

The Licking Valley Local Board of Education is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Superintendent. The district desires an educational leader with a commitment to continuing excellence for all students. The Licking Regional Educational Service Center is assisting the Board in its search.

DISTRICT:	Licking Valley Local School District, Newark, Ohio
POSITION:	Superintendent
DATE OF POSTING:	March 11, 2026
DEADLINE:	April 3, 2026 <i>(no late applications accepted)</i>
SCREENING INTERVIEWS:	March 30, 2026 to April 1, 2026
SEMI-FINALIST INTERVIEWS:	April 8, 2026 to April 10, 2026
FINALIST INTERVIEWS:	Wednesday, April 15, 2026
COMMUNITY/STAFF GROUP FINALIST MEETINGS:	Saturday, April 18, 2026
BOARD MEETING/HIRE:	On or before April 25, 2026 at a special Board meeting
START DATE:	August 1, 2026

To Apply:

Send Cover Letter, Resume, Reference Letters (3), Salary Requirements, Current Ohio Superintendent License, Copies of Transcripts and Credentials to:

Mr. Dale Lewellen, Superintendent
Licking Regional Educational Service Center 145 North Quentin Road
Newark, OH 43055 dlewellen@lresc.org

District Vision Statement: Every adult helping every child learn and grow every day.

District Strategic Planning: The Licking Valley School District created a Strategic Plan based on surveys from the community and staff in order to guide the district to its overall goals and objectives.

- **Goal 1 – Student Engagement & Pathways**

Guided by a unified vision of essential skills and competencies, the Licking Valley Local School District will foster a dynamic educational experience where every student discovers and pursues their passions and potential.

- **Goal 2 – Community Engagement & Communication**

The Licking Valley Local School District will build a vibrant, connected school system where open, effective communication and strong partnerships enhance engagement, understanding, and support among students, staff, families, and our community.

- **Goal 3 – Safety**

The Licking Valley Local School District will cultivate a safe and nurturing learning environment where updated safety measures and strong community support collaboratively foster the well-being of all students and staff.

- **Goal 4 – Resources & Growth**

Licking Valley Local Schools will focus on the creation of a sustainable future for the school district to support the evolving needs of our students and community.

District Profile: The Licking Valley Local Schools comprises 108 square miles and sits in the Licking River Valley surrounded by the rolling hills of eastern Licking County, 8 miles east of Newark, the county seat, and 45 miles east of Columbus. Student enrollment hovers around 2,000 students, served by 275 staff members. The school district is the hub of a tight-knit community of 11,000 residents that loves and supports its schools. The district vision is: Every adult helping every child learn and grow every day!

The three school buildings of the district sit on a beautiful centralized campus, and the buildings and grounds are maintained to the highest standards. The elementary building is an OSFC funded project completed and opened in 2007 and serves over 900 students K-5. The elementary is separated in two wings between grades K-2 and 3-5. The high school, built in 1999 and renovated in 2006/2007, during the OSFC project, serves 630 students with almost 100 of them attending the Licking County vocational school, C-TEC. The middle school was built in 1958 as the original junior high school/high school and was renovated in 2006/2007. It currently serves 530 students in grades 7-12. The district serves 200 open enrollment students K-12, making it the district of choice in Licking County.

The district is progressive instructionally, having implemented 1:1 computing in grades 6-12 in 2012, and including 5th grade in 2022. The district has implement standards-based teaching, learning, and grade reporting with fidelity K-12. Licking Valley has also invested in school safety through security training, technology and two full time SROs since 2012 and is a recognized leader in school safety and security in Ohio.

Licking Valley Local Schools has been recognized as a Best Employer in Ohio in both 2020 and 2021.

Please direct questions related to the application process or position to Dale Lewellen, LRESC Superintendent via email at dlewellen@lresc.org.

To learn more about the district, visit the Licking Valley Local School District Website: <https://www.lickingvalley.k12.oh.us/>