

INDIAN HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT
2025 QUALITY PROFILE

IHSD STUDENT AMBASSADORS



HOME

A MESSAGE FROM CEO/SUPERINTENDENT KIRK KOENNECKE

During the 2024–2025 school year, we embraced one powerful message as a district: **WELCOME HOME.**

At Indian Hill, “home” is more than a place — it’s a feeling. It’s where our students are known, challenged, and celebrated. It’s where innovation meets tradition, and where our commitment to excellence in academics, arts, and athletics remains unwavering. We expanded what it means to be part of the Brave family through continued growth, new traditions, and strategic investment on leadership with the grand opening of our K–12 Entrepreneurs’ Center.

We advanced our bold vision for our #IHPromise strategic plan with an evolution and focus on high-yield strategies for teaching and learning by achieving 100% implementation of both Project-Based Learning (PBL) and Building Thinking Classrooms (BTC) across all grades. Every single student engaged in PBL experience, and every teacher participated in collaborative lab classrooms to grow professionally. Our faculty also prepared for the full launch of Leader in Me – a whole-school framework that empowers students with leadership and life skills by teaching them to take ownership of their learning, based on *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* – with 100% of primary and elementary school educators trained for implementation in the 2025–2026 school year.

This marks the 13th publication of our *Indian Hill Quality Profile* — a tradition of transparency and celebration that showcases how we deliver uniquely Indian Hill experiences for every child. And we do so with recognition to match: Indian Hill High School remains ranked No. 1 in Ohio by Niche, with a nationally recognized AASA STEM-designed district; three of our schools earned the prestigious Ohio STEM Designation.

To our staff, our families, and our community partners — we say: Welcome home.

Thank you for being part of this incredible journey. Together, we are creating a place where excellence lives, and where every Brave belongs.

In service to our children,

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Kirk Koennecke
CEO/Superintendent
Indian Hill School District





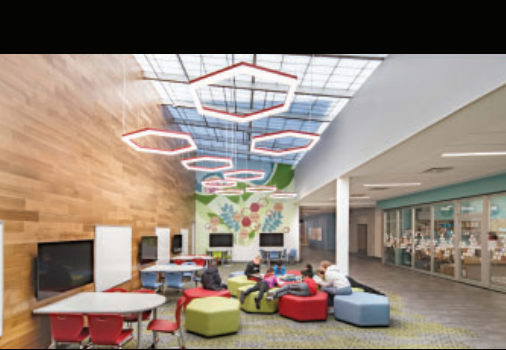
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**K-12 EC
GRAND OPENING**



**IHHS
BLOOMING BRAVES
GRAND OPENING**

INVESTMENT

**A MESSAGE FROM
CFO/TREASURER
MICK DAVIS**

As we reflect on the 2024–2025 fiscal year, I am pleased to share key highlights from our financial strategy, reflecting our commitment to fiscal responsibility while delivering the excellence our community both expects and deserves:

- **Strong Financial Position:** Our district maintains a solid financial foundation, enabling continued investment in high-quality educational programs while ensuring long-term sustainability.
- **Strategic Investments:** We are allocating resources to enhance STEM, leadership, project-based learning, arts, and athletics, aligning with our mission to provide unparalleled student experiences.
- **Grant Acquisition:** The district secured significant grants, including \$22,500 from the Ohio STEM Learning Network and \$272,733 from the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce, supporting advancements in STEM education and career readiness initiatives.
- **Taxpayer Value:** Property values within our district have seen up to a 30% increase, reflecting the community’s desirability and the district’s quality. Notably, the 2001 bond will expire in 2027, following a 2016 refinancing that saved taxpayers \$8.5 million.
- **Energy Efficiency:** Our Energy Savings Program continues to yield over \$150,000 in annual savings, exemplifying our dedication to cost-effective operations.
- **Legislative Monitoring:** We continue to closely monitor potential reforms to Ohio’s property tax system, including the implications of House Bill 920 and the 20-mill floor, to assess future impacts on district revenue. You can expect timely updates.

