



TALAWANDA  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Quality Profile



# TALAWANDA SCHOOL DISTRICT VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

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Vision: Educating & Preparing Students for Life!!!

Mission: In partnership with the community, our mission is to educate and prepare our students for a rapidly changing world by instilling critical thinking skills, a global perspective, and a respect for our core values.



*Academics:*

*Talawanda averages 250-270 graduates each year!*

*Talawanda High School offers 2 world language courses, 13 honors courses, and 912AP courses. We have 70 certified high school teachers with a student to teacher ratio of 14:1, with 3 school counselors, and 3 administrators.*

*Many students take advantage of Ohio's College Credit Plus Program.*

*68% of our graduates seek a higher level of education and training in either a 4 year or 2 year institution or a technical college. 3% of our students went into military service last year, and 28% went straight to the job market.*



## *Fine Arts:*

*Talawanda has been successful in maintaining many programs in the area of fine arts over the years, even as trends across the country were to cut these programs. Talawanda believes that the arts are a key component to a well rounded student and provide opportunities to stimulate creativity for young people.*

*Talawanda offers multiple vocal music opportunities at the secondary school level including chamber choir, an acapella group, and other choral groups.*

*Talawanda offers interesting art opportunities at all levels. Talawanda High School offers ceramics, jewelry-making, theater, digital media design, and traditional drawing and painting courses.*



*Student Activities:*

*Talawanda offers a wide variety of extra-curricular and athletic opportunities . Over 450 students participate each year in grades 7-12.*

*24 Varsity Athletic Teams*

*Over 30 Clubs*

*Academic Clubs such as Mock Trial & the TMS Lego Robotics Team*



*Student Leadership:*

*Talawanda School District encourages students to participate in leadership activities.*

*Ohio Boys & Girls State  
The Rotary Youth Leadership Conference  
Kiwanis- The Key Leader Conference  
THS Mock Trial  
Student Government  
National Honor Society  
Youth Initiative Team  
Student Ambassador Program  
Student Superintendent's Advisory Committee  
Destination Imagination*



*Student Services:*

*Talawanda is committed to providing an education based on the needs of the student. The district offers many intervention services designed to assist students with their individual needs, and that also address the whole child. Talawanda provides an alternative school experience for those students who qualify, and also hosts a K-12 wellness program that has an alcohol/drug prevention education component.*

*Approximately 1/3 of TSD students are economically disadvantaged  
12% identified with disabilities*



*Administration & Faculty/Staff Leadership:*

*Talawanda encourages faculty and staff to participate in district committees and initiatives that drive decisions in all programs.*

*The District Leadership Team  
Talawanda Strategic Planning Team  
Curriculum Council  
Talawanda Technology Committee  
Talawanda Community Advisory Committee*



*Talawanda is Committed to Growth & Improvement:*

*Talawanda believes that better data collection from students, staff, and families produce better results. It is important for the district to have credible information about the effectiveness of school programs. The district regularly conducts surveys regarding student, parent and teacher satisfaction. Talawanda consistently has very high satisfaction rates in the areas of student safety, and equitable and fair treatment of students and parents. In addition, the superintendent hosts student, parent, and community focus groups to help share information in person, but also to gather informal feedback about how well Talawanda is doing in terms of understanding the values of the community and meeting their needs. Talawanda is planning a new student ambassador program to welcome new families to our schools and community. This new program is a direct result of working with community members and trying to meet their expectations for creating a welcoming school environment.*

The background of the slide is a grayscale photograph of a desk. In the center, a laptop is open, its screen facing away from the viewer. To the left of the laptop, a spiral-bound notebook lies flat, with a pen resting on its surface. To the right of the laptop, a computer mouse is visible. The entire scene is dimly lit, creating a professional and focused atmosphere.

## *Modern Technology in a Digital Learning Age:*

*Talawanda was the first district in Butler County to pilot a 1:1 device program for students! The program was successful and has been expanded to include grades K-12. Talawanda offers a variety of computer technology courses in digital media, engineering, and other STEM related initiatives. The district invested in a K-5 STEM instructor, and also new equipment for teaching staff such as chromebooks, ipads, and other interactive technology.*

*Talawanda currently has partnerships with Miami University and University of Cincinnati to expand STEM opportunities for students.*

## *Fiscal Stewardship:*

*Responsible financial planning ensures that the majority of funding is spent on classroom instruction.*

*Talawanda has won the Auditor of State Award for fiscal responsibility. The cost per pupil in Talawanda Schools is \$11, 870. Talawanda approved a Master Facilities Plan in 2001. The Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFCC) has deemed that 24% of the total cost of the plan will be reimbursed to Talawanda. A portion of the funds were already made available with the construction of a new Kramer Elementary. The district just completed a the OSFCC project to replace Marshall Elementary. Talawanda School District has not had to ask the community for a bond issue since 2008, when the community approved a bond issue to build the new Talawanda High School. Talawanda students need modern facilities equipped with modern science labs and technology for the education required for today and the future.*

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Talawanda Board of Education

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*Superintendent*

Bogan Elementary

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Kramer Elementary

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Marshall Elementary

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Talawanda Middle School

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Talawanda High School

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