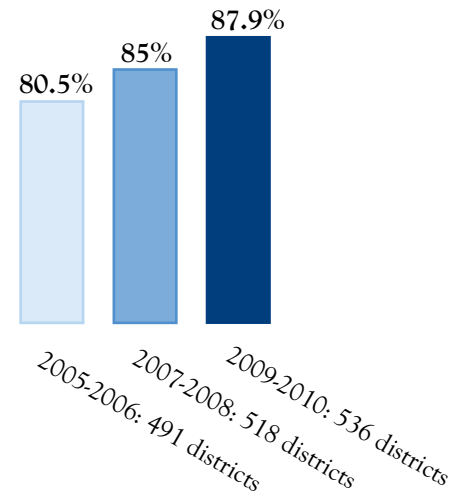




Academic success in public schools

Ohio public schools make a difference in the lives of 1.8 million children every day. Board members, administrators, teachers and parents work together to ensure children receive the education they need to thrive.

Ohio public schools continue to improve their designations on the Local Report Cards, with 536 districts (87.9%) rated effective or higher in 2009-2010, compared to 518 (85%) in 2007-2008 and 491 (80.5%) in 2005-2006, according to the Ohio Department of Education.



The number of Ohio schools rated as excellent increased by 45 between school years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010.



According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2007-2008, Ohio's public school per pupil operating expenditures were \$10,173, \$86 below the national average of \$10,259.

The average daily attendance rate is 94.3%.

Public Schools Make a Difference



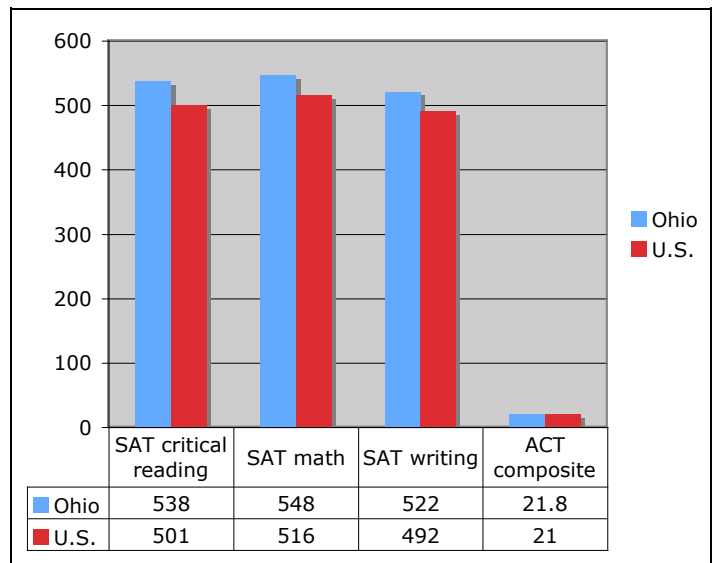
Ohio's public school graduation rate was 84.3% in the 2009-2010 school year, according to the Ohio Department of Education. There has been a steady increase since 1995, when the graduation rate was 74.5%.

The percentage of students earning a diploma in 2009 rose at more than half of the central Ohio high schools.

In fall 2007, 45% of graduates from Ohio public high schools enrolled directly in an Ohio college or university – 29% in a four-year institution and 16% in a two-year institution, according to ACT.

ACT and SAT report that in 2010, Ohio public school students performed higher than the national average on both the SAT and ACT. The average SAT score was 99 points above the national average, and the composite ACT score was 0.8 points above the national average.

Since 1992, ACT and SAT scores for Ohio high school seniors have been consistently higher than the national average.



Comparing 2010 Ohio and U.S. student performance on SAT and ACT tests

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Overall support for public schools remains strong in large portions of the nation, with most parents (77%) giving their kids' schools an A or B on the latest Phi Delta Kappa-Gallup poll.