



Stow-Munroe Falls City School District

Quality Profile

*Providing Inspiration to Make
a Difference in the World*

Message from the Superintendent

The Stow-Munroe Falls City School District is more than ratings on a report card. Our district is full of hard working and talented students, teachers and staff who accomplish amazing things in and outside of the classroom every single day.

At SMFCSD, we believe in measuring each student for growth and learning improvement. All students learn differently and our teachers work to individualize instruction so that all students can learn and succeed.

We also believe in cultivating the whole child and supporting the social and emotional health of our students. Sometimes, this can be more important than academic health. If students are struggling emotionally, they will not be able to fully apply themselves academically.

At SMFCSD, we are fortunate to have a community that is supportive and involved in our schools. We also have a strong relationship with our unions and a student-centered Board of Education. All of these components are critical to the success of a school district.

We do have some challenging times ahead as we work to maintain our aging facilities. Thanks to the community's support of the Permanent Improvement levy, we are able to make critical updates to our buildings to keep them safe and enhance student learning environments.

I am pleased to present this Quality Profile as a representation of all of the programs, opportunities and successes of the Stow-Munroe Falls City School District.

Tom Bratten, *Superintendent*

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Mission

Our Mission is to provide a 21st-century education empowering each learner to be a self-motivated successful citizen in a global society.

Core Beliefs

- The purpose of schooling is to ensure that each child, regardless of background, learns to think, reason and use his or her mind well.
- The school district is organized to encourage children to use knowledge to solve problems rather than passively absorb knowledge to be used at some other time.
- District-level staff supports initiatives from the school buildings that are designed to produce better results for students.
- Teachers are viewed as leaders: their primary job is to engage students in significant activity that results in learning.
- One of the most critical jobs of the superintendent is to develop a vision of the future and to initiate action toward that vision.

Student Population Profile

Student Enrollment:

- Elementary Schools, K-4: **1,854**
- Intermediate School, 5-6: **807**
- Middle School, 7-8: **786**
- High School, 9-12: **1,817**
- Bulldog Online Academy: **46**
- Total Students: **5,310**

For the 2017-2018 school year, district enrollment has increased by more than **160 students**, or **3 percent**, from the 2016-2017 school year.

Graduation Rate (2016-2017)

- **96%** (four year)

District Employees

- Certified Teachers/Professionals: **379**
- Classified Staff: **239**
- Administrators: **28**
- Total Employees: **646**

Five-Year Strategic Plan

Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, the Stow-Munroe Falls City School District will be in the second year of its five-year strategic plan. Below are the overall goals of the plan. Many of the objectives under each goal area have already been accomplished or are in progress. To view the strategic plan in its entirety, visit www.smfschools.org and click on About SMFCSD under the District tab.

Goal 1: Academics

Provide all students rich, rigorous and aligned curriculum and assessments in all subjects and grade levels while promoting academic achievement for all students.

Goal 2: Continuous Improvement

Strengthen the district's mission through strategic planning, data analysis and professional development, thus building a culture based on high expectations, respect, accountability and excellence.

Goal 3: Human Resources

Recruit and retain high quality teachers and leaders. Provide all students and staff a safe atmosphere and quality facilities that will support success for all.

Goal 4: Finances

Explore traditional and alternative funding sources while ensuring efficient and effective use of those resources in order to maintain opportunities for educational success for all students.

Goal 5: Technology

Provide all staff and students with the technological infrastructure, tools and integration support needed to maximize potential in all aspects of district operations.

Goal 6: Public Relations

Positively communicate the value of the school district to residents of all ages through direct engagement and a variety of outlets, while also soliciting community feedback.



Stow-Munroe Falls High School Offerings

Stow-Munroe Falls High School offers more than 400 unique courses, ranging from standard core classes to electives and career-tech opportunities. All students have a free and aligned ACT experience with freshmen taking the pre-ACT, sophomores taking a practice ACT and juniors taking the state-funded ACT.

College Credit Plus

College Credit Plus allows students to earn both high school and college credit for FREE by taking courses from community colleges or universities. Students can choose to take College Credit Plus courses from any college that offers a course that would benefit their future.

Distance Learning Lab

Stow-Munroe Falls High School's distance learning lab is in collaboration with the University of Akron and allows students without an academic break in their day to stay at the high school while taking college classes.

Advanced Placement (AP)

The high school offers 23 AP classes, making it one of the most robust AP programs in the area. AP classes give students the opportunity to earn college credit during high school as long as they pass the AP exam at the end of the school year with a 3, 4, or 5. This saves students money and provides a rigorous college prep curriculum. The program continues to grow each year, with 409 students taking AP courses during the 2016-2017 school year. The number of tests taken was 795.

