

April 2023

Purple Pride

Check us out at: <u>www.ekschools.org</u> and *Facebook*

Published to bring school news to the residents of the East Knox Local School District

East Knox Local School District

From the Superintendent

Greetings!

It occurs to me in review that I have written about our construction needs and subsequent projects for the past ten years. What an incredible journey and campus transformation our community has experienced thanks to your generosity! We are putting the finishing touches on the Elementary classroom addition. It will house our preschool, kindergarten and first grades at the start of this next school year. There are still several outside projects to be completed between now and August such as building the new playground and paving the driveways and parking lots in and around the construction area.

In the meantime, our students continue to excel in the classroom and through extracurricular activities. FFA students are doing well at local and state judging competitions. They hosted their annual awards banquet on March 1st with a record attendance of 310 guests. Our students represented East Knox well at the Knox County spelling bee. Sixth grade student Lucas Colopy is this year's champion. Our boys' bowling team brought home the KMAC Conference championship. Will Jensen was KMAC Bowler of the Year. Chip Pozderac is KMAC Coach of the Year for both boys' and girls' divisions. Within the classroom settings, students started annual spring state testing and will complete those in the next couple weeks.

This year has been quite unusual at times between the few and far in-between snow events and a later start to our school year due to completion of the Jr/Sr High project. Our last day of school is June 2nd (we're normally done the Friday before Memorial Day). High school graduation is Saturday, June 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to join us as we should have plenty of room in our beautiful, refurbished gymnasium!

That's the news for now. I hope that you have a fantastic spring and summer. Thank you again for entrusting us with the education of this community's most precious gifts-our children!

Sincerely,

Steve Larcomb, Supt.

Elementary (K-6 grades)

23081 Coshocton Road Howard, Ohio 43028 Mrs. Melissa Moreland, Principal, x3001 Mrs. Sarah Martin, Asst. Principal, x3045 Mrs. Amanda Wilson, Secretary, x3002 Mrs. Krista Reese, Secretary/Aide x3003

Jr./Sr. High School (7-12 grades)

23227 Coshocton Road Howard, Ohio 43028 Mr. Cody Reese, Principal, x2001 Mr. Scott Brickner, Asst. Principal/A.D., x2007 Mrs. Fawnda Stahl, Building Secretary, x2002 Mrs. Margie Williams, Attendance/Athletic Secretary, x2003 Ms. Stephanie Whitesel, Guidance Counselor, x2008 Mrs. Alicia Simmons, Guidance Secretary, x2004

East Knox Board of Education

23201 Coshocton Road Howard, Ohio 43028 Mr. Steve Larcomb, Superintendent Mrs. Jessica Busenburg, CPA, Treasurer Mrs. Tracy Beckett, Assist. Treasurer Mrs. Kim Grindle, Board Secretary 740-599-7000 x1002

District Personnel

Mrs. Sarah Martin, District Curriculum Director, x3045 Mr. Ben Snedeker, Director of Student Services, x1008 Ms. Kathleen Herrmann, Student Services Secretary, x1088 School District Nurses x2006 or 3006 Ms. Angela Wells, Transportation Supervisor x1016

> East Knox Board Members Lindsay Bush-President Randy Reese-Vice President Larry Campbell Matt Schwartz Derrick Steinmetz

The following sixth graders from Miss Campbell's talented and gifted class conducted research and presented Living Wax Museum Project Speeches to their peers. The sixth graders enjoyed learning more about Steve Irwin, Danny Devito, Harry Houdini, Elon Musk, and Jackie Robinson.





Mr. Larcomb with our sixth grade county spelling bee winner, **Lucas Colopy**. Lucas was recognized at our February board meeting and will be representing Knox County in the Regional Spelling Bee at Ohio University. Great job Lucas! Way to represent East Knox!!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2023-24 school year is tentatively scheduled for **Friday**, **May 5**, and **Monday**, **May 8**, **2023**, at the elementary building. If you have a child or know of a child within our district who will be **five years old** <u>on or before August 1, 2023</u>, please notify the elementary school. Registration packets will be sent to parents or guardians upon completion of the following form. The scheduled time for your child's screening will be mailed to you. **Please return this form by April 14, 2023**.

