



Continental Local Schools

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Community/Charter Schools vs Continental...No Comparison

With all of the talk coming from Columbus about how great community and charter schools are, I thought it would be interesting to take a look at what their report cards look like compared to our own. All of the praise from the leadership in Columbus in regards to community/charter

schools has led to millions of dollars being diverted away from public schools and into these alternatives. If you look at the comparisons below, it is pretty easy to see that there really is no comparison.

School	Performance Indicators Met (of 24)	Performance Index	Gap Closing Measure	Value-Added Gifted	Value-Added Students w/Disabilities	Value-Added Lowest 20% in Achievement	Value-Added Overall Letter Grade	4-Graduation Rate	5-Year Graduation Rate
Continental HS	A 100.0%	B 86.8%	A 100.0%	C	NR	NR	C	B 89.5%	A 100.0%
ECOT	F 12.5%	D 68.1%	F 0.0%	NR	F	F	F	F 35.3%	F 37.8%
Virtual Community	F 8.3%	D 66.9%	F 7.6%	NR	C	D	F	F 21.5%	F 23.0%
Virtual Schoolhouse	F 0.0%	F 42.0%	F 0.0%	NR	D	C	F	F 34.4%	F 36.3%
Ohio Virtual Academy	F 45.8%	C 73.0%	F 27.0%	NR	F	D	F	F 41.6%	F 38.6%
Buckeye Online School for Success	F 41.7%	C 71.1%	F 22.0%	NR	C	C	F	F 43.7%	F 45.2%
West Central Learning Academy	NR	C 73.4%	F 0.0%	NR	NR	NR	NR	F 39.0%	F 49.2%

Happenings around Continental Local Schools

10/2 2-hour Early Dismissal

10/4 ASVAB Test – Juniors

10/9 ACT Test Prep

10/9 3rd Grade Achievement Test

10/10 Elem Field Trip – Fire Station

10/11 PLAN Test – Sophomores

10/12 JH Dance (6-8 pm)

10/15 Putnam Co Leadership Day

10/16 PSAT – Juniors

10/18 Vision Screening – Grades: K, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 9th

10/18 Scoliosis Screening – 6th, 7th & 8th Graders

10/25 End of 1st Quarter

10/28 Quarter Break – No School

10/29 Picture Retakes

Visiting Colleges

10/8 Lourdes University 9:05 am

10/10 Instit. of Ther. Mass. 12:45 pm

10/14 Owens Comm. Coll. 10:41 am

Reminder: There is a two-hour early dismissal for a teacher in-service on Wednesday, October 2nd

myCollegeOptions®

Each year, students in Grades 8-11 complete a survey from **myCollegeOptions** in order to get them to start thinking about their futures. These students would now be in Grades 9-12. The chart at the far right shows where our students results stand compared to others in the state and nation.

STUDENTS' INTEREST IN STEM CAREERS

Career Clusters

STEM	33.9%
Engineering	20.5%
Science	8.8%
Technology	6.4%
Mathematics	1.8%

Top Ten Career/Major Interests

Engineering (Mechanical)	14.0%
Nursing/Health Care	11.1%
Criminal Justice/Law Enfor	9.4%
Art	8.2%
Sports Management	8.2%
Medical Physician	6.4%
Psychology/Psychiatry	6.4%
Teaching/Education	6.4%
Physical Therapy	6.4%
Medical Technology	5.8%



See how your district compares to your state and the nation

Career Clusters	District	State	National
STEM	33.9%	27.2%	25.5%
Engineering	20.5%	14.0%	12.4%
Science	8.8%	8.1%	8.6%
Technology	6.4%	7.4%	6.6%
Mathematics	1.8%	1.9%	1.7%

High School Courses	District	State	National
General College Prep	86.0%	67.3%	61.8%
College-Credit Courses	31.7%	21.7%	20.2%
Vocational	17.7%	10.4%	8.8%
Advanced Placement	11.6%	19.5%	22.3%
Other Advanced	10.4%	18.5%	16.7%
Honors Programs	8.5%	30.2%	29.3%
Gifted/Accelerated	8.5%	14.4%	11.0%
Int'l Baccalaureate	1.2%	2.0%	2.6%

WHAT ARE THEIR FUTURE PLANS AND NEEDS?

Future Planning Needs

College/Career Information	62.4%
Financial Aid/Student Loans	57.6%
Study Skills	39.4%
Test Prep	24.8%
Tutoring	18.8%
Mentoring/Motivational	10.9%

Military Plans

No military interest	65.2%
Military Academy/Clg.	12.8%
Other military plans	10.4%
Military Reserves	10.4%
Enlist after high school	10.4%
National Guard	9.8%
College-Based ROTC	6.1%



WHAT CLASSES ARE THEY TAKING AND WHO ARE THEY?