Available AP Courses:

- Art History
- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- Comparative Government and Politics
- Computer Science A
- English Language and Composition
- English Literature and Composition
- Environmental Science
- European History
- Human Geography
- Macroeconomics
- Microeconomics
- Physics I
- Physics II
- Psychology
- Spanish Language and Culture
- Statistics
- Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio
- Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio
- United States Government and Politics
- United States History

Academics

Six District Educational Compact

The Six District Educational Compact provides College Tech-Prep initiatives, services and resources to students in the Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Kent, Stow-Munroe Falls, Tallmadge and Woodridge School Districts. In addition to 25 courses, the Six District Educational Compact offers career assessment and development, internship opportunities, summer programs, services for students with disabilities and much more. Stow-Munroe Falls High School houses the Culinary Arts and Catering program, Engineering Academy, Aviation Academy, International Business/Marketing Institute and the Programming and Software Development program. High school students also have the ability to take Six District programs at the other five partner districts.

Bulldog Online Academy

The Stow-Munroe Falls City School District strives to provide a great learning environment for all of our students. Our online education program, the Bulldog Online Academy (BOA), is a flexible program that allows students to learn in many different ways. We are a 100% online program directly associated with Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools. Students are afforded all the services, opportunities and successes that all other Stow-Munroe Falls students have.

Silver-Rated High School

Stow-Munroe Falls High School received a Silver Rating from U.S. News & World Report



Gifted Services

The Stow-Munroe Falls City School District formally begins serving their gifted students who meet the criteria in fourth grade. The gifted curriculum is designed to enhance students' regular academic experiences as well as meet the specific social and emotional needs of gifted children.

Special Services

The Department of Special Services assists a wide-range of students, from English Language Learners to students with developmental disabilities who may need an IEP or other programming. They also assist with transition planning and support the Parent Mentor program.

Title I

Title I instruction is available in four of our elementary schools: Echo Hills, Highland, Indian Trail and Riverview. Title I English/Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics are provided in these buildings. Both Title I ELA and Mathematics are also provided at Lakeview Intermediate School.

Instructional Intervention in both ELA and Mathematics is provided at our non-Title I funded buildings: Fishcreek Elementary, Woodland Elementary and Kimpton Middle School.



Kimpton Middle School

Kimpton Middle School serves students in both grades 7 and 8. While academic offerings begin preparing students for the rigor of high school, a “school within a school” or family atmosphere is also established through the implementation of the teaming concept. Each grade level team consists of approximately 120-130 students and 5 to 6 teachers. Kimpton has 3 seventh grade teams and 3 eighth grade teams. At Kimpton, students encouraged to get involved in a variety of activities and athletic teams available to them. The more involved they are, the more successful they will be.

Athletic Offerings

- Basketball (boys & girls)
- Cross Country (boys & girls)
- Cheerleading
- Football
- Track (boys & girls)
- Lacrosse (boys & girls)
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

Music and Performing

Art Offerings

- Band (7th & 8th grade)
- Choir (7th & 8th grade)
- Jazz band
- Orchestra
- Drama club

Builder’s Club

Builder’s Club is a middle school chapter of the Kiwanis Club. It is an organization whose focus in community service and doing for others. This group meets after school, generally on a weekly basis, and has a faculty/adult advisor. All 7th and 8th grade students are welcome to join Builder’s Club.

Drama Club

The Kimpton Drama Club provides opportunities for students to develop and showcase their talents in the performing arts. The Spring Play is the highlight for this group, and it is usually performed in March. The annual play involves over 100 students, who get involved as both cast and crew members. The Drama Club meets regularly after school in preparation for the play. There is a faculty/adult advisor and a \$50 fee.

MathCounts

The National Society of Professional Engineers sponsors a MathCounts competition for both 7th and 8th grade students each year in Akron. Students who have an affinity for Math and are interested in additional challenges in this discipline, should consider this team. The team meets after school, generally on a weekly basis, to prepare for both the annual MathCounts competition and for the GCCTM (Greater Cleveland Council of Teachers of Mathematics) local contest. This team has a faculty/adult advisor.

Power of the Pen

Power of the Pen Ohio Interscholastic Writing League is an academic writing team consisting of six 7th graders and six 8th graders. Each

year the team competes in a local tournament where students are engaged in 3 rounds of writing with a variety of prompts. From this local tournament (January), students that qualify can eventually move on to a Regional Tournament (March) and eventually a State Tournament (May), where they compete against the best writers from across Ohio. This team meets after school, generally on a weekly basis, in order to practice for their competitions. This team has a faculty/adult advisor.

