

Stark Education Partnership inc.

The Stark Education Partnership is a catalyst, engaging and collaborating with education, business, civic and community stakeholders to drive sustainable improvement and innovation to provide all students with education and career success.

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Stark County's Significant Educational Progress

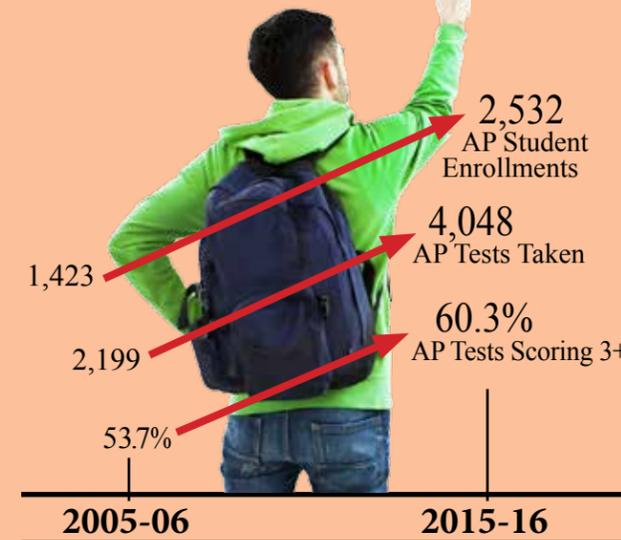
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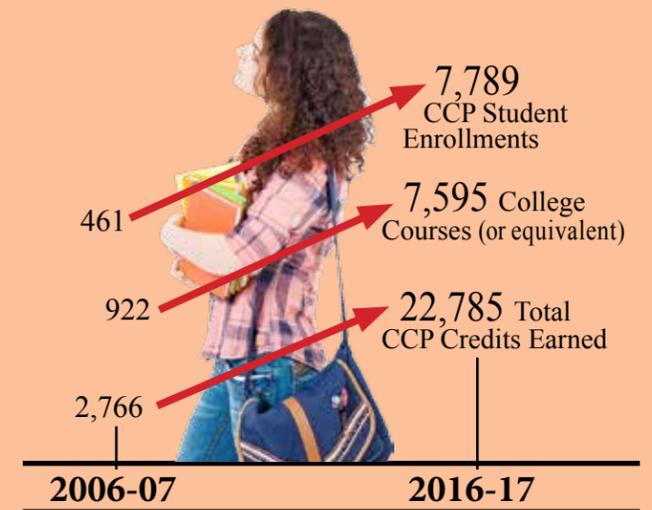
Opportunities for Stark County high school students to earn or later claim college credit