Child's name	Child's date of birth
Parent or guardian	
Address	P.O. Box
City	Zip Code
MaleFemalePhone#	Email

Return this completed form by either mail:23081 Coshocton Rd Howard Ohio 43028 fax: 740-599-6397 OR email: awilson@ekschools.org

Elementary Principal—Mrs. Melissa Moreland



Character Awards

Hallee Tharp Livia Johnson Abigail Thomas Weston Kieber Gary Upchurch Madison Miller Brantley Hess Charleigh Rice Lorenzo Capodicasa

January Student of the Month

Addison VanHoose Jolene Rice Teanna Goodman Eden Elliott Justice Irwin Avery Kaufman Bentley Studer Brooklynn Hurst





Aloisio, Elaina, and Roxie (missing) were recognized January 28th, in Mount Vernon for their reflective essays about Crunch Out. The county-wide program that all 4th grade students participate in focuses on physical activity and nutrition. Elaina was selected as the overall East Knox winner.

Perfect Attendance

Jamison Newsome, Livia Johnson, Lorenzo Capodicasa, Garret Brooks, Darren Schwartz, Giovanni Gardner, Nash Maidel, Bentley Studer



2nd Quarter

Third Grade

All A's Savannah Arnold Ravgan Clinedinst Charlie Cooper Henley Ellis Luca Fratangelo Quinlan French Nick Grubaugh Dalton Harris Kaden Harris Abby Hobart Parker Huffman Hendrix Humbert Adalyn Keirns Andrew Keith Jace Miller Marley Moore Rylei Morton Junia Pfettscher Abby Proudfoot Khloee Sapp Samuel Skunza Lincoln Smith

A's & B's LillyAnne Alspach Gianna Baker Silas Beatty Carly Beckley Raelvnn Black Isaiah Bland Kaitlyn Chadwick Ari Crawford Madelyn Dale Aiden Duda Sydney Ferenbaugh Maddox French Camron Grandstaff Leeanna Gray Vera Griffin Julian Highman Damien Johnson Christopher Lang Kennadi Liptak CeCilia Pratt Nick Rhinebolt Lexter Rocha Levi Sapp Aaliyah Smith Lillian Smith Ethan Thoma Delaney Thompson Addison Van Hoose Carson Warth

Fourth Grade

All A's Jordon Adams Liam Arnold Zachary Besancon Savannah Brady Jace Daugherty Cambria Ellis **Roxie Griffin** Ava Hoobler Elaina Koontz Jordyn Murphy Karsyn Pauley Tristen Reese Aloisio Ribeiro Jolene Rice **Emily Schwartz** Owen Snider Shawn Wears Parker Woods

A's & B's Cory Arnold Rylee Black Mileyah Brady **Brayden Davies** Ravlee Dunn Conor Frost Jaiden Frost Phoenix Holmes Braxtvnn Hurst Jillian Kellev Pyper Kelley Jaxson King Kora Logan Gaige Louden Saphiria Mories Leslie Neighbarger Jameson Perry Emma Ridenour Hunter Schwartz Kendall Schwartz Kaylana Smith Kennedy Smith James Thomas Aija Warth Audrey Williams Kalivia Wythe

Fifth Grade

All A's Zach Adams Joshua Bennington Collin Beltz Marissa Claggett Ella Doane Morgan Graham Carmine Hansen William Houston Ava Hughes Angelynn Kauila-Volk Lillian Larner Callie Mav **Caralexis Muncie** Haley Page **Dixon Weaver** Kora Willis

A's & B's

Lane Baker Brantley Bible Braxton Crouso **Brayden Davis** Summer Ellis **Ryan Evans** Lola Fratangelo Vincent Frazee Mckaylee Garman Allison Guinsler Hanley Harrmann Keagan Knepp Reecie Lowe McKenna May William McDowell Olivia McNeil Mason Oliver Aubry Phillips Athena Rabanes Zoev Shellev Adalvnn Shepard Caleb Stein

Sixth Grade

All A's Reagan Beatty Ellie Clark Lucas Colopy Donovan Crouch Grace Frost James Keith Camden Muncie Owen Undercoffer Mason Williams