Reading and Writing Festival

The Reading and Writing Festival is a day filled with literacy-based activities. A highlight of the day is a guest teen author who speaks to and interacts with the students. This event is held at Kent State University. Any student who has read the seven Reading and Writing Festival Books (announced each year), is welcome to attend the festival. Kimpton’s media specialist organizes festival participation and activities, and several teachers attend and lead activities for students.

Spelling Bee

The Spelling Bee is sponsored by Scripps and NIE (Newspaper in Education) at the Akron Beacon Journal. This is a competition that is initially open to all interested students. As students compete, there is an opportunity for them to move on to larger competitions at the District, Regional, State, and National levels. This group begins to meet in October, and practices are once a week from 2:45 to 4:15 (dates and times are announced). There is a faculty/adult advisor.

Ski Club

Kimpton’s Ski Club is open to all students in the 7th and 8th grade. The club skis during the months of January and February, on Thursday evenings, from 4:00pm to 9:00pm at Brandywine Ski area. The fee for Ski Club is \$50, and there is a faculty/adult advisor.

STEM Club (Science Technology Engineering Math)

This club is intended for motivated, responsible students, who are seeking to learn and experience STEM opportunities that extend beyond the classroom. This club focuses on: problem-solving, creation, experimentation, collaboration, and thinking. Although students will enjoy this time, the goal is not play or gaming. The STEM Club meets weekly after school, requires a \$50 fee, and has a faculty/adult advisor.

Student Council

Student Council is open to 7th and 8th grade students who are interested in community service, school service, and leadership opportunities. This group helps to plan and implement the 8th grade trip, spirit days, the annual food drive, etc. Student Council meets monthly after school, and has a faculty/adult advisor.

Lakeview Intermediate School

Lakeview Intermediate School serves students in fifth and sixth grade, offering them a wide variety of academic and extracurricular offerings, a few of which are highlighted below.

Sixth-Grade Outdoor Education Camp

This annual tradition at Camp Y-Noah is viewed by most sixth graders as the highlight of the year. Over three days and two nights, students participate in numerous outdoor activities while learning teambuilding and other important skills.

K-Kids (Kiwanis) Club

Through K-Kids, students have the opportunity to participate in a number of community service activities, including supporting veterans, visiting nursing homes and fundraisers for various causes.

Musical Theatre Production

The annual production is another tradition at Lakeview where students get involved on stage and behind the scenes. This year's production will be *Beauty & the Beast*.

Spelling Bee

Each year, sixth grade students compete in the Lakeview Spelling Bee. Top finishers go on to compete at the all-city spelling bee, with the chance to advance further.

Turkey Trot

Lakeview's Turkey Trot is an annual run that raises funds for a variety of charities.



Elementary Schools

The Stow-Munroe Falls City School District is home to six elementary schools that serve students in grades K-4:

- Echo Hills Elementary
- Fishcreek Elementary
- Highland Elementary
- Indian Trail Elementary
- Riverview Elementary
- Woodland Elementary

Each of the elementary schools provides students with a solid foundation for learning and prepares them for moving on to the intermediate school and beyond. All Stow-Munroe Falls elementary schools offer:

- Student Council
- Third and fourth-grade Choir
- Safety Patrol
- Positive Behavior Intervention System (PAWS). PBIS emphasizes the establishment of organizational supports or systems that give school personnel capacity to use effective interventions accurately and successfully.
- After-School Programs
 - Science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) classes
 - Girls on the Run
 - Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts

Makerspaces are Invading the District

Makerspaces are available at Highland, Indian Trail, Riverview and Woodland Elementary Schools. A Makerspace is a collaborative work space for making, learning, exploring and sharing that uses high tech to no tech tools. The district plans to add Makerspaces to the remaining Stow-Munroe Falls elementary schools in the near future.

Athletics, Arts & Activities

The Stow-Munroe Falls City School District offers the following athletics, arts, clubs and activities to students at the high school level. Athletics are also offered at the middle school level, and numerous artistic opportunities and activities are available to students of all ages. These can be found on the district's website.

Athletics

Baseball, Basketball (Boys & Girls), Bowling (Boys & Girls), Cheerleading, Cross Country (Boys & Girls), Field Hockey, Football, Golf (Boys & Girls), Gymnastics, Lacrosse (Boys & Girls), Soccer (Boys & Girls), Softball, Swimming and Diving (Boys & Girls), Tennis (Boys & Girls), Track and Field (Boys & Girls), Volleyball (Boys & Girls) and Wrestling

Performing Arts

The Stow-Munroe Falls City School District has been recognized as a Best Community for Music Education for multiple years. Ensembles perform at local and state conferences and are regularly awarded superior ratings when competing.

