



## OHIO SCHOOL TO WATCH VISITOR'S GUIDE



### Chagrin Falls Middle School



#### Designated in 2016

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### 2015 School Statistics

(Source: AYP 2015 Report, Ohio Dept. of Education)

Community: Size/characteristics  
Enrollment: 353  
Grade Levels: 7-8  
School Schedule: Modified Balanced

#### Student Demographics

- 3.8% Hispanic
- 91.7% White
- <1% African American
- 2.4% Asian
- 1.8% Other
- 2.4% Free/Reduced Lunch
- <1% English Learners

2014: State Performance Index: A  
2013: State Performance Index: A  
2012: Rated Excellent (Met 6 of 6 State Indicators)

(<http://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/Pages/School-Report.aspx?SchoolIRN=005769>) to view this school's data for prior years.)

## School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

### Academic Excellence

- Strong focus on RTI model and process
- Student led learning through varied instruction, stations, and project-based learning opportunities
- Chromebook 1:1 initiative to integrate technology into lessons
- Teacher collaboration through weekly grade level meetings to enhance student achievement and brainstorm and evaluate interventions
- Utilization of Google to enhance collaboration among staff and students
- Utilization of data to make decisions based on placement and interventions
- High school credit offered for 8<sup>th</sup> grade foreign language courses, Algebra, and Honors Geometry
- Student learning style inventories completed by all students and accessible to all staff

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## **Developmental Responsiveness**

- Interdisciplinary units created by grade level teachers, including project-based learning and field trip opportunities
- Strategic plan emphasizing personalized learning and multiple pathways for student success
- Full time counselor available to meet with students and families to help with academic, social/emotional needs
- Intervention available in areas of Reading, Math, Executive Function support, and through our RTI Center
- Multitude of clubs and sports available to students throughout the school year
- Students given opportunities to sign up for over fifteen enrichment classes each quarter based on their interests
- Student council led by students
- Teacher collaboration used in unit planning as well as addressing student concerns

## **Social Equity**

- Reaching out through foreign language courses to foster international relationships with other schools
- Yearly charity drive and volunteer field trip for student council members to local food bank
- Parallel teaching used effectively
- W.I.N. (What I Need) period offers students choices in their learning with Tuesday enrichment and Thursday intervention opportunities
- Support services: Special education, ELL, RTI
- Digital curriculum with online textbooks
- Families are encouraged to attend activities at school and within the community
- Partnership with Safe Routes with integrated yearly events in schedule
- Award ceremony at the end of the year to recognize students for academic achievements, growth, and/or character values
- Media center has open-door policy and allows for research opportunities
- Power of the Pen, Math Counts, and Destination Imagination programs allow for students to compete in local competitions
- Positive phone calls weekly to recognize positive student behavior and achievement

## **Organizational Support**

- Shared decision making through District Leadership Teams, Building Leadership Teams and Teacher Based Teams
- Actively seek and promote parent involvement in PTO and through school activities, such as career speakers, enrichment, etc.
- Systems to help bridge the transition between buildings, including curriculum night, student tours and meetings, parent orientation, new student transition peer supports
- Continuous professional development, including Google certification trainings available to staff
- Daily team meetings with specific agendas for grade level teachers to meet and collaborate
- Connections with community organizations, such as Education Foundation, Music Lovers, Dads Club, and PTO.