

Greater Ohio Virtual School

Annual Report

2022-2023



Greater Ohio Virtual School
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Mr. Shawn E. Lenney, Executive Dir.
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Grade Levels Served: 7-12
Number of Days: 184
School Type: At Risk Conversion
School Population: General/At Risk

Teacher/Staff

Administrators: 3
Administrative Support: 20
Teachers: 30
Intervention: 19
Properly Licensed Teachers: 100%

Enrollment: 700 Attendance: 99.9%
Economically Disadvantaged: 12.7%
Students with Disabilities: 16.8%
Black, Non-Hispanic: 2.7%
White, Non-Hispanic: 86.6%
Hispanic: 4.5%
Multi-Racial: 5.4%

Governing Board

Patrick Dubbs ~ Board President
Larry Hook ~ Board Vice President
Randy Gebhardt ~ Board Member
Mike Sander ~ Board Member
Tom Isaacs ~ Board Member

Sponsor



Mission Statement

Greater Ohio Virtual School's mission is to provide students with a highly personal and continuous connection to learning through an online-based education. The school deems that this quality instructional alternative will serve individual needs and prepare the student to transition into their next phase of life, be it entering the work force, military, or continuing their education.



Educational Philosophy

Greater Ohio Virtual School's educational philosophy can be summarized with the following statements: Deliver instruction to students in a cost-effective manner and in a manner that allows them to earn high school credit at a self-determined pace. We will strive to take students at their current academic levels, build upon that foundation, and increase achievement at developmentally appropriate rates and levels. We will do this with the assistance of technology and appropriately licensed Ohio teachers. Our ultimate goal is to provide applicable skills that will allow students to be lifelong learners and intelligent decision-makers. Another important factor woven into the school is the belief that effective education is a cooperative venture between the students, parents/guardians, teachers, and support staff. Furthermore, in many instances the local public schools, organizations, and social services can provide valuable support. In short, a teaming process will be critical to the success of the program.

Curriculum

We feel we have chosen one of the finest on-line curriculums that exist, VLA provided by Jefferson County ESC. VLA is a robust, online educational delivery system. It offers 100 full year and semester courses for students in grades 7-12. Each course is fully aligned to Ohio's Academic Content Standards. The VLA program consists of four user modules: Student, Teacher, Parent, Point of Contact (Administrative Liaison). Students may access the curriculum in three ways: a content-only screen, an assessment-only screen, a split screen showing both content and assessment. The Teacher component is similar to the student component except for the additional features such as answer keys, gradebooks, seat times, and reports. The Parent component is read-only. The Point of Contact component (for school counselors, principals, supervisors, curriculum specialists) allows district personnel to monitor student/teacher seat time progress and receive all VLA-related correspondence. VLA also includes an internal email system, video streaming, audio features, and forum functionality.

GOVS EXCEEDS STANDARDS!

For the first time in school history, the Greater Ohio Virtual School has received the highest rating on the Drop Out Prevention Recovery Report Card of EXCEEDS STANDARDS! The resources implemented over the past few years have resulted in a significant increase in Student Achievement! A notable highlight of the GOVS 2022-2023 Drop Out Prevention and Recovery School Report Card is the improvement in the Achievement Component over the past two years. The assessment passage rate has gone from 30.4% in 2021 to 42.9% in 2022 to 62.4% in 2023! This can be attributed to all the hard work the GOVS staff does to make a difference in the lives of their students! The addition of the Student Center, Academic Coaches, and wrap-around services have made a tremendous impact on student achievement. Out of the seventy-seven Drop Out Prevention and Recovery Schools in Ohio, including all brick-and-mortar and face-to-face programs, The Greater Ohio Virtual School ranks 17th in Graduation Rate and 26th overall in achievement.



Greater Ohio Virtual School

School at a glance



2022 - 2023 Report Card for

Greater Ohio Virtual School

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Schools that receive the dropout prevention and recovery report card receive ratings for up to eight measures and four components.

Achievement Component

The Achievement component, previously called the High School Test Passage Rate component, represents the number of students who meet applicable criteria on assessments that are required for graduation.

Progress

The Progress component looks closely at the growth all students are making during the school year.

Gap Closing

This component shows how well schools are improving or meeting the performance expectations for all students in English language arts, math, graduation, and English language proficiency.



Meets Standards Rating



Exceeds Standards Rating



Exceeds Standards Rating

Graduation Rate

The Graduation Rate component looks at the percent of students who are successfully finishing high school with a diploma in four, five, six, seven or eight years.

Graduation Rates

A Graduation rate is not calculated if there are not at least 10 students in the graduating class.

48.8% of students graduated in 4 years

51.3% of students graduated in 5 years

48.6% of students graduated in 6 years

49.3% of students graduated in 7 years

48.2% of students graduated in 8 years

48.8% is the weighted average of all graduation rates.



