



# KINGS LOCAL SCHOOLS QUALITY PROFILE

2014-2015



***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 to the Kings community.***

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*We are pleased to present the 3rd edition of the Kings Local School's Quality Profile, which provides a year in review of highlights and accomplishments during the 2014-2015 School Year.*

*This Quality Profile is a supplement to Kings' state report card which contains demographic details and results of state tests. While test results are important, those results alone do not fully depict what distinguishes this district as one of the highest performing districts in the state of Ohio.*



## MISSION STATEMENT

### *Kings is committed to QUALITY*

To this end, we commit to...

- *Doing what is best for students*
- *Building respectful relationships in a safe and nurturing environment*
- *Promoting excellent academic achievement*
- *Providing high quality, innovative educational opportunities*
- *Fostering positive community relationships*
- *Being responsible stewards of district resources*

KINGS LOCAL SCHOOLS



*Our district's academic program provides opportunities for all students to reach their full potential.*

## Kings High School Ranked in the Top 2% of the Nation



KHS earned a silver medal from U.S News and World Report in their annual Best High School rankings. Kings was ranked 23 out of 832 public high schools in Ohio. That ranking put them in the top 10 of Cincinnati area high schools and the number 1 high school in Warren County!

4-Year Graduation Rate 93.6  
State Average 82.2



**AP** 5<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Honor Roll  
RECIPIENT

Kings High School was named to the 5th Annual AP Honor Roll by the College Board.

Only 477 districts nationwide received this distinction for increasing access to AP<sup>®</sup> course work while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP Exams.

17 Advanced Placement (AP) Courses are offered at KHS

# ACT<sup>®</sup>

District Average Composite Scores  
2014-2015

**24.6**

State Average 22.0  
National Average 21.0

### Past Scores

2012	24.4
2013	24.5
2014	24.1

52% of ACT tested students at KHS met all 4 benchmarks for college-level coursework.

State Average: 33%







### Class of 2015 BY THE NUMBERS

- ♦ 3 National Merit Finalists
- ♦ 8 National Merit Commended Scholars
- ♦ 157 TOTAL: Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, or Summa Cum Laude
- ♦ 95 Diplomas with Honors
- ♦ Over 50% of graduating class had a GPA over 3.5
- ♦ Top 10% of graduating class had an average GPA of 4.47

Over 4 Million Dollars in scholarships were awarded to the Class of 2015.



### Kings Offers:

- ♦ 11 College Credit Plus Courses– enables students to simultaneously earn college credit and high school credit for the course.
- ♦ 37 Honors Courses



KHS Students applied to 220 Colleges and Universities all throughout the United States. Students also received appointments to West Point Academy and The United States Air Force Academy. Additionally, our first student was accepted at Yale.





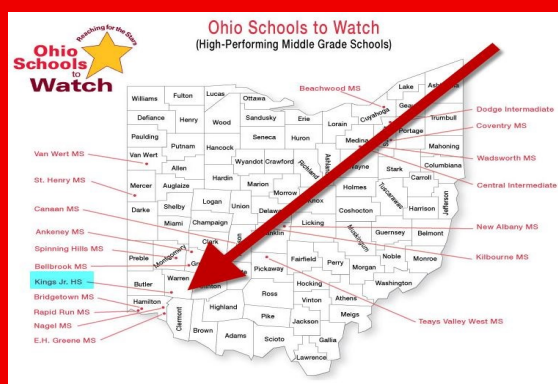
Niche K-12 offers unique insight into more than 120,000 K-12 schools based on dozens of statistics and 27 million opinions from 300,000 students and parents.

There are 679 public school districts in the state of Ohio and the Kings Local School District has been ranked by Niche at number 23 in the state. All schools in our district have been awarded an overall Niche Grade of an A.

Kings Junior High School was re-designated as an Ohio School to



Watch (only 1 of 19 schools in the State of Ohio).



The Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators named Columbia Intermediate School as a 2015 Hall of Fame School.

