



OHIO SCHOOL REPORT CARDS

AWLS AMONG TOP-PERFORMING DISTRICTS IN THE STATE

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Development recently released the 2024 School Report Cards and we are proud to report that [Anthony Wayne Local Schools continues to excel academically.](#)

Anthony Wayne Local Schools:

- earned a Performance Index Score of 103.5, placing the District in the top 5% of all schools in Ohio.
- ranked 36th out of the 608 school districts across the state, placing the District among the top schools in our area.
- received an overall ranking of 4.5 stars.

Additionally, 65.6% of students in the district achieved scores within the top three performance levels—Advanced Plus, Advanced, or Accomplished—on the spring Ohio State Tests (OST).

These achievements highlight the district’s unwavering commitment to academic excellence and its vision of being among the best school districts in the state. This outstanding performance is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our staff and students, as well as the community’s commitment to ensuring its children receive a high-quality education.

Your commitment to excellence is truly appreciated and makes a profound impact on our students. Thank you for empowering our students to be future ready!

ABOVE: Whitehouse Primary second grade students are challenged to see which team can make the tallest tower.

STATE SCORES & RANKINGS

DISTRICT
4.5 Stars
36th in State

MONCLOVA PRIMARY
5 Stars

WATERVILLE PRIMARY
5 Stars

WHITEHOUSE PRIMARY
5 Stars
8th in the state

FALLEN TIMBERS
MIDDLE SCHOOL
5 Stars

ANTHONY WAYNE
JUNIOR HIGH
5 Stars

ANTHONY WAYNE
HIGH SCHOOL
4 Stars



A Letter from the Interim Superintendent



Anthony Wayne Local Schools Community,

I am incredibly proud to share the outstanding success of our students as reflected in our recent Local Report Card. Achieving within the top five percent of all school districts in Ohio is a tremendous accomplishment, and this is something that should make us all proud. It is a testament to the strong academic programs provided within our District and the collaborative efforts of our students, staff, parents and the entire community.

In addition to their academic success, we are equally proud of the achievements our students are making outside the classroom, which is highlighted in our recently released Quality Profile. These successes—whether in the arts, athletics or community service—speak to the well-rounded experiences our students are receiving.

We firmly believe that our students' ability to thrive comes from the support of their parents, who ensure they are ready to learn each day, and our dedicated staff, who build meaningful relationships with every student. This partnership is key to helping our students reach their personal goals and preparing them for their future endeavors.

I am deeply honored to serve as interim superintendent in a District that places such high value on student growth and achievement. Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a bright future for all our students.

Kevin Herman, Interim Superintendent
superintendent@anthonywayneschools.org

ANNUAL REPORT

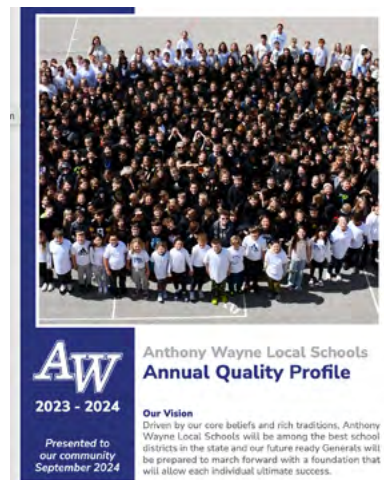
AWLS RELEASES 2023-2024 QUALITY PROFILE

Anthony Wayne is among 50 districts across the state that prepare a Quality Profile as a supplement to the annual state report card. These reports provide a full picture of the overall educational value their schools provide.

We are proud to share the 2023-2024 AWLS Quality Profile with our community. It is full of photos, stories and information about our District and the many ways it supports our students' learning, growth and development.

This well-rounded educational experience is possible thanks to the continued partnership of our AW Community - and we are grateful for your partnership.

[Please take a few moments to flip through its pages to see all that our students have been learning and doing.](#)



Anthony Wayne Local Schools empowers students to be future ready!