Advanced Placement (AP) Participation Up 78%



Source: The College Board

15 Times More Participation in College Credit Plus (CCP)

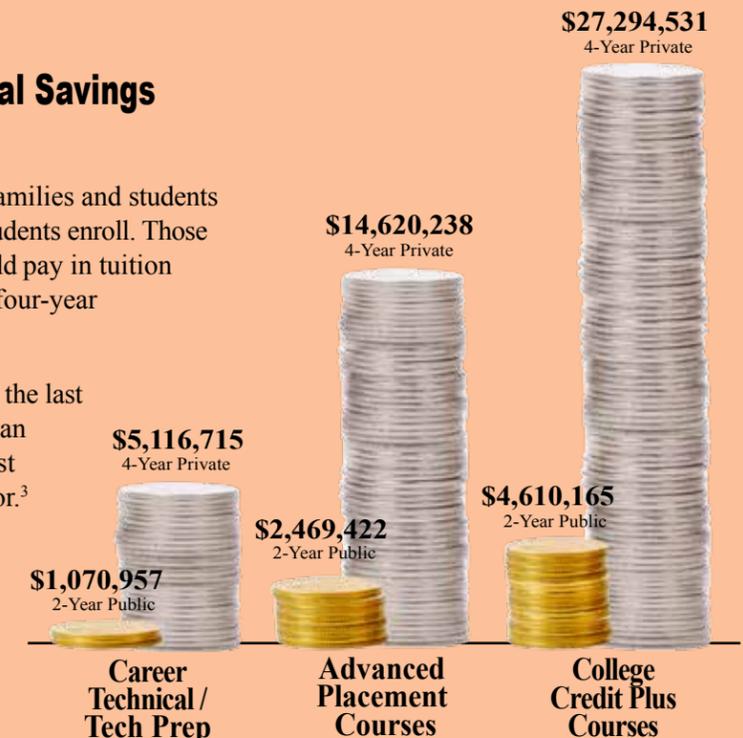


Source: Ohio Department of Education, Stark County Educational Service Center and partner colleges

What it Means Financially in Potential Savings on College Tuition and Text Books¹

Stark County's college credit opportunities offer families and students a potential range of savings depending on where students enroll. Those savings can range anywhere between what they would pay in tuition and textbooks at a two-year public college or at a four-year private college or university.²

Ohio has seen a 56% increase in student debt over the last decade. With 66% of Ohio's students now carrying an average student loan debt of \$30,239 – 10th highest in the nation – these savings are an important factor.³

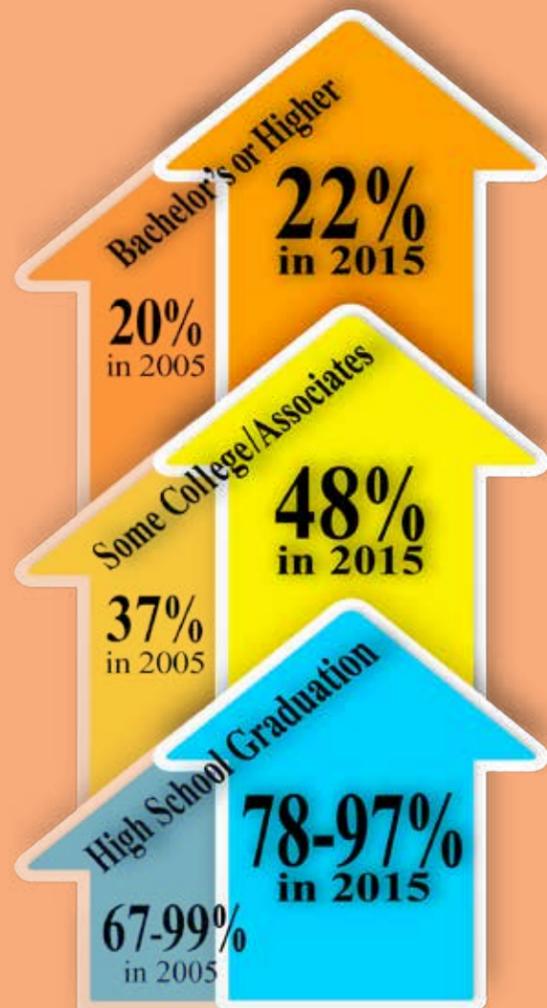


¹ Career Technical/Tech Prep based on 2014-15 – the latest data available
² Two-year public tuition based on Stark State College tuition at \$156.50/hr. Four-year private tuition based on Walsh University at \$1152/hr. These are the largest two-year public and four-year private destinations for Stark County students. Average cost of textbooks of \$137.50 based on Stark State College Financial Aid.
³ See the Institute for College Access and Success Project on Student Debt at: <http://ticas.org/posd/map-state-data#>

The Results

Our Goal: Increase Educational Attainment

Through the convergence of collaborative efforts, Stark schools and partners made significant progress toward three high-level objectives: high school graduation, college-going rates and degree attainment.



Sources: U.S. Census American Community Survey, Ohio Department of Education. Note: Some College/Associates includes ages 18-24. Bachelor's or Higher includes ages 25+.

