

## RIDGEMONT LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PROFILE

We are grateful to have the opportunity to share information with you about who we are at Ridgemont Local Schools. One of our core beliefs is the learning experience should be centered on student voice, passion, and ownership. We work diligently to ensure the learning is deep and meaningful to the student experience. In doing so, we know that there are many ways to measure the work taking place in our district. When we polled educators about the criteria that makes a student successful in life after high school, we found that while academic growth was critically important, so are other criteria such as involvement in extracurricular activities, leadership experiences, and service to others.

In order to *Design the Future* for our community, we are monitoring measures to ensure that the entire student experience is meaningful. There are areas in which we need to continue to demonstrate growth and there are areas where we really excel. We want to be upfront and honest about both. In doing so, we want to share data with you that we know is accurate. We also believe in sharing an explanation or understanding that goes with the numbers you see. Because of the bureaucracy of the current state testing and accountability system, we cannot put our faith in the numbers being shared. While you will see grades assigned to us by the State of Ohio, they do not tell our story. If you have questions about those numbers when they are released, I would encourage you to contact our legislators or our employees at the Ohio Department of Education. It is their system.

At Ridgemont, we believe that assessment is a process of gathering information about student learning to inform education-related decisions. There is no final piece of data. We continue to collect and adjust, collect, and adjust because we use the data to grow. We want to ensure that we are providing the most meaningful experience for students and their families. We don't use data to punish, but to inspire and encourage.

Here are some main points for your consideration:

63% of 2017 graduates going on to college

2% of 2017 graduates going on to the military

49% of 7-12 students in sports

60% of 7-12 students in other extracurriculars such as FFA, Company R, Musical, Archery, Robotics, Art Club, Spanish Club, Yearbook, etc.

As a district we are committed to growing our capacity to improve the student learning experience. The Ridgemont community is a wonderful place to call home and raise a family, with exceptional people and schools!