

Our Mission

To provide a safe, supportive learning environment and to provide K-8th grade students with high-quality instruction that will educate and prepare them to be highly qualified high school and college ready students.

Our Philosophy

Our school's philosophy asserts students can reach proficiency and beyond when given the appropriate academic structure and support. We believe using standards-based instruction centered around an academic framework that utilizes small group differentiated instruction and the gradual release model will give the structure to produce a productive learning environment. Our curriculum is developed with an understanding of Ohio Learning Standards embedded in our pacing guides, and supported through instructional coaching and professional development. Using these best practices and research-based strategies for academics, students will be able to close the achievement gap. We value an academic model where students are encouraged to use higher order thinking skills and learn from error to grow at a more rapid pace. Our philosophy of education encompasses the fundamental structures of an academic framework and standards based instruction with an emphasis on using data to drive instruction. These best practices used in combination with the gradual release model, small group instruction, instructional coaching, and professional development will prove our school can close the achievement gap and reach proficiency.

Our Program

Preparing students for the future is a colossal yet exciting task. University Academy takes great pride in giving our teachers and students the tools they need to achieve success. Our curricular resources are aligned with the Ohio Learning Standards. We view these standards as the road map to direct our students to their academic goals. By using the school's curriculum and progressive technology, we equip our staff and students to reach their fullest potential. The combination of dedicated people and resources demonstrates our ongoing commitment to give each child the best possible education.

Instructional Time

Our school provided 1176 hours of instruction, which exceeds the 920 hours required by Ohio Law. This time excludes non-academic activities.

Students with Special Needs

University Academy provides a nurturing environment of inclusion. We assist in preparing students with special needs to lead independent and productive lives. A free and appropriate public education is provided to every student.

Board Members

Jean Lee
Marilyn Holley
Michelle Smith

Angela Neeley
Gwen Poole-Chambers

Fiscal Responsibility

The table below is a summary of the school's financial operations for the year ending in June 30, 2019.

Total Assets	\$31,267
Total Liabilities	\$4,053
Total Operating Expenses	\$2,422,449
Total Operating Revenues	\$1,974,386
Total Non-Operating Revenues	\$469,732

The Ohio Auditor of State has not yet audited the figures presented above. However, the school does receive a regular annual audit performed by the Auditor of State. Released audit reports for the school can be viewed by going to the Auditor's website at <http://www.auditor.state.oh.us> and clicking on "Audit Search."

Ohio Department of Education

Enrollment and Demographics

Average Daily Enrollment: 233
Black, Non-Hispanic: 81.8%
Hispanic: 6.9%
Multiracial: 5.7%
White, Non-Hispanic: 5.2%
Not Specified: NC
Students with Disabilities: 17.0%
Economically Disadvantaged: 100%
Student Attendance: 83.9%

Staff Positions

Certified/Instructional: 20
Administrative/Support Staff: 3

Community School Sponsor

Buckeye Community Hope Foundation served as the Sponsor for University Academy during the 2018-2019 school year. BCHF monitored the school's academic and fiscal performance, as well as the organization and operation of the school, and determined the school was substantially compliant with the rules and regulations governing community schools. The school is progressing towards compliant in academics.

All community school sponsors are required to submit a written report of the evaluation results of the school's academic, financial, and organization performance as well as the school's legal compliance to the Ohio Department of Education and make the report available to parents of students enrolled in the community school. As such, an Annual Report regarding the performance of this school and other schools under the sponsorship of Buckeye Community Hope Foundation will be posted on our website www.buckeyehope.org, no later than November 30, 2019.

Successful learning awaits!

Nearby Schools

School Name	Distance From University Academy (miles)	Economically Disadvantaged	Progress					Gap Closing
			Performance Index Score	Component Grade	Students With Disabilities	Value Added: Overall	Value Added: Lowest 20% in Achievement	Improving At-Risk K-3 Readers
University Academy	N/A	100.0%	50.6	F	NR	F	F	D
Middlebury Academy	0.4	100.0%	50.2	D	C	F	F	F
Akron Preparatory School	0.6	100.0%	62.0	F	F	F	F	D
Robinson Community Learning Center	0.6	100.0%	59.4	B	B	B	B	D
Seiberling Community Learning Center	1.6	100.0%	69.3	A	A	B	A	C
Barber Community Learning Center	1.6	100.0%	67.1	C	D	C	C	C

Source: Ohio Department of Education, School Report Card

Ohio State Tests

Percentage of Students Scoring Proficient or Higher

3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	5 th Grade	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Reading 40%	Reading 0%	Reading 40.9%	Reading 9.5%	Reading 4.5%	Reading 33.3%
Mathematics 50%	Mathematics 17.6%	Mathematics 9.1%	Mathematics 4.8%	Mathematics 0%	Mathematics 23.5%
		Science 18.2%			Science 37.5%

Source: Ohio Department of Education, School Report Card

Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Assessment

Percentage of Students Who Showed Growth

	Kindergarten	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	5 th Grade	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Mathematics	100%	100%	88.9%	95%	58.8%	94.1%	68.8%	85.7%	42.9%
Reading	92.9%	95.5%	85%	85%	81.3%	57.1%	76.5%	75%	57.1%

University Academy is a community school established under Chapter 3314 of the Ohio Revised Code. The school is a public school and students enrolled in and attending the school are required to take proficiency tests and other examinations prescribed by law. In addition, there may be other requirements for students at the school that are prescribed by law. Students who have been excused from the compulsory attendance law for the purpose of home education as deemed by the Administrative Code shall no longer be excused for that purpose upon their enrollment in a community school. For more information about this matter, contact the school administration or the Ohio Department of Education. All information contained in this report was accurate to the best of our knowledge at the time of printing.