Technology continues to be a priority in the Kings Local School District. Giving our students the tools they need to excel in an always-evolving technological landscape is our goal. The district has "Gone Google" and we also boast a Certified Google Trainer!



# Fiscal Stewardship



*Financial responsibility ensures that the majority of funding is spent on classroom instruction.*

The Kings Local School District's Treasurer's Office received the Auditor of State Award after a recent financial audit of the district. The award was presented for exemplary financial reporting in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for the year 2014. The award states the citizens we represent are well-served by our effective and accountable financial practices.



2014 Operating Spending Per Pupil  
State of Ohio Average: \$9,189.00

**KINGS: \$9,489**

68.5 % of funds are spent on classroom instruction

**Kings is among the 10% of public districts with the highest academic performance index scores.**



The Kings Board of Education went paperless in 2015 to improve the governance process while saving time, taxpayer dollars and the environment.

**Our 2010 Operating Levy promised taxpayers that the monies collected would last for 3 years. The Levy has already lasted 5 years and could potentially last longer due to our sound fiscal management.**

As a result of the loss of 60% in Tangible Personal Property Tax revenue, the Kings District is looking at a decrease in 2.6 million dollars since 2011.



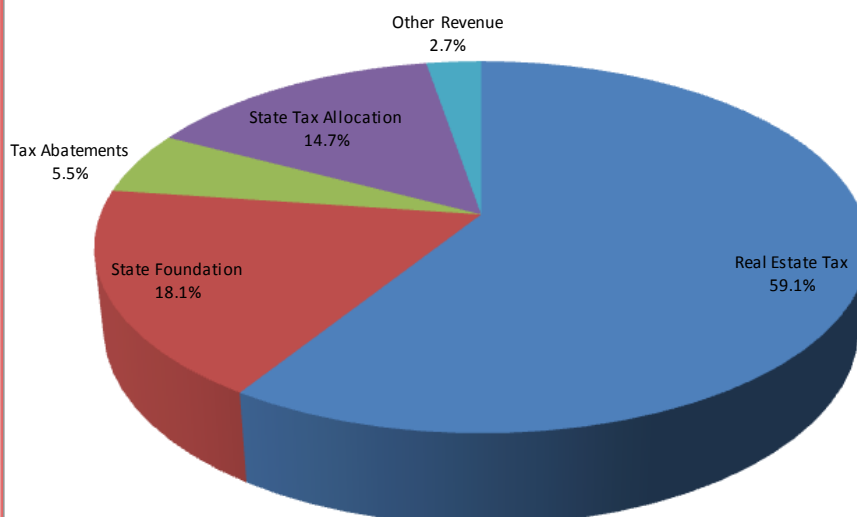
## Energy Savings

The Kings District has embarked on another HB 264 project that is projected to save over \$200,000 a year in utility costs. Savings from the utility budget will pay for the cost of the approximately \$2.9 million dollar project. Included in the work is an upgrade of interior and exterior lighting, building envelope improvements, plumbing upgrades, and the replacement of building automation controls throughout the district. Our Business Office has been able to return over **\$300,000** back into the general fund from the Utilities Budget, due to energy conservation efforts.



## Expenditures and Revenues for 2014-2015

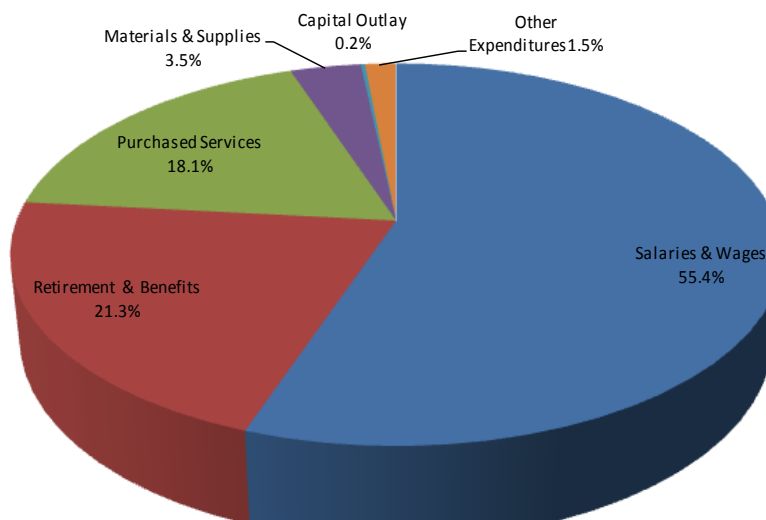
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**Revenues**