Thank you for your continued support and trust in our stewardship. Together, we are building a fiscally sound future for our students and community.

Dedicated to the success of our students,

Mick Davis
CFO/Treasurer
Indian Hill School District

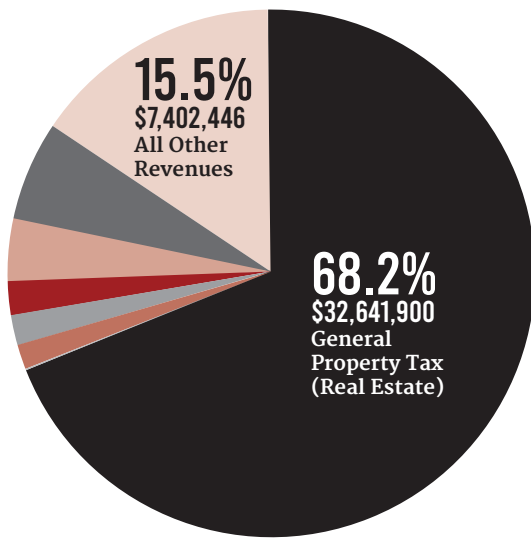




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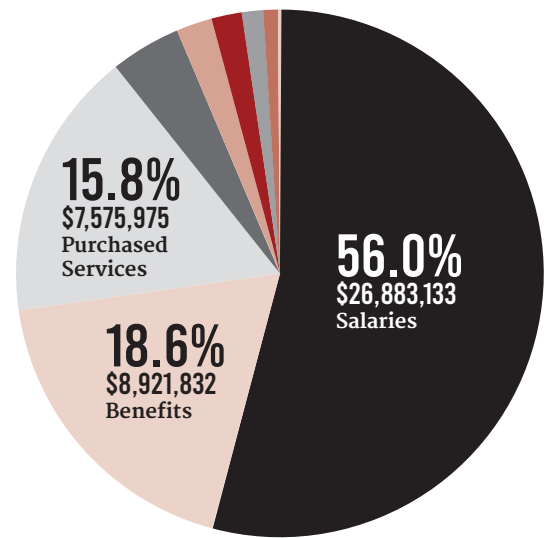


THE INDIAN HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE DISTRICT AND CFO/TREASURER MICK DAVIS EARNED THE OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE AWARD FOR 2024, THE NINTH AWARD DURING HIS TENURE.



REVENUE REPORT FOR YTD 2024

7.5%	1.7%	0.0%
\$3,583,754	\$818,405	\$18,605
Property Tax Allocation	Tangible Personal Property Tax	Advances-In
4.9%	1.2%	0.9%
\$2,344,511	\$595,373	\$426,228
Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid	Restricted Grants-in-Aid	All Other Financing Sources



EXPENSE REPORT FOR YTD 2024

4.6%	1.4%	0.8%
\$2,186,375	\$655,000	\$401,404
Supplies and Materials	Principal-Other	Interest and Fiscal Charges
1.7%	1.2%	0.1%
\$799,094	\$584,178	\$36,110
Capital Outlay	Other Objects	Advances-Out

UNPARALLELED ACADEMICS

UNIQUELY
INDIAN HILL



National STEM Designation awarded to all Indian Hill schools, recognizing excellence in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education.

Indian Hill High School maintained its position as the #1 high school in Ohio, according to Niche rankings.

Indian Hill received national design awards for its innovative design and educational environment in Learning By Design's Fall 2024 Architecture and Interior Design Awards of Excellence.

Class of 2024 achieved an average ACT composite score of 27.1, surpassing both state and national averages by over 7 points.

Chief Communications Officer Heather Higdon was honored with the National School Public Relations Association Gold Medallion Award for the development of the Student Ambassadors Experienceship Program.

← **Latin educator Melissa Burgess won a national honor, named a 2025 Merens Award recipient by the American Classical League.**



↑ Educator Jessica Ball was a finalist for the National Educator of the Year award, highlighting her dedication and impact on students.

Educator Amy Campa received the Ohio Master Teacher Award of Excellence, presented by the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation.

