

## RITTMAN ACADEMY

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## Rittman Academy Annual Report 2017-18

### 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. Our “Blended Learning” model states that of those 6 hours, our students must physically be in our classrooms a minimum of 4 hours. Any gap between the 6 hour school day and 4 hour on site requirement must be made up outside the school’s classroom and be documented time on curriculum.

The curriculum is computer based and aligned to the standards set by the state of Ohio. The software is provided by Pearson Publishing and is called Connexus. (Formerly GradPoint)

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

### 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 2017-18)**

The Rittman Academy started the school in August of 2017 with 40 students. The student enrollment fluctuated throughout the school year and ended with 37 students in June of 2018.

Daily attendance average was 76.4%

During the 2017-18 school year, 71% of the students were considered to be economically disadvantaged.

The student population consisted of 79% Caucasian students and 21% minority students for the 2017-18 school year.

During the 2017-18 school year, 24% of our students received special education services.

Twenty students received their high school diploma from the Rittman Academy during the 2017-18 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.

### **Sponsor Compliance Data**

The Ohio Department of Education, Office of School Sponsorship, is the sponsor of the Rittman Academy. As per Ohio Revised Code 3314.03 (D)(2) the sponsor must evaluate the academic and fiscal performance of our school.

The review from the Office of School Sponsorship for the 2017-18 school year showed the following:

Compliance with Laws- The Rittman Academy was found in compliance with 253 of the 258 items scored.

Operations- The school was found to be financially stable. No findings came from the auditor against the Rittman Academy for the 2017-18 school year.

### State Report Card

High School Assessment Achievement Grade is an F.

Performance Index (End of Course Testing)	35.4%
Indicators Met	50.0%

Graduation Rate Grade is an F.

4-year graduation rate-	21.7%
5-year graduation rate	40.0%

### Financial Condition

The Rittman Academy is in sound financial condition. For the 2017-18 school year:

Cash Balance beginning the fiscal year-	\$472,022.00
Operating Expenses over Receipts	<u>86,122.00</u>
Fund Balance	\$385,900.00

### BOARD MEMBERS

Butch Ullman  
Mike Wilkinson  
John Yannayon  
Sam Tomlinson  
Steve McCumber

## ASSOCIATES

Calvin Baird -	Head Teacher
Diane Shaum -	Admin. Assistant
Paula Peroli -	Intervention Specialist, English Teacher
Dave Warrick -	Math Teacher
Joe DeAngelis -	Science Teacher
Alex Williams -	General Teacher

## WEBSITE

<https://www.rittmanacademy.org>