Exceeds Standards Rating



Exceeds Standards 4-Year Rating



Exceeds Standards 5-Year Rating



Exceeds Standards 6-Year Rating



Exceeds Standards 7-Year Rating



Exceeds Standards 8-Year Rating

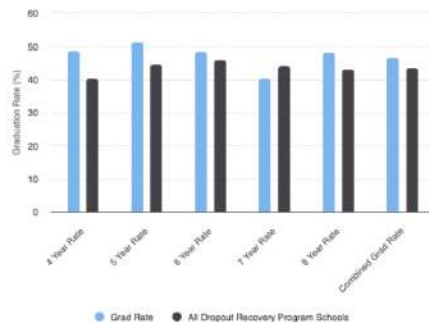


Exceeds Standards Combined Rating

Comparison

Trend

How Does this School Compare to the Other Dropout Recovery Program Schools in Ohio?



Meets Standards School Rating

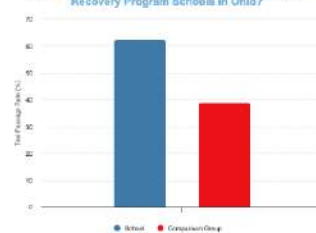
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Students Meeting Applicable Criteria on Tests



How Does this School Compare to the Other Dropout Recovery Program Schools in Ohio?



GOVS Student Wins Art Contest

Congratulations to Greater Ohio Virtual School Student **Sophia Kreamelmeyer** whose scholastic art award winning digital art design was on display in Columbus. She was honored at the 2023 Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition on Sunday, April 23rd. Her artwork was on display throughout the end of the year.

GOVS Students Participate in Sinclair Pre-Engineering Camp

Two Greater Ohio Virtual School Students participated in a Pre-Engineering Camp sponsored by the Warren County Educational Service Center and Sinclair Community College on Friday, March 3rd. Brandon Vislocky and Sophia Kreamelmeyer had the opportunity to learn about tools, electronics, coding, and teamwork throughout the two-day camp. Additionally, they had opportunities to learn about the world of work around them from local companies that use the tools and equipment. Sinclair plans to develop this into a 12-point credentialing program next year! Special thank you to the WCESC and Sinclair for inviting GOVS students to participate with the rest of the Warren County Schools!

GOVS Student & Family Engagement Activities

The first-ever Family Bingo Night was a success! GOVS Resource Coordinator, Sommer Bradds, noticed that the bingo room at previous engagement activities was a very popular spot for students and family members. She was able to spin this observation into an entire evening for GOVS students and families to share a meal, win some prizes, and have some fun. In addition, academic Coach Emily Seevers added to the event with the idea to include a Free Family Garage Sale Event that was also well received. Over ninety students, parents, and friends attended the event, and nothing but positive compliments were heard throughout the evening.

Continuing the tradition of a Valentines Themed event from the previous school year, the Greater Ohio Virtual School Academic Coaches sponsored "Valentine Hangout" on Tuesday, February 14th. GOVS students had the opportunity to experience cookie and cupcake decorating, enjoyed a pizza lunch, made Valentine's Day cards, and participated in a few rounds of love song trivia. Students from the Transition Learning Center at the Warren County Educational Service Center also participated with GOVS students throughout the event.

GOVS students and staff were treated to another animal visit in a continued partnership with the Cincinnati Zoo. Mira, the penguin, visited students and staff at the Greater Ohio Virtual School Student Center. Students were treated to a 30-minute presentation from the Cincinnati Zoo Staff about penguins. In addition, Mira spent time investigating the room and making friends. It was a fantastic experience for GOVS students and staff members.



SPONSOR' Statement

St. Aloysius, as the sponsor of this school, is legally mandated to provide oversight, monitoring, and technical assistance. As part of the monitoring process, the performance of the school is assessed and evaluated on each of the required Ohio School Report Card components. Additionally, St. Aloysius has a regular presence at school board meetings where student performance indicators such as attendance, behavior, and academic achievement are tracked and financial and organizational issues that impact student success are reviewed and discussed. Key to the oversight, monitoring, and technical assistance is St. Aloysius' review of the school's Ohio Improvement Process (OIP) plan development and implementation. As a result of our thorough oversight and monitoring, St. Aloysius has determined that this school is substantially compliant with the rules and regulations governing community schools.

