



2025-2026
**QUALITY
PROFILE**

The city of Shelby was voted as one of the
14 best places to live in Ohio in 2025!

Message from the Superintendent



Michael Browning
Superintendent

Dear Shelby City Schools Community,

This is our third annual Quality Profile—a look back at a year defined by the collective energy of our students, staff, families, and neighbors. If you want to see what happens when an entire community rallies behind its schools, you'll find it right here in these pages.

Like. From history-making athletes and state-level competition to writing contests, art shows, and countless classroom successes, Shelby students continue to raise the bar. Their talent and commitment to excellence make us all proud to be Whippets. Beyond these achievements, our students and staff have also demonstrated the power of preparation, innovation, and service to others.

Behind the scenes, we've also been doing the vital work of looking forward. Every operational decision we make and every dollar we spend is intentionally directed toward student growth. This entire roadmap is anchored by our Portrait of a Graduate—our promise to foster confidence, compassion, and critical thinking in every student so they leave our halls fully prepared for whatever comes next.

None of these achievements happen by accident. They are the result of a deeply dedicated staff who give their all to ensure every child thrives. Thank you for your continued partnership, your trust, and your shared commitment to our schools.

Go Whippets!

Michael Browning,
Superintendent

Portrait of a Graduate



Strategic Plan

District Mission

In our commitment to our community, Shelby City Schools will maximize learning for each student, ensuring high-quality, challenging experiences with appropriate stakeholder responses.

District Goals

In our effort to be the premier district in Richland County and the surrounding area, Shelby City Schools is focused on five goals for continuous improvement.

Teaching and Learning

Share a vision for high-quality, equitable classroom practices that motivate students and develop self-awareness.

District Culture

Promote a shared identity and promote purposeful decision-making, staff engagement, and a collaborative spirit.

Community and Family Engagement

Engage in purposeful relationships with families and our community to build trust and share the responsibility for growing future Shelby citizens.

Leadership and Operations

Distribute leadership and authority to implement initiatives, manage operations, and engage staff, students, and the community.

Demonstrate Effective Stewardship of Resources

District leadership will continuously evaluate programs, buildings, staff, and educational resources based on their financial availability and constantly use district money effectively.

