



2017-2018 ANNUAL EDUCATION REPORT

Mission Statement

Apex Academy's mission is to create educational opportunities for the students of East Cleveland to exceed in elementary education, high school, college and life by way of a strong commitment to skill and content development.

Principal

Jennifer Littlefield

Board Members

Norman Henderson – President
Eva Szabo – Vice President
Deborah Howell – Treasurer
Faye Jones – Secretary
Eric Price – Director
Pamela Price – Director

Operational Information

Grades Served: Kindergarten through Eighth Grade
Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
School Year: August 14, 2017 to June 1, 2018

General School Information

Apex Academy opened its doors to the children of the Cleveland community and surrounding areas in the Fall of 2004. The Academy is a charter school that is owned and operated by National Heritage Academies. Our staff is committed to fostering the academic success and positive character development of every child in the school and creating a rich learning environment with opportunities for individual growth.



Our school community values working together in collaborative teams to develop common purposes, to clearly define goals, and to apply best practices defined by current research. Data is used to guide instructional decisions, and student progress is carefully assessed and monitored. The students are challenged to think critically and to become problem solvers. As a school community, staff members act with safe and respectful practices while striving to attain high academic standards. The school provides an education for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. The school community envisions all members being engaged in a learning environment where expectations for achievement are high, diversity is respected, safety is assured, and communication is open and honest.



Progress Toward Contract Goals

The OSAT and NWEA assessments are used to determine the school's progress toward its academic goals.

Apex Academy

Authorizer: ESCLEW, Contract Start: 7/1/2013, Contract End: 6/30/2018 Renewal Start: 7/1/2017, Renewal Due: 9/30/2017, Years until Renewal: 0
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Key
Met
Not Met
Unable To Evaluate
N/A

		2016-2017	2017-2018
Academic Goals			
1	To increase the Free subgroup proficiency by 1% in math and reading between fall and spring as measured by NWEA.	Met	Met
2	To increase the percentage of indicators met to 13% (2 out of 16).	Not Met	Not Met
3	Performance index score and percent increase in each category. Advanced 3.1, Accelerated 14.8, Proficient 28.8, Basic 34.3, Limited 18.9, Untested 0.0 (75.1 out of 120).	Not Met	Not Met
4	Value-added progress score, including subgroups - Overall: Maintain a letter grade A, Lowest 20%: Maintain a letter grade A, Students with Disabilities: Maintain a letter grade A.	Not Met	Not Met
5	Annual measurable objectives (AMOs) percentages, including subgroup and subject. Reading: All students 59.4, African American 59.4, Economically Disadvantaged 59.0, Students/Disabilities 28.8. Math: All students 38.3, African American 38.3, Economically Disadvantaged 37.9, Students/Disabilities 15.5.	Not Met	Met
6	Percentage of students moving from not on track to on track (16.7%).	Met	Met
7	Beginning in kindergarten, Academy students will take a nationally-normed standardized assessment. Each year, students will score at or above the 65th percentile in reading and math as measured by beginning-of-year to end-of-year learning growth in grades K-1.	Not Met	Met
Non-Academic Goals			
8	Each year, the school will average a student attendance rate at or above 93%.	Not Met	Not Met
9	Each year, the school will have an overall parent satisfaction rate of 80%.	Met	Met
10	Each year, the school will receive an unmodified audit.	Met	Unable To Evaluate
11	Each year, Apex will end the school year with a balanced budget.	Met	Unable To Evaluate
12	Each Board member will complete one Professional Development per year.	Met	Met



School Year Highlights/Activities

- Recipient of the Ohio Charter School of Excellence Award 2018
- Improved in K-3 Literacy by 9% and in both math and reading doubled our proficiency from last year.
- Improved from a 42.1 to a 53.1 “D” on the state report card in overall performance.
- Field trips to Patterson Fruit Farm, Lolley Trolley, aquarium, and the State House.
- Family engagement activities including Grandparents Day, Father Walk, Father-Daughter Dance, Mother-Son Dance, and the End of Year Cook Out.
- School events including Constitution Day, Sweetheart Dance, Wax Museum – Celebrating Black History, Talent Show, and Pink Week in October for Breast Cancer Awareness.
- Title one Building Better Readers Night with various activities.
- Salvation Army After School Program.
- Mobile Dentist saw 149 students at Apex Academy.
- Parent Teacher Conferences had a 96% attendance.
- College Recruiting Day at Akron State.
- Iron Sharpens Iron program for Middle School boys at Notre Dame College.
- 8th Grade visits St. Martin De Porres High School.