A's & B's

Paizley Barner Noah Beckley Cheyanne Coleman Reem Ezzarouali Jaxon Graves Kiren Griasby Carter Hammond Justice Irwin Kelsey Jensen Karena Johnson Dylan Keirns Adalynn Leibig **Brent Link** Chyenne McElroy **Emily Norris** Robert Passwaters Isabella Rine Landon Rocha Seth Sapp Mckenzie Schwartz Isabella Stander **Rylie Stephens** Bryar Wilson

FEBRUARY—Student of the Month

William Doane, Brianna Gilbert, Sam Skunza, Nile Williams, Raylee Dunn, Reem Ezzarouali, Caralexia Muncie and Mason Williams

Principal Roll (All A's)

7th Grade

Curtis Divan Kendall Griffith Bristyn Guthrie Colton Kidwell Julia McNeely Alexia Wine Alexandria Wythe

8th Grade

Savannah Crawford Robert Downes Katelyn Edgar Madison Huffman Alekxavier Hughett Jayden Kirk Madelyn Mezie Ava Page Ryan Peck Cloe Tucker Evy Williams Rylan Winkler

9th Grade

Jacob Blakely Bella Brady Hunter Calbert Jaxon Crawford Logan Fawcett Kellen Grigsby Carson Hammond Zoey Huffman Charlotte Mann Brooklyn Morand Carver Stephens

10th Grade

Aubrey Breckler Ella Divan Sydney Opfer Andrew Rettig Gabriel Rine Reese Todd Reagan Tokasz Logan Whitney

<u>11th Grade</u>

Colin Baxter McKayla Blakely Jack Davis Hiba Ezzarouali Carter Frazee Addison Hawk Jordan Hull Kieran Karlovetz Seth Madden Olivia Nastasi **Taylor Severt** Janev Smith Ella Vannatter Lillian Wires Caden Wengerd Lillian Wires Jesse Wolford

<u>12th Grade</u>

Hailey Baker Garry Cooper Riley Cree Alivia Elliott Kayla Finch James Hurlow Savanna Pack Macy Spencer Dustin Springer Mitchell Williams



Honor Roll (All A's & B's)

7th Grade

Ray Arnold Avrianna Bocock Anna Cline Landon Dawson Ava DeCosky Aerianna Hallwood Peyton Hull Brooklynn Kahoe Kenlie Moore James Price Mason Savage Alivia Scoles Aaron Snider Rhyan Williams Kylie Willis

8th Grade

Isabelle Bostic Weston Bostic Michael Brady Derek Carson Dakota Cooper Angelique ElAmin Jared Elswick Miranda Fawcett Nathan Gardner Kayden Gordon **Eleanor Hayes** Olivia Huffman **Brody Korosec** Shaymus Lashley Serenity Lemley Marisol Lucas Lily May Wyatt McDowell Jazmaine Murphy Alaina Nastasi Hayden Priest Zachary Rhinebolt Caden Ridenour **Quentin Rose** Hunter Schrienk Grace Shank Gracie Slone Angel Smith Charlotte St Clair Malena Streby Imogen Winkler

9th Grade

Thomas Ary Ariel Atkinson Jeffrey Cook Macy Cotsamire Landen Davis Macie Fawcett **Gabriel Foote** Wyatt Frost Katelynn Johnson Ethan Kapper Gavin Kidwell Samuel King Jaxon Lester Emma Metcalf **Kyson Miller Miles Mitchell** Zoey Parker Kate Phillips Ezekiel Proudfoot Peyton Riel Aidan Riggle Jasmine Smith Mackenzie Wilson

10th Grade

Elizabeth Aeppli Zandria Carson Peyton Finch Alanna Goheen Keiara Gordon Isabella Grennell Jala Hogan Parker Kimball Bryer Korosec Sarah Landis Hayden Merritt Andrew Rettig Dylan Springer Chance Temple Molly Totten



Honor Roll (All A's & B's)...continued

11th Grade

Alysa Campbell Lauren Campos Nathaniel Cunningham Bracen Davis Bryar Householder Lane Lashley Kensley McMillen Georgia Morris Gracie Smith James Smith