Core Values

Every Student Has the Ability to Learn and Perform at a High Level

Students Deserve Our Best Each Day

The Power of Togetherness

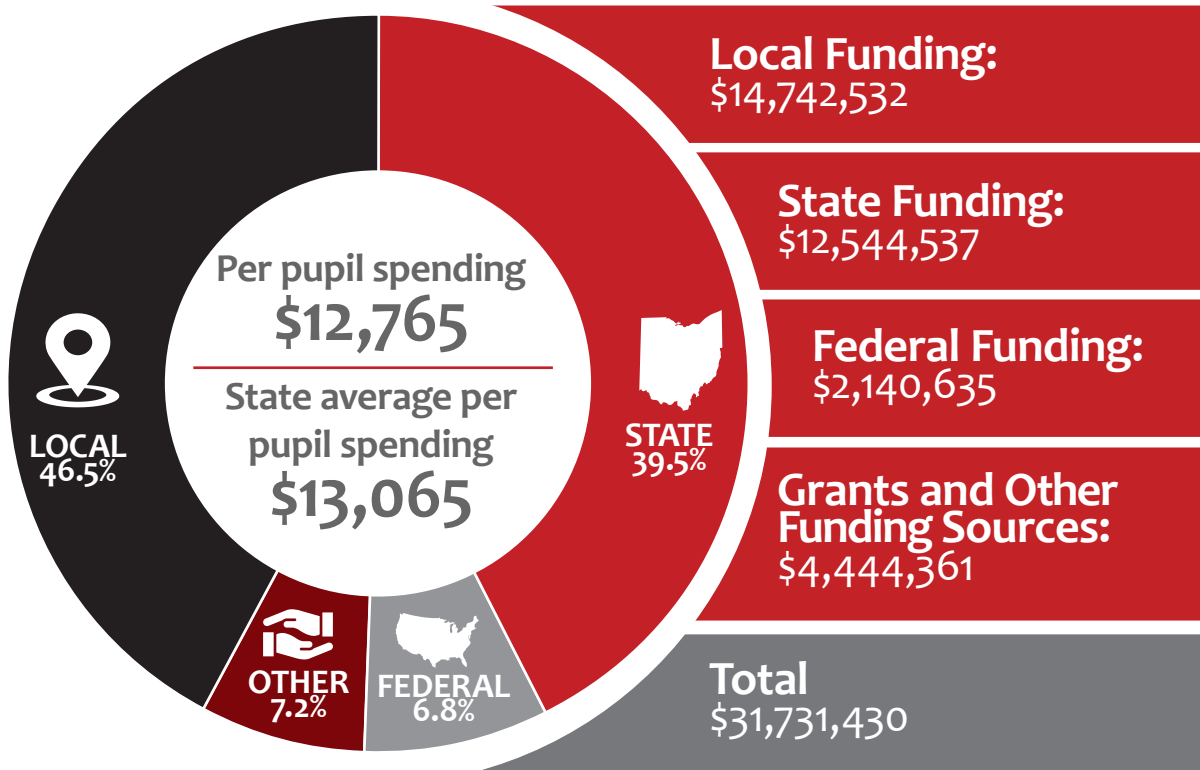


Financial Overview

Shelby City Schools remains committed to responsible financial management, ensuring that resources are used effectively to support our students and staff. In the 2025-26 fiscal year, the district's funding came from a variety of sources, including local, state, and federal contributions, as well as grants.

Shelby City Schools delivers a high-quality education while spending less per student than the Ohio state average. Through thoughtful financial stewardship, the district maximizes every dollar to support student learning, ensuring taxpayers receive strong value from their investment.

Madison Ratliff,
Treasurer



District Overview



1,905

Total student enrollment



94.2%

Attendance Rate



95.5%

Graduation Rate

Board of Education

We are grateful to the Shelby Schools Board of Education for the time, care and leadership they invest in our schools and in the success of every student.

From left to right

Standing: President Scott Rose, Jonathan Lawson, Brad Ream.
Seated: Brandel Boyd and Vice-President Heather Braun.



Academic Accolades

A Strong Showing: Shelby Schools Exceeds State Standards

Each year, the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce releases State Report Cards, which highlight the achievements of school districts across the state and their efforts to prepare students for the future.

Districts are given an overall rating of 1-5 stars, with five being the highest. Additionally, districts are scored in the following categories: Achievement, Progress, Gap Closing, Early Literacy and Graduation.

We are happy to report that for the 2025-2026 school year, we achieved a 4-star rating.

**OVERALL
SCORE
4
STARS**

ACHIEVEMENT	★★★★☆
PROGRESS	★★★★☆
GAP CLOSING	★★★★☆
GRADUATION	★★★★☆
EARLY LITERACY	★★☆☆☆
COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS	★★★★★

Thank you to our staff and students for your continued hard work!

AP Classes

4

Classes offered

30

AP Tests
administered

3

Students earned 3
or higher on tests

63%

of test scores were
3 or higher

College Credit Plus (CCP)

281 CCP courses
offered through:

- Ashland University
- Ohio State University (OSU)
- Mount Vernon Nazarene University (MVNU)
- North Central State College (NCSC)
- Sinclair Community College (Sinclair CC)
- Bowling Green State University (BGSU)
- Pioneer Career and Technology Center (PCTC)

67 students earned 854 semester hours
(including PCTC; 42 students earned 1199 semester hours)

Ashland University

46 students earned 395 semester hours

Ohio State University (OSU)

10 students earned 149 semester hours

NCSC

12 students earned 274 semester hours

MVNU

3 students earned 20 semester hours

BGSU

2 students earned 6 semester hours

Sinclair CC

1 student earned 10 semester hours

Shelby High School

43 students earned 254 semester hours

195 Courses taken

CLASS OF 2026 HIGHLIGHTS



over
\$400,000

Awarded in
local scholarships



54%

Attending a 2 or 4-year
college or university



30%

Joining the
workforce



7%

Joining the
military

This money is available to **ONLY**
Shelby students.

Six members of the Class of 2026 also
earned Pioneer scholarships totaling \$3,500.

Future Nurses Program Opens Career Pathways

Shelby High School seniors Ruthie Faith, Adalie Miller, and Aniya Clark successfully completed Avita Health System's Future Nurses of Avita program. Through the program, each student is eligible for employment with Avita Health System and may receive full tuition reimbursement while pursuing a nursing degree at North Central State College, creating a direct pathway from high school to a career in healthcare.



