# THREE RIVERS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT QUALITY PROFILE

2017

A successful school district places a high degree of importance on ensuring that all children have the opportunity to reach their full potential inside and outside of the classroom. This profile helps characterize the overall educational value of Three Rivers School District in areas that matter most in our schools and community.



### **ACADEMICS**

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

Outstanding Academics is what Three Rivers Elementary, Taylor Middle School, and Taylor High School strive to achieve.

- The Class of 2017 obtained just under \$2 million in college scholarships.
- 86 students took 167 advanced placement exams.
- In 2017 the preschool program was awarded the Ohio Department of Education's Step Up to Quality 5-Star Award.
- Three Rivers Elementary School and Taylor Middle School (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade) offer an APT program to all superior cognitive gifted students.
- Destination Imagination is an academic program that teaches students to use their problem-solving and creativity skills in a competitive environment. In 2017, the 6th grade engineering team qualified for Global Finals in Knoxville, Tennessee.
- In 2017, 14 advanced placement courses were offered at the high school level.
   Weighted GPA's are offered.
- Spanish and French are currently offered for high school credit.
- High school credits can begin to be earned in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Teaching Professions Academy, Honors Pre-Calculus, and Engineering are classes offered at Taylor High School for college credit. \*excludes on-campus college classes



### **ARTS**

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

Fine and performing arts are extremely successful in Three Rivers. Visual arts, instrumental music, vocal music, and theater arts are some of the most successful in the tristate area and beyond.

- Taylor High School's production of Sister Act garnered the drama department 17 CAPPIES nominations in 2017.
- Aryel Hawkins, senior drama member, won a Cappies for Best Actress in a Musical as well as a scholarship to the Lachey Arts Academy.
- All three of Taylor High Schools Choirs qualified for State competition in 2017.
- The Women's Chorus earned the top rating for the 3rd year in a row at State competition.
- The Men's Chorus and Senior Choir earned a 2 (the second highest rating) at the State competition.
- 3 Taylor High School singers were accepted into, and performed with, the Ohio Music Educator's Association's All State Choir in Cleveland, OH.
- Ben Wessel, freshman singer, advanced to the semi-final round of the Cincinnati Arts Association's Overture Awards.
- 19 Taylor Middle School singers performed with the Ohio Music Educator's Association's Junior High Honors Choir in 2017.
- Band (9-12) qualified for State competition in 2017 and received an Excellent (2) rating.
- In 2017, 8 students from the Taylor High School Band were selected to participate in the Xavier University Honor Band.
- 100% of our advanced placement art students scored a "3" or higher on the AP exam in 2017.
- Taylor hosted the 2nd annual Band Premiere, hosting 13 bands from Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio.
- In 2017, 5 freshmen students were recognized by the State (Ohio Art Education Association) as emerging artists. Their work was on display and the students were honored at State-level.
- Concert Band (grades 9-12) qualified for State competition in 2017 and received an Excellent (2) rating.

### **ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

 Pam Myers became the first Acclaim Hall of Fame member in 2017 for her experience on Broadway.



- 2001 Taylor High School graduate, Josh Hamilton, performed on stage at the Aronoff in Mama Mia in March of 2016.
- Alyssa Batsakis, a 2014 Taylor High School graduate, performed on stage with Emmy and Tony Award winning actress and singer, Kristin Chenoweth.
- Ryan Strochinsky, a 2012 Taylor High School graduate, was the University of Cincinnati DAAP fine art student of the year in 2016.
- Jessica Lawrence, a 2016 Taylor High School graduate, performed in a production of "Shrek" at Ball State University that was directed by Tony Award Winner and Broadway star, Sutton Foster.
- Taylor High School student, Eliana Batsakis, won a Silver Medal at the National Scholastic Art Awards for her painting, "Lion Fish with Fingerprint Coral" in 2016. This is the highest level of achievement for high school art students in the country.



# COMMITMENT TO IMPROVEMENT

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

- Building administration and teacher-leadership teams work diligently to ensure the best educational environment for our students is being provided.
- The District invested in an Instructional Specialist to continue to implement best practices in curriculum, instruction, and data assessment (NWEA's MAP).
- First Grade Teacher, Laura Graham, received the 2017 Excellence in Education Award from the Hamilton County Education Foundation.
- The District is hosting the 2017 High Aims Summer Institute to professionally develop over 500 of the region's educators. Three Rivers is one of twenty-five schools in the High Aims consortium; created to provide a network of leaders who inspire students and one another to be engaged, high performing learners.
- Three Rivers continues to strive to provide ample opportunities for students with special needs to succeed. In 2017, the District hosted the first track and field games for these students to experience a competitive and rewarding event.
- In 2017, Taylor Middle School hosted the You Be the Chemist Hamilton County Local Challenge for the third year in a row. The event brought in five surrounding middle schools from a variety of districts. Taylor Middle School student, Lee Garbor-Ford, earned the championship title, earning a place at the State competition.
- In the summer of 2017, Three Rivers Local School District was named a venue for the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual National Veterans Wheelchair Games.
- Three Rivers has a new website that reduced the cost by implementing ad-based pages. The website has been scanned for broken links and antiquated information to provide viewers with up-to-date and accurate information.
- A District App is now available to provide information to families and community members at the ease of their personal devices.





