



Kings Local School District



QUALITY PROFILE



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1797 King Ave.

Kings Mills, Ohio 45034

2023

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



It is with great pleasure that we celebrate the work of our staff, the successes of our students, and the continued support of our community. We are humbled every day by the support of this community and amazed by all of the work our students and staff do every day.

A primary focus in the Kings Local School District is to grow our students academically. Our staff works tirelessly to challenge our students, and we are proud to acknowledge the many academic accomplishments of our students. Their hard work and dedication to learning have led to positive results, making us proud to be a part of such a talented and driven school community.

In addition, our athletic program has also seen tremendous success by breaking records and winning countless championships and awards. We are grateful for the support of our parents and community members, who have helped to create a positive and competitive environment for our students.

Our fine arts programs have also received recognition and awards at the regional and state level, showcasing the talent and creativity of our students. We want to extend our gratitude to those who have supported our programs and helped to foster a love of the arts in our students.

As we look to the future, we are committed to implementing strategic initiatives that will build upon our successes and ensure that our students are equipped for the future. The KingsStrong Culture Blueprint is at the forefront of our plans, promoting a culture of continuous growth and development for our students.

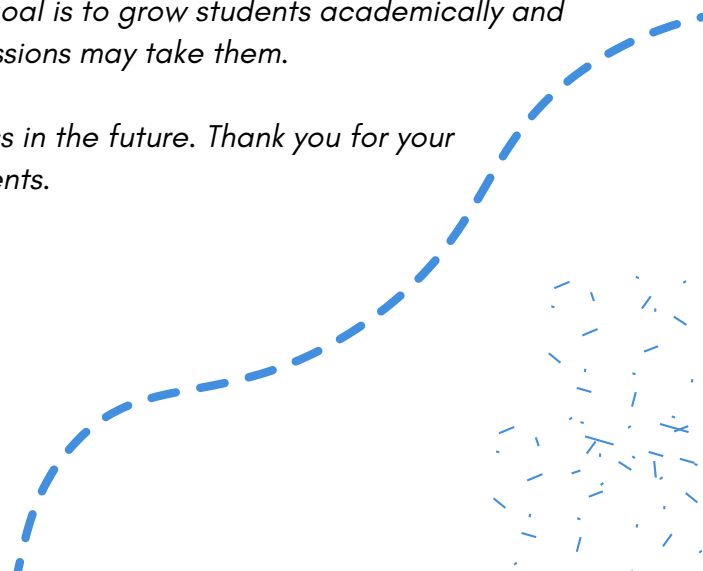
Furthermore, our focus on the "Power 5 Future Skills" of Communication, Collaboration, Problem Solving, Critical Thinking, and Career Readiness will equip our students with the tools they need to succeed in the 21st century.

We are also committed to personalizing the learning experience for our students. By offering experiential learning, internships, job shadowing, and innovative classroom lessons, we are providing them with the tools they need to succeed and thrive. Our goal is to grow students academically and prepare students for their future, no matter where their passions may take them.

We are confident that we will continue to see great success in the future. Thank you for your commitment to the Kings Local School District and its students.

Sincerely,

Greg Sears
Superintendent





**5-STAR
AWARD WINNER!**

Ohio | Department of Education
Department of Job and Family Services



Our Schools

Located in Warren County, Ohio, the Kings Local School District serves approximately 4,900 students pre-K through 12th grade.



Kings High School
5500 Columbia Road
Kings Mills, OH 45034
513-398-8050, ext. 2
Principal: Doug Leist



J.F. Burns Elementary School
8471 Columbia Road
Kings Mills, OH 45034
513-398-8050, ext. 4
Principal: Cheryl Montag



Kings Junior High School
5630 Columbia Road
Kings Mills, OH 45034
513-398-8050, ext. 3
Principal: Eric Dunn



Kings Mills Elementary School
1780 King Avenue
Kings Mills, OH 45034
513-398-8050, ext. 7
Principal: Shawn Rosekrans



Columbia Intermediate School
8263 Columbia Road
Kings Mills, OH 45034
513-398-8050, ext. 5
Principal: Shelley Detmer-Bogaert



South Lebanon Elementary School
50 Ridgeview Lane
Maineville, OH 45039
513-398-8050, ext. 6
Principal: Belinda Atkins



Kings Early Childhood Center
1797 King Avenue
Kings Mills, OH 45034
513-398-8050, ext. 10040
Principal: Mary Beth Fosse



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ACADEMICS | PERFORMANCE



NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

One of the most prestigious academic honors earned by a high school senior is that of National Merit Scholar. For the 2022-2023 school year, Kings Local Schools has three National Merit Finalists (top 1% nationwide) and four Commended Scholars (top 3-4% nationwide). These academically talented Knights were recognized for the high scores earned on the PSAT, taken in their junior year.



