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Quality Profile

2017-2018

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From the Desk of the Superintendent.....

The Western Brown Local Schools Quality Profile provides a look at some of the things that make our schools a great place to learn and grow. We are excited to highlight our academic and extracurricular opportunities. The accomplishments of our students are supported and guided by a quality staff of over 300 teaching, support, administrative, and classified staff members. In addition to our staff, our schools have the support of the Hamersville and Mt. Orab communities.

Our Mission Statement here at Western Brown Local Schools is simple:

Learn With Passion,
Act with Courage,
Change the World.

These are the expectations and the hopes that we have for our students. This is not only the mission for our students while they attend Western Brown Local Schools, but we hope this mission follows them into the workforce and throughout life.

Guiding our mission are beliefs that, as a district, we feel are key to the continued development of our school community.

- We believe in high expectations for teachers, students, and administrators and we strive to meet them.
- We believe that all students and educators should be treated with respect and dignity, and treat others the same way.
- We believe that every student is entitled to a quality education.
- We believe that the love of learning is fostered in a positive, supportive, safe and caring environment.
- We believe that it is important to recognize and utilize the strengths and talents of each person.
- We believe that a successful education is the shared responsibility of all stakeholders.
- We believe that learning has value and must be ongoing.

Our mission and beliefs will continue to guide us as we enter the 2018-2019 school year. We are proud to share the highlights of our past and excited for the future!

Sincerely,

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Class of 2018

Graduation Highlights

237
Graduates

2.9
Average
GPA

17 Honors
Diplomas

6 Graduates
with 4.0 GPA
or Higher

46
Scholarship
Winners

11 Graduates
enlisted in the
Military

158 Graduates
took classes to
earn college credit

District Overview

**3,100
Students in
the District**

**89.7%
Graduation
Rate**

**2 Elementary Schools
2 Middle Schools
1 High School**

**95.3%
Student
Attendance
Rate**

**Bus Service
Available for
Every Grade
Level**

Western Brown High School

Western Brown is a big, busy place that affords students a number of opportunities to explore their interests in academic courses and extra-curricular activities that help students prepare for life outside of high school.

- ◆ **DECA** - A student based organization designed to prepare students for careers in Marketing, Management and Entrepreneurship. Have competed last 15 years at the International Level.
- ◆ **FFA**—Agricultural Science program with 84 active AET student accounts and 1 teacher. Students develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.
- ◆ **JROTC**—Army—Provides a quality citizenship, character and leadership development program, while fostering partnerships with communities and educational institutions. Bronco Air Rifle Team and Bronco Raider Team. (No JROTC cadet is under any obligation to join the military.)
- ◆ **FCCLA**—Family & Consumer Science class covers food safety, cooking methods, family, children, textiles, career investigation, teamwork, peer pressure, decision-making, finance and MORE!. Many past winners at the Power of One Competitions.
- ◆ **Honors Courses**—Designed to academically challenge students who plan to continue their education. Nineteen offered across all four core curriculums.
- ◆ **Western Brown United**—Sponsors activities that promote cultural awareness, sensitivity, and diversity for the Student Body.
- ◆ **Engineering**—Satellite classes from the Career and Technical Center.
Robotics Club
- ◆ **BioMed**—STEM curriculum sponsored by Project Lead the Way. Classes for students who wish to pursue a career in the medical field.
- ◆ **College Credit Plus**—College Credit classes available without leaving the high school campus, 49+ total hours and continuing to add.
- ◆ **Band**—Marching Band and Concert Band.
Color Guard & Winter Guard
- ◆ **Choir**—Mens & Womens Chorus, Chorale, Two student led Acapella Groups. Various trips and competitions throughout the year.

Western Brown High School Continued. . .

- ♦ **Theatre**—Theatre Department performs two productions per year. Last year’s performance of “Shrek the Musical” had a cast and crew of 80 students and their first sold out show. Theatre Essentials Class offered as an elective.
- ♦ **Visual Arts**—Students create a variety of original works of art using different media in many of the artistic disciplines for future studies. Drawing, Printmaking, Ceramics, Sculpture, Painting, and more.
- ♦ **Environmental Science Club**—Meets after school once per month. Guest speakers come in to discuss environmental topics that student members are interested in learning more about. Several trips throughout the year to local points of interest.
- ♦ **Athletics**
 - Bowling (Boys/Girls)**
 - Football**
 - Tennis (Boys/Girls)**
 - Baseball**
 - Softball**
 - Basketball (Boys/Girls)**
 - Volleyball**
 - Golf (Boys/Girls)**
 - Wrestling**
 - Soccer (Boys/Girls)**
 - Cross Country (Boys/Girls)**
 - Track (Boys/Girls)**
 - Cheer**—Basketball & Football Cheer Squads also attend local competitions.
- ♦ **Academic Team**
- ♦ **National Honor Society**
- ♦ **Spanish Club**—Activities throughout the year.
- ♦ **Mock Trial**—Recent State Qualifiers!
- ♦ **Student Council**
- ♦ **Book Club**
- ♦ **Yearbook Committee**
- ♦ **New clubs form every year based on student interest. In past years there have been Pathfinder RPG Club, YuGiOh Club, etc.**

