

Quality Schools Benefit Students and Communities

A benefit of living in Tuscarawas County is the quality of schools. Our local districts have all been recognized for outstanding teachers and programs. Students are recognized for their achievements and volunteerism, and many go on to do great things after high school.

While we all have loyalties to our own schools and activities, each district is defined by the opportunities available for its students. This is what makes our schools unique. Dover Schools has a rich heritage of providing programs that meet the needs of our students and families and provide a firm foundation for success throughout life.

Our elementary students begin their study of the arts at an early age. Teachers who specialize in visual arts and music provide fun and engaging lessons to develop the talents of our youngest Tornadoes. These classes continue throughout a student's educational career in Dover. Students at the high school specialize in a variety of visual arts classes or perform in our band, choir, orchestra or theater productions. This spring, our high school music students will travel together to Walt Disney World to rehearse with Disney clinicians and perform in the Disney parks. What wonderful opportunities!

Academic enrichment and acceleration also begins at the elementary level. The district has two licensed gifted teachers who provide instruction in grades 2-5. The curriculum is rigorous and prepares our students for advanced and accelerated coursework at the middle school and high school levels. Dover High School currently offers 13 Advanced Placement (AP) courses, including a rigorous two-year seminar and research program that, combined with a minimum number of AP courses, makes student eligible for an AP Capstone Diploma -- a sign of college readiness at a high level.

A variety of extracurricular offerings can round out a student's school experience. From a successful Power of the Pen team at Dover Middle School to our competitive Mock Trial team at DHS, our students plan, practice, and compete at all levels. In the sports arena, Dover athletes compete in Division I in many of our 21 varsity sports, embracing the challenge of a big stage and great competition. Post-season state-level opportunities and college scholarships are available to our top competitors.

These opportunities for our students don't just happen. Community support is essential to providing a variety of opportunities for all of our students. Dedicated teachers, coaches, advisors, and administrators work diligently to plan, schedule, coach, and supervise our students. Success takes sustained effort and cannot be taken for granted. The work to ensure that our students continue to have opportunities they need to develop into successful adults is a community investment, and it is worth it. We are grateful for all of those who choose to invest in Dover students and those throughout the Tuscarawas valley.