## DIGITAL LEARNING

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

Three Rivers Educational Campus gives the students an edge that most districts have not achieved. Wireless connectivity and digital devices have been a focus for the past couple of years.

- In 2017, Taylor Middle School (grades 5-7) piloted a 1:1 program using Chromebooks. This allowed every student in the program to have a device signed out to them 24 hours a day, for the remainder of the year.
- Taylor Middle School will implement a full 1:1 technology program for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Taylor High School will implement a full 1:1 technology program for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Advanced Placement students utilize iPad technology.
- ELA, social studies, math and science (5-12) utilize digital textbooks in all classes.
- Technology instruction is provided for all students in grades 1-6.
- Comprehensive high school technology classes are offered in the areas of engineering, coding, gaming, and graphic design.
- Virtual classes are available in order to provide students an alternative to traditional classroom instruction.



### FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

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

Three Rivers prides itself on being outstanding stewards of tax payer money.

- Three Rivers has not asked the community for additional operating dollars since 2005. In addition, the District was able to leverage over \$26 million from the State of Ohio to help fund, along with a bond issue, a \$63 million campus that allowed the District to close aging facilities that were a drain on financial resources.
- In April of 2017, Three Rivers Local School District received the Auditor of State Award following the State audit.





### PARENT & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Educational experiences are enhanced by partnerships between the School District and Community.

We are proud of important partnerships that exist in our community.

- Parents are encouraged to become involved through volunteer opportunities.
- The Taylor High School PTO and Three Rivers Elementary/Taylor Middle School PTO work tirelessly to provide opportunities for our staff and students throughout the year; including programs and activities that would not be available otherwise.
- The ACCLAIM Foundation and Yellow Jacket Foundation have been developed to support the fine and performing arts and the athletic programs.
- Kiwanis has been a community partner for decades.
- Individual booster groups continually strive to support many functions within Three Rivers
- Strong educational partnerships with Coca-Cola, LaRosa's, U.C. Health, Agrium, Taylor High School Alumni, local church representatives, Three Rivers Community Band, and more have been created to support the success of the students.
- In August, Three Rivers will kick off the 2017-2018 school year with a Ready Fest to bring students and their families to campus. This provides an opportunity to prepare students for a successful year of learning and parents with the resources they need to support their child's education. The event is funded by grants, donations, and community support.



### STAFF LEADERSHIP

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

You will find that the faculty in Three Rivers is second to none.

- Faculty and staff lead all of our student clubs and organizations.
- Teacher Leaders have become an integral part of the process to improve Three Rivers Schools in a variety of areas that support our students.
- On-going education and professional development opportunities are an integral part of our teachers' commitment to our students.





### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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

Three Rivers provides some of the best student activities for a district its size.

- At Taylor High School, there are 15 athletic opportunities provided to males and females.
- Three Rivers is proud to partner with the Three Rivers Community Athletic Association that provides outstanding opportunities to students in kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- The fine and performing arts programs in Three Rivers are incredibly successful. It supports three full drama programs, seven in-school instrumental ensembles, nine inschool vocal ensembles, and numerous visual arts opportunities; which include three advanced placement art classes, ceramics, digital art classes, and much more.
- Student involvement in clubs are encouraged National Honor Society, SWARM, Key Club, Philanthropy Club, Yearbook, Taylor News, Student Council, MathCounts Club, Recycling Club, Builders Club, Chess Club, Academic Team, and many more.



### STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Students' experiences are enhanced by serving their School and Community.

There are many leadership opportunities for students:

- Community service opportunities through National Honor Society, Key Club, Builders, Club, Athletic Teams, and Fine Arts are offered.
- Internships are available through the Business Program and Teaching Professions Academy.
- Student Council is active in grades 7-12.
- Character Education is important as it helps students strive to become valuable leaders by focusing on a variety of character qualities. A strong character education program (Character Council of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky) is implemented at Taylor Middle School and Three Rivers Elementary. Taylor High School is following the Be Bold program; focusing on topics including bullying, social media, identity, suicide prevention, vision, goals, respect, tolerance, leadership, stress management, substance abuse, and confidence.





### STUDENT SERVICES

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

Three Rivers is proud to support and provide an outstanding education to all students who attend our school. (Data from 2017)

- Students identified as gifted 17.5%
- Students with disabilities 16.9%
- Students identified as economically disadvantaged 37%
- At Three Rivers, staff continuously works hard to close the gap for students with special needs and families identified as being economically disadvantaged.
- Three Rivers employs an SRO (student resource officer), a Social Worker, and Psychologists that work together to encourage student attendance and achievement.

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