12th Grade

Edward Aeppli Gavin Calbert Jonathan Cisco Madalynn Cotsamire Hailey Frazee Emily Hershberger Adelle Hoar Jordan Huffman Haleigh Landis Madeline Mann Arianna Mayle Hannah McČoy Christopher Neighbarger Ethan Phillis Madison Smiley Caleb Smith Carson Steinmetz Savannaha Thomas **Robert Whitson**









The first ever winners of the "Specials Award" honoring students who are excelling in Art, Music, library and P.E. are Owen Snider (4th grade) and Morgan Griffith (2nd). Congratulations to these two young men and keep up the good work!

EAST KNOX FFA CONDUCTS ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

On March 1, 2023, the East Knox FFA chapter conducted its annual member awards banquet in the High School Gymnasium following a catered meal in the cafeteria. Approximately 310 members, parents, and guests were in attendance. Scholarship awards were given to members with a 3.5 or higher overall Grade Point Average. They were seniors **Dustin Springer** and **Hailey Frazee**; junior **Jesse Wolford**; sophomores **Ayris Blankenship, Aubrey Breckler, Ella Divan, Dylan Springer, Reese Todd**, and **Molly Totten**; and freshmen **Spencer Bennett, Jeffrey Cook, Owen Cunningham, Kellen Grigsby, Sam King, Jaxon Lester, Brooklyn Morand, Zeke Proudfoot, Peyton Riel, Aidan Riggle**, and **Jasmine Smith**.

Trenton Comer, Kalvin Gallwitz, Alexandria Magers, and **Joci Totten** were recognized as American FFA Degree candidates. Their applications have cleared the State and they will get final notification in July and if approved will be awarded their degree at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis on November 4, 2023.

Officer pins were presented to the newly elected 2022-2023 team which are: Dylan Springer - president, Hayden Baker - vice president, Jesse Wolford -secretary, Blake Elliott - treasurer, Aiden Kapper - reporter, Quentin White - sentinel, Braylon Evans -student advisor, Brianna Steinwender - historian, Mackenzie Wilson - parliamentarian, and Chase Temple - chaplain. Retiring officers plaques were presented to the seniors who served as 2022 - 2023 officers. They were Hailey Frazee - president, Ethan Phillis - vice president, and Dustin Springer - secretary.

Fifty-five different FFA members were presented with career development event awards and recognized for competing in one or more of the chapters twenty-one different district elimination or state-level contests.

First year members received the Greenhand Degree. They were Alex Anderson, Ariel Atkinson, Logan Auck, Anthony Baxter, Spencer Bennett, Jeffrey Cook, Owen Cunningham, Landen Davis, Max Dexter, James Farley, Peyton Finch, John Flack, Wyatt Frost, Connor Fusion-Masters, Shane Gardner, Preston Gibson, Brianna Goodman, James Grennell, Zayne Grennell, Kellen Grigsby, Emily Hershberger, Luke Holsinger, Spencer Jepsen, Beau Keller, Sam King, Sylas Lamneck, Jaxon Lester, Joseph Lively, Arianna Mayle, Brody Mills, Brooklyn Morand, Hunter Moore, Dmetrius Negron, Savanna Pack, Ashton Priest, Zeke Proudfoot, Peyton Riel, Aidan Riggle, Gianna Ruhl, Brayden Savage, Brylan Smail, Jasmine Smith, Briana Steinwender, Spencer White, Mackenzie Wilson, Lavrey Wimer-Tish, and Jesse Wolford.

The Chapter Degree is earned by second year members. Those receiving this degree were **Hayden Baker**, Ayris Blankenship, Allison Boggs, Aubrey Breckler, Jon Cisco, Ella Divan, Blake Elliott, Braylon Evans, Aiden Kapper, Josh Kauila-Volk, Andy Rettig, Dylan Springer, Karson Smith, Chase Temple, Savannah Thomas, Reese Todd, Molly Totten, and Quentin White.

Third year award plaques were presented to Nate Cunningham, Abby Rinehart, Angel Simmons, and Landon Spearman.

