

Liberty Preparatory Community School

Annual Report to Parents

2019-2020

Liberty Preparatory is a Public Conversion Community School that is focused on drop-out prevention. We are sponsored by Ohio Department of Education Office of Community School Sponsorship. Liberty opened in the Spring of 2014 and is currently operating at 243 N. Milton Street, Smithville (rear annex of the Smithville United Methodist Church). This location was chosen so that local districts could easily provide transportation because of the close proximity to the Wayne County Career Center and the already provided bussing.

A. Education

Students grades 9–12 are enrolled in a blended learning environment in which classes are offered through Odysseyware (an online program) and direct instruction which was provided by 5 full-time teachers, 2 part-time teacher and 1 part-time tutor, 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 and TCCSA.

Liberty began the year with thirty eight students and ended the year with seventy-two. A total of 93 students were served throughout the year. Twenty-one students were celebrated as graduates at our ceremony in May.

B. Finance

The final balance for the end of the 2019 fiscal year was \$50,321.61. This is compared to a final balance the previous year of \$56,856.69.

C. Governance

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

The Board along with several other stakeholders have also engaged in long term strategic planning. Facilities, growth, counseling services, lunch program and academic space have been determined to be the greatest needs.

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:

- a. A personal educational plan; (all students completed this with the help of their Mentor Teacher or Dean of Students)
- b. 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)

- c. Flexible operational hours that accommodate student/family work schedules; (School hours were Monday through Thursday 8:00 am – 2:35 pm, Fridays were available for one on one and small group tutoring. Students could also access online classes at any time)
- d. Credit Flexibility Options; (PE and Work Credits were offered through flex credit)
- e. An opportunity to participate in a career technical training program available through the Wayne County Career Center (6 students participated) and/or assistance in job placement through our Work-Study Program (24 students participated).
- f. One-on-one social-emotional support necessary to assist students in overcoming obstacles to success. This was provided by Mentor Teachers and teaming with Catholic Charities and ANA-ZAO. These organizations provided in-house counseling for students that were referred by staff or their parents.
- g. Possible pay for project work that teaches students competencies related to their career technical field of choice or Work Study Program.

E. Testing

Students were given the MAP test twice during the year to create a benchmark and measurement for student growth. The ACT Tests, OGT Tests and End-of-Course Exams were also administered to any students that were required to take them.

F. State Report Card

High school test passage rate:	No change	Not rated	
Gap closing:		Meets Standards	11.7%
Progress:		Meets Standards	
Graduation Rate		Exceeds Standards	41.2%

G. Graduation

Twenty-one students met graduation requirements and were given their High School Diploma in a ceremony on May 28th.

H. Sponsor Statement

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.

The Ohio Department of Education's Office of Ohio School Sponsorship was the sponsor for Liberty Preparatory School during the 2019-2020 school year. The Liberty Preparatory School was generally compliant with the laws, rules, and regulations governing Ohio community schools and we continue to monitor compliance with laws, rules and regulations throughout the school year. Academically, Liberty Preparatory School is progressing towards compliance in academics and we will continued to provide technical assistance and monitoring of school academics.

The Annual Report for Liberty Preparatory School related to the performance of the school and all other schools sponsored by the Ohio Department of Education will be posted on our website www.education.ohio.gov, no later than November 30, 2020.

All Sponsors of community schools in Ohio are required to submit a written report of the evaluation results of the school's academic, financial, organization performance, and the school's legal compliance to the Ohio Department of Education and make the report available to parents of students enrolled in the community school.

I. School Leader and Board Member Names

Principal/Director: Brian Hessey

Assistant Principal: Jenna Parnell

Board President: Misty Hanson

Board members: Cameron Maneese, Justin Chenevey, Helen Bartashus, and Matthew Brown.

J. School Contact information

Liberty Preparatory School is located at 243 North Milton Street in Smithville, Ohio. The phone number is 330-669-0055. Our PO Box number is 326, Smithville, Ohio. Our school webpage is libertypreparatoryschool.weebly.com.