

Liberty Preparatory Community School
Annual Report to Parents
2021-2022

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 since they already provided bussing.

A. Education

Students grades 9–12 are enrolled in a blended learning environment in which classes are offered through Edgenuity (an online program) and direct instruction which was provided by 4 full-time teachers, all highly qualified. Students are involved in creating a personal success plan that addresses educational, employability and transition goals. Additional supports are; special services, technology and psychological services which were contracted through Tri-County and TCCSA. Liberty began the year with 40 students and ended the year with 68. A total of 95 students were served throughout the year. Seventeen students were celebrated as graduates at our ceremony in May.

B. Finance

The final balance for the end of the 2022 fiscal year was \$202,837.59. This is compared to a final balance the previous year of \$115,684.

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)

- b. A curriculum delivery system that allows for individual self-paced instruction through blended learning; (Students were offered classes on Edgenuity, 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 half the month, and the other half were required school days. 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 (10 students participated) and/or assistance in job placement through our Work-Study Program (15 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 or in office sessions 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 STAR test twice during the year to create a benchmark and measurement for student growth. The ACT Tests and End-of-Course Exams were also administered to any students that were required to take them.

F. State Report Card

Achievement Component:	Exceeds Standards
Gap closing:	Exceeds Standards
Progress:	Exceeds Standards
Graduation Rate:	Exceeds Standards

G. Graduation

Seventeen students met graduation requirements and were given their High School Diploma in a ceremony on May 26th.

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. 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 surveys, monthly financial reports, and other reports related to the schools academic, financial and operational performance to ensure compliance with rule and law.

I. School Mission Statement

Liberty Preparatory school is dedicated to offering students of Wayne county and surrounding communities an individualized education option. Liberty Prep encourages a positive environment that allows students the opportunity to achieve their graduation goals and instill a sense of accomplishment that will allow them to succeed during their educational years as well as find success into adulthood.

J. School Leader and Board Member Names

Principal/Director: Jenna Parnell

Board President: Misty Hanson

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

K. 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 347, Smithville, Ohio. Our school webpage is libertypreparatoryschool.weebly.com.