Educational Performance Indicators: Ohio State Assessment Test Results

State Indicators	<i>PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE PROFICIENCY</i>		
	Apex Academy 2017-18	School Comparison Group* 2017-18	State 2017-18
<i>3rd Grade Achievement</i>			
ELA	40.3%	28.6%	61.2%
Mathematics	67.7%	29.0%	67.0%
<i>4th Grade Achievement</i>			
ELA	53.4%	42.9%	66.4%
Mathematics	39.7%	36.1%	72.5%
<i>5th Grade Achievement</i>			
ELA	59.5%	46.9%	70.2%
Mathematics	33.3%	31.3%	62.9%
Science	26.2%	30.2%	68.5%
<i>6th Grade Achievement</i>			
ELA	34.7%	30.6%	59.9%
Mathematics	24.5%	22.4%	59.4%
<i>7th Grade Achievement</i>			
ELA	33.3%	42.6%	63.9%
Mathematics	15.6%	21.3%	59.4%
<i>8th Grade Achievement</i>			
ELA	12.2%	23.8%	54.5%
Mathematics	14.3%	8.4%	54.3%
Science	16.3%	15.9%	67.6%

*Your school comparison group is based on the performance of all schools in the East Cleveland City School District.

Educational Performance Indicators: Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA)
Test Results

NWEA MAP Results for Apex Academy							
Grade	Subject Area	Number of Fall 17 Students Tested	Percent At/Above Grade Level Fall 17	Number of Spring 18 Students Tested	Percent At/Above Grade Level Spring	Matched F17 - S18 Student Count¹	Percent Meeting S18 Growth Norm
2	Language Usage						
	Math	69	20.3%	67	31.3%	66	37.9%
	Reading	69	20.3%	68	30.9%	67	52.2%
3	Language Usage						
	Math	68	25.0%	63	33.3%	62	56.5%
	Reading	68	38.2%	63	63.5%	62	74.2%
4	Language Usage						
	Math	61	14.8%	58	29.3%	57	73.7%
	Reading	61	36.1%	59	50.8%	58	70.7%
5	Language Usage						
	Math	45	17.8%	41	19.5%	41	61.0%
	Reading	44	27.3%	40	65.0%	39	84.6%
6	Language Usage						
	Math	49	22.4%	45	22.2%	44	56.8%
	Reading	49	38.8%	43	41.9%	42	54.8%
7	Language Usage						
	Math	50	12.0%	43	20.9%	42	57.1%
	Reading	51	37.3%	44	43.2%	44	50.0%
8	Language Usage						
	Math	50	16.0%	47	25.5%	47	53.2%
	Reading	50	40.0%	48	45.8%	48	60.4%

¹ The count represented in this column includes only students who have taken a fall and spring assessment in the listed grade and These counts do **not** represent the total unique students tested in all NWEA subjects.

Financial Information

Apex Academy
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2018

	General Fund	General Fixed Assets Acct Group	School Services Fund	Pension Fund	Total (Memorandum Only)
ASSETS					
Cash	21,852	-	-	-	21,852
Accounts Receivable	130,371	-	-	-	130,371
Due from Management Co - Food Svc	-	-	32,407	-	32,407
Deferred Pension Outflows	-	-	-	1,932,397	1,932,397
Total Assets	152,223	-	32,407	1,932,397	2,117,027
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE					
LIABILITIES					
Deferred Revenue	3,617	-	-	-	3,617
Deferred Pension Inflows	-	-	-	13,606	13,606
Due to NHA	126,755	-	-	-	126,755
Net Pension Liability	-	-	-	7,351,435	7,351,435
Total Liabilities	130,372	-	-	7,365,041	7,495,413
FUND BALANCE					
Beginning Fund Balance	20,280	500	31,343	(5,432,644)	(5,380,521)
Current Yr Activity	1,571	(500)	1,064	-	2,135
Ending Fund Balance	21,851	-	32,407	(5,432,644)	(5,378,386)
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	152,223	-	32,407	1,932,397	2,117,027

