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Rittman Academy Annual Report 2018-19

Mission Statement

Our mission is to enhance and facilitate student learning by utilizing an educational model that combines state-of-the-art digital curriculum and instruction with access to local school resources to complement that instruction and prepare students to become life-long learners and productive citizens.

Our Program

The Rittman Academy was established in 2006 to meet the needs of students that “traditional school” was not working for. The Rittman Academy serves a student population of grades 9-12. Many of our students enter our school being considered “at risk”, due to be credit deficient based upon grade level/age.

Our students are on a 6 hour school day. Students are expected to be in our classrooms the entire 6 hours on any day school is in session. There are some options for credit flex hours. Those can account for seat time as well as academic credit. These must be arranged in advance and verified to relate back to academic goals and standards.

The curriculum is computer based and aligned to the standards set by the state of Ohio. The software is provided by Peak and is called FuelEd.

Our staff of highly qualified teachers work with our students on an individual basis to assist them in achieving academic success.

Board of Education

John Yannayon, Bd. President
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Partnerships

*Staffing and support is provided by the Tri-County Educational Service Center (ESC) located in Wooster, OH.

*Special services (testing) are provided by the Rittman Exempted Village School District.

*Food service (optional) is provided by the Rittman Exempted Village School District.
*Technology support comes from the Tri-County ESC and from the Rittman Exempted Village School District.
*The Rittman Academy is housed in Heritage Hall. This building was formerly Rittman High School.

Enrollment (Student Population 2018-19)

The Rittman Academy started the school in August of 2017 with 42 students. The student enrollment fluctuated throughout the school year and ended with 42 students in June of 2019.

Daily attendance average was 81.5%.

During the 2018-19 school year, 92% of the students were considered to be economically disadvantaged.

The student population consisted of 76% Caucasian students and 24% minority students for the 2018-19 school year.

During the 2018-19 school year, 23% of our students received special education services.

Twenty two students received their high school diploma from the Rittman Academy during the 2018-19 school year.

Academic Goals

Through the use of state-of-the-art on-line curriculum, our students will make academic progress. This will happen at their own pace with the assistance of our teaching staff. Ultimately, the goal is for all our students to earn a high school diploma. This might come directly through the Rittman Academy or by attending the Wayne County Schools Career Center and learning a trade.

In addition to making consistent and steady progress in coursework, students will learn discipline, social skills, responsibilities, etc. needed to become productive in the workplace. Through our staff, guest speakers, and in-services we will emphasize what is necessary for job readiness and employment.

Operations

The school was found to be financially stable. No findings came from the auditor against the Rittman Academy for the 2018-19 school year.

State Report Card

Districts and schools report information for the Ohio School Report Cards on specific marks of performance. Schools receive grades for up to six categories. For the 2018-19 school year the Rittman Academy Grades were:

High School Assessment Achievement Grade was a C. This represents student performance on state tests.

Performance Index (End of Course Testing) Indicators Met	56.2% Performance Index 100% Indicators Met
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Graduation Rate looks at the percent of students who earn a diploma in 4 years. (Entered 9th grade in the fall of 2014 and graduated by the summer of 2018. Even though the Rittman Academy had 22 graduates in the 2018-19 school year. The following were the graduation rate of the above said criteria. Component grade was an F.

4 year graduation rate-	60.7%
5 year graduation rate	26.1%

Gap Closing component show how well schools are meeting the performance expectations for the most vulnerable student in Language Arts, Math, and graduation. This was not measurable in resulted in a grade of an F.

Financial Condition

The Rittman Academy is in sound financial condition. For the 2018-19 school year:

Cash Balance beginning the fiscal year-	\$385,900.00
Operating Expenses over Receipts	<u>67,897.31</u>
Fund Balance	\$318,002.69

Statement From Sponsor

Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3314.03(D)(2) specifies that the sponsor of the school must “monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal performance and the organization and operation of the community school on at least an annual basis.”

In its evaluation of the school performance, the Ohio Department of Education’s Office of Ohio School Sponsorship assesses the performance of Rittman Academy on each of the required Ohio School Report Card indicators and on performance measures listed in the charter contract.

The Ohio Department of Education’s Office of Ohio School Sponsorship monitors the performance of the community schools through our attendance at the Rittman Academy board meetings, visits to the school, monthly review of financial reports and reviews of academic progress reports along with other reports related to the school’s performance.

The Ohio Department of Education’s Office of Ohio School Sponsorship was the sponsor for Rittman Academy during the 2017-2018 school year. The Rittman Academy was generally compliant with the laws, rules, and regulations governing Ohio community schools and we

continue to monitor compliance with laws, rules and regulations throughout the school year. Academically, Rittman Academy is progressing towards compliance in academics and we will continued to provide technical assistance and monitoring of school academics.

The Annual Report for Rittman Academy related to the performance of the school and all other schools sponsored by the Ohio Department of Education will be posted on our website www.education.ohio.gov, no later than November 30, 2019.

All Sponsors of community schools in Ohio are required to submit a written report of the evaluation results of the school's academic, financial, organization performance, and the school's legal compliance to the Ohio Department of Education and make the report available to parents of students enrolled in the community school.