Five outstanding educators – Loni Jackson, Amie Kanzeg, Mari Mileham, Adrienne Scott, and Kelly Vaughan – were selected as recipients of the George B. Milbourn Team Teachers Award of Excellence, presented by the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation.

Athletic Director Brian Phelps was selected as one of five recipients of the prestigious Athletic Director of the Year Award by the Southwest Ohio Athletic Directors Association.

Educator Lee Jimenez was selected by the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation as a 2024 George B. Chapman, Jr. Math Teacher Award of Excellence recipient.



Indian Hill Homecoming

→ The Indian Hill School District, in partnership with AASA, The School Superintendents Association, hosted an Innovation for Transformation learning conference; nearly 100 educators from across the country toured facilities and learned about both STEM and transformational leadership programming, with Indian Hill students guiding the tours.



Elizabeth Ruebusch was recognized as an Educator of Excellence in Hamilton County.



IHHS/IHPS Computer Learning Collaboration

LEARNERS AS DOERS

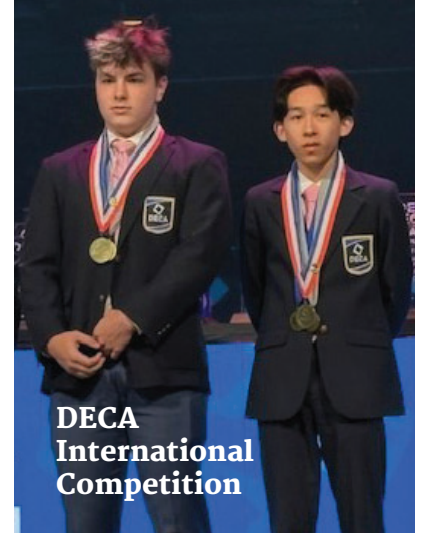
Students Ardisha Thawrani and Grace Zhang received national recognition from the United Nations Association of the USA and InnerView for their outstanding community service efforts.

Fifteen Indian Hill High School DECA students had exceptional achievements at the prestigious DECA International Career Development Conference.

Four Indian Hill Middle School students showcased their innovation and problem-solving skills at the Ohio STEM Learning Network STEM Challenge State Competition: Ivy Wilkes, Annie Kindberg, Alex Grebe, and Zoey Lampe.

Indian Hill Middle School students participated in the Future City Competition earning third place overall in the Ohio Region, winning Best Use of Recreation and Best Use of Transportation: Kiran Athota, Sammy Glassman, Anup Gade, and Zoe Lee.

→ Indian Hill Elementary School students secured nine of the top 10 elementary teams in the state out of 139 total – including first place – for the Stock Market Game, sponsored by the non-profit Alpaugh Family Economics Center, University of Cincinnati (UC). The winning team included IHES students Joey Hartman, Grayson Kirkwood, and Hadley Stetler.



DECA International Competition



IHHS Senior Signing



First Day of School (2024-2025)



LEARNERS AS INDIVIDUALS

← Student Jolyne Gunadi was awarded the highly prestigious Robertson Scholarship, a full-ride scholarship program that enables recipients to study at both the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) and Duke University.



Student Lillian Liu was selected as one of only 621 semifinalists nationwide in the 2025 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program.

← Student Samantha Kayne was named a winner of the 2025 class of the Coca-Cola Scholars Program, earning \$20,000 in college scholarships in one of the most prestigious and competitive programs in the country.



↑ **Fourteen students were recognized as part of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation; eight students qualified for the National Merit Semifinalist Competition: Nathan Bunkowske, Hongkam Chan, Raffi Hagopian, Meredith Leder, Lillian Liu, Jenna O’Driscoll, Arjun Velayutham, and Brandon Yang. In addition, six students were recognized as National Merit Commended Scholars: Enguerrand Bonniol, Daniel Choi, Jolyne Gunadi, Campbell Miller, Kip Richardson, and Jacob Ruby.**

LEARNERS AS THE WHOLE CHILD

We celebrate that 91% of students in grades 3–12 report having supportive relationships.