**356 Graduates
KHS Class of 2022**

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS



- Ranked #43 out of 607 public districts in Ohio
- Ranked the 10th best school district in the Cincinnati Area



- Kings High School ranked #53 in Ohio and #13 in the Cincy Metro Area - US News & World Report



- KHS Average ACT score: 22.8
- Ohio Average ACT score: 19.6
- National Average ACT score: 19.8



- 22 Advanced Placement courses offered
- 37 Honors Courses offered



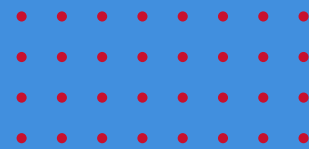
- KHS receives the 2022 College Success Award for the 4th time

- 120 KHS graduates earned the State of Ohio Honors Diploma
- Over \$4 million in grants and scholarships accepted by KHS seniors in 2022
- 88% of KHS students pursue higher education
- 60% of Class of 2022 earned either Summa, Magna or Cum Laude honors
- KHS Senior Sam Webster scored a perfect score on the ACT and the AP Computer Science Exam.





ACADEMICS | PERFORMANCE



The Ohio Department of Education State Report Card collects data from state-mandated testing that Ohio students complete in the Spring of each year.

The State Report Card contains demographic details and results of state tests. While test results are important, those results do not fully depict what distinguishes this district as one of the highest-performing districts in the State of Ohio. However, we are still proud to have received 22 out of a possible 25 stars on the 2021-2022 report card, which ranks Kings in the top 10 in Southwest Ohio. The District also received a 5-star rating in achievement, gap closing, and early literacy. Only 92 districts in the state received a 5-star rating in achievement. The average achievement rating for districts across the state is 3.48 stars.

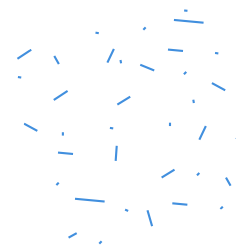
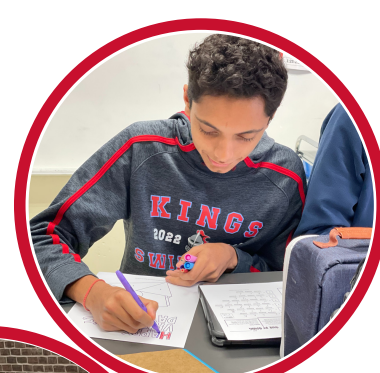
Additionally, the Performance Index represents whether student performance on state tests met established thresholds and how well students performed on tests overall, according to the Ohio Department of Education. This is based on state tests for third grade through high school. The score of 97.7% places Kings #77 out of 607 districts in Ohio. The average Performance Index in Ohio is 79.3.



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

As we know, not all students want to go to college. However, we must help prepare all students for the outside world, regardless of their interests. Workforce Development classes at Kings High School aim to provide students with skills and knowledge related to the workforce, career readiness, and professional development. In addition to classroom instruction, workforce development classes include experiential learning opportunities like job shadowing, internships, or work-based learning projects.

Overall, workforce development classes aim to help students build the skills and knowledge needed to succeed and pursue their career goals.