OCTOBER STAFF SPOTLIGHTS

October brings many opportunities to draw attention and offer gratitude to our staff. Watch for stories about individuals representing their various departments and positions to be [posted to our newsfeed](#) and [X \(Twitter\) account](#) this month. We also encourage you to take a moment to send a message of thanks to these individuals and their colleagues for their service to our schools. [Click here to view the staff directory.](#)



OCTOBER

School Safety Month

School Resource Officers,
Jeff Siebenaler and
Morgan Schumann



OCTOBER 2

National Custodial Appreciation Day

AW Junior High Custodian
Charlene Metzger



OCTOBER 6

National Coaches Day

Varsity Baseball Coach
Ryan Donley



OCTOBER 14-18

National School Lunch Week

Monclova Primary Food Service
Toni Baldwin



OCTOBER 21 - 25

National School Bus Safety Week

Bus Driver & Onboard Instructor
Judi Wilkerson



Head Mechanic
Gary Vollmar



UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, OCT. 7
AWLS Board Meeting
at Fallen Timbers Middle
6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9
District Anti-Bullying Day

TUESDAY, OCT. 15
AWJH Choir Concert
7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 17
AWHS Choir Concert
7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23
End of First Quarter

OCT. 28 - NOV. 1
Red Ribbon Week

MONDAY, OCT. 28
Evening Conferences, K-12

TUESDAY, OCT. 29
2-Hour Delay, Staff PD

TUESDAY, OCT. 29
Marching Band Concert
7:00 p.m.

[For more activities
happening in our schools,
please visit:](#)

[District Master Calendar](#)

[Generals Athletics](#)

[Fine & Musical Arts](#)



SUBSTITUTE EMPLOYEES NEEDED

Substitute teachers, aides, bus drivers, custodians and food service workers ensure the smooth operation of our schools for our students.

Choose When and Where You Want to Work

As a substitute employee, you will have the flexibility to accept openings as they fit in your schedule. These part-time positions are ideal for retirees, stay-at-home parents and those looking for a way to make a difference in their community.

Learn more and apply online today!

www.AnthonyWayneSchools.org/HumanResources



FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT REMINDERS

Keep a Positive Account Balance

Now that we are several weeks into school, it is a good time to check your child's cafeteria balance by visiting www.PaySchoolsCentral.com. Parents can also set up low balance alerts and make a deposit online through this service.

See What's New in Food Service

Follow us on X at [@awfoodservice!](https://twitter.com/awfoodservice)



TECH TEAM OFFERS FREE CYBER SECURITY EVENT

AW Community members and local businesses are encouraged to learn strategies to safeguard their businesses and personal data against cyber threats.

The Anthony Wayne Local Schools (AWLS) Technology Department is hosting a FREE Cybersecurity Seminar in partnership with the Northern Buckeye Education Council (NWOCA) and DataServ, one of Ohio's leading information technology management agencies.

Cybersecurity Domain and Data Defense will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 23 at the AWLS Central Administrative Offices. To RSVP, please email Chris Hamady at chamady@anthonywayneschools.org with the number of people who plan to attend.



NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION

AWS Senior Aliza Boerst was named a Commended Student in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program for her exceptional performance on the 2023 PSAT/NMSQT.



AWHS YEARBOOK STAFF HONORS SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHER

Local sports photographer, Kevin Finnigan recently spoke with the AWHs Yearbook staff about his career and offered tips for taking better photos during athletics events. The staff then surprised him with a signed copy of the 2023-24 yearbook. The students chose to include a special spread dedicated to Kevin as a way to show appreciation for the many photos he has shared with the AW Community over the years. [[READ MORE](#)]

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: FACTS ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS

3,100

miles are driven each day to transport students to and from school by bus.

Pictured: The 2024-2025 AWLS Transportation Team paused for a photo on Opening Day before picking up their keys.



4,236

students are enrolled at AWLS.

AWHS	1370
AW Junior High	667
Fallen Timbers	706
Monclova	550
Waterville	467
Whitehouse	476

Pictured: Waterville Primary Students are all smiles on a recent Walk to School Day.





UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, Oct. 7 6:00 p.m.
at Fallen Timbers Middle School

Thursday, Nov. 7 6:00 p.m.
at Central Administrative Office

Monday, Dec. 9 8:00 a.m.
at Central Administrative Office

CONTACT THE BOARD

Kyle Miller, *President*
Jeff Baden, *Vice President*
Lindsay Hoipkemier, *Member*
Shellie McKnight, *Member*
Mike Stamm, *Member*

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Anthony Wayne Board of Education Briefs

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING: [\[VIEW RECORDING\]](#)

- The Board recognized the parent organizations and boosters groups for their continued support of our staff and students.
- Head football coach, Andy Brungard and representatives from the varsity team spoke about Victory Day, a workout designed specifically for students with special needs.
- AW-Penta Family Consumer Science teachers, Amanda Valdez and Kay-Lynne Schaller, along with AWHs and AWJH students shared their recent successes at the national FCCLA Conference.
- Accepted approximately \$26,000 in donations.
- Approved the purchase of two new school buses using Permanent Improvement funds as a part of regular fleet maintenance.
- Heard public comment regarding the local LifeWise Program that wishes to begin offering off-site religious and character education to Monclova third grade families.

MEET THE MEMBERS: LINDSAY HOIPKEMIER

Lindsay is a 9-year resident of the District who was elected to serve on the Board in November 2023. She and her husband Ben live in Waterville and have three children in AWLS.

Lindsay is a Client Relations Specialist at LPL Financial, and is a self-employed interior designer. Lindsay's faith in Jesus Christ is the central focus of her life. She is an active member of Monclova Road Baptist Church, where she volunteers in the children's ministry and is a LCCS licensed foster parent, serves as a parent volunteer and has taken part in medical missions trips. [\[Learn more about Lindsay\]](#)



DOLLARS AND CENTS: SCHOOL FINANCE 101

Inside (unvoted) Mills	Outside (voted) Mills	Effective Millage
<p>Millage imposed by local governments without voter approval as defined in the Ohio Constitution.</p> <p>The constitutional limit for these taxes is 1% or 10 mills. Public schools, cities, counties and other local governments within a taxing district are allocated a small portion of the inside mills collected within the district according to a statutory formula.</p>	<p>Millage approved by voters.</p>	<p>The difference in the millage approved by voters and the actual amount of mills charged against a district's assessed valuation.</p> <p>The adjustment to voted mills to compensate for the impact of inflation on real property values.</p>

HOUSE BILL 920

Passed in 1976, House Bill 920 freezes a school district's income on voted millage at the moment the levy is passed. *Even when home values increase, a school district's revenue on that levy remains the same* because of HB 920. This law prevents revenue increases for schools, except for a one-time increase for new construction and a small amount of revenue from inside mills.

INFLATION & DISTRICT VALUATIONS

Every three years, the value of taxable property in the school district is determined by the county auditor. If inflation causes property values to increase, the district's tax rate is reduced as a result of HB 920. This is called the effective tax rate. AWLS has the lowest effective tax rate of all Lucas County districts.

But inflation also drives up school operational costs, and HB 920 prevents school districts from collecting more money on the voted millage.



RELIANCE ON LOCAL VOTERS

Allowances for inflation are recognized in other areas of government, but not in education. Schools are the only governmental entities who do not receive an inflationary increase. Rising costs coupled with limited funding coming from the state and federal governments, mean that AWLS relies on District residents to fund our schools.

OPERATIONAL LEVY REQUEST

In order to offset increasing expenses, the District is asking voters to consider a 5-year, 2.42-mill operational levy. If passed on November 5, the levy will be assessed starting in January 2025, and generate \$3.3 million each year to support the day-to-day operations of the District. These funds will be used to pay for educational expenses such as staff salaries and benefits, classroom materials, office and cleaning supplies, fuel, insurance and utilities.

LEARN ABOUT THE LEVY: www.AnthonyWayneSchools.org/Levy

ASK ABOUT THE LEVY: Call 419-877-5377 or email_planning@anthonywayneschools.org





The senior members of the AWHs boys soccer program recognized the staff members who made a difference in their educational careers before their September 5 match up with Northview. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

Generals in the News

[District: AW report card validates hard work of students, staff](#)

[District: Inside the NLL - Anthony Wayne interim superintendent Herman](#)

[District: Celebrating National Parent Group Day](#)

[Staff Spotlight: The AWLS technology team](#)

[Staff Spotlight: Fallen Timbers' Jon Pingle retires after 34 years](#)