Fourth year honors went to Ed Aeppli, Hailey Frazee, Brendon Merritt, Ethan Phillis, and Dustin Springer.

Star awards were earned by Ariel Atkinson, Brianna Steinwender, and Mackenzie Wilson - Star Greenhand; Jesse Wolford - Non-Freshman Star Greenhand; Hayden Baker and Dylan Springer - Star Chapter Degree; Jon Cisco - Non-Sophomore Star Chapter Degree; Angel Simmons – Outstanding Junior; Hailey Frazee and Dustin Springer – Outstanding Seniors. Dustin Springer, Blake Elliott, and Dylan Springer were presented outstanding service awards for their state gold-rated officer books. Hayden Baker - first place, Quentin White - second place, and Mackenzie Wilson - third place were presented the outstanding achievement award as the chapters top fruit salesmen.

The Honorary Chapter Degree was presented to adults who have contributed outstanding service to the East Knox FFA. This award went to East Knox High School teacher Kevin Oldaker and maintenance staff members Homer Simmons and Josh Grennell. The chapters' twenty-third VIP award was presented to Cody Reese for his continued support of the East Knox FFA chapter.

In 2018 the chapter started a new award for adults who have continually given tremendous support to the East Knox FFA. It was named the Didinger Service Award in honor of Carol and her husband the late Gary Didinger. The inaugural award was presented to Carol Didinger with five additional recipients since then. This year the seventh ever Didinger Service Award was presented to Crystal Gallwitz for her continuous and tireless support of the East Knox FFA.

The East Knox FFA would like to thank all who have contributed to their success throughout the year.



Picture Front row (L to R) - Hailey Frazee - Outstanding Senior, 4th year award, and retiring president, Briana Steinwender - Star Greenhand, Angel Simmons - Outstanding Junior and 3rd year award, Dylan Springer -Star Chapter Degree and State Gold-Rated Reporter, Ariel Atkinson - Star Greenhand, and Quentin White -Top Fruit Sales -2nd place.

Middle row (L to R) - Abby Rinehart - 3rd year award, Mackenzie Wilson - Star Greenhand and Top Fruit Sales - 3rd place, Hayden Baker - Star Chapter Degree and Top Fruit Sales - 1st place, and Blake Elliott -State Gold-Rated Treasurer.

Back Row (L to R) - Landon Spearman - 3rd year award, Brendon Merritt - 4th year award, John Cisco-Non-Sophomore Star Chapter Degree, Dustin Springer - Outstanding Senior, 4th year award, and retiring secretary, Jesse Wolford - Non-Freshman Star Greenhand, Ethan Phillis - 4th year award and retiring vice president, and Ed Aeppli - 4th year award.

EAST KNOX

The senior English classes with Mr. Schreiner had the students write persuasive letters about policies that they are passionate about. Mr. Reese discussed the policies that students had chosen to write on.

Boys Basketball

The Boys Basketball team had a tough season this year, with a 3-19 record overall. The Bulldogs fell in their Sectional game vs. perennial playoff team Harvest Prep on the road. As a young team, the Bulldogs will return much of their roster next season, so the future is bright. For this season, three players won honors: **Carter Wesney**, who was 2nd Team All-KMAC and District 11 Honorable Mention; **Jaxon Lester**, who was Honorable Mention All-KMAC; and **Mitch Williams**, who was named to the KMAC All-Academic Team. Congratulations to our Bulldog award winners!

Girls Basketball

The Girls Basketball team went through an up-and-down season, with multiple injuries but also some success going forward. As a team, the Bulldogs were 6-6 in the KMAC and 8-13 overall, falling in their playoff game to Harvest Prep on the road. Our Bulldogs won several postseason awards, including **Sydney Opfer** receiving 1st Team KMAC, District 11 First Team and Central District Honorable Mention; **Ella Divan** winning 2nd Team KMAC and District 11 Honorable Mention; **Natalie Smith** earned KMAC Honorable Mention and **Raelyn Todd** earned KMAC All-Academic.

