



Continental Local Schools



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Baughman Garners STEM Grant

Elementary teacher Mrs. Sarah Baughman applied for a STEM grant last spring. With help from Beth Hench of the Putnam County ESC in completing the grant application, Baughman was awarded a grant from Dominion K-12 Educational Partnership in the amount of \$7,500.

The awards are to encourage the development of new programs that will strengthen science and math skills. Funds for this grant will be used for the development of environmental and energy lessons.

Congratulations to Mrs. Baughman!

Schools See Changes in Emergency Drill Requirements

This past March, lawmakers in Ohio changed the requirements for school safety drills with the passage of House Bill 178.

Under previous law, schools were required to conduct nine rapid dismissal drills (fire drills) and they were to be done on a monthly basis. Now, schools must conduct six rapid dismissals during the school year.

In previous years, schools were also only required to conduct one school safety drill (although we conducted more). Now schools are required to conduct three such drills. This could be evacuations or lockdowns, and one of those scenarios must be a lockdown.

Overall, schools are still required to conduct drills on a monthly basis. Now though, schools have the discretion to choose between fire and safety drills – so long as they work with local law enforcement on these. Tornado drills are still required in the months of April and May.

Substitute Teachers Needed

Continental School, along with the other county schools, are in need of individuals interested in being substitute teachers.

Individuals interested in being subs must possess a Bachelor's Degree. It does not have to be in education. Applicants must also complete a license application through the Ohio Department of Education, complete fingerprinting for Ohio and Federal background checks. Subs in our district must also be approved by the Putnam County ESC. If you are interested, please contact Karen Calvelage at the Putnam County ESC at 419-523-5951, extension 3001.

Enrollment and Staffing History

Year	Total # Students	Total # Staff
2002-2003	733	105
2003-2004	645	90
2004-2005	616	76
2005-2006	630	71
2006-2007	630	71
2007-2008	598	71
2008-2009	557	70
2009-2010	524	71
2010-2011	474	70
2011-2012	464	66
2012-2013	506	66
2013-2014	478	66
2014-2015	471	66
2015-2016	478	64

Happenings Around Continental Local Schools

9/6 Band to Ottoville Park Festival

9/10 Pictures – Grades 4-6 & Preschool

9/22 Seniors to College Fair @ Def. College

9/7 No School – Labor Day

9/13 Band to Kalida Pioneer Parade

9/25 1st Quarter Midterm

9/8 JH Fundraiser Begins

9/17 JH Fundraiser Ends

Jostens Orders Due During Lunch

9/9 Pictures – Grades K-3 & Preschool

Jostens Meetings w/Freshmen & Seniors

9/28 2-hr delay – Teacher In-service

9/18 Pictures – Grades 7-12

Graduation Requirements for Class of 2018 and Beyond

In a continually changing global economy, colleges and businesses expect more knowledge and skills from Ohio graduates. To match these high expectations, Continental High School is making sure that your son or daughter leaves high school ready to succeed.

Ohio's graduation requirements for the classes of 2018 and beyond offer several ways to earn a high school diploma in Ohio. The class of 2018 are those students who entered ninth grade in the 2014-2015 school year.

There are two components of graduation requirements: credits and assessments.

The credit component requires all students to successfully complete a minimum of 20 high school credits. Our school district requires one additional credit for a total of 21 credits. Additionally, your son or daughter must receive instruction in two areas – fine arts and economics and financial literacy. These credit requirements have not changed from the class of 2014.

The assessment component provides your son or daughter three ways to be eligible for a high school

diploma. He or she must minimally meet one of the three options to earn a diploma in Ohio.

Earn a cumulative score of 18 points, using seven end-of-course state tests over four years of high school (these are not optional), **or**

Earn 12 points by attaining an industry-recognized credential or group of credentials in a single career field and a workforce readiness score on WorkKeys, a nationally recognized job skills assessment, **or**

Earn scores in English language arts and mathematics on a national college admissions test or tests that indicate the student can do college-level work without needing to take remedial classes.

The assessment component provides more flexibility than in previous years to reach graduation. Your family can find more information about graduation requirements by meeting with our school counselor, Mrs. McIntyre and online at education.ohio.gov; enter *Graduation Requirements* in the search box.

School Bus Law Reminders

Since school is back in session, we thought now would be a good time to remind drivers about the laws regarding school buses on the roads.

When you encounter a bus on a two-lane road, all traffic must stop for a school bus no matter what direction it's traveling if the bus has its flashing red lights on. Remember that the yellow light coming on means drivers should be slowing down as the bus is preparing to stop. All traffic is required to stop at least 10 feet from the bus in both directions.

It may seem like it takes a long time for a bus to resume. According to Ohio law, the bus driver must wait until students are a safe distance away from the bus before proceeding.

Violators of school bus stop laws may receive a \$500 fine and could have their driver's license suspended for no longer than listed in Ohio Revised Code Section 4510.02, which describes the lengths and classes of suspensions. Those who violate school bus traffic laws also can't plead guilty on site, but must attend a court hearing in person.