[Band: WTOL Band of the Week: Anthony Wayne Marching Generals](#)

[Fallen Timbers: Hogwarts comes to FTMS in house sorting event](#)

[Football: Athlete of the Week: Sloane Fults of Anthony Wayne](#)

[Football: AW football dominates defensively, runs over Whitmer](#)

[Soccer: AW soccer players recognize their educational influences](#)

[Volleyball: AW beats Rocky River in battle of No. 2-ranked teams](#)

[Tennis: Deep, experienced lineup has AW tennis thinking big](#)

[Alumni: Gardner Sisters: A sibling pairing that's stood the test of time](#)

[Alumni: AW standout Garret Pike reflects on past, present & future](#)

[Community: Neighborhood Bridges helps students, families](#)



AWHS Student Council Advisor, Julie Blakely shared her thoughts about fostering student leadership opportunities in advance of Homecoming Week.

[\[READ THE STORY\]](#)



Fallen Timbers Middle School made headlines with the launch of a new program to promote positive school culture and good behavior. Students learned which "house" they would be a part of at a high-energy assembly at Schaller Stadium. [\[LEARN MORE\]](#)



Morning Meetings at Waterville Primary School help set the tone for a positive, respectful learning environment. [\[LEARN MORE\]](#)

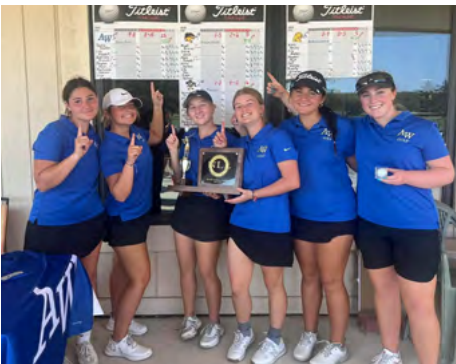
MORE DISTRICT NEWS: Information and updates about Anthony Wayne Local Schools can be found on the [District website](#) and on [YouTube](#).



MAKING CONNECTIONS: Many thanks to the community members who took the time to stop out for the District’s first Community Conversations events at the Whitehouse Farmers Market and Blue Creek Soccer Fields. Watch for more dates to be announced throughout the year. **SETTING AN EXAMPLE:** Representatives from the Dayton Regional STEM High School visited Waterville Primary to learn from our Ohio Designated STEAM school as they prepare to open a new elementary.



ROYALTY CROWNED: AWHs seniors, Max Crandell and Kate Hildebrand were named [Homecoming King and Queen](#) before kickoff on September 20. The Generals went on to defeat the Start Spartans, 48-12. Waterville Primary first grade students collect scraps from the cafeteria to add to the school’s compost bin. The compost will later be added to the vegetable garden in the Land Lab.



LEAGUE CHAMPS: The AWHs girls tennis team along with both the girls and boys golf teams claimed the title of 2024 NLL Champion. Sophia Stanton (girls golf) and Michel Distefano (boys golf) were named NLL Players of the Year, and coaches Pat Phillips and Jason Gwin were honored as NLL Golf Coaches of the Year.



Monclova Primary School students spend time together at recess.



Anthony Wayne High School student-athletes attended the annual NLL Sportsmanship Conference

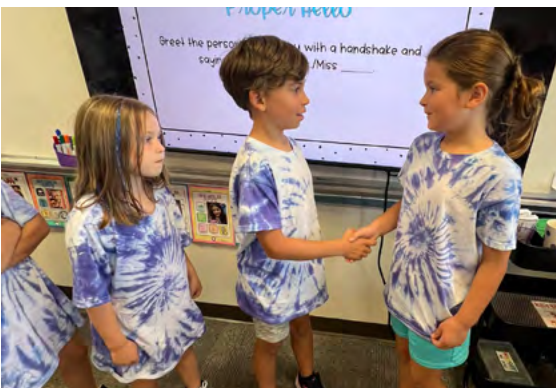
MAKING CONNECTIONS & PROMOTING POSITIVITY



Whitehouse Primary students collaborate on a community mural as a part of art class.



Anthony Wayne Junior High students shop at the General Way store.



Waterville Primary students learn how to greet each other with a handshake.



Fallen Timbers Middle School students are starting to make connections with the new House program.