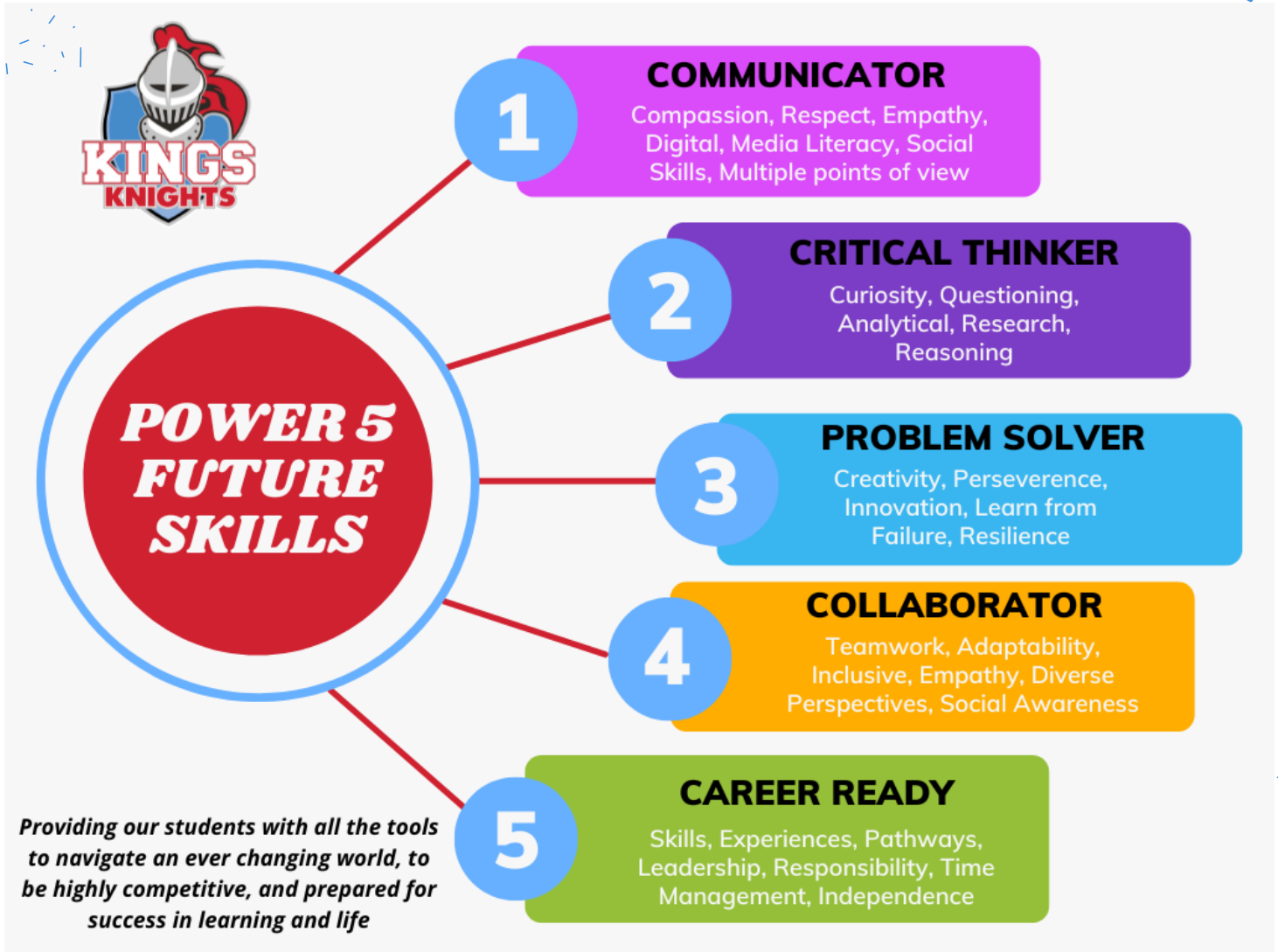




SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS POWER 5 FUTURE SKILLS



The Power 5 Future Skills Strategy and Action Plan provides our Kings students with all the tools to navigate an ever-changing world and to be highly competitive and prepared for success beyond the walls of our school district. Those skills are critical thinking, collaboration, communication, problem solving and career, college, and life readiness.





SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS TEACHING & LEARNING



SPECIAL EDUCATION

- 53 Intervention Specialists serve nearly 700 students with Special Education services.
- Regional Autism Advisory Council provided professional development for our School Resource Officers, Safety and Security teams, and paraprofessionals, centered around supporting students who have significant communication, behavior, and sensory challenges.
- Kings offers a Social Learning room at the Kings Early Childhood Center which focuses on providing an environment that is designed to support student's social and emotional needs while working on early learning standards and individualized educational goals.



