

# GLSD



The Goshen Local School District



The vision of the Goshen Local School District is to be a district of excellence where students achieve their fullest potential through high-quality instruction, a state of the art learning environment and strong accountability systems to ensure we meet the needs of every student.

## A Tradition of Excellence





Goshen's academic success is the result of a district-wide commitment to providing opportunities for all students to reach their full potential.

## Goshen's K-12 focus on success after graduation benefits every student

At Goshen, our commitment to ensuring that every student is prepared for life-long success extends from high school all the way down to Kindergarten.

Our whole-child approach to elementary education creates capable young people with lofty goals.

Our Warriors graduate with college credits, internship experiences and industry certifications. They are competent in critical life skills such as financial literacy, public speaking, interviewing, and adapting to new technologies.

The programs outlined in this district profile are designed to reach students of every age, ability level and background. Our mission is to ensure that when a Warrior becomes a graduate, they have the skills and knowledge required to not just pass tests, but to walk into college, the workplace and the future with confidence.

Goshen High School named Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the United States Department of Education.



Goshen High School 2016 Graduation Rate of 96.6% was 8th best in all of SW Ohio

Between dual credit and AP classes, GHS students earned 881 college credit hours.

Goshen Middle School and Spaulding Elementary have been recognized as "Schools of Promise" for their high academic achievement by the State of Ohio.



Goshen High School has been recognized by the Ohio Department of Education for sustaining high academic achievement among their students. The Department recognizes only around 50 "High Performing Schools of Honor" per year.



## Goshen families save on college tuition with record Advanced Placement and dual credit success.



As part of our mission to ensure that our students are prepared for college, Goshen students are encouraged to take advantage of the many college credit opportunities available to GHS students.

Goshen High School had its best year ever on Advanced Placement exams, which means money saved on college tuition for Goshen families. When considering the cost per credit hour at an Ohio public university, students can save approximately \$1700 by scoring a three or higher on an AP exam.

79% of students tested on Advanced Placement tests (99 tests) earned a score of 3 or higher to receive college credit. 11 Goshen students were named AP Scholars, along with 5 AP Scholars with Honors, and even an AP Scholar with Distinction.

Between dual credit and AP classes, GHS students earned 881 college credit hours before ever leaving Goshen High School!

Eight Advanced Placement Classes are offered at Goshen High School: Literature, Language Composition, Government, Psychology, American History, Biology, and Calculus. These courses provide motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to study and learn at the college level on our campus.

School Planning and Management Magazine article names Goshen Local School District a "highly productive school district" along with two other Ohio schools in an article evaluating "education and return on investment".

Zero Spaulding Elementary 3rd grade students were retained due to the Third Grade Reading Guarantee in 2016.

Marr/Cook offers students a rich early learning experience including summer and before and after school Learning Academy, all-day preschool, half-day preschool, and all-day kindergarten. This year's group of high-achieving seniors are the first all-day kindergarten students.

Goshen Middle School students are earning high school credits across all core content areas, which allows students more time to take advantage of GHS's many college credit opportunities.

Seven Dual Credit classes are offered at GHS: Western Civilization, College Algebra, Statistics, Pre Calculus, Chemistry, Art History and Sociology.

Saturday morning free ACT prep classes, prep materials, ongoing bootcamps and more help prepare students for success on the ACT.

Academic intervention and enrichment opportunities are supported with additional staff during the school day and after the school day that are personalized for students based upon their strengths.

Marr/Cook's sole emphasis is on the whole child. This emphasis starts and is supported by thirteen years of all day kindergarten, half day and full day preschool as well as before and after school academic support.

## Goshen earns “Best High School” honors from Cincy Magazine

**In its annual list of the top performing high schools in Cincinnati and Dayton, Cincy Magazine has once again rank GHS amongst the best schools in Cincinnati!** The report researched 98 high schools around the area and Goshen High School’s success on measures such as the ACT, graduation rate, attendance rate and per pupil expenditure put our staff and students among the very best!

**Cincy**  
magazine

2016 **Best** High Schools

Eight Summer enrichment camps were offered during the summer including math and science enrichment, servant leadership, and rock climbing.



SES fifth grade students took part in a (virtual) field trip to space as part of the hands-on earth science and space exploration STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) program iSpace.



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 your school district in areas that matter most in our community.



Goshen's focus on the fine arts is rooted in the belief that participation in performing and visual arts inspires students' creativity, problem-solving and critical thinking skills.

## Recent highlights include:

With the amazing support of our boosters and community, Goshen High School hosts an Annual Goshen Marching Band Competition.



Goshen Choirs placed 1st and 2nd at the Music in the Parks Festival. Nate King honored as outstanding vocalist at the festival.

