



2015-16 RESULTS



**Talawanda School District**

Oxford, Ohio 45056

**Mission**

Talawanda EMPOWERS Every Learner Every Day!

**Vision**

Talawanda will be a collaborative, flexible, inviting community where innovation guides learning inside and outside of the school walls.



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

Talawanda is a high performing district:

- The Talawanda High School Class of 2015 had 252 members. 43 graduated with highest honors, 14 with high honors, 16 with honors, and 68 HONORS diplomas were distributed.
- Talawanda had 2 finalists and 2 commended students in 2015 for the Annual National Merit Scholarship Program.
- SAT for this past year – Reading: 578, Math: 595, Writing: 563
- ACT for 2014 – Composite: 22.6.
- World languages offered – Spanish and French.
- Talawanda High School offers 19 honors courses in Art, English, World Language, Math, Science, and Social Studies.
- Talawanda offers 7 Advanced Placement courses in Biology, World History, English Literature, English Composition, Chemistry II, Government/Politics, and Calculus.
- Talawanda has class sizes on average of 20 students and small group instruction of 1-8 students.



*Participation in performing and visual arts inspires students' creativity, problem-solving and critical thinking skills.*

Talawanda has many opportunities in the area of Fine Arts:

- Talawanda High School offers marching band, jazz band, steel drum band, and orchestra. Talawanda Middle School also offers band and orchestra.
- Talawanda High School offers multiple voice/choir opportunities including a chamber choir, and the acapella group Fermata Nowhere. Talawanda Middle School offers chorus.
- Talawanda High School offers interesting art opportunities like ceramics, jewelry making, drawing/painting, and theater.



## COMMITMENT TO IMPROVEMENT

*Processes and programs are continuously evaluated to ensure effectiveness and efficiency.*

Talawanda surveys student, staff, and parents regularly to assess the effectiveness of TSD programs:

- Talawanda annually conducts a parent satisfaction survey by building.
- The Superintendent hosts both a Student Advisory, Parent Focus Group, and the Community Advisory Group.
- Talawanda conducts a teacher satisfaction survey every three years.
- Talawanda is planning a New Family Ambassador Program to be unveiled in 2016.



## DIGITAL LEARNING

*Technology is essential to enhance teaching and learning and to give students a competitive edge in a global market.*

Talawanda has a strong commitment to increasing the use of technology, technological tools, and integrating 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning skills:

- Talawanda recently reorganized the district technology department, aligned technology and curriculum, and employs a technology/curriculum integration coordinator to assist teachers with classroom technology integration.
- Talawanda High School launched a 1:1 device program for all students in 2014 and 2015.
- Talawanda High School and Talawanda Middle School offer courses in digital media and engineering technology.
- Teachers are using Smartboards, Chromebooks, and iPads everyday in the classroom.
- K-5 STEM Instructor



## **FISCAL STEWARDSHIP**

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

Talawanda won the Auditor of State Award for 2015:

- 2015 Cost per pupil: \$11,865.00/per student
- Cost spent on instruction: \$7,209.00/per student
- Talawanda has very low administrative costs as compared to other districts in Butler County.
- Talawanda is constructing a new elementary school without a tax increase to the taxpayers. The funding is in the form of \$11 million that is a portion of TSD's 24% match from the Ohio Facilities Commission for their progress towards the completion of the Master Facilities Plan. <http://www.talawanda.org/facilities/master-facilities-plan>.



## **PARENT & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

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

Talawanda utilizes partnerships to enhance educational opportunities:

- Talawanda-Miami Partnership, which has been in place for the past 13 years.
- The Coalition for a Healthy Community/TSD Health Coordinating Council
- TSD Community Focus Groups
- Athletic/Band Boosters/Parent Teacher Groups



## **STAFF LEADERSHIP**

*Student growth and achievement are facilitated by high-quality staff members.*

Talawanda promotes/encourages staff to participate in district decisions in all programs.

- The District Leadership Team
- Talawanda Strategic Planning Committee
- Curriculum Council
- TSD Technology Committee
- NEW Talawanda Community Advisory Committee



## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

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

Talawanda offers a wide variety of curricular/extracurricular/and athletic opportunities:

- Number of athletic teams: 24
- Activities/clubs: 30 at THS
- Participation rate (9-12<sup>th</sup> grade students): over 450 students participate each year.



## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

*Students' experiences are enhanced by serving their school and community.*

Talawanda encourages students to participate in leadership activities:

- Ohio Boys & Girls State - 4 students each year
- The Rotary Youth Leadership Conference - 2 students selected
- Kiwanis - Key Leader Conference - 2 students selected
- THS Model United Nations Competition Team
- Student Government



## STUDENT SERVICES

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

Talawanda is committed to providing education based on the needs of each individual child:

- Students identified as gifted – 22%
- Students with disabilities – 10%
- Students identified as economically disadvantaged – 34%
- Talawanda offers many intervention services designed to help students with individual needs.
- Talawanda now hosts an “alternative school” .



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**Talawanda School District Directory**

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<b>Bogan Elementary</b>	<b>513-273-3400</b>
<b>Kramer Elementary</b>	<b>513-273-3500</b>
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