafe

The cafe, generously funded by the Bexley Education Foundation, operated two days a week at BHS. Students with disabilities took the lead in running the cafe, honing occupational and hospitality skills while peer mentors partnered to complete the tasks needed to run the pop-up shop.

88% of Middle and High School students participate in extracurricular activities

9 Regional Art Awards

1 State Art Award Winner

103 Music Performances in Elementary, Middle and High School

14 K-12 Theater Productions and

33 Performances (**911** Participants)

27 Athletic teams (**772** Participants)

3 Ohio Thespy and Ohio Jr. Thespy Awards

1 Best Playwright from MadLab Theatre

1 Marquee Award Best Supporting Actress

4 Individual State Champions

5 League Champions

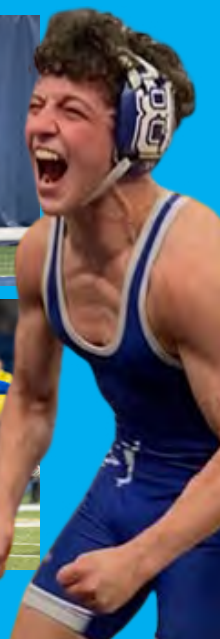
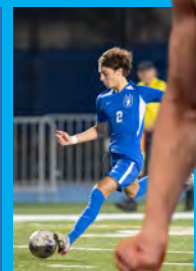
5 Coaches named Coach of the Year

ARTS

Gabe Adler, Class of 2024, earned the Top 25 of the State Award in the Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition.



ATHLETE HONORS



BEXLEY STAFF CREATE CULTURE OF CURIOSITY, KINDNESS AND EQUITY

BRIGHT FELLOWS GRADUATE

Experienced educators Jamel Johnson and Brian Lowery completed their school residency at Bexley Schools. Leaders in the 2-year program at The Ohio State University graduate with an Executive MBA, a K-12 school principal licensure, and the skills to lead students, adults, and communities. "What I learned the most about is the strength of collaboration," Mr. Johnson said. "People are willing to help. I don't feel like I need to fight for support." Mr. Lowery said our schools have been welcoming and comforting for him. "I've gotten more support here in two years than anywhere. I'm never left hanging."



Mr. Brian Lowery



Mr. Jamel Johnson

BEXLEY STAFF SHINE ON NATIONAL STAGES, SHOWCASE INNOVATION AND EXPERTISE



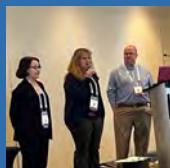
Restorative Justice Practices

Dr. Justin Dennen, Social Studies teacher at Bexley Middle School, presented his dissertation on "Teacher Perceptions of Restorative Justice Practices in a Classroom Setting" at the National Association of Community and Restorative Justice.



Energizing School Culture

Jerome Price, Assistant Principal at Bexley Middle School, shared strategies with mentor Bonnie Blackman on energizing school culture at the Jostens Renaissance Global Conference.



Generative AI and Student Privacy

Brad Pettit, Director of Technology for Bexley Schools, presented at the National Consortium for School Networking Conference on best practices and considerations for "Generative AI with Student Data Privacy."

Teaching Vocal Excellence

Amy Blosser, Director of Choirs at Bexley Schools, presented "You Are the Voice Teacher: Teaching Technique and Authenticity of Vocal Production in Choral Singing" at three regional conferences with the American Choral Directors Association.

A strong culture is the cornerstone of Bexley Lion pride, fostering acceptance and a deep commitment to embracing our community's diversity.

CELEBRATING CHAMPIONS!

● **53** Be a Champion awards



BEXLEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Bexley Education Foundation is the premiere partner of Bexley Schools, supporting innovative and culturally responsive learning, technology access, and teacher-led projects and programs. The organization celebrated 40 years of impact in the district in '23-'24.

- **\$80,000** in grants awarded
- **\$30,000** in scholarships awarded
- Endowment-funded programs that engaged over **1,800** students



FINANCES

» STATE AUDIT AWARD

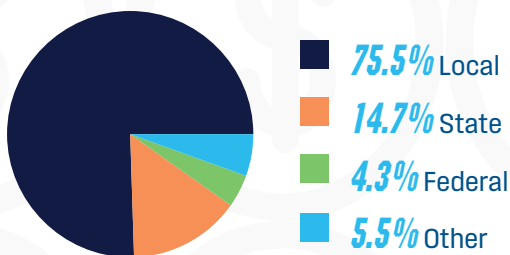
» Only **6%** of public entities audited by the Ohio Auditor of State have a clean audit and Bexley City Schools is one of them—for the second consecutive year!

» TEACHING & LEARNING IS OUR CORE PURPOSE

» **71.1%** of funds are spent on classroom instruction, which is **3.6%** higher than the state average.

» WHERE OUR FUNDS COME FROM

» Bexley relies heavily on local revenue for its operational budget.



Source: Ohio Department of Education & Workforce Report Card

» FINANCE FORECAST FACTS

» November 5, 2024 Incremental Operating Levy

COSTS TO RESIDENTS*

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| 2025 | 5 MILLS | \$175 PER \$100K |
| 2026 | 2.5 MILLS | \$88 PER \$100K |
| 2027 | 2.5 MILLS | \$88 PER \$100K |
| 2028 | 2.5 MILLS | \$88 PER \$100K |
| 2029 | 2.5 MILLS | \$88 PER \$100K |

*per \$100,000 of county auditor's appraised value.



WHAT IF IT PASSES?

Continuation of current programs and services with stable funding that keeps pace with increasing student needs and projected inflation.



WHAT IF IT FAILS?

Cuts to operating will be necessary. 75% of district expenditures are wages and benefits. Because of that, the Board of Education would need to consider cuts and their impact on staffing and services to students.

CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2024



98% Graduation Rate

221 Graduates

67 Honors Diplomas

9 National Merit Semifinalists

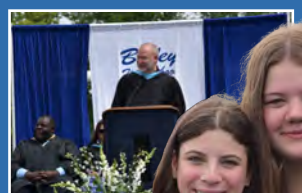


From left to right: (Sitting) David Levy, Charlotte Sullivan, and Cecelia Bowling (Standing): Annabel Long, Alex Dutton, Nathan Schellhaas, Eloise LaVerdiere, and Siddarth Sivaraman (Not Pictured: Eli Abel)

4 College Board National Recognitions



From left to right: Jacob Bednar earned the National Indigenous Recognition Award and Cecelia Bowling, Shannon Gonzalez, and Eden Bradley each earned the National Hispanic Recognition Award.



FACILITY PLANNING

The process to evaluate and design a community-led plan for the future of our schools began in the 2023-2024 school year and continues throughout the 2024-2025 school year.

- 12 Community Engagement Sessions
- 30 Building Team Meetings (6 per building)
- 40+ Surveys



**WHERE WE
CHAMPION
OUR FUTURE**

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!



BOARD OF EDUCATION

From left to right: Joanne Pickrell (Vice President), Mike Carter, Victoria Powers (President), Patrick King, and Dr. Jonathan Baker.

STAY INFORMED!

Communication is fundamental to Bexley Schools.

- 3 mailed newsletters
 - 44 email newsletters
-    @BexleySchools

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