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Rittman Academy Annual Report 2019-20

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
Steve McCumber
Mike Wilkinson
Orville "Butch" Ullman
Martha “Marty” Scaggs

School Leadership

Kent Smith, Director
Jacqueline Flaker, Assistant Director

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, 100 Saurer St., Rittman, OH 44270. (This building was formerly Rittman High School.)

Enrollment (Student Population 2019-2020)

The Rittman Academy started the school in August of 2019 with 39 students. The student enrollment fluctuated throughout the school year and ended with 38 students in June of 2020.

Daily attendance average was 86.5%

During the 2019-20 school year, 96% of the students were considered to be economically disadvantaged.

The student population consisted of 89% Caucasian students and 11% minority students for the 2019-20 school year.

During the 2019-20 school year, 17% of our students received special education services.

Eleven students received their high school diploma from the Rittman Academy during the 2019-20 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.

Financial Conditions & Operations

The Rittman Academy is in sound financial position. For the 2019-2020 fiscal year:

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| Beginning Cash Balance - | \$318,005 |
| Operating Expenses over | |
| Revenue | <u>(\$81,564)</u> |
| Ending Cash Balance | \$236,441 |

The most recent completed audit (for fiscal year ended June 30, 2019) provided a clean opinion with no comments in the report.

State Report Card

Ohio's ordered school-building closure and subsequent emergency legislation (House Bill 197 of the 133rd General Assembly) had a substantial impact on the state's accountability system and Ohio School Report Cards.

Dropout Prevention and Recovery Report Cards for the 2019-2020 school year have limited data due to the coronavirus pandemic and ordered school-building closure.

As a result, Rittman Academy will not have grades assigned or rankings issued for Achievement Component, Progress, and Gap Closing.

Graduation Rate looks at the percent of students who earn a diploma in 4 years. (Entered 9th grade in the fall of 2015 and graduated by the summer of 2019. Even though the Rittman Academy had 11 graduates in the 2019-20 school year. The following were the graduation rate of the above said criteria.

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| 4 year graduation rate- | 60.0% |
| 5 year graduation rate | 66.7% |

Statement From Sponsor

A message from the Ohio Department of Education, Office of Ohio School Sponsorship

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

All Ohio community school sponsors must evaluate each school and submit a written report of school academic, financial, organizational performance, and legal compliance to the Ohio Department of Education and make the report available to the parents of students enrolled in the community school.

The Ohio Department of Education, Office of Ohio School Sponsorship evaluates its sponsored schools on the performance of Ohio School Report Card indicators and on performance measures as listed in the school's community school Contract. It is noted that the Ohio School Report Card data is not available for this school year due to the Coronavirus State of Emergency Order as declared by Ohio's Governor, Mike Dewine.

The Office of Ohio School Sponsorship monitors the performance of its sponsored community schools through attendance at governing board meetings, on-site visits and through review of compliance assessments, monthly financial reports, and other reports related to the school's academic, financial and operational performance to ensure compliance with rule and law.