All community school sponsors are required to submit a written report of the evaluation results of the school's academic, financial, and organizational performance, as well as the school's legal compliance with Ohio Revised Code, Ohio Administrative Code, and to the terms of the Community School contract. This report must be made available to parents of students enrolled in the community school by November 30th of each year under OAC 3301-102-05 (A) (3). An Annual Report regarding the performance of this school and other schools under the sponsorship of St. Aloysius will be posted on our website at www.stalschildren.org/charterschools and www.charterschoolspec.com no later than November 30, 2023. Parents are urged to review this report in addition to other monitoring and evaluation reports available through the school or the sponsor for a full understanding of the school's performance.



2023 Greater Ohio Virtual School Graduation

On Tuesday, June 6th, 2023, the Greater Ohio Virtual School hosted its 19th graduation ceremony. The event was held at Lebanon High School, and a record 205 students crossed the finish line and earned their high school diplomas. Memorable highlights from the evening included a student speech by Franklin B. Walter Award Recipient and GOVS graduate Madison Byrnes, A program designed by GOVS Junior Sophia Kreamelmeyer, who currently has artwork hanging in the State Capitol, and a visit from State Board Member Walt Davis. The GOVS staff worked incredibly hard to reach this record number of graduates, and the additional supports that were added over the past two years in the form of academic coaches, mental health supports, resource coordinator, and the opening of the new GOVS student center have impacted the increased number of graduates! Congratulations to the Class of 2023!



2022-2023 Project Excellence Award Winner

Congratulations to Greater Ohio Virtual School math teacher Glen Burchfield for receiving the 2022-2023 Project Excellence Award. Each year the Area Progress Council honors outstanding teachers from each school in Warren County. Teachers are nominated throughout the year, and a committee selects a teacher from each district to receive the award and be honored at a ceremony at the end of the year. Glen has gone above and beyond the call of duty for years, working as a math teacher and tutor. His dedication to the staff, students, and parents of the Greater Ohio Virtual School has been a critical component of the school's success! Mr. Burchfield was recognized as the Greater Ohio Virtual Schools 5th ever recipient of the award.



ABOUT FBW

The Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Award was established in 1989 by Ohio's County Superintendents to recognize student achievement and promote academic accomplishment. One senior from each of Ohio's eighty-eight counties receives this prestigious honor each year. Recipients are selected by virtue of their academic achievement, personal accomplishments, and community service.

Warren County ESC, along with Greater Ohio Virtual School, hosts a banquet each year to honor Warren County's students. One top academic recipient is chosen from each school district with one overall winning recipient then chosen to attend a statewide event hosted by Ohio Educational Service Centers Association in Columbus, Ohio.

In addition, each recipient is asked to write a letter honoring a mentor who has had an enormous educational impact in their life. You will note these names listed below each recipient's information. The framed letters are presented to each mentor as a memento of appreciation.

A NOTE FROM WCESC SUPERINTENDENT TOM ISAACS:

Due to the ongoing challenges associated with Covid19, this is the first time in two years we have been able to hold our traditional program and banquet to honor our top academic Warren County Recipients. It is one of the highlights of the year here at WCESC. We sincerely appreciate everyone who participated in making this year's event a success and thank our school districts for the remarkable job they do in educating and nurturing all Warren County students.



The story behind the namesake...

Dr. Franklin B. Walter

The award bears the name of Dr. Franklin B. Walter, who served as State Superintendent from 1977-1991. During his tenure, Dr. Walter worked with three governors, significantly improved public education in the state, and brought Ohio's schools to the fore front of the nation's attention. He received numerous honors and has earned the respect and admiration of educators nationwide. His integrity, leadership, optimism, and commitment serve as

an example for all. Dr. Walter passed away on September 15, 2010 at the age of 80. He left behind a storied legacy that includes this award.

2023 RECIPIENT GREATER OHIO VIRTUAL SCHOOL Madison Byrnes

Summary of Activities:

Cheer, soccer, choir, student council, class president, Junior National Honor Society, and volunteer at baseball field.



Awards and Honors:

Scholar Athlete, JV letterman for soccer and cheer

Aspirations: Focusing on the next chapter in life...college, creating my own happiness, have a flourishing business and be a great wife and mother.

College Plans: Final choice undecided

Major: Business

Student Quote from Essay: My ambitions in life have always fueled me. Even from a very early age, I never wanted to settle for anything mediocre.

RECOGNIZED MENTOR: Tom Pecor

Shawn Lenney, Executive Director
Justin Smith, Student Center Director

Fiscal Audit Results

The Greater Ohio Virtual School recently completed a fiscal audit for FY-2023. This audit resulted in no unresolved issues with respect to federal financial assistance.

Parent/Student Survey

All new students enrolling with the Greater Ohio Virtual School where required to complete a survey at the beginning of the school year to acquire data for future decisions. Additionally, all returning Greater Ohio Virtual School students where sent a similar survey electronically to begin the school year. The results of those surveys will be used to make future decisions concerning curriculum, program additions, and future school partnerships.