We have 8 partnerships related to mental wellness and 8 award-winning school counselors.

ALL students are offered mental wellness prevention and intervention services.

In the spring we hosted the grand opening of our IHHS accessible outdoor wellness space designed and developed by the Blooming Braves, a group of innovative student leaders.

Our IHMS Student Wellness Leadership Team earned \$1,000 grant for the World Teen Mental Health Day.



Indian Hill Global Fair

UNPARALLELED LEADERSHIP

ENTREPRENEURS' CENTER CELEBRATIONS



LEADERSHIP, ENTREPRENEURSHIP & EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING BY THE NUMBERS:



90+

staff members went through the 7 *Habits of Highly Effective People* Training

22

students earned “Self-Leadership” credentials from the Blanchard Institute

35

staff members earned their “Leadership Excellence” credential

2

staff & 11 students earned Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt credentials

4

staff members earned Lean Six Sigma Green Belt credentials

70

students from 11 schools attended the IHMS-hosted High Aims Student Leadership Conference

82

IHHS students comprised the Student Leadership Team

166

IHHS students led outside the classroom through IH Experienceships (Fall/Winter)

24

Career Connection guest speakers through IH Experienceships

8

professional site visits through IH Experienceships

4

professionally led workshops through IH Experienceships

90+

unique partners & 278 students attended our Business@Breakfast events

40+

Partners hosting & 50+ students participating in IH Experienceships Summer Internships

91

IH Experienceships mentor coaches, including 33 IHHS alumni



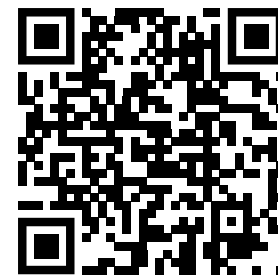
Leadership Summit on The Hill Speaker Series: Chris Singleton & Sue Enquist ↑



IHHS student Mia Sulfsted had the opportunity to ask McDonald's CEO and IHHS '87 graduate Chris Kempczinski three questions. You can check out their conversation here: ↑



Business@Breakfast: Students meet with professionals to learn pathways to success ↑



← **Big Pitch 3.0: Where "Shark Tank" and IHHS ideas collide! Thank you to the IH Foundation for funding "The Brave Room" and "The Commons" – both of these endeavors will lead to transformational opportunities and experiences for all IHHS students.**

UNPARALLELED ATHLETICS

ATHLETIC CELEBRATIONS



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OVERALL EXCELLENCE

Back-to-back winners of the
CHL All-Sports Trophy



STATE & NATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Girls Tennis:
OTCA Team State Champions