First Generation Status

Not First Generation	63.3%
First Generation	36.7%

High School Courses Taken

General College Prep	86.0%
College-Credit Courses	31.7%
Vocational	17.7%
Advanced Placement	11.6%
Other Advanced	10.4%
Honors Programs	8.5%
Gifted/Accelerated	8.5%
Int'l Baccalaureate	1.2%



Career/Major Interests	District	State	National
Engineering (Mechanical)	14.0%	6.8%	5.9%
Nursing/Health Care	11.1%	10.8%	10.6%
Criminal Justice/Law Enfor	9.4%	6.7%	6.6%
Art	8.2%	7.5%	6.9%
Sports Management	8.2%	4.5%	3.9%
Medical Physician	6.4%	9.8%	9.3%
Psychology/Psychiatry	6.4%	5.0%	4.7%
Teaching/Education	6.4%	4.9%	4.0%
Physical Therapy	6.4%	4.3%	2.9%
Medical Technology	5.8%	2.8%	2.1%

First Generation Status	District	State	National
Not First Generation	63.3%	69.9%	67.9%
First Generation	36.7%	30.1%	32.1%

Future Planning Needs	District	State	National
College/Career Information	62.4%	72.1%	72.2%
Financial Aid/Student Loans	57.6%	46.5%	46.5%
Study Skills	39.4%	37.4%	37.6%
Test Prep	24.8%	31.8%	32.6%
Tutoring	18.8%	18.6%	23.0%
Mentoring/Motivational	10.9%	12.7%	15.3%

WHAT ARE THEIR IDEAL COLLEGE CHARACTERISTICS?

College Environment Preference

Moderate	65.5%
Liberal	23.4%
Conservative	11.1%

College Type Preference

State College/Univ.	91.8%
Private College/Univ.	41.5%
Community/Junior Clg.	39.8%
Vocational/Technical	21.6%

College Size

Medium (2,001 to 10,000 students)	73.3%
Large (over 10,000 students)	39.0%
Small (under 3,000 students)	33.6%



College Environment	District	State	National
Moderate	65.5%	65.6%	68.8%
Liberal	23.4%	22.2%	18.7%
Conservative	11.1%	12.2%	12.5%

Military Plans	District	State	National
No military interest	65.2%	73.9%	73.1%
Military Academy/Clg.	12.8%	8.6%	9.7%
Other military plans	10.4%	7.8%	7.7%
Military Reserves	10.4%	6.9%	6.3%
Enlist after high school	10.4%	6.6%	6.3%
National Guard	9.8%	6.9%	7.1%
College-Based ROTC	6.1%	6.3%	6.9%

College Type Preferences	District	State	National
State College/Univ.	91.8%	85.9%	85.8%
Private College/Univ.	41.5%	35.6%	30.3%
Community/Junior Clg.	39.8%	14.3%	13.2%
Vocational/Technical	21.6%	15.2%	12.4%

News From the Elementary

Third Grade Reading Achievement Test

Students in Grade 3 will be taking the 3rd Grade Reading Achievement Assessment on Wednesday, October 9th. Students have two chances to pass this test; once in the fall and once in the Spring. Please avoid scheduling any appointments for that morning. We have high expectations that our 3rd grade students will pass this reading test. Listed below are some suggestions to help your child get the best score possible.

- Speak positively about the test.
- Offer encouragement to your child to put forth their best effort on the test.
- Be sure your child has enough rest.
- Provide a good balanced breakfast.
- Avoid making appointments on the testing date.
- Do an enjoyable activity with your child the night before the test.

Third Grade Reading Guarantee

Students in Grades K-3 have been assessed using the Dibels Next Reading Literacy assessment or the STAR Early Literacy assessment. Parents were notified if their child was below grade level on these assessments. These students will receive an extra 30 minutes of reading instruction daily to help them improve their Reading skills. The goal is to make sure that students are reading at grade level by the end of the third grade. Ohio's Third Grade Guarantee ensures that every struggling reader gets the support he or she needs to be able to learn and achieve.

If you are interested in learning more about the Third Grade Guarantee, you can find it at <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Early-Learning/Third-Grade-Reading-Guarantee>.

Please take the time to read with your child daily to help them keep improving their Reading skills.

Coats for Kids Collection

The Early Childhood Collaborative will collect coats starting October 21st to November 1st at Continental Elementary School. They will be collecting gently used or new winter coats for children in need. Coats will be distributed to Putnam County children in need through the Thrift Store in Ottawa beginning November 4th.



Reminder: Parents of Pirates meet the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the elementary library.

Family Skate Night, Sunday, October 13th from 2-5 pm at Grove Skateland