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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

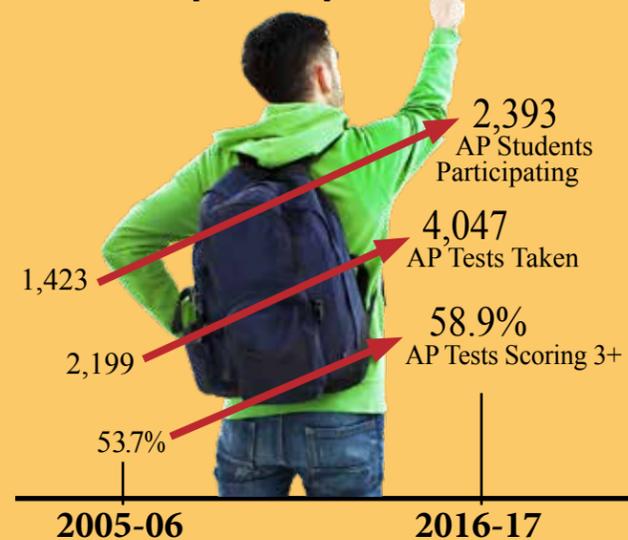
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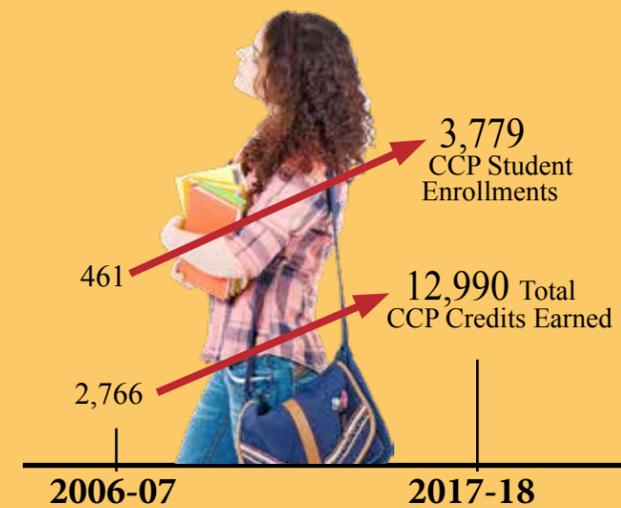
Opportunities for Stark County high school students to earn or later claim college credit

Advanced Placement (AP) Participation Up 68%



Source: The College Board

Eight Times More Enrollment 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 Books

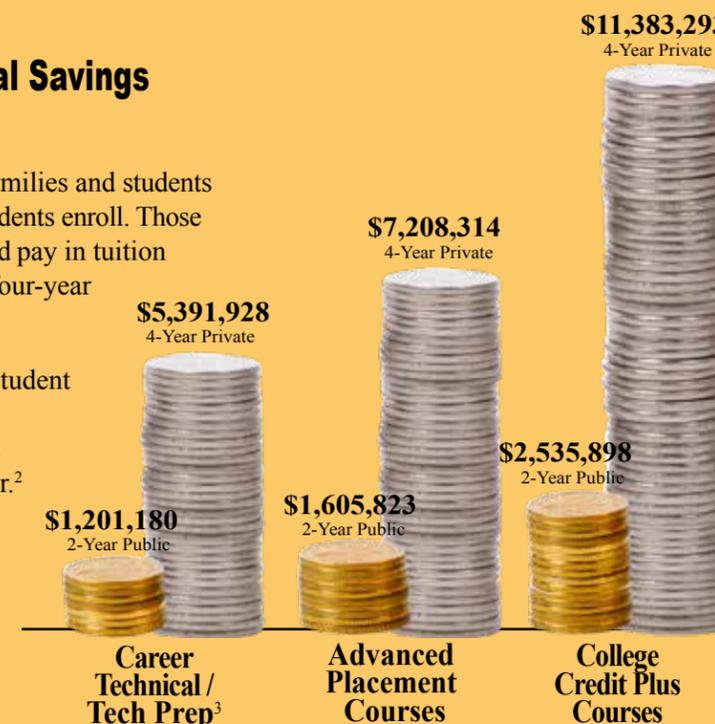
Stark County's college credit opportunities offer families and students a potential range of savings depending on where students enroll. Those savings can range anywhere between what they would pay in tuition and textbooks at a two-year public college or at a four-year private college or university.¹

Since 2000-01, Ohio has seen an 85% increase in student debt. With 64% of Ohio's students now carrying an average student loan debt of \$30,351 – 14th highest in the nation – these savings are an important factor.²

¹ Two-year public tuition based on Stark State College tuition at \$169.60/hr. Four-year private tuition based on Walsh University at \$950/hr. These are the largest two-year public and four-year private destinations for Stark County students. Average cost of textbooks of \$162.25 based on College Board.

