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>>> ENROLLMENT ON THE RISE

Dayton Public Schools is excited to welcome many new faces for the 24-25 school year! Enrollment is up and the District is proud to educate more than 13,000 students each day. If you are interested in learning more about DPS, or if you'd like to enroll, please visit DaytonPublic.com.

START YOUR CAREER WITH DPS <<<

Are you interested in making a difference in the lives of students? DPS is hiring for a variety of positions, including teachers, bus drivers, administrators, and more!

We invite you to learn more about open positions and apply online at DaytonPublic.com.

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ACADEMIC ACTION PLAN

KEY IMPROVEMENTS & SUCCESSES

>>> MAJOR ACADEMIC STRIDES

Since implementing the Academic Action Plan, the District has seen significant improvements in student achievement. Below are several academic gains as reported on the 2024 Ohio Report Card.

- Ten schools increased their overall star rating.
- The 4-year graduation rate increased, with the 4-year CTE (Career-Technical Education) graduation rate increasing to 94.2%.
- Four schools increased their overall star rating in Progress, which measures year-over-year growth.
- The District increased the number of students considered on track in early literacy in 1st-3rd grade. Four schools increased their star rating in Early Literacy.
- Nine schools increased their star rating in Gap Closing.
- The District met the value-added goal in Gifted and also improved in the Gifted performance index.
- Despite having more English Learner (EL) students, the number of EL students considered proficient increased, along with those who met their growth targets.

>>> COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

In an effort to ensure all graduates are ready to enter college or a career, all high schools now provide career-related opportunities for students. In addition, all high schools offer College Credit Plus (CCP) and Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

New offerings include an Early Childhood Certification Program, a senior-only Phlebotomy Program, Surgical Tech, Gaming Certifications, and Agriscience. In addition, the District partnered with Kettering Health to provide Nursing Assistance programs at Dunbar and Thurgood Marshall. Once they are credentialed, all students will be offered positions at Kettering Health with full benefits and tuition assistance.

>>> NEW STUDENT SUMMER PROGRAMS

Kindergarten and high school readiness were two key goals of the Academic Action Plan. Over the summer, the District implemented two programs to prepare incoming kindergarteners and incoming 9th graders for the 24-25 school year.

Both programs received overwhelmingly positive feedback, and the District plans to continue these initiatives to lay a strong foundation for student success.



SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

EDWIN JOEL BROWN MIDDLE SCHOOL



Scan to watch a video about Edwin Joel Brown Middle School!

>>> A WELCOMING SCHOOL CULTURE

Edwin Joel Brown Middle School has experienced significant improvements — both culturally and academically — over the last year. The school provides a positive and welcoming environment for students of all backgrounds, with dedicated teachers and staff who aim to build meaningful connections with the students they serve. Staff members follow three key values: “keep it consistent, keep it simple, and keep it about the students.”

>>> ACADEMIC SUCCESSES

Edwin Joel Brown Middle School has improved its proficiency rate and performance index in 7th grade mathematics. This has prompted the District to provide an Advanced Mathematics course for students. In addition, students can enroll in College Credit Plus, which allows them to take college courses and earn credits that are transferrable to any public Ohio college or university upon graduation.

Through the Montgomery County College Promise program, EJ Brown students have earned scholarships based on academic performance, test scores, and extracurricular involvement. These scholarships provide full-ride or nearly full-ride scholarships to a dozen different colleges and universities in Ohio, along with mentorship and support.

EDWIN JOEL BROWN'S SCHOOL MOTTO

**Be Respectful.
Be Responsible.
Be Safe.
Be Unstoppable.**



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ON THE HORIZON: NEWS TO KNOW

CAREER-TECHNICAL APPLICATION OPENS NEXT MONTH <<<

The District has two Career-Technical Centers (Meadowdale CTC & Ponitz CTC) and more than two dozen career pathways for students to choose from. From health fields like EMT, dental, and surgical tech, to the arts, business and entrepreneurship, IT, and many others, there is a pathway to suit every student!

The application for Career Technical Education (CTE) programs will open on November 22nd at the end of the school day. DPS students can apply for a program of their choosing as soon as applications open. Non-DPS students can apply but will first need to enroll at Dayton Public Schools in order to be accepted into a CTE program.

>>> HIGH SCHOOL SHOWCASE WEEK BEGINS NOVEMBER 18TH

Dayton Public Schools 8th graders will enjoy field trips to learn more about each DPS high school during the week of November 18th. *High School Showcase Week* will allow high schools to share more about their unique offerings to help middle school students determine which high school is best suited for their goals and future career interests.

From Career-Technical programs to Advanced Placement offerings and extracurricular activities, middle school students will take what they learn from these visits and work with their guidance counselors to map out their plans for 9th grade and beyond.