Apex Academy

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
For the 12 months ending June 30, 2018

	General and Pension			School Svc			Total (Memorandum Only)			
	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	Variance	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	Variance	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	Variance	% of Budget Remaining
REVENUE										
State Aid	3,816,293	3,733,247	(83,046)	-	-	-	3,816,293	3,733,247	(83,046)	-2.22%
Other State Sources	430,473	403,892	(26,581)	-	9,349	9,349	430,473	413,241	(17,232)	-4.17%
Local Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Federal Grants	835,162	956,705	121,543	334,427	359,435	25,008	1,169,589	1,316,140	146,551	11.13%
Private Sources	10,942	11,800	858	16	-	(16)	10,958	11,800	842	7.14%
Contribution from Management Company	1,269,754	1,402,978	133,224	-	-	-	1,269,754	1,402,978	133,224	9.50%
Total Revenues and Transfers	6,362,624	6,508,622	145,998	334,443	368,784	34,341	6,697,067	6,877,406	180,339	2.62%
EXPENDITURES - CONTRACTED SERVICE FEE:										
Instruction										
Basic Instruction	2,319,032	2,246,823	(72,209)	-	-	-	2,319,032	2,246,823	(72,209)	-3.21%
Added Needs	591,879	702,092	110,213	-	-	-	591,879	702,092	110,213	15.70%
Special Education	311,408	375,333	63,925	-	-	-	311,408	375,333	63,925	17.03%
Support Services										
Pupil Services	170,230	166,557	(3,673)	-	-	-	170,230	166,557	(3,673)	-2.21%
Instructional Staff Support	701,270	714,100	12,830	-	-	-	701,270	714,100	12,830	1.80%
Board of Education	44,740	52,563	7,823	-	-	-	44,740	52,563	7,823	14.88%
Executive Administration	144,365	137,419	(6,946)	-	-	-	144,365	137,419	(6,946)	-5.05%
Grant Procurement	16,764	17,895	1,131	-	-	-	16,764	17,895	1,131	6.32%
School Admin - Office of the Principal	310,398	338,389	27,991	-	-	-	310,398	338,389	27,991	8.27%
Other School Administration	136,920	134,698	(2,222)	-	-	-	136,920	134,698	(2,222)	-1.65%
Business & Internal Services	73,510	72,004	(1,506)	-	-	-	73,510	72,004	(1,506)	-2.09%
Central Services	221,303	257,443	36,140	-	-	-	221,303	257,443	36,140	14.04%
Pupil Activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Operations & Maintenance	1,314,554	1,289,806	(24,748)	-	-	-	1,314,554	1,289,806	(24,748)	-1.92%
Pupil Transportation Services	4,680	3,500	(1,180)	-	-	-	4,680	3,500	(1,180)	-33.71%
Facilities Acquisition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Food Services	-	-	-	333,379	381,736	48,357	333,379	381,736	48,357	12.67%
Total Expenditures	6,361,053	6,508,622	147,569	333,379	381,736	48,357	6,694,432	6,890,358	195,926	2.84%
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	1,571	-	(1,571)	1,064	(12,952)	(14,016)	2,635	(12,952)	(15,587)	
Transfer Between Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	(5,412,364)	20,280	5,432,644	31,343	31,343	-	(5,381,021)	51,623	5,432,644	
CURRENT FUND BALANCE (UNRESTRICTED)	(5,410,793)	20,280	5,431,073	32,407	18,391	(14,016)	(5,378,386)	38,671	5,417,057	



Sponsor's Legal Compliance Assessment

Ohio Revised Code (ORD) 3314.03 (D)(2) specifies that the sponsor of the school must “monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal performance and the organization and operation of the community school on at least an annual basis.” In addition, under ORC 3314.03 (D)(3), the sponsor must “report on an annual basis the results of the evaluation conducted under division (D)(2) of this section to the department of education and to the parents of students enrolled in the community school”

The Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West (ESCLEW) served as sponsor for Apex Academy during the 2017-2018 school year. ESCLEW monitored the school's academic and fiscal performance, as well as organization and operation of the school, and determined that the school was overall compliant.