**The Goshen High School marching band performed in the 2016 Findley Market Opening Day Parade, while the Goshen High School Choir performed at a Cincinnati Cyclones hockey game.**

Goshen Middle School and Spaulding Elementary school students participate in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest each year by designing posters that emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.



Ariya Bradley and Laura Luthy were selected for the Land of Grant Band.

Elementary students are assessed for talents in the artistic areas and offered enrichment opportunities. All elementary students are provided musical enrichment activities through yearly musicals, 5th grade band, recorder musical performances, and talent shows.

High-quality staff members facilitate student experiences that enrich both our school district and the entire Warrior community.

## Goshen teachers, administrators share best practices across the state



The adoption and implementation of the latest, most effective instructional practices is a hallmark of Goshen's approach to providing the best possible education for our students.

This commitment to improvement means that our talented staff is often invited to show and share our work with other educators around the state. 2016 found our teachers and administrators presenting at a variety of conferences, including:

Middle School Math teacher Kelly Denu presented at the 2016 American Society of Engineering Education Workshop on K-12 Engineering Education.

GMS Math teachers Kelly Denu and Jake Ohnmeis presented at the Ohio School Improvement Institute Conference.

SES 4th grade teacher Lisa Drees presented at the Ohio Council for Social Studies Conference.

Administrators Andrea Conner, Mark Edwards and Mark Slagle presented at the Regional ACT Conference and the Ohio Career Connections Conference.

GMS 7th grader, Taylor Smith finished 3rd in the state in the 2015 God, Flag and Country oratory competition.



Clermont Chamber of Commerce awarded Goshen Local Schools Director of College and Career Readiness Andrea Conner the 2016 Excellence in Education Award.

Goshen High School students Zeb Adams and Abbey Lozano serve as Keynote Speaker and Master of Ceremonies for Cincinnati CEO's at the Junior Achievement Breakfast.

100% of Goshen High School students are required to complete 12 hours of community service prior to graduation.

Social Studies teacher Amy Fine was named the 2016 Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Education award recipient.

Marr/Cook music teacher, Mrs. Carolyn Petty, was awarded the Warm 98 Teacher of the Week.

GMS teacher Gina Taylor and colleagues hosted a regional professional development conference called EdCamp513 at Goshen Middle School.

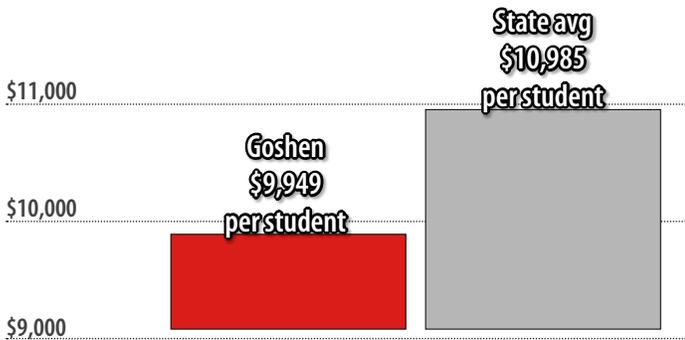


Financial responsibility ensures that the majority of funding is spent on instruction.

## Goshen provides a great education in a fiscally responsible manner

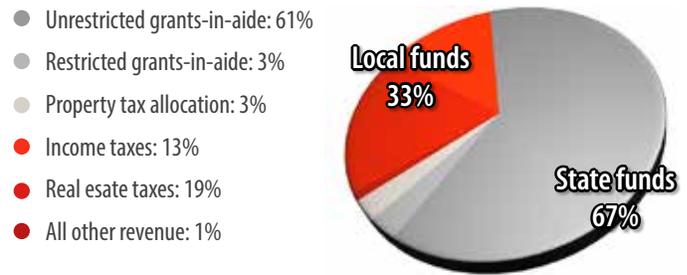
### Per pupil spending: Goshen vs the State of Ohio

Goshen Local Schools produces excellent results at below average costs. The average cost per pupil is significantly lower than the state average. GLSD cost per pupil for FY 2015 is \$9,949 while the state of Ohio average is \$10,985.



### Goshen's FY2015 operating revenue

In Ohio, the funding of schools is shared by the state and local school districts. The Ohio General Assembly determines the cost of an adequate education. The chart below, which represents Goshen's FY2015 funding sources, demonstrates the low burden on our local taxpayers.



## Proactive planning, efficient operations make effective use of taxpayer dollars

Approximately 1% of tax revenue comes from commercial/industrial means. Due to strong, proactive planning and operating inside our means, GLSD has not received an increase in property tax dollars by the means of an operating levy since 1976, in large part because taxpayers approved a 1% income tax issue in 1989.