### REVENUES 2014-15

Real Estate Tax	\$23,949,402
State Foundation	\$7,333,559
Tax Abatements	\$2,217,375
State Tax Allocation	\$5,946,127
Other Revenue	\$1,099,175
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,545,638</b>



**Expenditures**

### EXPENDITURES 2014-15

Salaries & Wages	\$22,077,705
Retirement & Benefits	\$8,475,202
Purchased Services	\$7,220,395
Materials & Supplies	\$1,402,837
Capital Outlay	\$83,243
Other Expenditure	\$617,433
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$39,876,815</b>

Kings Voters supported a Permanent Improvement Renewal Levy in May 2015 with an incredible 72% of the vote!



# Student Services

*A variety of services provide options to ensure all students receive individualized instruction, enrichment and support.*



## Kings Local School District

### **STUDENTS IDENTIFIED AS GIFTED 12.8% (DISTRICT)**

Gifted services in the 2014-2015 school year began in grade 5 with accelerated classes in math and/or English Language Arts for students identified in one or both of these areas. In grades 7 and 8, both gifted identified students and eligible non-identified students were able to participate in accelerated English/Language Arts and math classes. In grades 9-12, there were 36 honors courses and 18 Advanced Placement classes offered at Kings High School across all discipline areas including the fine arts.



### **Kings Klostet**

Kings Klostet is a free service to provide Men's, Women's, and Children's clothing to those in need in the Kings Community. Donations are collected and distributed monthly. The Kings Klostet was started in 2007 by a former student and has been maintained by Kings students each year since.

### **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES 13% (DISTRICT)**

Approximately 13% of the students at Kings are identified as having a disability. The district provides a continuum of services for students with special needs. These consist of general education supports and services, speech-language therapy services, occupational and physical therapy, and other specialized supports. An independent living curriculum is available in all grades for students who require such services. The instruction is customized to each student and circumstance. Beginning in preschool and continuing through the high school transition program, students experience services based upon their individual needs.

### **STUDENTS IDENTIFIED AS ESL 2% (DISTRICT)**

Our ESL teachers provide small group instruction in English to our English Language Learners (ELL). They also provide instructional and assessment support for students and teachers in their regular education classrooms. One priority is helping ELL's acclimate to their new culture and school climate while helping to coordinate appropriate technological supports to facilitate communication for beginning ELL's and their parents. Our bilingual ESL teachers act as interpreters for our Spanish speaking students and their families, as well as help parents to become more active participants in their children's education by providing them with information regarding ESL classes available in the community. Our students have also been involved in after school tutoring and summer learning experiences.







Kings Marching Band received a Superior Rating at the Ohio Music Education Association State Competition.



Kings A Cappella Group, 2Knight 2Knight, was selected to be featured on the 2015 edition of the Best High School A Cappella compilation CD!



Renowned Ceramic Artist, George Woideck, spent a week at Columbia Intermediate School to create an all-school glass tile mosaic.



Kings Kokorodza Marimba Ensemble performs Zimbabwean Marimba Music at events all around the area.



KHS Students painted rain barrels for the Regional Storm Water Collaborative that were put on display at the Cincinnati Zoo and auctioned off during the Party for the Planet event.



The Firecrackers Jump Rope Team is made up of 4th-8th grade students and they perform at venues across the country. Watch for their upcoming motion picture!



2015 KHS Drum Major was named Drum Major for the Army All-American Marching Band.



Kings Schools named one of the Best Communities for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants.