Boys Soccer:
OHSAA State Champions

Boys Tennis:
OTCA Team State Runner-up

Boys Tennis Doubles
(Neelan Gandhi & Michael Ryu):
OHSAA State Runner-up

Jason Zhao:
Swimming State Champion

Baseball:
State Final-Four

Girls Lacrosse:
Regional Runner-up

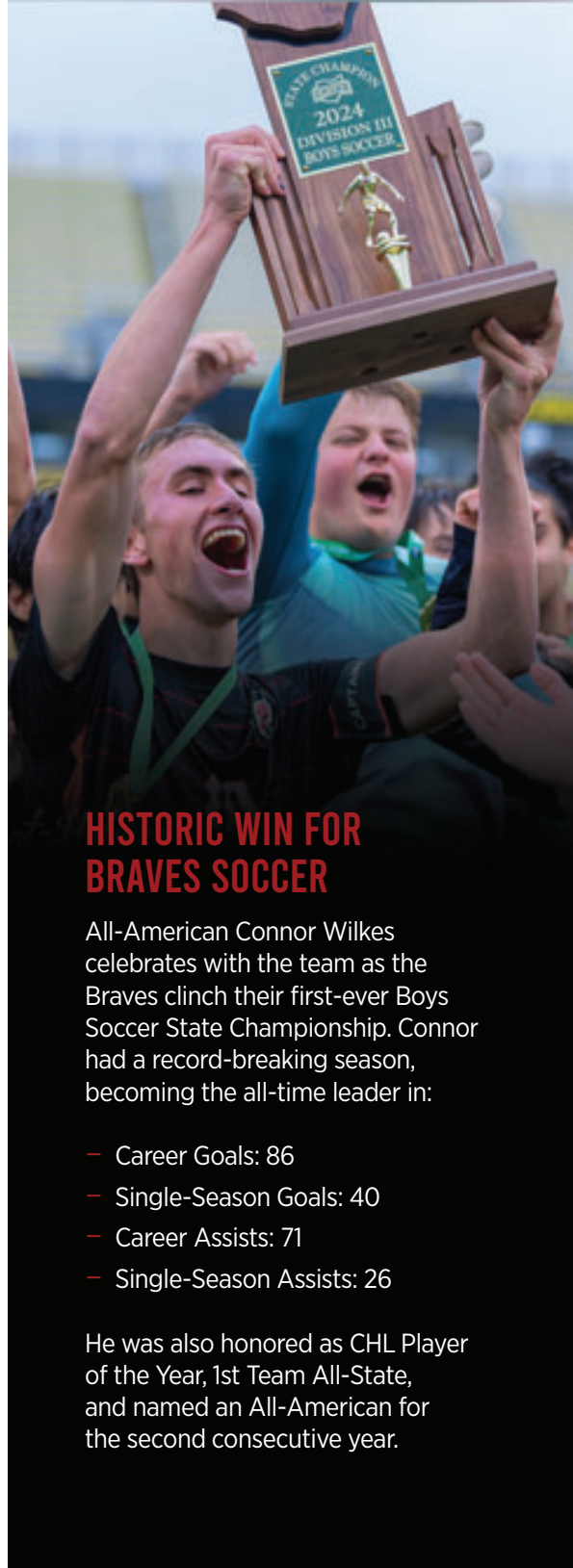
Girls Basketball:
District Champions

Boys Track and Field:
Regional 3rd Place, District
Runner-up (TBD)

Boys Volleyball:
Program launched this year

Cheerleading:
National Semi-finalists

Arjun Velayutham:
3rd place in 200M Free
and 500M Free



HISTORIC WIN FOR BRAVES SOCCER

All-American Connor Wilkes
celebrates with the team as the
Braves clinch their first-ever Boys
Soccer State Championship. Connor
had a record-breaking season,
becoming the all-time leader in:

- Career Goals: 86
- Single-Season Goals: 40
- Career Assists: 71
- Single-Season Assists: 26

He was also honored as CHL Player
of the Year, 1st Team All-State,
and named an All-American for
the second consecutive year.



LCH *Linda Clement-Holmes*
PHOTOGRAPHY

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS & RECORDS

Bryan Daniel:

Boys Soccer National Coach of the Year.

- Regional Coach of the Year
- Ohio Coach of the Year
- Southwest Coach of the Year
- CHL Coach of the Year

Matt Harrison:

Swimming State Coach of the Year

Caroline Langworthy:

Joined the Basketball 1,000 Point Club

Devlan Daniel (Sophomore):

- Broke Indian Hill all-time rushing record in football and single season record for hits, doubles and triples in baseball
- Named District Baseball Player of the Year

Connor Wilkes:

Named Boys Soccer All-American

- Ohio Player of the Year
- Southwest Player of the Year
- 4X New Program Record Holder
 - Career Goals (86)
 - Career Assists (71)
 - Single Season Goals (40)
 - Single Season Assists (26)

Cassie Larsen:

Named Girls Lacrosse All-American

Samantha Kayne:

Named Girls Lacrosse Academic All-American

Rocco DiSanto (Freshman):

- Broke school record for most 3-pointers in a single game
- Broke school record for most 3-pointers in a season

Wade Ward:

OTCA Girls Tennis Coach of the Year



COACH SUE SAVAGE: A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

This year we celebrate Coach Savage for her many years of dedication to our track program. Her leadership has not only shaped championship teams but also taught us what it truly means to be a Brave. Congratulations on your retirement, Coach—and thank you for the memories!