Boys Bowling

The Boys Bowling Team had an incredible season, finishing the KMAC at 13-1, narrowly missing an undefeated season! As a result, the Boys team were KMAC CHAMPIONS for the season! The Boys team advanced to District play in the OHSAA playoffs, but were unable to make State. As a result of this remarkable season, the list of award winners is long. **Will Jensen** was the KMAC Bowler of the Year, 1st Team KMAC and KMAC All-Tournament Team; **Dylan Reed** was 1st Team KMAC; **Lane Lashley** was KMAC Honorable Mention; **Jordan Hull** was KMAC Honorable Mention; **Garry Cooper** was KMAC All-Academic and Head Coach Chip Pozderac was named the KMAC Boys Bowling Coach of the Year. Congratulations Bulldogs on a remarkable season!

Girls Bowling

The Girls Bowling Team also had an excellent season from a team that two years ago had no wins on the season, to a team that finished 3rd in the KMAC, narrowly missing out on the championship! With a 10-4 record, the Girls program had its best season in East Knox history, reaching the District Championship as a team for the first time EVER! As a result, many Bull-dog bowlers were honored, including: **Olivia Nastasi** who earned 1st Team KMAC and KMAC All-Tournament Team; **Chloe Stevens** who earned 2nd Team KMAC and KMAC All-Tournament Team; **Hailey Baker** who won KMAC Honorable Mention and KMAC All-Academic; **Riley Cree** who won KMAC Honorable Mention and Head Coach Chip Pozderac who won KMAC Girls Bowling Coach of the Year! Congratulations to our Girls Bowling Team on an excellent season!

Wrestling

Our Bulldog wrestler, **Blake Elliott** who wrestles with the Mount Vernon wrestling team, was off to a good start on the season with a 7-1 record when he suffered an injury that looked to be season-ending. Fortunately, he was cleared by his doctors just prior to the playoffs, allowing him to hit the OHSAA Tournament trail. At Heath HS for Sectionals, Blake wrestled well, qualifying for the Districts with a #2 seed. At Districts, Blake won his first match, before falling in Match #2 and headed to the consolation brackets. On Saturday at Districts with his back against the wall, Blake shined. He won FOUR consecutive District matches in a row, and punched his ticket to the STATE Championship. Blake will wrestle as a #3 seed in the Schottenstein Arena at Ohio State on the weekend of March 11th. Good Luck to Blake in Columbus and congratulations on becoming a 2-time state qualifier!

In addition, we want to say congratulations to Head Coach Joe Totten and the 8th Grade Girls Basketball team, who won the KMAC Championship this year with their victory at Cardington!

East Knox Local School District // PAFR FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

FEDERAL FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE



ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND (ESSER)

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) federal grant funding is intended to help states and school districts safely reopen schools, measure and effectively address significant learning loss, and take other actions to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the students and families who depend on K-12 schools.

ESSER	\$246,939	ESSER II	\$1,458,123	ESSER III	\$3,277,063
General Instruction	\$104,937	General Instruction	\$231,782	Learning Loss	\$39,272
Remote Learning	\$86,931	Learning Loss	\$132,231	Total Spent	\$39,272
Medical Supplies	\$6,802	Remote Learning	\$71,702		
Sanitizing/Preventative Supplies	\$14,096	Summer School	\$40,433		
Instructional Technology	\$34,173	Furniture for Distancing	\$6,003		
Total Spent	\$246,939	Instructional Technology	\$192,456		
Total opene	\$240,707	Athletic Revenue Loss	\$21,369		
		Total Spent	\$695,976		
\$246,939 AMOUNT AWARDED		\$1,458,123 AMOUNT AWARDED		\$3,277,063 AMOUNT AWARDED	
\$246,939 AMOUNT SPENT		\$695,976 AMOUNT SPENT		\$39,272 AMOUNT SPENT	
CORONAVIRU	IS RELIEF FI	UND (CRF)		CRF	\$59,938
		(011)		Remote Learning	\$1,233
Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) federal grant funding is intended to finance expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19.				Medical Supplies	\$9,826
		\$59,938 AMOUNT AWARDED		Sanitizing/Preventative Supplies	\$1,860
				Instructional Technology	\$28,773
		\$57,688 AMOUNT SPENT		Sanitizing Equipment	\$15,996
				Total Spent	\$57,688

THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) – INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (IDEA)

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) – Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) federal grant funding is intended to finance services provided to preschool and school-age children and youth with disabilities and their families.