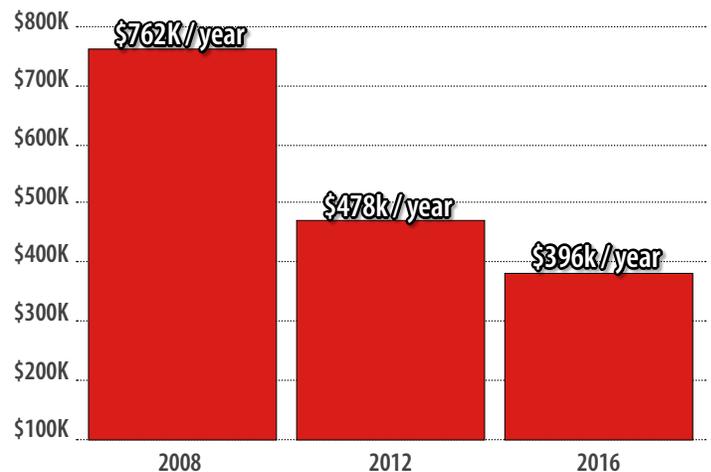
In 1999 the district was fortunate to couple with the State of Ohio on a 80% - 20% construction project that cost taxpayers \$6,891,000 and the state paid \$26,352,360. These approved bond dollars allowed us to build a new high school, renovate Spaulding Elementary School, Marr/Cook and Goshen Middle School. Due to timely refinancing and wise financial decisions, this debt issue should be paid off early, saving tax payers dollars.

With the addition of energy efficient initiatives funded through low interest loans, Goshen has saved more than \$200,000 yearly since 2008.

Over the past 8 years the district has saved more than \$1,686,370

through proactive planning, which include new initiatives and cost saving measures such as LED lighting, installing high efficiency boilers chillers and electronically controlling our energy use through technology innovations.

### Savings due to energy efficiency efforts at GLSD



Processes and programs are continuously evaluated for effectiveness and efficiency

We provide a highly trained, sensitive, and motivated staff that will support and foster the mission and vision.



Professional Learning Communities operate daily in all buildings with the core belief of providing the highest level of education to every student on their individual learning level.

70% of our teachers have a masters degree or higher.

Ashland University courses are offered for college credit on our campus, allowing teachers to further their education and enhance their skills.

Teachers use data to identify strengths and growth areas in every student, ensuring that each Warrior reaches their maximum potential.

Federal grant dollars are used to maintain excellence through providing intervention and enrichment opportunities.

GHS and GMS are members of the High Schools That Work and Making Middle Grades Work initiatives that promote school improvement.

Implemented the ACT college alignment test ASPIRE. 6th graders also take the ACT ENGAGE, which provides detailed reports that help parents and teachers have conversations with their students about the future. When they get to 8th grade, these students will again take the ACT ENGAGE assessment, allowing staff to assess growth in areas important to both academic and social development.

Instituted ACT boot camp on Saturdays for HS students interested in obtaining higher scores for college entrance.

**Goshen Middle School invited educators from around the state to attend a summer workshop called Edcamp513. This innovative program, labeled an “un-conference” is built around professional educators sharing their skills and building learning sessions based on the expertise and needs of those in attendance.**

Goshen’s treasurer and administration work closely to create and update a proactive facilities plan, ensuring that our students have access to the best facilities for academics and extracurriculars.

Goshen students are assessed throughout the school year to ensure that they are learning appropriately for their grade level, and that teachers are able to modify instruction to meet individual needs.





At Goshen Local Schools, a close relationship with parents and the community serves an essential role in enhancing the educational experience for students and staff

### Opportunities to get involved at GLSD

- Parent Teacher Organization
- Athletic Boosters
- Music Boosters
- Parent Advisory Committee
- Business Advisory Committee
- Community Relations Committee
- Facilities Committee
- Goshen Educational Foundation

### Annual community events at GLSD

- Earth Day celebration
- Father & Daughter Dance
- Marr/Cook Carnival
- Marr/Cook Cookies with Santa
- Marr/Cook Family Night
- Mother & Son Luau
- Spaulding Donuts with Dad
- Spaulding Muffins with Mom
- Senior Citizens event
- Veterans cookout and football game

### The generosity of Goshen's students and community exemplifies the Warrior spirit

Our Warrior Family comes together every year to take care of the community and each other in powerful new ways, emphasizing our enduring motto: **Once a Warrior, ALWAYS a Warrior!**

Warrior Packs program provides food for needy elementary school students over the weekend.

Summer Lunch Program provides free lunch to any students who choose to participate over break.