## More About the Arts

- Students across all grade levels had their artwork or photography selected for various statewide exhibits
- 3 KHS Students had their artwork selected for the Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition highlighting the top 2% in the state. Only 300 works of art are selected out of 12,000 entries.
- 32 Scholastic Arts Awards out of hundreds of students from Southwest Ohio and Northern Kentucky.
- 14 Digital Media Arts students placed in the top ten in the state at the Business Professionals of America State Competition.
- Night of Knights, a special evening dedicated to the Fine Arts Programs of Kings High School and Kings Junior High School is held each Spring.

Check out our [Fine Arts tab](#) on our website to see some of our students' great work!

# Student Leadership and Activities



*A well-rounded education includes a wide variety of opportunities.*

## Kings Local School District

### Kings Junior High

- ◆ 30 athletic teams with 430 athletes participating.
- ◆ Clubs include Art Club, Drama Club, Math Counts, Power of the Pen, Science Olympiad, Yearbook, Student Council, and National Honor Society.

### Kings High School

- ◆ 61 athletic teams with 972 athletes participating.
- ◆ 96% of the student body participates in some extra-curricular activity.
  - Offers 20 club activities, 10 of which were created by students.
- ◆ 82 All-Conference Athletes
  - 621 Scholar Athletes with GPA > 3.5
  - The Class of 2015 saw 18 student-athletes commit to play sports at the collegiate level
- ◆ All students required to perform 50 Community Service hours and prepare a Senior Reflection Project.

### STUDENT LEADERSHIP

- ⇒ *Our students begin learning about leadership in the elementary setting. Some students are involved in Student Council or a part of mentoring programs such as Winner's Walk Tall through the KHS National Honor Society, or Kids Club, a mentoring club between high school and intermediate students.*
- ⇒ *Junior High and High School leadership opportunities include National Honor Society, Student Council, and Business Leadership.*
- ⇒ *All district schools have student councils.*
- ⇒ *Extracurricular activities at the elementary level include Student Council, Guitar Club, Environmental Club, Dance, Mad Science, Soccer Shots, and Lego Clubs.*
- ⇒ *South Lebanon Elementary E-Club is a group of 3rd and 4th graders who encourage environmentally responsible practices at home, school, and their community.*
- ⇒ *Kings Mills Elementary, JF Burns Elementary, and Columbia Intermediate students participate in Veteran's Day assemblies.*







Columbia Intermediate students participate in the Read/Walk/Water Global Service Project and have a well named after them in South Sudan.



An Outdoor Classroom was created by Kings Student Kaleb Stutzman for his Eagle Scout Project. The classroom is located at J.F. Burns Elementary and has also been identified as an official Monarch Waystation!

*The Best Buddies Club is a club at Kings Junior High School dedicated to establishing one-to-one friendships between students with disabilities and their typical peers. The club's activities include an ice breaker, holiday party, and they even sponsor a fundraiser where they sell dog treats!*





# Parent and Community Involvement

*Educational experiences are enhanced by partnerships between the school and community.*



## Kings Local School District



### Donations by Community Partners

Kings' Parent Teacher Organizations and Boosters are vibrant and committed groups of parent volunteers who generously share their time and talent for the welfare of all children. Through fundraisers, they help provide equipment, resource materials, school programs, and entertainment for our students and staff.

- Kings Mills Elementary PTO has donated nearly \$30,000
- Columbia Intermediate School's PTO has donated \$11,000
- J.F. Burns Elementary PTO has donated nearly \$17,000
- South Lebanon Elementary PTO has donated \$20,000
- Kings Athletic Booster Club has raised \$217,000 to support Kings Athletics.



The Kings Local Community relies on the services of the United Way of Warren County. The employees of the Kings Local School District participate in the yearly Workplace Campaign, supporting United Way. Last year, district employees gave nearly \$7,000 to help support the need in our community.



The Warren County Career Center has been a great partner to the district by offering Satellite Programs on our high school campus such as Business Technology, Information Technology, Digital Media Arts, and Gateway to College; helping high school juniors navigate the process of college application, test prep, scholarship process, and time and money management.