Stark's Progress

Collaborative Cradle-to-Career (C2C) Efforts Raise Rigor

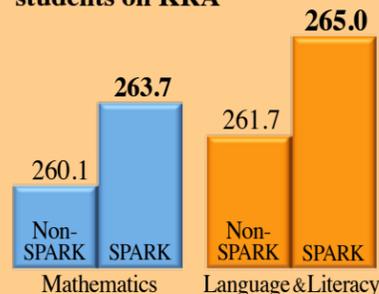
SPARK Ohio

Originating in Stark County, *Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids* (SPARK) is a nationally recognized model that works with families on ways to get their children ready for kindergarten. While serving seven Stark school districts, the program has now been adopted by seven other counties in Ohio.

SPARK children have significantly outperformed their non-SPARK peers since the program's inception. The 2016 results from Ohio's new Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA), once again, confirm this.

www.sparkohio.org

SPARK students score higher than non-SPARK students on KRA



2016 KRA Math & Reading Scores

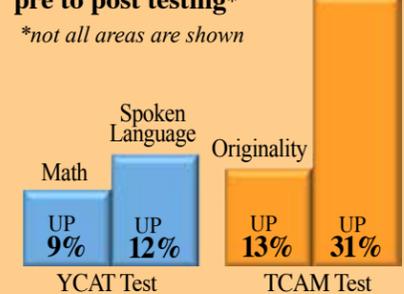
Artful Living & Learning

Artful Living and Learning is an early childhood educational program based on research that shows an association between improved academic achievement and creativity through immersion in the fine arts in preschool classrooms. Founded in 2007, the program (currently implemented in six Stark County sites) promotes the philosophy that an immersion in fine arts in preschool will stimulate creativity and other characteristics that lead to improved academic achievement.

When students' pre and post test scores were compared for both the Young Children's Achievement Test (YCAT) and Thinking Creatively in Action and Movement (TCAM), the children in the program showed significant improvement.

www.edpartner.org/pdfs/Artful_Living_Evaluation.pdf

Artful Living students increase scores from pre to post testing*



2013-14 YCAT & TCAM Scores

Young Entrepreneurs Consortium (YEC)

The \$13.6 million *YEC Straight A Grant* was awarded in 2014 to a 15-district consortium and is now in its fourth year of implementation. The goals of the grant center on increasing student success and engagement while providing a foundation of entrepreneurship towards the long-term goal of creating more jobs in Stark County.

The 2017 report shows many YEC successes. Compared to 2014-15, College Credit Plus (CCP) enrollment in YEC Pathways increased 217%, and the number of student participations in Problem Based Learning (PBL) instruction increased 117%. YEC-CCP experiences helped 65% of students decide to attend college. Thirty-one of the 39 YEC high school teachers pursuing adjunct status have been credentialed to teach college courses.

www.youngmindsgreatfutures.org

Participation in YEC continues to climb



2017 YEC PBL & CCP Credits Earned

American College Testing (ACT®)

The number of Stark County students taking the ACT exam has risen 113% since 2013 with the bulk of the increase seen in 2015. Not surprisingly, the mean score for Stark County districts decreased slightly from 2014 to 2015. However, there was an overall increase in the districts' mean ACT score of 2.2% from 2013 to 2015.

A student who earns a remediation free score in a subject area on the ACT exam is expected to be ready for college-level courses in that area. Since 2013, the percent of students taking the ACT who scored remediation free in Stark County districts increased by 10.6%.

www.act.org

Stark's ACT performance steadily improves



2015 ACT Mean Score & % Remediation Free

Greater Stark County High School Rankings

Teaming with global research firm, RTI International, U.S. News and World Report reviewed nearly 28,500 public schools across all 50 states to arrive at its *2017 Best High Schools*. The rankings are based on two key principles: that a great high school must serve all of its students well, not just those who are college bound, and that it must be able to produce measurable academic outcomes to show it is successfully educating its student body across a range of performance indicators.

Thirteen greater Stark County high schools were recognized in 2017 with a silver or bronze medal. Further, four of the schools – Hoover, Jackson, Lake, and Louisville – were ranked among Ohio's top 100 best high schools.

www.usnews.com/education