ARP IDEA	\$57,989
Preschool Supplies	\$3,043
Total Spent	\$3,043

Open Enrollment Guide, Information and FAQ's

Open enrollment applications **must be** completed online and are filled on a first-come, first serve basis, according to space. Open enrollment of students will be limited with respect to grade level capacities, building capacities, and program capacities which are established by the East Knox Local School District (EKLSD). If capacities have not been exceeded, enrollment privileges may be extended until capacities have been met. New students having siblings already in the (EKLSD) will have preference over other new students, but will have applications approved in the same manner as other students. Students who are enrolled in the District on the final day of the previous school year will receive enrollment preferences over the first-time student applicants. In addition, children of East Knox employees will receive enrollment consideration preferences over first-time applicants.

Enrollment will be denied to students who are residents of school districts in the State of Ohio and who have been suspended or expelled by the student's district for ten consecutive days or more in the term for which admission is sought or in the term immediately preceding the term for which admission is sought, the procedures may include a provision denying admission of such applicant. The student and parent(s)/guardian(s) may have an opportunity for a hearing before the Superintendent/designee to determine the admittance or non-admittance of the student.

Open Enrollment FAQs

What is Open Enrollment?

A parent or guardian residing in an Ohio school district may enroll their child in EKLSD without paying tuition, provided they comply with open enrollment deadlines, procedures and their student is accepted by EKLSD.

How do I apply for Open Enrollment?

You will need to complete the open enrollment process **online**, through <u>Final Forms</u>. We do not accept paper applications. If you do not have a way to complete the open enrollment process online, please let us know, we can make accommodations for you in our buildings.

When does the application period open and close for Open Enrollment to the EKLSD?

April 1st through May 1st, (Does **not** apply to **incoming kindergarteners**, they complete their forms on their registration days). If you move during the school year and are a current student you must complete the proper forms and have your address updated, promptly after you move or you may be denied.

Do I need to re-apply for Open Enrollment each year?

Yes. You will need to complete the open enrollment process online, through <u>Final Forms</u>. If you have a new student, you will need to create an account and complete all information and sign. If your student is a returning student, you will need to open your Final Forms account and verify/update your information and sign forms.

Do I need to re-apply for Open Enrollment if I move?

Yes. You must file for open enrollment promptly after your move (if your move takes you out of EKLSD), or you may be denied.

Will the district provide transportation for my student?

Transportation is provided only within the EKLSD or at our district's designated bus stops. Please contact our Transportation Coordinator at 740-599 -7000 x1016 for more information.

Is there any cost involved?

There is no tuition charge for open enrolled children. However, parents or guardians are responsible for any and all miscellaneous fees for participation in courses, classes, or activities, the same as resident students are expected to pay.

My Student would like to play sports, what do I need to know?

High school students who transfer school districts through open enrollment must follow Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) rules for participating on athletic teams. Typically, athletic eligibility is determined by the school in which the student is attending beginning their 9th grade year through 12th grade. OHSAA rules for transfer and athletic eligibility are very specific and must be followed by law.

East Knox Local School District Purple Pride

website: www.ekschools.org

23201 Coshocton Road Howard OH 43028 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER NON-PROFIT U.S. POSTAGE PAID PERMIT #51 MOUNT VERNON, OH 43050

OR CURRENT RESIDENT

CAR/RT HOWARD POSTAL CUSTOMER HOWARD, OH 43028

The Safe School Helpline

Break the Silence | Prevent the Event

Let us know anonymously when you know of anything that threatens the safety of our schools: 1-800-418-6423 ext. 359, Text: 66746, then type TIPS.

Website: www.safeschoolhelpline.com

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES—This publication, a report to the residents of the East Knox Local School District, fulfills the requirements of section 3312.94 of the Ohio Revised Code. Suggestions or questions should be directed to the Board of Education Office, 23201 Coshocton Road Howard, Ohio 43028

.....