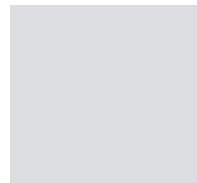




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QUALITY PROFILE

2017-18



A group of students are gathered around a workbench in a workshop or wood shop. They are looking at a large piece of wood that is being cut by a circular saw. The students are wearing safety glasses and casual clothing. In the background, there are shelves with various items and a door.

**#1 place
to teach**
– Niche.com

**Bronze
Medal
Recipient**

– U.S. News &
World Report

**#1 Safest
School in
Hancock
County**

– Niche.com



The 2017-18 school year was a banner year for Liberty-Benton Local Schools.

There were so many accomplishments and events last school year and I am proud of each and every student, staff member and resident who made the year such a success. Throughout

the pages of this Quality Profile, you can review a few of the measures we use to monitor our progress and learn what makes Liberty-Benton Local Schools such an exceptional place.

Our district operates with the idea in mind that our students will graduate equipped to reach their potential in academics, good character, American citizenship, independent living, and critical thinking at a cost that is financially supported by the community taxpayers. And our traditions and values reflect this mindset; we are all in this together.

In our district's inaugural Quality Profile, we felt it was important to reflect on and highlight the core areas of focus for Liberty-Benton Local Schools: Academics, finances, athletics, arts, service learning and technology. It's all about the student experience and preparing our Eagles to soar as global leaders in tomorrow's world—this is always our focus.

Thank you for helping to make the school year so remarkable. I am thrilled about what we have accomplished together and will continue to strive to exceed our expectations year after year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Mark Kowalski in black ink.

Mark Kowalski, Superintendent

RANKINGS

**TOP
1,000**

DISTRICTS IN THE COUNTRY

Liberty-Benton School District exists so that its students graduate equipped to reach their potential in academics, good character, American citizenship, independent living, and critical thinking at a cost that is financially supported by the community taxpayers.

ACADEMICS

33%

of junior high students took
Algebra for high school credit

30%

of junior high students took
Spanish for high school credit

100%

of junior high students took health
and PE for high school credit



17 College Credit Plus classes were taught in LBHS by district staff, through a partnership with Rhodes State College and Bowling Green State University.

CLASS OF 2018:

2% is entering the military

86% is enrolled in college/university

39% accepted a total of \$1,615,054 in scholarships

68% earned a total of 1,466 college credit hours during high school

100% took the ACT and averaged **23.15** (state average 22).

