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Updates from Licking Heights Local Schools

Register New Students for 2023-2024 at Licking Heights!



Registration for the 2023–2024 school year is upon us. For families who need to register a student and are learning English, we have Nepali, Somali, and Spanish translators available at the District Office, 6539 Summit Road, Pataskala, OH 43062, all summer.

If your student is already enrolled at Licking Heights, you do NOT need to re-enroll them for the 2023–2024 school year. If you are registering a NEW student, you MUST complete the full registration process. In order for your child to start on the first day (Thursday, August 17), complete their registration by Thursday, August 10.

Need help registering a student? Scan the QR codes below to watch a step-by-step How to Enroll video.



English



Spanish:
Español



Somali:
Soomaali



Nepali:
नेपाली



Mark Your Calendars!

August 10: *New students must be registered to start on the first day of school*

August 14: *Community Open House for Student Health Center*

August 17: *First day of school grades 1–9; KDG A–K*

August 18: *First day of school grades 10–12; KDG L–Z*

August 22: *Regular school board meeting*

Message from Dr. Miller



We are preparing for another fantastic school year at Licking Heights Local Schools! As you will read throughout these pages, our district is growing rapidly. We are actively linking arms with local partners, residents and students to continue to provide services and

opportunities that allow our Hornets to reach new heights! Thank you for your support as we navigate our community's growth and continue to provide exceptional experiences to all our students. Please use the QR code on the last page to sign up for our regular email newsletter so you can stay connected and up to date on all our district news.

Licking Heights Local Schools



QUALITY PROFILE

Quality Profiles are popular among Ohio public school districts as a compliment to the State Report Card from the Ohio Department of Education. This year, Licking Heights created our first-ever Quality Profile to celebrate the students and staff who make Licking Heights such a wonderful place to learn and grow. Here is just a sampling of the highlights in our Quality Profile. **Scan the QR code to view the full profile on the district website**



Academic & Career Preparation

12

Advanced Placement Courses Offered

70

Students in National Honor Society

24

Middle School Students in National Junior Honor Society

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS

205

Students Participate

3

Higher Education Partnerships

51

Students Committed to Attend C-TEC in the Fall

9

Seniors Graduating with an STNA License

69

Seniors Graduating Summa, Magna, or Cum Laude

52

Honors Diplomas Earned by the Class of 2023



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1. Over 1,000 family members attended the 2023 Kindergarten graduation ceremony in the Licking Heights High School auditorium.

2. Licking Heights High School graduated 300 students in May, with 52 students earning Honors Diplomas and 69 students earning Summa, Magna, or Cum Laude honors.

3. High school Interact members regularly work with the Pataskala Rotary to serve the community with a variety of events like the Battle of Broad Street Food Drive and the YMCA Daddy Daughter Dance. Here, students host the Rotary for a joint meeting at Licking Heights High School.

4. Diaspora is Licking Heights' annual celebration of all cultures represented throughout the district. Organized by the high school's Cultural Identity Club, over 150 students participated in songs, dances, poetry readings, and fashion shows.

5. Our elementary schools actively engage families in what their students are learning by regularly hosting themed Literacy Nights and Math and Science Nights. This includes events like Camp Learn-a-Lot at North and Travel the World Through Books at West.



Athletics at a Glance

13

High School Sports Offered

9

Middle School Sports Offered

14%

Students Participating in a Sport

3.101

Student-athlete average GPA (high school)

188

Multi-sport Athletes

18

High School Seniors Signing with Colleges

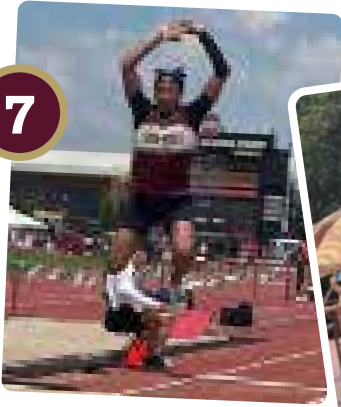
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6. The boys baseball team earned five Licking County League player honors.



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7. For the second year in a row, DJ Fillmore was the state champion in long jump. DJ also took home the state title in the 200-meter sprint. In June, he won the New Balance Outdoor Nationals long jump title with a personal best of 25 feet 4.75 inches and placed third in the 200 with a time of 20.83. He will attend The Ohio State University in the fall as a member of their Track and Field team.

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Hornet Pride

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Licking County League: Player Honors Earned

4	Girls Volleyball	8	Cross Country
5	Girls Soccer	11	Football
5	Boys Soccer	3	Girls Basketball
1	Wrestling	5	Boys Basketball
5	Softball	5	Baseball
3	Track	3	Boys Volleyball

Licking County League Coach of the Year
Shaun Fountain,
Varsity Boys Basketball



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8. Board of Education student correspondent Natalie Culp was recognized for her work during the 2022-2023 school year at the May 2023 Board meeting. Natalie will attend The Ohio State University at Newark to study engineering.