385

students identified
as English
Language Learners

49

languages spoken

51

students have
earned the Ohio
Seal of Biliteracy

26.7%

of students
identified as Gifted

829

students qualify for
Free and Reduced
Meals

2,375

meals served daily

2

College Credit Plus
classes offered on-
site at KHS

GIFTED

- 1,257 students in grades 2-high school are identified as Gifted in at least one area: superior cognitive ability, reading, math, or creative thinking.
- We serve gifted math students in grades 4-8 and students identified with superior cognitive ability in grades 5 and 6.



SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

At Kings Local Schools, we are committed to supporting our students with a whole-child approach, which broadens the focus beyond academics to include students' social-emotional and mental health, physical, and safety needs. Our school counselors and building therapists help students form healthy goals, mindsets, and behaviors. Meeting these needs is foundational for students to fully engage in learning and school.

Mental Health Supports

- Tier I
 - The Character Effect (K-6)
 - Signs of Suicide (7-8)
 - Adapt for Life (7-12)
- Tier II - Prevention, psychoeducational, social skills, and grief groups. (School counselors, Talbert House, Companions on a Journey, Fernside)
 - MindPeace Room - an educational environment where students are equipped with de-escalation techniques and evidence-based strategies for self-regulating.
- Tier III
 - In partnership with Beech Acres, Beyond the Classroom is Kings' mental health program for school-based therapy, behavioral health support, medication management, kinship connections, and family peer support.



The MindPeace Room at CIS



FINANCE



Kings Local strives to spend money efficiently while focusing on our student's achievement. We consistently spend less per student than the average district in Ohio! Most of our money is spent where it should be; classroom instruction. The image below comes from our school year 2021-2022 District Report Card.

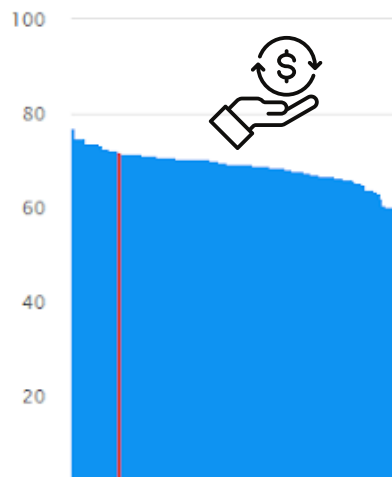
The district has two major goals involving finances in the next year. Find cost-saving measures while ensuring that our spending aligns with our Power 5 Future Skills, and challenge aspects of the state funding formula. Kings receives the lowest amount of funding per student from the State of Ohio in Warren County. Community involvement in the two initiatives will be vital to our success. More information will be provided in future editions of the Knight Nation News and during monthly Board of Education Meetings.

What percent of funds are spent on classroom instruction?

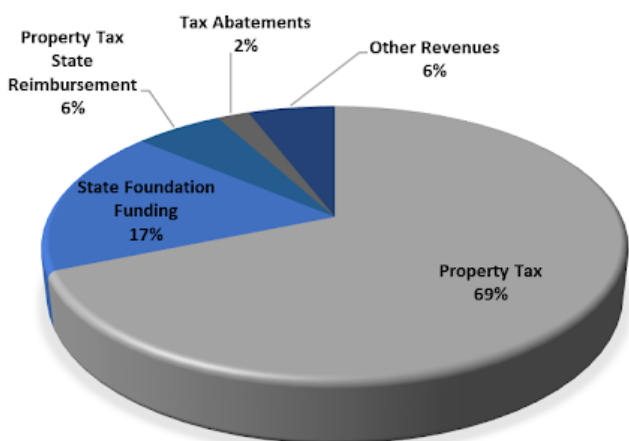
72.1%

How does this district rank in comparison to other districts of similar size?