Athletics, Arts & Clubs

21
(including cheer)

high school sports
offered across 38
teams

48.8%

of high school
students participate
in athletics

10
(including cheer)

middle school sports
offered across 15
teams

47.7%

of middle school
students participate
in athletics



2026 Senior Scarlet “S” Award Winners

Quinton Albert

Blake Nixon

Brayden DeVito

Keegan Sensmeier

Sam Gwartz

Travis Slone

Madison Henkel

Princess Timko

Natalie Kennard

Athletic Achievements



Madison Henkel



Brayden DeVito

1,000 Kill Club - Madison Henkel (Volleyball)

1,000 Point Club - Brayden DeVito (Basketball)

Whippet Football MOAC Conference Champions;
10-0 perfect regular season, Division IV State
Runner-Up

Madison Henkel named Shelby High School
Outstanding Senior Female Athlete

Brayden DeVito named Shelby High School
Outstanding Senior Male Athlete

18 student-athletes earned All-Ohio recognition

State-Level Recognition:

OHSAA Division IV Football State Runner-Up

Brayden DeVito - Division IV Ohio Offensive Player of the Year

Madison Henkel - OHSAA Division III State Long Jump Champion

Madison Henkel repeated as OHSAA Division III State Champion in
the Long Jump

Madison Henkel set both the OHSAA Division III State Meet Record
and Stadium Record in the Long Jump (19 feet, 11½ inches)

Division III Girls 4x100-Meter Relay State Champions

- Shelby girls relay team earned the program's second girls relay
state championship

Division III Boys 4x100-Meter Relay State Champions

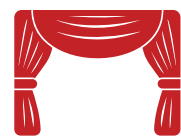
Boys 4x100-Meter Relay set an OHSAA Division III State Meet
Record (41.30 seconds)

Shelby boys relay team earned the program's fourth boys relay state
championship

Music & Arts


125
band
members


15
students had roles in
the school play


45
students participated
in the school musical


75
choir
members

2025-2026 Musicals

Seussical Jr.
(Grades 6-12)

Finding Nemo KIDS
(Grades 1-5)

Music of the Night Revue
(Grades 9-12)



Band

36 student performances at the OMEA District 10 Solo & Ensemble event

Superior, Excellent, and Good ratings earned by Shelby Middle School musicians

Choir

The Chamber Choir returned to the Ohio Music Education Association state competition and earned a superior rating.

Shelby Middle School Power of the Pen

- Seventh-grade Power of the Pen team placed 1st in the Northwest District Tournament
- Seventh-grade team took home 2nd place in the Regional Tournament

Four Shelby Middle School students earned Top 12 individual medals at the Northeast District Tournament



Eco-Whippets Lead in Sustainability

- Recycled 14,000 pounds of electronics over the past two years
- First-place recipient of the Take Pride Earth Stewardship Award

Shelby City Schools is dedicated to fostering extracurricular success, offering a wide range of opportunities for students to explore their interests and develop new skills. At the high school level, students can join one of 11 clubs, from FFA to Robotics. Younger students can engage in activities like Academic Challenge and Eco-Whippets.



Driver's Education Program



Shelby High School students have the opportunity to earn their driver's licenses through the district's grant-funded Driver's Education program.

Led by instructor Debbie Addison, the program provides flexible scheduling and personalized behind-the-wheel instruction to help students become safe, confident drivers. To date, 212 students have completed the fully funded program, with many more currently completing behind-the-wheel instruction with Addison. For more information or to enroll, visit mvesc.org or email addison.debbie@shelbyk12.org.

Whippet Workforce Lab

- More than 40 students enrolled in the inaugural Industry 4.0 course
- \$1.2 million state grant funded the creation of the Whippet Workforce Lab
- Hands-on workforce training prepares students for high-demand manufacturing careers





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Nationwide Children's Hospital's Health Center on Campus

Located at the Board of Education building at 109 W. Smiley Ave., the Nationwide Children's Hospital Health Center offers a variety of services to all Shelby City Schools students and anyone in the community ages 0-21, including well checks, immunizations, sports physicals, sick care, and asthma and diabetes management.

The center is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For questions or to schedule an appointment, call 614-355-2590, option 3, or visit our website.

