

2024-2025 Annual Report



Youngstown Academy of Excellence (YAE) is a distinguished public charter school serving elementary and middle school students in the Greater Mahoning Valley. Recognized for its commitment to excellence, YAE fosters a secure and nurturing educational environment that prioritizes both academic achievement and the holistic development of its students. The school community—including teachers, staff, students, and parents—upholds a culture of high expectations in both academic performance and behavior. YAE offers a comprehensive, standards-based

curriculum that integrates social-emotional learning, Spanish, and technology. Additionally, the school supports families through various services, including a dedicated bilingual family liaison, summer programs, and on-site counseling.

Our Mission:

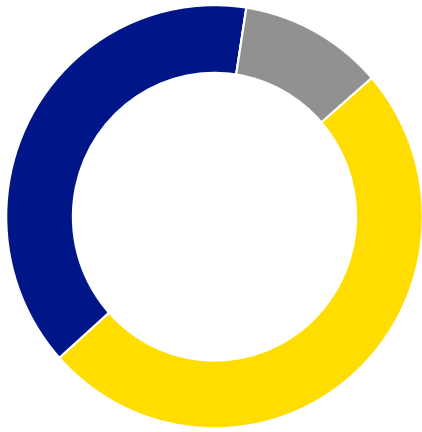
To provide a rigorous college preparatory course of study that equips students for today's competitive and changing world. At YAE, students acquire academic skills and develop personal qualities that are necessary to succeed in further studies and well beyond in the 21st-century workplace.

President
Janel Gibbs
Vice President
Mary Dutko
Treasurer
Richard Saul
Secretary
Henry Gomez
Members
Maurice Johnson
Kenneth Moore
Authorizer
St. Aloysius Orphanage

Principal
Heather Knapp
Regional VP
Corey Stroud
Grades Served
K-8
Students Served
226
School Year Opened
2005-06
Managed by Accel Since
2015-16
Treasurer
Dave Massa



Student Demographics

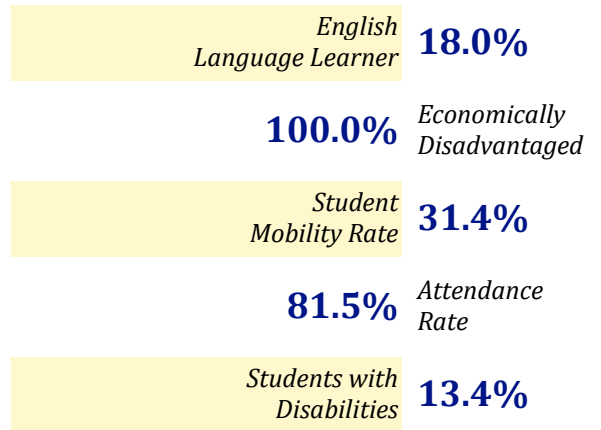


BLACK
50%

HISPANIC
39%

WHITE
11%

Special Populations



If Enrollment is less than 10, results are Not Calculated (NC)

Progress towards Goals

Using the state assessment, the percentage of students proficient in ELA increased from 28.4% in 2024 to 32.4% in 2025. In 2025, Youngstown Academy of Excellence saw significant increases in the percentage of students moved to “on-track” in K-3 Literacy compared to the 2024 data.

Our Academic Goals

- #1 By FY2027, the overall percentage of students reaching proficiency or above on state tests in **English Language Arts** will increase by 30%.
- #2 By FY2027, the overall percentage of students reaching proficiency or above on state tests in **Mathematics** will increase by 30%.