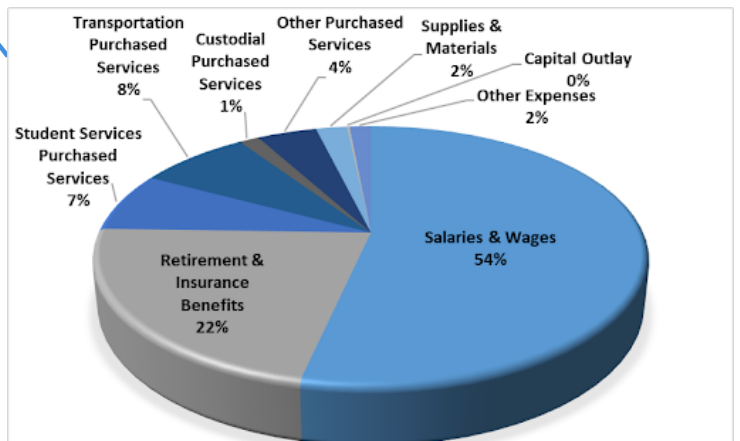
16 out of 107



The Kings Treasurer's Office received the Auditor of State Award from Ohio Auditor of State, Keith Faber for excellence in financial reporting as well as the award for Highest Achievement in Open and Transparent Government during our most recent audit.



REVENUE FISCAL YEAR 2022



EXPENSES FISCAL YEAR 2022



THE ARTS & STUDENT LIFE



63

% of students participating in school-sponsored activities (grades 9-12)



32

% of students participating in band, choir, or orchestra (grades 4-12)



74

% of students participating in athletics (grades 7-12)



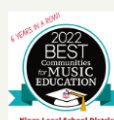
100

% of elementary students participating in art, music & PE



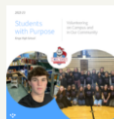
6

years in a row that the Kings Local School District has been named A Best Community for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants



17.9K

hours community service hours performed over the last year by our Kings students



843

students grade 9-12 have volunteered this year



276

students are members of either National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, and National Art Honor Society



KHS BPA

Sixteen members of the KHS Business Professionals of America (BPA) qualified for Nationals and twenty-six members qualified for State.



KHS MOCK TRIAL

Both KHS Mock Trial Teams qualified for the Regional competition for the first time in school history.



KINGS MARCHING BAND

Marching Band competed in OMEA, BOA, and MidStates events. They earned several awards throughout the year, most notably, they were the 2022 MSBA Class AAAA Champions. Kings also won best Color Guard, Percussion, General Effect, Visual, and Music with their show entitled "The Forbidden Forest."



KINGS SYMPHONIC BAND

Symphonic Band performed at the Ohio Music Educators Association State Conference. The band was one of only three high school bands selected to perform.



KINGS CHAMBER CHOIR

The Choir was invited to represent Cincinnati, Ohio at the opening Welcome Concert for the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) National Conference where two of the members were selected among only 20 high school singers to perform in ACDA Honor Choirs.

KINGS THEATRE

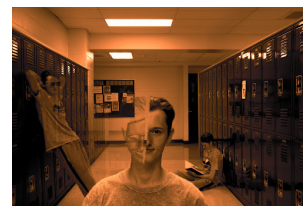
The KHS and KJH Theatre Department's season lineup featured students in grades 7-12.

- *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*
- *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*
- *The Music Man*



SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING

In this year's Scholastic Art and Writing Competition, Kings High School students received eight Gold Keys, eight Silver Keys, and twenty-two Honorable Mentions. The Gold Key winners advanced to the National level.



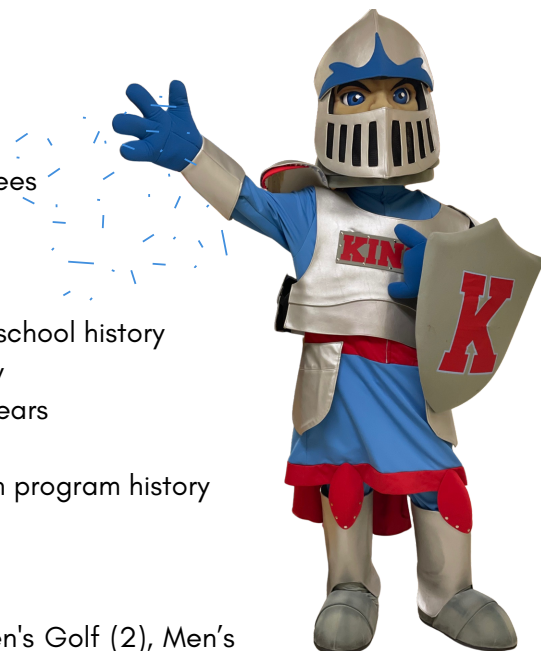
Pictured is the Gold Key work of Brennan Abbott entitled *Me & Myself in School*.



