



# Continental Local Schools



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## District Finally Receives Report Card for 2014-15

### DISTRICT GRADE

**Coming in 2018**

### DISTRICT DETAILS

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### Financial Data

These measures answer several questions about spending and performance. How much is spent on Classroom instruction? How much, on average, is spent on each student? What is the source of the revenue? How do these measures compare to other districts and schools?

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### Achievement

This grade combines two results for students who took the state tests. The first result answers the question – How many students passed the state test? The second result answers the question – How well did students do on the state test?

#### Performance Index

81.6%..... **B**

#### Indicators Met

93.9%..... **A**

[2015 Modified Achievement Measure](#)

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### Progress

This is your district's average progress for its students in math and reading, grades 4-8. It looks at how much each student learns in a year. Did the students get a year's worth of growth? Did they get more? Did they get less?

#### Value-Added

Overall..... **A**

Gifted..... **C**

Lowest 20% in Achievement..... **NR**

Students with Disabilities..... **F**

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### Gap Closing

This grade shows how well all students are doing in your district in reading, math, and graduation. It answers the question – Is every student succeeding, regardless of income, race, ethnicity, or disability?

#### Annual Measurable Objectives

88.7%..... **B**

[2015 AMO Download File](#)

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### Graduation Rate

This grade answers the question – How many ninth graders graduate in four years or five years?

#### Graduation Rates

100.0% of students graduated in 4 years..... **A**

97.4% of students graduated in 5 years..... **A**

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### K-3 Literacy

This grade answers the question – Are more students learning to read in kindergarten through third grade?

#### K-3 Literacy Improvement

69.0%..... **B**

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### Prepared for Success

This grade answers the question – Are students who graduate from your district ready for college or a career? There are many ways to show that graduates are prepared.

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## Happenings Around Continental Local Schools

- 3/2 Blood Drive
- Quiz Bowl @ Ottoville
- 3/6 All County Arts Festival @ Columbus Grove
- Elem Mother/Son Bowling @ Defiance Rec Ctr 1-4 pm
- 3/7-3/11 Elem Book Fair; Family Night 3/10 3:30-6:30 pm
- 3/8 Juniors to NWSCC College Fair
- 3/9 Spring Pictures – JH/HS
- Quiz Bowl @ Columbus Grove
- 3/10 Quiz Bowl Tournament @ ESC 9 am
- 3/11 1<sup>st</sup> Grade FT to Valentine Theatre in Toledo
- HS Band Concert @ 7 pm

- 3/13 Elem Show Choir @ Toledo Walleye Game
- 3/14 Winter Sports Banquet @ 6:30 pm
- OGT Testing Re-Takes
- 3/15 JH Quiz Bowl @ Van Wert
- College Credit Plus Meeting @ 6 pm, Media Center
- 3/16 NHS Induction Ceremony @ 1 pm
- Spring Sports Pictures @ 3 pm
- 3/18 JH Quiz Bowl Tournament @ ESC
- 3/25-3/28 No School – Easter Break
- 3/30 Spanish Club FT to Flamenco Ballet in Ft Wayne
- 3/31 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade FT to Science Central

# COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS+

Parents and students in grades 7-12 who wish to learn more about Ohio's College Credit Plus Program for 2016-17 are invited to attend an informational meeting in the high school media center on March 15 at 6 pm. Mrs. McIntyre and representatives from several local colleges whom we have agreements with will be here to explain how to earn college and high school credits at the same time while taking college courses through local colleges or universities.

Students are required to attend this meeting, and to give official notification of their intent to take college credit plus courses to the guidance office by April 1<sup>st</sup>, even if they took college credit courses during the current school year. Students who fail to meet this deadline may be denied this opportunity or seek appeal from the high school principal. Students must attend one of these meetings in order to take college courses next school year.

Change your  
**CLOCKS** and

smoke alarm  
**BATTERIES!**

A friendly reminder from  
**Safe Kids**  
USA

Spring Forward!  
March 13th

## Weekend Food Program Available to Eligible Students

The "Packs for Pirates" Weekend Bounty committee will be piloting a non-perishable food backpack program during the months of April and May. The program is a partnership between the "Packs for Pirates" backpack program, their sponsors, and the students of Continental Elementary grades K-6. The organization will provide a bag of non-perishable food for students in need. At this time, the "Packs for Pirates" committee is looking for sponsors to make a monetary donation to go toward food items. Please contact Diane Ordway at 419-596-2613 or Anita Elkins at 419-596-3860 if you have any questions regarding this program, or wish to make a donation.

## Charter Schools on a Different Playing Field

For the last decade, the legislature has approved the use of public tax dollars to fund schools that are privately run as businesses. They are better known as charter schools. In one recent year, our district had more than \$80,000 deducted and given to charter schools. Other schools are less fortunate and have much more money deducted for charter schools.

The problem is that charter schools do not operate under the same set of rules as public schools. Most notably, charter schools can use the money they are given in virtually any manner – from large paychecks for their owners/operators to running television commercials – all on the public's dollar.

Locally, our school board is made up of five individuals who have been elected by the community. Charter

schools are represented by individuals hand-picked by the private school operator.

Administrators and teachers have to be licensed by the state of Ohio to work in public schools – not the case for charter school leaders though. Heck, there are somewhere in the neighborhood of 150 laws charter schools don't have to follow that public schools do.

There are many school districts in Ohio who are currently invoicing the state for lost revenue that was deducted and given to charter schools. This is money that the public districts will never see, and was never approved by the taxpayers of our district to be used elsewhere. If you think this is unacceptable and want to do something about it, email your superintendent and request contact information for our local legislators.