

Liberty Preparatory Community School

Annual Report

2014-2015

Liberty Preparatory is a Public Conversion Community School that is focused on drop-out prevention. We are sponsored by Tri-County Esc in Wooster Ohio. Liberty opened in the Spring of 2014 at Nold Avenue in Wooster. Liberty's Board of Education decided to move the School to 243 N. Milton Street, Smithville (rear annex of the Smithville United Methodist Church) at the beginning of this school year. The move was made so that local districts could easily provide transportation because of the close proximity to the Wayne County Career Center and the bussing that is already provided.

A. Education

Students grades 7 – 12 are enrolled in a blended learning environment in which classes are offered through Odysseyware (an online program) and direct instruction which was provided by 2 full time teachers and 2 part time teachers, all Highly Qualified. Students are involved in creating a personal success plan that addresses educational, employability and transition goals. Additional supports for; Special Services, Technology and Psychological services were contracted through Tri-County. Liberty began the year with eighteen students and ended the year with seventy eight. Twenty students were celebrated as graduates at our ceremony in June.

B. Finance

The final balance for the end of the 2015 fiscal year was \$92,652.68. Liberty Preparatory is holding \$36,371.67 in reserve for a possible ADM adjustment to ODE. That leaves us with a total reserve of \$129,197.35

C. Governance

The Liberty Preparatory School Board met on a monthly basis The Board reviewed the schools' finances and carefully guided the first full year of programming.

The Board along with several other stakeholders have also engaged in long term strategic planning. Facilities, transportation, growth, counseling services and academic space have been determined to be the greatest needs. The Board determined that leaving the present facility on Nold Avenue in Wooster and leasing the rear annex of The Smithville Methodist Church would address some of these issues.

D. Academic Assessment and Accountability

The objective for Liberty Preparatory Community School is to assist students in attaining a high school diploma and future employment. Students were provided the following:

1. A personal educational plan; (all students completed this with the help of their Mentor Teacher)

2. A curriculum delivery system that allows for individual self-paced instruction through blended learning; (Students were offered classes on Odysseyware, teacher driven classes and other blended learning opportunities)
3. Flexible operational hours that accommodate student/family work schedules; (School hours were Monday through Thursday 8am – 2:10pm, Fridays were available for one on one and small group tutoring. Students could also access online classes at any time)
4. Credit Flexibility Options; (PE and work credits were offered through flex credit)
5. An opportunity to participate in a career technical training program available through the Wayne county Career Center. (12 students were enrolled in Career Center Labs)
6. Assistance in job placement;
7. One-on-one social-emotional support necessary to assist students in overcoming obstacles to success.
8. Possible pay for project work that teaches students competencies related to their career technical field of choice or Work Study program.
9. State End of course exams were given at a very limited basis, results are as follow;
Limited – 50%
Basic – 20%
Proficient – 30%
10. Twenty students met Graduation requirements