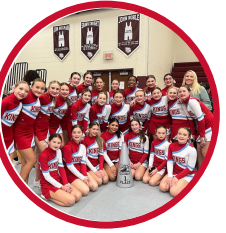
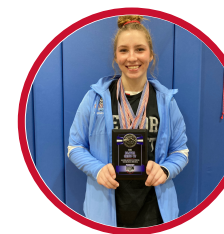
ATHLETICS

KINGS ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS

- 406 Fall & 249 Winter High School Student-Athletes
- 216 Fall & 162 Winter Junior High Student-Athletes
- 41 Fall and 44 Winter All-Eastern Cincinnati Conference Honorees
- 127 Fall and 81 Winter All-Academic Eastern Cincinnati Conference Honorees
- 2 ECC Team Champions - Volleyball & Boys Basketball
- 3 ECC Team Runner-Up - Football, Dance & Girls Basketball
- Varsity Football OHSAA Final 4 for the 1st time in school history
- Kings Volleyball Team advanced to the D1 District Finals for the 1st time in school history
- Men's Soccer advanced to the District Semifinals for the 2nd year in a row
- Kings Varsity Cheerleading qualified for Nationals for the first time in 20 years
- Kings Dance Team qualified for Nationals for the 2nd year in a row
- Kings Women's Basketball Team were Regional Runner up for the 1st time in program history
- Women's Bowling District Team Qualifier
- 4 ECC Athletes of the Year Honorees
- 1 ECC Coaches of the Year - Volleyball
- 29 OHSAA District/Regional Individual Qualifiers in Cross Country (1), Men's Golf (2), Men's Bowling (2), Gymnastics (7) & Swimming (17)
- 18 Individual State Qualifiers - Men's Golf (1), Gymnastics (1), Indoor Track (5) & Swimming (11)
- 12 Student-Athletes Signed to play collegiately with more commits expected this spring



Kings Mascot
Mr. Knight





STAFF



STAFF BY THE NUMBERS

- 305 Teachers
- 49 Teachers with Bachelor's Degrees
- 43 Teachers with Bachelor plus 150 hours
- 119 Teachers with Master's Degrees
- 103 Teachers with Masters plus 20 hours

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM

The Kings professional development team is a group of Kings teaching and administrative staff that work together to support the ongoing learning and growth of Kings teaching staff. The team works closely with the administrative team to create and implement professional development that is aligned with the KingsStrong Culture Blueprint. They collaborate with the Kings teaching staff to identify areas of need and develop professional development to meet the need. Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, the planning has been taken over by teachers.



PROJECT EXCELLENCE

For the past thirty-five years, the Warren County's Area Progress Council has recognized and honored excellent teachers within the public schools in Warren County. Each year, two Kings teachers are selected based on nominations received. Last year's recipients are Brooke Warner and Mary Reece.

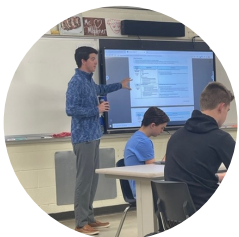
SUPERINTENDENT TO WATCH

Greg Sears has been recognized as a recipient of the 2022 Superintendents to Watch award by the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA). Sears also received the 2022 Gems of Excellence in Education Award from the Mason Deerfield Chamber.



BEST TEACHERS IN OHIO

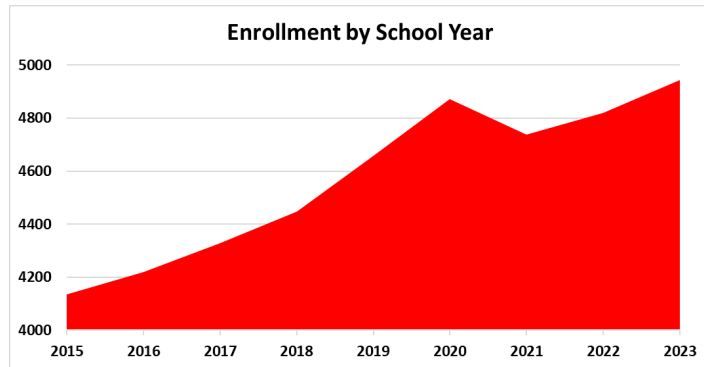
Kings teaching staff is ranked #82 out of 607 school districts in Ohio making Kings teachers the top 13% in the State!





