



# BLACK RIVER LOCAL SCHOOLS

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## 2016-2017 Quality Profile

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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:*

In partnership with the community, Black River Schools provides the highest quality education to all students, by engaging them with challenging opportunities in a safe technologically rich environment, through superior staff, facilities and curriculum.

**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 2017 was offered a total of \$2,536,256 in scholarships from their chosen colleges or universities. On average, 35% 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)
- STEM courses in middle school and high school associated with Project Lead the Way
- Black River recently introduced the High Schools that Work and Making Middle Grades Work programs
- Students have the opportunity to gain CISCO computer service certification
- 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

## World Languages Offered

Spanish  
German

## University of Akron 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  
Natural Science: Geology  
Dinosaurs

## Social Studies

Government and Politics in the US  
State & Local Government

## Education

Intro to Education  
Childhood Development  
Theory & Guidance of Methods  
Early Childhood Curriculum

## Physical Education

Physical Education & Wellness

## 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 option, 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

## 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, most recently earning straight 1s and was a state qualifier
- 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.

## 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 Schools

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

### Middle Schools

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

### Clubs/Activities

- National Junior Honor Society – Middle School
- Ruriteens – Middle School & High School
- Student Leaders – Middle School
- Pirates for Change – Middle School
- Glee Club – Middle School
- Fellowship of Christian Students – Middle School
- Academic Challenge
- Power of the Pen

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 Ruritan 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, to allow local clergy and churches to understand district needs
- Donations by Boosters/Pirate Parents/Foundations: new preschool equipment, water bottle fill stations in all buildings, updated weight room equipment

## **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 Age 14 up receive transition services.
- 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
- 2:1 Technology in the High School, Middle School and Primary School
- Two blended-learning courses at the High School
- Wireless service throughout the district
- Centric Academy



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