Brian Phelps:

2025 SWOADA Athletic Director of the Year



COACH WADE WARD: ENDING ON TOP

Coach Wade Ward and his exceptional staff guided our Girls Tennis team to yet another State Championship. A true testament to leadership, excellence, and finishing strong—congratulations to our Braves & Coach Ward!

TENNIS AWARDS

GCTCA D2 Player of the Year:
Neelan Gandhi

GCTCA D2 Doubles Team
of the Year: Michael Ryu &
Jeremy Starczynowski

GCTCA D2 1st Team Singles:
Gareth Kurowski

GCTCA D2 2nd Team Doubles:
Yousef Moussa & Neil Roy

GCTCA D2 Honorable
Mention Singles: Eli Camp

GCTCA D2 Newcomer of the
Year: Gareth Kurowski

GCTCA D2 Coach of the Year:
Mike Piergalski

GIRLS LACROSSE (GLAX) AWARDS

1st Team All-Ohio, 1st Team
All-Region: Carson Bahl

2nd Team All-Ohio, 1st Team
All-Region: Kallie Adams

1st Team All-Region:
Cassie Larsen

2nd Team All-Region:
Samantha Kayne

2nd Team All-Region:
Kincade Givens

2nd Team All-Region:
Jessi Robinson

All-Region Coach of the Year:
Sam Herman



AQUA BRAVE JASON ZHAO DOMINATES AGAIN

Jason Zhao continued his reign in the pool, winning another OHSAA Division II State Championship in the 200-yard Freestyle. Over his high school career, Jason has earned four state titles—two individual and two relay championships.



BASEBALL'S EPIC POSTSEASON JOURNEY

After a strong regular season, our Baseball team launched a thrilling postseason campaign:

- District Quarterfinal: Defeated Shroder Paideia Academy 18-1
- District Semifinal: Beat New Richmond 3-2 in 8 innings
- District Final: Triumphed over Brookville 9-3
- Regional Semifinal: Outlasted Bishop Fenwick 6-5 in 10 innings
- Regional Final: Dominated Jonathan Alder 8-1

Next stop: The OHSAA Division IV State Semifinals versus Perkins, with a State Championship berth on the line!



DEVLAN DANIEL'S BREAKOUT FOOTBALL SEASON

During the 2024 season, sophomore running back Devlan Daniel averaged 174.8 rushing yards per game and tallied 31 touchdowns. As he returns for his junior year, Daniel is on track to become the school's all-time leading rusher.



Thank you Linda Clement-Holmes Photography for the stunning athletic photos.

TRACK & FIELD ACHIEVEMENTS

4x800 relay team broke the school record and were Regional Champions (Pratt Gibson, Zixiang Hong, James McGrath, James O'Driscoll)

Pratt Gibson: Flying Pig Scholarship Winner (\$20,000 award)

Lucian Cillario: Set a new school pole vault record at 14'4"

Elena Gailey: Set a new school pole vault record at 8'0"

Ian Kincaide: Set a new school 110M hurdles record at 15.10



COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

14 student-athletes committed to playing collegiate sports at NCAA Division I, II, and III levels

CHL HONORS

7 CHL Team Champions:

- Boys Soccer
- Girls Tennis
- Girls Swimming
- Baseball
- Boys Track & Field
- Boys Tennis
- Cheerleading

8 CHL Players of the Year:

Devlan Daniel
(Football, Baseball)

Connor Wilkes
(Boys Soccer)

James McGrath
(Cross Country)

Sophia Thompson
(Girls Tennis)

Neelan Gandhi
(Boys Tennis)

Aiden Faber
(Track & Field)

Grant Supinski
(Track & Field)

4 CHL Coaches of the Year:

Bryan Daniel
(Boys Soccer)

Matt Harrison
(Girls Swimming)

Cary Daniel
(Baseball)

Susan Savage
(Boys Track & Field)

UNPARALLELED ARTS

ARTS CONSERVATORY CELEBRATIONS



↑ 21 IHHS students received 46 accolades in the annual Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Competition, including 11 Gold Keys, 12 Silver Keys, and 23 Honorable Mentions.