Mt. Orab Middle School

- ◆ **Chromebooks—Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, all 5th graders will participate in the 1:1 Chromebook program. Chromebooks will be given to each incoming 5th grade class. By the 2021-2022 school year, all students in grades 5th-8th will participate in the 1:1 Chromebook program.**
- ◆ **Athletics— 7th & 8th Grade**
Volleyball, Football, Girls and Boys Cross Country, Girls and Boys Basketball, Wrestling, Girls and Boys Track, Cheerleading
- ◆ **Academic Team—7th & 8th Grade**
- ◆ **Band— 6th, 7th & 8th grade band, Marching Band participates with High School.**
- ◆ **Choir—Separate Choirs for 6th, 7th and 8th grades.**
- ◆ **Physical Education Classes**
- ◆ **Art**
- ◆ **General Music**
- ◆ **Drama Club for 7th & 8th Grade presents a show each year.**
- ◆ **Book Club for each grade level held once a month during the school day.**
- ◆ **Technology for 7th & 8th grade students has a focus on Careers.**
- ◆ **Forty Eight students qualified to take Algebra for high school credit in the 8th grade.**
- ◆ **Junior National Honor Society**
- ◆ **Student Council**
- ◆ **Won the Momentum Award from the Ohio State Board of Education for exceeding expectations in student growth on the Ohio School Report Cards.**

Hamersville Elementary and Middle School

Middle School

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- ♦ **Academic Team—7th & 8th Grade**
- ♦ **Band— 6th, 7th & 8th grade band, Marching Band participates with High School.**
- ♦ **Choir— 7th and 8th grades.**
- ♦ **Physical Education Classes**
- ♦ **Art**
- ♦ **General Music**
- ♦ **Drama Club for 7th & 8th Grade presents a show each year.**
- ♦ **Technology for 7th & 8th grade students has a focus on Careers.**
- ♦ **Twenty-one students qualified to take Algebra for high school credit in the 8th grade.**
- ♦ **Junior National Honor Society**
- ♦ **Student Council—raised funds to put “Buddy Benches” on the Elementary playground.**

Hamersville Elementary and Middle School

Elementary School

- ◆ **Art Classes**
- ◆ **General Music**
- ◆ **Physical Education Classes**
- ◆ **Monthly Focus on 40 Developmental Assets.**
- ◆ **On Campus Resource Officer**
- ◆ **PreSchool and Head Start Units**
- ◆ **School Nurse on Staff**
- ◆ **Guidance Counselor on Staff**
- ◆ **Kindergarten Camp**
- ◆ **Nutrition Activities for 2nd Grade**
- ◆ **Fall Festival**
- ◆ **Backpack Fridays, food distributed to any students who sign-up.**
- ◆ **Twitter Page**
- ◆ **Character Camp**
- ◆ **Schoolwide Title I Intervention Services**
- ◆ **Ohio Ready School**

Mt. Orab Elementary School

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- ♦ **Physical Education Classes**
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- ♦ **PreSchool and Head Start Units**
- ♦ **School Nurse on Staff**
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- ♦ **Kindergarten Camp**
- ♦ **Nutrition Activities for 2nd Grade**
- ♦ **Yearly theme-based activities**
- ♦ **Weekly food distribution for students in need.**
- ♦ **Facebook Page**
- ♦ **Brown County Soil and Water Education Program**
- ♦ **Active Student Council**
- ♦ **Family Fun Night**
- ♦ **MOE Carnival**
- ♦ **Kindness Club for 3rd and 4th Grade Students**
- ♦ **Peer Connectors**
- ♦ **FCCLA Lunch Buddies**

Student Services

Students in the Western Brown Local School District benefit from the wealth of experience offered through the district's psychologists, counselors, speech pathologists and health care professional, some of which are listed below.

- ◆ **Gifted Program**—All Students are assessed in kindergarten and again in second grade. Those with a superior cognitive score are given the opportunity to enroll in our “Challenge” program which services students in third through sixth grades. Students are bused to the Southern Hills CTC one day a week to participate in an all day program, per grade level, where they learn Chinese along with creative writing and thinking and other STEM related curriculum. There were 30 students enrolled in this program last year.
- ◆ **Exceptional Students**—We provide a continuum of services for students ages 3 through 21 identified as disabled under the Individuals with Disabilities Act. The Western Brown Local Schools Special Education Department oversees a wide-range of additional support services based on the student's need.
- ◆ **Pre-School**—The pre-school program at Western Brown received the 5-Star Award for meeting the quality standards established by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and the Ohio Department of Education. We also house separate Head Start programs in our elementary buildings.
- ◆ **Personal Care**—Each of our school buildings partner with local clubs or people in the community with the goal of helping our students in need get the things required to help them focus on learning. Mt. Orab Elementary partners with a local church to provide “Power Packs” of food on Fridays, The Western Brown High School has a “Bronco Closet” where students can get clothing or school supplies.
- ◆ **School Based Health**—The HealthSource Western Brown School-Based Health Center (SBHC) is a partnership between WB School District and Healthsource of Ohio. Created to provide health care for the children in the district as well as school faculty. The center's location in the school itself allows for easy access.
- ◆ **Mental Health Services**—Talbert House Project HOPE, offers brief assessments and prevention services for students. There is no cost for participation and confidentiality regarding your child's involvement in this supportive program shall be maintained. Students will not be evaluated without written parent permission.
- ◆ **Dental Care**—Dental technicians with the Mobil Dentist come to the Mt. Orab Elementary and Middle Schools to do cleanings and sealants for students.
- ◆ **Support for Homeless and Foster**—Homeless families and students are a great concern for the Western Brown Community. WB tries to make sure that we aid families as best we can. Jina Bohl, Assistant Superintendent, is our School Districts Homeless and Foster Care Liason.

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