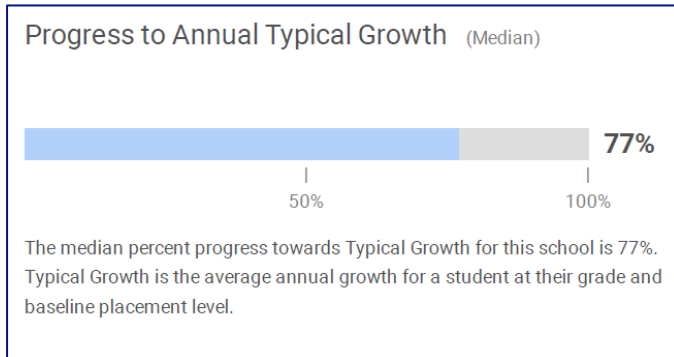
State Report Card

Performance Index Score 54.8	Overall Rating ★★★
Achievement Component ★	Early Literacy Component ★★
Progress Component ★★★	Early Literacy Component ★★
Gap Closing Component ★★	

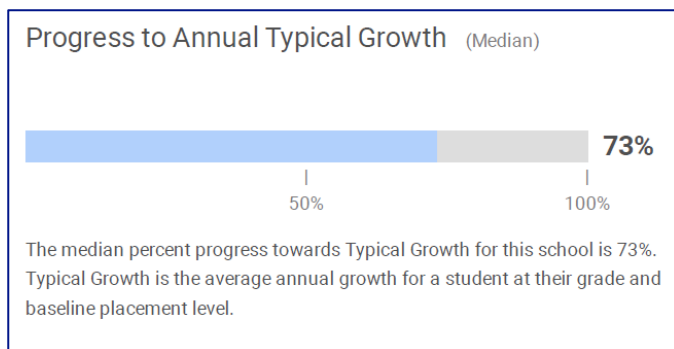




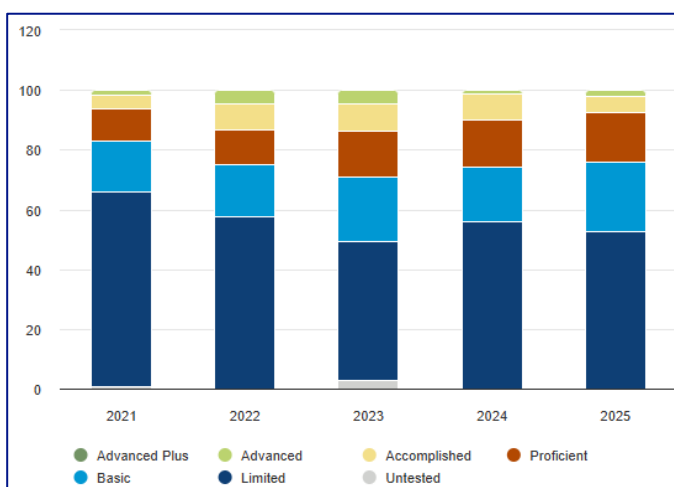
iReady Data Reading



iReady Data Mathematics



Percent Proficient for Youngstown Academy of Excellence



Academic highlights:

- Consistently outscored the district in progress and performance index.
- Well-rounded special classes with: Duo-lingo, Sports 101, Career Readiness, STEAM, and Financial Literacy
- Social Emotional Learning is integrated with the core curriculum daily.

Student Life:

- Knights of the Round Table
- Student of the Month
- Art Show
- Middle School Dance
- Elementary Glow Party School

Community:

- Family Nights Bingo Nights
- Read Your Heart Out Event
- Costume Parade Fall Fest

Traditions:

- Academic Assemblies
- Spirit Days
- Graduation
- 8th Grade Clap Out
- Holiday Performances
- Motown Performance

Staff Highlights:

- 10 teachers with 5+ years of service
- 6 teachers with 10+ years of service
- 6 teachers with a master's degree
- 2 teachers working on a master's degree



Financial Data:

State Sources	\$2,504,077
Federal Sources	\$924,174
Local Sources	\$59,873
Total Revenue	\$3,488,124

Salary & Wages	\$1,235,957
Employee Benefits	\$351,709
Purchased Services	\$1,237,265
Supplies & Materials	\$145,854
Capital Outlay	\$184,548
Other Expenses	\$24,064
Total Expenses	\$3,179,398

- (1) Numbers in \$M
- (2) At time of publication, 2025 fiscal year data was not available from the Ohio Auditor of State. For updated information visit: www.auditor.state.oh.us

Sponsor Statement:

A sponsor statement will not be provided or included in the school’s annual report since this requirement was repealed with SB 168 that takes Effect in October.