Hoxworth Blood Centers provide 3 opportunities for the staff and students in the district to donate blood. The UC Mobile Mammography Unit also provides a day to the district for employee mammograms.



*Congratulations to our 2015 Distinguished Alumni, Olympic Bronze Medalist, Bryan Volpenhein, KHS Class of 1994.*

### **A District Parent Council is in place for parents to have a voice within the district administration.**

*KHS Seniors performed over 30,000 community service hours and participated in the 911 Day of Service and Remembrance by volunteering at 13 different agencies around Warren County and surrounding areas. The students are joined by members of the Rotary Club of Mason and Deerfield Township.*



The Kings PowerPack Program, in partnership with Joshua's Place, is designed to meet the needs of hungry children at times when other resources may not be available. In 2014, the program served 246 in the Kings Local School District by placing a bag of weekend food discreetly in their backpacks on Friday mornings.



# Safety and Security

*The safety and security of our staff and students is our #1 priority.*



## BULLYING PREVENTION

The district uses a 24-hour anonymous bullying reporting system through our partnership with Public School Works. We have utilized Public School Works since 2007, which provides online and telephone systems for reporting bullying and other parent/student concerns, with built-in communication tools that immediately notify school administrators, as well as tracks and manages each report until the issue is resolved.



The program is linked to our website in our Quick Links section under "Report Bullying."



## School Access Protocol

At the Kings Local School District, we strive to make sure that our schools are safe, caring, healthy, and an inclusive place in which to learn and to work. Fire drills, visitor badges/sign in, and other safety and security protocols and practices are important components of our commitment to maintaining a safe and secure school environment. We require any building visitor to show a photo ID to enter our school building.



## A.L.I.C.E.

The Warren County Sheriff's Department has conducted ALICE training for school district staff. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. Our district has three certified ALICE trainers and our staff has participated in two training protocols and one Live Shooter Training, and we will continue to train new employees. ALICE focuses on teaching critical thinking and proactive survival skills in active shooter scenarios.



As a part of our safety and security initiatives, Kings Local Schools has added BEAR-ACADE door control systems in all of our classrooms. The device fits on the classroom door and prevents the door from opening in the event of an intruder/lockdown situation.





## DISTRICT VISION

To become a top 10 school district in the State of Ohio in a fiscally responsible manner as measured by:

- ACT Scores
- Performance Index

## Staff Leadership

- 21 Nationally Board Certified teachers on staff.
- 71.8% of teachers have a Master's Degree.
- 100% core academic subject elementary and secondary classes taught by properly certified teachers.

Weekly Early Release time is used for professional development for our staff to strengthen teaching strategies.

Our Kings Kids Preschool offers half day pre-school classes for students with special needs and typically developing children, ages 3-5, with all day childcare as an option.

The district offers before and after school programs (350 children enrolled). They also offer a Summer Camp Program (180 children enrolled).



## Stay in Touch with Kings Schools



Visit our website at [www.kingslocal.net](http://www.kingslocal.net)



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Download our Mobile App from the App Store or Google Play

Kings administered 280 FREE Flu vaccinations to our students in partnership with Health Heroes.



# Our Schools

## Administrative Offices

Kings Local School District

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Treasurer: Shaun Bevan

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513-398-8050 ext.2

Principal: Doug Leist



### Kings Junior High School

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Kings Mills, Ohio 45034

513-398-8050 ext. 3

Principal: Nicole Huelsman



### Columbia Intermediate School

8263 Columbia Road

Kings Mills, Ohio 45034

513-398-8050 ext. 5

Principal: Shelley Detmer-Bogaert



### J.F. Burns Elementary School

8471 Columbia Road

Kings Mills, Ohio 45034

513-398-8050 ext.4

Principal: Cheryl Montag



### Kings Mills Elementary School

1780 King Avenue

Kings Mills, Ohio 45034

513-398-8050 ext.7

Principal: Shawn Rosekrans



### South Lebanon Elementary School

50 Ridgeview Lane

Maineville, Ohio 45039

513-398-8050 ext.6

Principal: David Winebrenner



### Kings Kids Preschool

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