Performing Arts offerings include:

All-School Musical, Band (traditional and honors), Marching Band (traditional and honors), Choir, Drama Class, Drama Club, Glee Club, Junior and Senior Class Plays, Music Appreciation, Music Theory and String Orchestra (traditional and honors)

Clubs/Activities

Academic Challenge, Business Professionals of America, Chess Club, Class Committees, Close-Up, Computer Programming Club, Cultural Exchange, DECA, Environmentally Concerned Students (ECS), Family, Career & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), Fellowship of Christian Students, French Club, HAPPY, HERO (Culinary Arts), Hitting for Home, Interact, Japanese Club, Jazz Ensemble, Key Club, Latin Club, National Forensic League (Speech and Debate), National Honor Society, Ohio Math League, Photography Club, Project Linus, Science Olympiad, Ski Club, Spanish Club, Stoanno, Stohion, Stow Dance Team and Student Council



Facilities/Permanent Improvement

In November 2016, the district passed a Permanent Improvement (PI) levy, allowing the district to modernize its classrooms for innovative and modern learning, and upgrade security to model best safety practices.

The district has completed several projects so far, with many more underway, including:

District-Wide

- Purchase of several 3D printers
- Installation of new phone system
- Paving
- Parking lots

Stow-Munroe Falls High School

- Work continues on the roof at Stow-Munroe Falls High School
- The music department received new rain coats and a choir robe storage cabinet
- Joshua's Restaurant received several new tables
- New tables were also purchased for the Common area

Kimpton Middle School

- Installation of a new kiln and new bottle-filling water fountains
- White boards, smart boards and projectors were purchased for classroom use
- New carpeting and seat cushions are being installed in the auditorium, the metal seat frames are being painted and the stage is being refurbished
- In the gym, all asbestos has been eradicated and a new gym floor is being installed
- New carpet is being installed in the music rooms

Lakeview Intermediate School

- Installation of new bottle-filling water fountains
- Repairs to bleachers and other equipment
- Installation of new playground equipment
- New gym floor

Echo Hills Elementary School

- Installation of a new storage shed

Fishcreek Elementary School

- New asphalt playground extension
- New carpet in two classrooms

Highland Elementary School

- New stage curtains
- New carpet in two classrooms

Indian Trail Elementary School

- Installation of two new basketball standards
- Creation of a new multi-purpose room screen
- Installation of a new backdrop curtain
- A new digital clock/PA system

Riverview Elementary School

- Installation of new clocks
- Purchase of several new lunch tables
- A refinished stage floor
- New carpet in several classrooms
- Adaptive playground equipment

Woodland Elementary School

- Addition of three security cameras
- Removal of unused tetherball equipment
- Refinished stage floor
- New carpet in several classrooms

These are just a few of the projects the district is working on to update our buildings for the benefit of our students.

Fiscal Responsibility

The Stow-Munroe Falls City School District is dedicated to fiscal responsibility and transparency.

General Fund



Revenues = **\$57,857,060**



Total Revenues: **\$64,066,659**



Expenditures = **\$62,021,807**



Total Expenditures: **\$68,461,663**



Total Cost Per Pupil (2015-2016): **\$9,272**

Total State Average Cost Per Pupil (2015-2016): **\$8,840**

Where does the money come from to educate our students?



Local: **56.2%**



State: **34.5%**



Federal: **3.4%**

Other: **8.9%**



Student Wellness

District Therapy Dog

For the 2017-2018 school year, Stow-Munroe Falls welcomed Jax, the district's new therapy dog. Jax will work primarily with students in kindergarten through sixth grade. He will be a reading buddy for students who are practicing reading out loud and will help to calm students who are struggling, particularly in special needs classes.

Stow-Munroe Falls High School

- **Lunch Bunch:** The Lunch Bunch provides social emotional support for emotionally disabled students.
- **HAPPY Club:** The HAPPY Club promotes positive reinforcement and anti-bullying.
- **Freshman Orientation:** Freshman Orientation Day is designed to let freshmen explore the building, figure out locker combos, schedules and more, giving students a stress-free time to prepare for high school.

Lakeview Intermediate School

- Students from the high school **HAPPY Club** speak to all sixth-grade classes.
- Every year, **Firefighter Sandy** presents to all fifth-grade classrooms on Fire Safety
- **DARE:** All sixth-grade students complete Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program
- **Girls on the Run:** Girls on the Run is available to both fifth and sixth-grade girls and focuses on both social-emotional and physical wellness.