IHSD received a record-breaking total of 28 nominations in the annual Blue Chip awards, earning a record 12 awards.



IHMS Spring Art Show

Over 145 students participated in band, 130 in orchestra, and 220 choir in grades 6-12.

2 IHHS students made it to the semi-finals of the Cincinnati Arts Association Overture Awards.



IHPS Extra Special Night

Over 100 students participated in an Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) competition in the IHMS and IHHS band, orchestra, and choir programs, participating in All-State, Solo & Ensemble, a Junior High Honors Ensemble, and Large Group contest, with both Braves Choir and Premieres becoming eligible to perform at state.



THE SHINE

Footloose



← Over 250 IHMS and IHHS students participated in 5 theatrical productions in the 2024–2025 school year, including *Pride and Prejudice*, *Peter/Wendy*, *Footloose*, *Matilda Jr.* and *The Last Dance of Dr. Disco*.

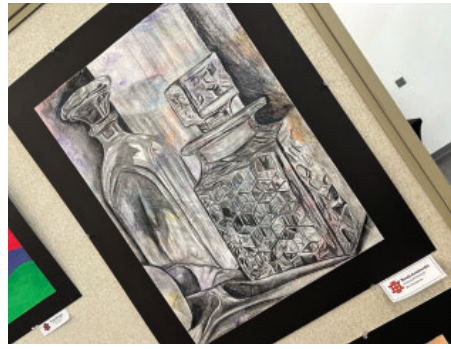
13 IHHS students had their visual artwork advance to the state judging round and 3 received state level recognition for their artwork in the annual Governor Art Competition State Show.

Over 100 IHMS and IHHS students had artwork featured in shows off campus.

↓ 164 students from grades 7 and 8 performed in Cedar Point’s Festival of Music, earning first place overall for orchestra; first place choir, and third place band.



100 percent participation K-5 art and music instruction, with special studies in Dance, Orff, Art Club, and 3-5 Choir.



IHMS Power of the Pen State Qualifiers included Sammy Glassman and Blake Farrell.

10 IHHS Seniors are continuing in an area of the Arts or joining a branch of the Military.



Braves Marching Band: 6 competitions total, 4 first place overall trophies, 5 top 3 finishes, multiple first place awards for best visual effects, best color guard, best percussion, best general effects, best music, and top 10 during Mid-States Final Competition. ↓

IHHS Art Show →



PARTNERS

COMMUNITY

IH FOUNDATION

The Indian Hill Foundation serves as the philanthropic partner of the Indian Hill Exempted Village School District, committed to advancing educational excellence and fostering innovation across all grade levels. In addition to securing private funding for initiatives that enhance the K-12 experience and broaden the impact of public education, the Foundation also leads the District's alumni relations efforts—honoring Braves traditions, cultivating connections across generations, and engaging alumni in meaningful ways that contribute to the continued strength of the Indian Hill community.



IH PTO

In 2024-2025, IH PTO supported all Indian Hill schools with financial support totaling \$201,009 and contributed substantial donations through our Capital Grant fund. Countless volunteer hours were given.



IH BOOSTERS

In the 2024-25 school year, the Indian Hill Boosters organization donated \$157,665.65 to our District. The Boosters organization supports our students as they participate in arts, athletics, and extracurricular clubs.



CINCINNATI ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS (CAPA):

CAPA provides after-school programming in performing arts for students in grades K-12. CAPA sponsors scholarship programs that allow students to showcase their talents in the performing arts. Each summer, CAPA also offers intensive full production musical theatre camps.



INDIAN HILL PARENT EQUITY GROUP:

Founded in 2016, the Indian Hill Parent Equity Group consists of parents from a multitude of racial, cultural and religious backgrounds who support the Indian Hill School District initiative to bring racial awareness and cultural competency into our District and community.



INDIAN HILL GLOBAL PARENTS GROUP:

Our Indian Hill Global Parents Group represents approximately 40 different nationalities within the District and assists the District in planning unique, age-appropriate learning activities for our students, including the annual Global Cultural Week Celebration.



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