9. In partnership with C-TEC, Licking Heights offers a satellite State Tested Nurse Aide (STNA) education program at the high school. Students earn STNA credentials while completing their high school education. This year's class completed their practicum at Tuscany Gardens in Pataskala.

10. State Representative Thaddeus Claggett represents House District 68, which includes Licking Heights. Our district invited Representative Claggett to visit our schools and see what makes our students and teachers so unique.

11. South Elementary's Student Diversity Council won the Diversity & Inclusion Champion Award at The Ohio State University-Newark's Community Intercultural Relations Conference. The students were recognized for their work in planning their school's Culture Day and promoting events like Black History Month, Women's History Month, and Autism Awareness Month.



Musical Opportunities



Starting in the 6th grade, students have the opportunity to participate in specialized music courses like:

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| 6th Grade Band | Concert Band | Tenor-Bass Chorus |
| Middle School Wind Ensemble | Symphonic Band | Chorale |
| Intermediate/Middle School Choir | Wind Ensemble | Treble Chorale |
| | Treble Chorus | |



What is the Fair School Funding Plan?

The Fair School Funding Plan is an objective, transparent, data-based school funding plan that includes:

- A base cost of educating a typical Ohio student
- Additional costs to serve the needs of students with unique needs (special needs, ELL, gifted, etc.)
- An objective formula for determining state and local shares of school funding based on local property values and income levels



District Snapshot



5,158
Enrolled Students

19%

English Language Learner Students



17%
Students with Special Needs

11%

Gifted Students



66%

Students of Color



47

Home Languages Spoken

Top Three Home Languages Spoken:
Nepali, Somali, and Spanish

The Cost of Educating a Licking Heights Student

Per Pupil Expenditure
at Licking Heights in 2022:

\$10,588.24

State Avg. Expenditure
Per Pupil in 2022:

\$14,214.86

Avg. Expenditure
Per Pupil in Districts Similar
Size to Licking Heights:

\$14,153.09



Enrollment By Building

- High School: 1,429
- Middle School: 723
- Intermediate School: 812
- South: 784
- West: 857
- North: 393
- Preschool: 160



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SCAN ME

Scan the QR code to watch our School Board President, Brian Bagley, testify with Superintendent Miller and District Treasurer, Todd Griffith.





Enroll in Our Award-Winning Preschool!



This year, Licking Heights Central Preschool passed a vigorous and thorough inspection process to earn a five-star Step Up to Quality rating from the state of Ohio, the highest possible rating for early learning centers and childcare providers. We are currently accepting enrollments for the 2023-2024 preschool year. Students must be 3 years old to enroll.

Tuition is reasonably priced at \$65 a week. Scan the QR code to learn more and enroll your student!



Hornet pride is a family affair for Shaun and Carmen Fountain—every member of their family has either graduated from, works for, or is a student at Licking Heights.

Support the Chorus Trip to England



The Licking Heights High School Chorus has been selected to perform in the London International Choral Festival December 27–January 4. Your generosity will help provide the best experience for our singers. Donations will be used to offset travel expenses for lodging, transportation, meals, and site-seeing.

Help us achieve our goal—scan the QR code to donate!



Donate Used Instruments to Support Licking Heights Band!



Senior Lucas Gleim is currently collecting used instruments and monetary donations for his Eagle Scout project. All donations will go directly to the Licking Heights band program to provide students in need the opportunity to participate. All instruments are welcome for donation and can be dropped off at the following locations until early August:

- **Pataskala Police Department**, 623 Broad St. S.W., Pataskala, OH 43062
- **Shepherd Nazarene Church - Gahanna**, 425 S. Hamilton Road, Gahanna, OH 43230

Scan the QR code for more information and to donate.





Join Us for the Health Center Open House



The Licking Memorial Health Center at Licking Heights will officially open in August for the 2023-2024 school year. The Health Center, which will be staffed and financed through a partnership with Licking Memorial Health Systems, will serve students and staff. Eventually, we hope to expand services to families and our community.

Get a first look at the brand-new Health Center before the school year officially starts! Students, families, staff, and community members are invited to join Licking Heights and Licking Memorial Health Systems for a Health Center Open House on Monday, August 14, 2023 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Licking Heights High School, 4101 Summit Road S.W., Pataskala, OH 43062. Refreshments will be provided.

Now Hiring!

Looking for a New Job?

Join the Licking Heights Local Schools team! We currently have a wide variety of positions across schools and departments available, including:



- Bus drivers & transportation assistants
- Speech and language pathologists
- Custodians
- Teachers (PreK-high school)
- Special education aides
- School psychologists
- Intervention specialists

Our district offers competitive pay, an extensive benefit package, and summers and major holidays off for most positions. Make an impact in your community—**scan the QR code to explore open positions and apply.**



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Scan the QR code to join our email list for bimonthly district updates!