As reflected by our Vision of a Lakewood Graduate, the Lakewood City Schools educate for the whole child, from preschool through graduation. Our students’ success depends upon the skills and competencies they develop during their time at Lakewood City Schools. Our students’ social-emotional needs are equal to their academic needs. This Quality Profile helps characterize the overall educational value of the Lakewood City Schools that tests are incapable of measuring.
The educational success of our students is paramount to the overall health of our schools, and we believe that success begins with our teachers, 99% of whom have been designated as “Highly Qualified” according to the Ohio Department of Education. While student success begins with dedicated faculty, it continues with the multitude of opportunities for academic growth our students enjoy. We not only strive for excellence in our own community but aim to prepare students for achievement beyond their time with Lakewood City Schools as well.

**LAKewood HIGH SCHOOL**

**SCHolARS**
- 64 AP Scholars
- 2 National AP Scholars
- 2 National Merit Semifinalists
- 3 Commended Scholars

**COURSES OFFERED**
- 200+
- 17 AP

**COLLEGE CREDIT**
- 70% Students enrolled in AP courses who received college credit
- 78 LHS students earned credit through College Credit Plus and 387 students took at least one AP course.

**OFFERED AT ALL BUILDINGS**
- Makerspaces/STEM programs
- Early childhood education programs, including an all-day option

**ACT**
- Average ACT composite score: 23
  (Scores outpace national and state averages)

**CAREER-TECH**
- 13 West Shore Career-Tech programs
Student Well-Being

The social-emotional health of our students remains a priority, and one that has long-lasting effects on the success of our students as individuals. Lakewood City Schools will always provide the care and focus students need as they navigate the bedrock years of their development. This focus on the students’ well-being is another example of Lakewood City Schools’ focus on education for the whole child.

Lakewood City Schools have Intervention Specialists in every building

Five Student Wellness Specialists at elementary buildings

One Student Navigator to help with risk assessments and provide family support

Mobile mental health support at buildings

Social workers and adolescent psychiatrist on-site at LHS

Youth yoga project districtwide

Professional development focused on strategies to foster empathy, mindfulness, equity and inclusion

Partnerships with Bellefaire JCB and OhioGuidestone behavioral health specialists
Arts

The arts are one of the foundations upon which the excellence of the Lakewood City Schools is built. Our student artists and musicians and their teachers continue to be recognized on the local, state and national level. Our community’s support is reflected in our district annually earning the designation of Best Communities for Music Education by the National Music Merchants Association.

Student Activities/Leadership

50+ clubs at LHS

26 varsity sports

H2O (Help to Others)

youth volunteer organization in partnership with City of Lakewood

Superintendent

Student Advisory Committee
An investment in education is one for the future of our community, and we deliver a high return. Lakewood City Schools provides an exceptional value for our community by being efficient and financially responsible while maintaining expected academic excellence.

The impact of the community passing an operating levy in April 2020 was tempered in May 2020 when the Governor cut Lakewood City Schools’ state funding by $1.1 million for both the 2020 and 2021 school years for a total of $2.2 million in reductions. In January 2021, the Governor announced a partial restoration of $600,000 in state funding for the 2021 school year. This still resulted in a $1.6 million reduction in state funding over two years.
Parent & Community Involvement

Our community’s investment and trust are reflected in the nearly 77% of voters who passed our operating levy in the middle of a pandemic. We do not take that trust for granted. Our Lakewood Schools families and community members support us in innumerable ways. Our PTAs/PTOs and booster groups provide invaluable support for our students, staff and teams.

Listen & Learn sessions allow the community to share their input directly with the Superintendent. Support in the form of grants from organizations such as the Healthy Lakewood Foundation have been critical in allowing us to secure the tools needed to facilitate our students’ remote learning.