Echo Hills Elementary School

- **PAWS Positive Behavior Program**
- **PTA Wellness Week:** This event was new for the 2016-2017 school year and will continue for 2017-2018. The PTA generously sponsored the event, which promoted student mental and physical wellness
- **Peer Support and Modeling:** This includes reverse inclusion between MD classrooms and typical peers)

Fishcreek Elementary School

- **"Move with the Flashes" Day:** Every January, Kent State University athletes and future physical education teachers spend the day with all students at various activity stations designed to promote wellness.
- Fishcreek's regular Physical Education curriculum has wellness embedded into the daily lessons.

Highland Elementary School

- **Jump Rope for Heart**
- **GoNoodle:** GoNoodle is used to provide students with brain breaks/movement
- **Kent State Visits:** Visiting teams from Kent State's gymnastics and hockey teams work with students on wellness activities.

Indian Trail Elementary School

- **Wellness Month:** Every February, Indian Trail holds a Wellness Month, which includes **Jump Rope for Heart**, fitness and nutrition presentations, dental hygiene presentations and a PTA-sponsored **Walking Club** on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Students receive two opportunities for movement via lunch recess and a brain break either outside or in the classroom in the afternoon.

Riverview Elementary School

- **Handle with Care Crisis Intervention Training:** This training helps schools and organizations create and maintain safer, more caring environments.
- **GoNoodle:** GoNoodle is used to provide students with brain breaks/movement
- Administrators and teachers regularly share articles, blog posts and other information about social and emotional health of teachers and children.
- At Riverview, we teach students about managing our focus to help us learn better.

Woodland Elementary School

- **PAWS Positive Behavior Program**
- **Jump Rope for Heart**
- **Girls on the Run:** Girls on the Run focuses on both social-emotional and physical wellness.

Elementary Counseling Services

Our School Counselors are on regular classroom rotation and are available to help students with special family concerns/situations and general social-emotional health concerns. They also provide individual appointments, and whole group and small group lessons to help students where needed.

Technology

In addition to the district's yearly technology purchase rotation that includes student computers, tablets and television/projection equipment, the Technology Department has also set aside funds to purchase specialty equipment and products for the 2017-2018 school year.

Elementary Schools Buildings (including Lakeview):

All elementary buildings now have access to a 3D printer and new specialized 3D printing lessons that meet students at their level of learning. 3D printing lessons will collaborate with current lesson plans and curriculum.

Entire District:

Technology improvements include:

- ***Padcaster:*** video camera equipment that will allow live recording of special events, morning announcements and more as the year progresses.
- ***Swivl:*** a video recording product that allows students and teachers to be recorded in the classroom for state-of-the-art observations. This product enables teachers to individualize classroom observations for review and discussion. It also allows families to have a first-hand glance into the classroom with the possibility of specialized access to class links.
- ***Green Screens:*** each school has green screens and recording apps that allow for a whole new way for students to learn! Instead of students presenting a basic book report, they can now be IN the book and reporting on all they learned. This was piloted over the 2016-17 school year and SMF students were so creative!
- ***InformaCast:*** next school year, the district will be using the InformaCast system, which automates phone messaging blasts, emails, text messages and images to parents, students and community members who need to get critical information fast; including school closings, weather alerts, emergency notifications from the school district and more.



Parent & Community Involvement

PTAs

The Stow-Munroe Falls City School District has active PTA organizations at all of our buildings:

- Stow-Munroe Falls High School
- Kimpton Middle School
- Lakeview Intermediate School
- Echo Hills Elementary School
- Fishcreek Elementary School
- Highland Elementary School
- Indian Trail Elementary School
- Riverview Elementary School
- Woodland Elementary School

If you are interested in joining the PTA, visit the PTA link under the Parents tab on our website.

Stow Schools Foundation

The Stow Schools Foundation was established in 1985 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. The Foundation supports many of the educational goals of the Stow-Munroe Falls schools that extend beyond the scope of the standard curriculum. The Foundation financially supports several programs through grants and scholarships, which are not funded by public monies.

Stow-Munroe Falls Boosters

The mission of the Stow-Munroe Falls Booster Club is to support all the student-athletes of Stow-Munroe Falls High School by providing enthusiasm and attendance at their activities, providing equipment and facilities as needed, and financially through awards and scholarships. For more information or to join, visit www.smfboosters.com.

Alumni Relations

The Stow-Munroe Falls City School District has an active Alumni Association. If you're interested in finding and reconnecting with former classmates, visit www.stowhighalumni.com.

Administration

Superintendent: Tom Bratten

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