FINANCES

Graduation rate:
100%

Cost per Pupil:
\$8,304

67%
of the district budget
is spent directly on
classroom instruction

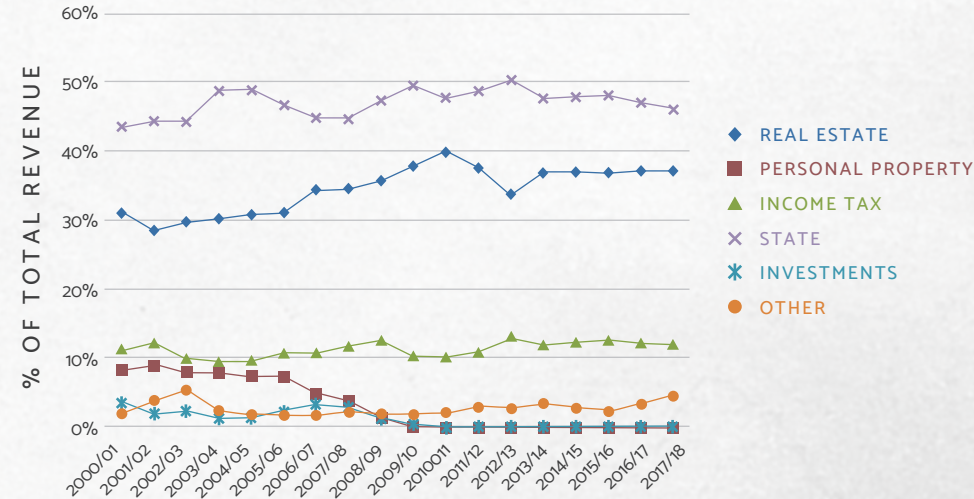


For the 8th
consecutive year, the
district received the
Auditor of State Award

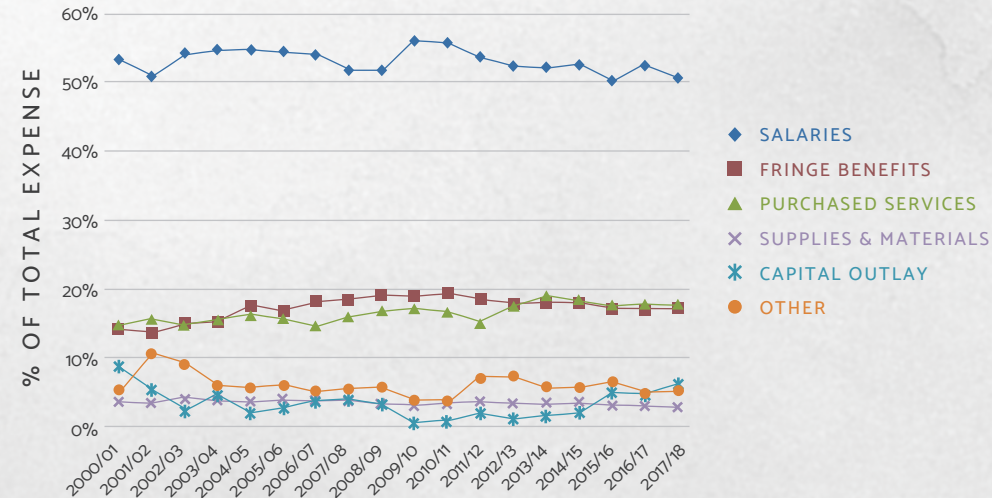
The Liberty-Benton community **approved the renewal of 2 emergency levies**, which currently make up nearly **10% of the district's annual operating budget**.

The district is among the **20%** of public districts with the **lowest operating expenses per pupil** and the highest academic performance index scores (**98.528, ranking #109**).

Where Each Dollar of Revenue Comes From



Where Each Dollar Goes



ATHLETICS

#1 district
for athletes in Hancock
County - Niche.com

59%
of students participated in athletics

3 student-athletes were offered
athletic scholarships

14 school-sponsored high school
sports; **10** school-sponsored
junior high sports

Division champions:

7 teams

State semi-finalists:

2 (Football & Girls Soccer)

State champion: **Chloe Miller** (Discus)

The boys track team placed **6th** at state and
the girls track team placed **4th** at state

5 LBHS students named
Athlete of the Year

3 LBHS coaches named
Coach of the Year



ARTS

1,150 district students displayed work at the 2018 Liberty-Benton Arts Festival, an annual district-wide event in the spring.

1,000 district students and their families visited, volunteered or performed at the 2018 Liberty-Benton Arts Festival.

45

District performing arts groups, including high school and middle school bands and choirs and the high school acapella group "Fermata the Blue", collectively **performed 45 times** during the 2017-18 school year, including **one TV recording session**.

1st time

Both high school choirs advanced to the state competition for the 1st time in district history, and both received a **Superior** rating.



SERVICE LEARNING

Elementary Service Learning Project: Kindergarten collected three large boxes of personal care items for **Chopin Hall**; 1st grade performed songs at **Sunrise Nursing Home** and created cards and placements for the residents; in a partnership with the **American Red Cross**, all 2nd grade students wrote inspirational messages in 150 holiday cards that were mailed to **active military service members** around the world; the 3rd grade class partnered with **Hancock Jobs & Family Services** and **Scholastic Books** to donate over 100 new pajamas and books to local families; and 4th & 5th grade made "Mission Possible" by collecting **school supplies for schools in Haiti**.



Middle School Students Make a Difference: Hosted a **Red Cross blood drive** that saved 93 lives; 3,815 items were collected through the school's **Salvation Army food drive**; students collected and donated 150 coats for the **Coats for Christmas drive**; the school raised \$1,500 for **Hoops for Health** and \$682 for the **Diabetes Walk**; students filled 100 shoeboxes for **FCA Club**; students collected and donated school supplies to **Mission Possible**; profits from a candy cane sale were used to purchase gifts for children from the **Angel Tree**; and dozens of middle school students donated their time to provide **service to the community**.

The High School is Making STRIDES Through Leadership and Service: 100% of LBHS students participated in STRIDES, which stands for Students Taking Roles in Developing Educational Success, and participated in a **service-learning project**, such as **volunteering at a shelter, caroling at a nursing home** or **stocking a food pantry**. Throughout the year, the groups also competed in activities for a cause such as penny wars, box top collections and canned food drives.

TECHNOLOGY

**Only district in the county
that has a Wi-Fi access point
in every single room.**

100%

of district students have direct access to a computer device through the district's 1:1 technology initiative.

Every district classroom is equipped with an **interactive whiteboard** and every middle school and elementary school classroom is equipped with **Apple TV** for **interactive** and **real-time sharing**.



Tech Talk Tuesdays

are held every Tuesday before school to **introduce teachers** to **new technology** to **incorporate** into their **classroom experiences**.

Implementation of Commonsense.org **cyber safety curriculum** at the elementary and middle school levels, incorporating cyber bullying **prevention** techniques as well as **advice** about being **responsible, safe digital citizens**.

ALL 7th grade

students presented Popcorn and Preview final projects, **utilizing technology** to **executive projects** such as **creating websites** to help gather donations for a local pet rescue or **creating infographics** on how to get a good night of sleep.