² See the Institute for College Access and Success Project on Student Debt at: <http://ticas.org/posd/map-state-data#>

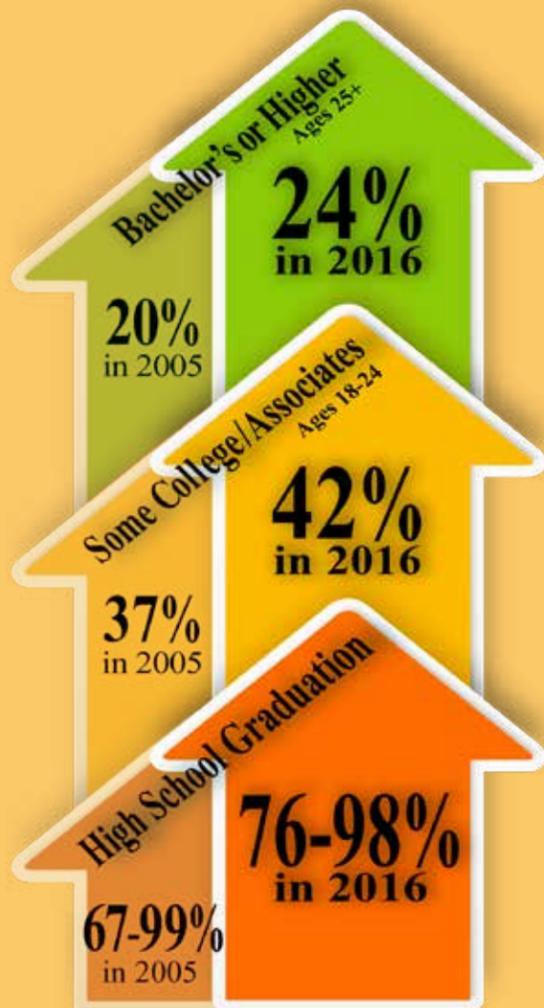
³ Career Technical/Tech Prep based on 2014-15 – the latest data available



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.

Stark's Progress

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

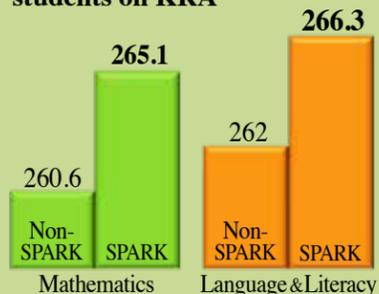
SPARK Ohio

Originating in Stark County, *Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids* (SPARK) is a nationally recognized model that works with families, schools and the community to ensure that children are ready for kindergarten. The program continues to grow and now operates in 22 school districts in nine Ohio counties.

SPARK children have significantly outperformed their non-SPARK peers since the program's inception. The 2017 results from Ohio's Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA), once again, show that trend continuing.

www.sparkohio.org

SPARK students score higher than non-SPARK students on KRA



2017 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 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 the 2018 Young Children's Achievement Test (YCAT), the children in the program showed significant improvement.

www.starkcountyesc.org/Content/86

Artful Living students increase scores from pre to post testing* *not all areas are shown



2017-18 YCAT Scores

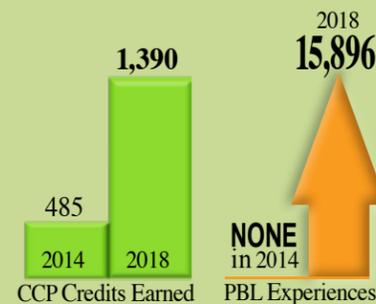
Young Entrepreneurs Consortium (YEC)

The \$13.6 million *YEC Straight A Grant* was awarded in 2014 to a 15-district consortium. The goals of the grant center on increasing student success and engagement while providing a foundation of entrepreneurship.

The 2018 data reflect YEC successes. Compared to 2014-15, students completed 254% more College Credit Plus (CCP) courses (with a 'C' or better) and earned 187% more CCP credits. The number of student experiences in Problem Based Learning (PBL) instruction totaled 15,896. Thirty-four YEC high school teachers pursuing adjunct status have been credentialed to teach college courses - nearly fulfilling the grant goal of 35 teachers.

www.youngmindsgreatfutures.org

Participation in YEC continues to climb



2018 YEC PBL & CCP Courses Completed

College Enrollment & Persistence

The National Student Clearinghouse enables districts to track graduates who go on to college during the first two years after high school. In Stark County, 60% enroll.

Beyond college-going, student persistence (those who return for their sophomore year) is another critical indicator for degree completion. Stark County students have shown a 12% increase in college persistence since 2011. Further, Stark currently surpasses the national college persistence average in both two and four year institutions.

<https://studentclearinghouse.org/>

Stark's students outpace the nation in college persistence



2016 College Persistence - 2 and 4-Year Institutions

Greater Stark County High School Rankings

Teamed with RTI International, a global research firm, *U.S. News & World Report* reviewed nearly 29,000 public schools across all 50 states to arrive at its "2018 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.

Ten greater Stark County high schools were recognized in 2018 with a silver or bronze medal. Further, four of the schools - Green, Hoover, Jackson and Louisville - were ranked among Ohio's top 100 best high schools.

www.usnews.com/education