National Junior Honor Society donated 5,700 items to Goshen United Methodist Church food pantry.

GMS Pennies for Patients raised \$2,400 for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

GMS Hoops for Hearts raised over \$800 for the American Heart Association

Holiday Giving Tree programs provide holiday gifts for hundreds of Goshen students and their families.

Local community members and churches joined forces to provide hundreds of pairs of shoes to needy students at Spaulding Elementary School.

National Honor Society raised \$1,300 for March of Dimes.

Goshen Local Schools is committed to ensuring that our students graduate ready to achieve success in college, the workplace and beyond.

## Goshen expands post-secondary readiness programs to impact students at all grade levels

From free ACT preparation and professional internships to financial literacy education for elementary students, Goshen is integrating critical life skills into daily instruction with the goal of empowering students to succeed after graduation.

Free ACT boot camps offered on Saturdays throughout the year.

Every junior at Goshen High School receives at least one hour of small group ACT instruction per week.

“Believe in Ohio” program gives students opportunity to explore careers based on their interests at GHS and GMS College & Career days.

GMS Gateway to Technology and GHS Project Lead the Way programs offer computer science and engineering education at GMS and GHS.

District Wide Junior Achievement program combines career education for elementary students with student leadership for HS students.



Ohio School Boards Association award winning Entrepreneur Day program at SES gives students the chance to invent and sell products.

By analyzing student aptitude and interest assessments and partnering with local businesses, Goshen is placing high school students into summer internships in fields that match their career interests.

### Companies partnering with Goshen to offer student internships

Drayer Physical Therapy

Beacon Orthopaedics

Lykins Energy Solutions

National Weather Service

Clermont County Park District

UC Clermont

Lopez Design Studio Group



Goshen's diverse extracurricular opportunities are key to a well-rounded education, and are one of the many reasons we say, "Once a Warrior, ALWAYS a Warrior!"

**2016 SBAAC Champion Girls Varsity Basketball team**

**2016 Goshen Homecoming Parade**



## Goshen High School Varsity and JV sports

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| Baseball                               | Soccer (boys and girls)        |
| Basketball (boys and girls)            | Softball                       |
| Bowling                                | Tennis (boys and girls)        |
| Cheerleading (football and basketball) | Track & field (boys and girls) |
| Cross Country (boys and girls)         | Volleyball                     |
| Football                               | Wrestling                      |
| Golf                                   |                                |

## Goshen Middle School sports

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|--|--------------------------------|
| Basketball (boys and girls)            | Track & field (boys and girls) |
| Cheerleading (football and basketball) | Volleyball                     |
| Cross Country (boys and girls)         | Wrestling                      |
| Football                               |                                |

## Activities/clubs available during the academic year:

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|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| National Honor Society | Acapella Choir                     |
| Foreign Language Clubs | Drama                              |
| Music Activities       | Senior Mentor                      |
| Computer Club          | Student Council and Class Officers |
| Visual Arts            | Bowling                            |
| Drama Club             | Guitar Club                        |
| Dance Club             | Game Club                          |
| Academic Team          | Random Acts of Kindness            |
| Marching Band          | Prom Committee                     |
| Pep Band               | Yearbook Club                      |
| Jazz Band              | Warrior Zone Pep Club              |
| Show Choir             | Power of the Pen                   |

Technology is an essential tool to enhance teaching and learning, and to give students a competitive edge in the global market.

**Desktop, laptop and tablet computers available for student use in every classroom, every day.**

**GMS Gateway to Technology** program helps younger students gain an understanding of STEM careers through courses such as Automation and Robotics, Introduction to Engineering and Flight & Space.

**GHS Project Lead the Way** program expands upon the GMS Gateway program to offer computer science and engineering education to Goshen High School students.

Computer-based assessments combined with Formative Instructional Practices allow teachers to adapt instruction to individual student needs.

**Interactive televisions** added to every classroom at Marr/Cook Elementary.



District, building and classroom level social media accounts take communication beyond the classroom, keeping students and the community connected.

A variety of services ensure all students receive individualized instruction and support.

**GLSD Student Services is responsible for providing support services to students and their families.**

The following programs are included in student services.

Special education

School psychology

School social work and attendance

Nursing & health services

Speech/language services

Response to Intervention

School counseling

gifted education

Fine arts

**Additional information about Goshen's student body:**

Average Daily Enrollment: 2879

Students identified as gifted: 18.5%

Students with disabilities: 17.0 %

Special ed students receiving services: 100%

Economically Disadvantaged: 56.5 %

Students identified as ESL: less than 1%

ESL students receiving services: 100%

**207 open enrollment students choose Goshen Local Schools for the quality of our academic and extracurricular offerings.**

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