



## RIDGEMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROFILE

We are grateful to have the opportunity to share information with you about who we are at Ridgemont Local Schools. Our core business is engaging students in real life experiences where 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, we 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:

- 57% of 2019 graduates going on to college attending at least 12 colleges and universities

- 38% of 2019 graduates going to the workforce

- 5% of 2019 graduates going into the military

- 53% of 2019 graduates earned Ohio Means Jobs - Readiness Seal

- 26% of 2019 graduates earned Ohio Ag Business Credentials

- 12% of 2019 graduates received certificates from Ohio Hi-Point Career Center

- 56% of 7-12 students in sports

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

In addition:

- Students in grades 7-12 participate in two full-day career exploration opportunities each year.
- Ridgemont has integrated technology seamlessly into the classroom, where all students in grades K-12 have access to a Chromebook.
- Our students are offered STEM classes in grades K-8 and Agriculture in grades 7-12 and an entrepreneurship class that operates the school store.

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!