FACILITIES | SECURITY

Enrollment growth has increased, which has forced the District to be creative in creating classroom space to accommodate that growth. Modular classrooms are already being utilized at J.F. Burns Elementary. Specifically, there has been a significant increase in students since 2018.



TRANSPORTATION

The current contract with Petermann ends in June of 2023. We solicited quotes from different transportation companies and received three bids. First Student, Petermann, and UTS all presented packets. Petermann continues to be the best fit for us financially. We continue to recruit new quality drivers to fortify our team.

- 65% of our students ride the bus to school each day
- Busing Costs 75K per route plus fuel



FACILITY UPDATES

Last summer, a new Chiller was installed at KJH, and SLE will receive a new one this Spring. We had to add three small group spaces in the CIS Library to accommodate for our growth in enrollment and the needs of our students and staff.

- Land Acquisition - We purchased 30 acres from Kings Island on the South side of our HS and JH campus next to the Bus garage to grow our current footprint.



SAFETY & SECURITY

We strive to make sure that our schools are safe, caring, healthy, and inclusive places in which to learn and work. This year, in partnership with the Warren County Sheriff's Office and Deerfield Township, we added two additional School Resource Officers bringing our total to four. In addition, two campus security officers were hired to assist our SRO on the high school/junior high campus. 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.



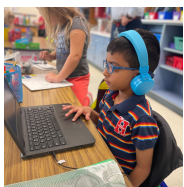
If you **see** something,
say something

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
Call local authorities
or 9-1-1 in case of emergency

Our students and schools must be safe at all times. This means ensuring the physical safety of our children by maintaining high-quality facilities and grounds. It also means teaching our students proper behaviors with our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Program. Our goal is to teach our students to be respectful, responsible, safe, and problem solvers. Students are also reminded that if you "See Something, Say Something." Additionally, the district uses a 24-hour anonymous bullying reporting system.



TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION



Students in grades 5-12 have their own district-provided Chromebook. In grades K-4, we have Chromebooks on carts available to those students. Each building has interactive whiteboards or tv panels to enhance teaching. Additionally, K-5 classrooms are equipped with enhanced sound. When students can hear better, they learn better. ESSER funds allowed the District to purchase laptops for every teacher.

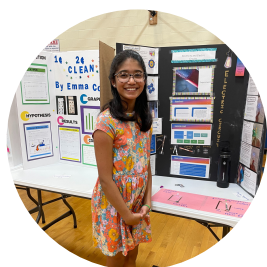
ESPORTS

Three years ago, Kings started an ESports Team. Esports are competitive video games that can be played individually or as a team. Students challenge other schools within the Eastern Cincinnati Conference. The Kings Esports teams have been successful in qualifying for semi-state and went to the Final Four in 2021.



ENGINEERING & STEAM

The Engineering Program at Kings High School gives students an opportunity to earn college credit through the University of Cincinnati. The Engineering classes immerse students in a Challenge Based Learning environment that requires them to use teamwork, investigation, research, laboratory experiments, Solid Edge, MATLAB, Python, LabView, Excel, mathematics, and physics to solve difficult problems. Upon completion of the three engineering courses, students will have developed a robust portfolio of projects to list on their resumes.



Our elementary and intermediate students are introduced to STEAM-related activities and challenges. At Columbia Intermediate, all students rotate through a STEAM-based class that teaches problem-solving and collaborative learning skills surrounding Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics. This year, all three elementary schools held a STEAM Showcase.

EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Kings High School and Kings Junior High School have partnered with Sinclair Community College, the University of Cincinnati, and the Warren County Career Center to offer technology programs such as Information Technology, Digital Design Technology, Business Technology, and Digital Media Arts. Many of these courses can prepare students to earn an associate's degree that will help them to begin a career or complete a bachelor's degree. This arrangement is known as an articulation agreement which allows students to earn college credit while in high school if the student completes the course requirements.

We also partner with the Warren County Career Center to provide on-site satellite programs through Project Lead the Way. Some of the courses offered are:

- Medical Detectives
- Design & Modeling
- Automation & Robotics
- Green Architecture
- Biomedical Science
- Human Body Systems
- Medical Interventions





COMMUNITY



The District couldn't be successful without the Kings Community's support and our community partnerships



Two of our elementary schools have been Purple Star Designation by the Ohio Department of Education. The Purple Star Award for military-friendly schools recognizes schools that show a major commitment to students and families connected to our nation's military. J.F. Burns Elementary School has been designated since 2018 and South Lebanon Elementary was designated in 2020.



Kings Local has many community partnerships. Neighborhood Bridges is a program that bridges our community with our schools to provide basic needs and remove barriers so that our students can engage and succeed in school and life.



Joshua's Place supports the Kings District in many ways. Through the partnership, JP provides over 250 weekend meals for our students with food insecurity. They also support the District with tutoring and reading support, as well.



Kings UKnights is a 501(c)3 organization that provides holiday gifts for students and families in the Kings community who are in need. Over 300 children receive gifts every year.



The Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) Program helps provide positive male role models for the students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important. Meanwhile, we provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security, reduce bullying and provide a greater sense of campus safety, allowing students and teachers to focus on learning and instruction.



All of our school buildings invite our Veterans for special programs and meals on Veterans Day.



Kings Early Childhood Center is a 5-Star Step Up to Quality rated program, which is the highest rating offered by the Ohio Department of Education. They offer early childhood and special education services for over 200 children ages 3-5.



In December 2021, the District held its first Teaching and Learning Council Meeting. This is a group of parents and administrators from every building who meet 5-6 times yearly. The council's primary goal is to support the ongoing improvement of the district's educational programs, including student achievement, instruction, and programming. The council will provide insight and feedback into procedures, systems, and programs, ensuring Kings' educational programming is the result of a continuous process of planning, implementation, and review.



As a graduation requirement, Kings High School seniors must complete 50 hours of community service. Each year, the senior class participate in the Senior Day of Service, an annual tradition that teaches the value of giving back and connects students with nonprofit agencies around Greater Cincinnati. In this past year alone, Kings High School students have volunteered over 20,000 hours.



SCHOOL BOARD

School board members are ordinary people who have an extraordinary dedication to our public schools. Many thanks to our Kings Local Schools Board of Education members who volunteer their time to make sure our students receive an outstanding education.



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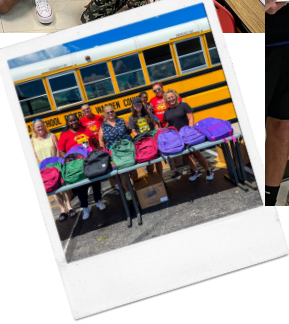
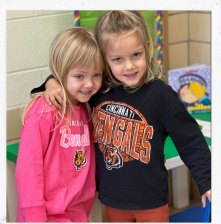
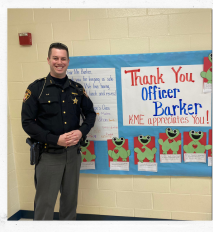
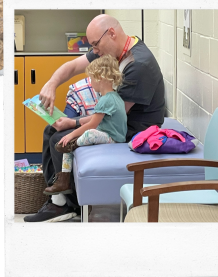
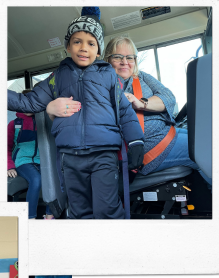
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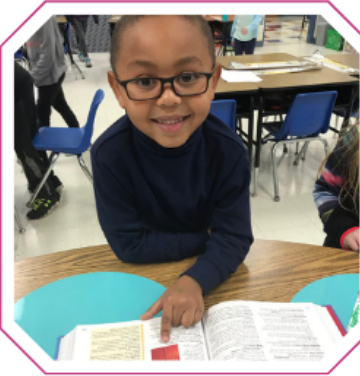
OUR KNIGHTS



KINGS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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A great place to live, learn, work, and grow!



*Student-focused • rigorous high school courses • award-winning fine arts •
Ohio Blue Ribbon Schools • Ohio Schools to Watch • A Best Community for Music
Education strong • Athletic Programs • Ohio Purple Star Schools •
preschool & childcare programs • supportive community •
consistently ranked as a top school district in Ohio by U.S. News & World Report*

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