

2024-2025 Annual Report



Cornerstone Academy is an award-winning public charter school serving students from K-12 at three Westerville locations: Grades K-4 at the main campus, Grades 5-8 at the middle school, and Grades 9-12 at the new high school campus. Cornerstone's High School continues to expand with the Peter Shears Jr. Community and Athletic Complex, phase one completed with two

soccer fields for the fall of 2025. The school will also add substantial adjoining acreage for future improvements, including a gymnasium that will allow the school to purchase two buildings and over 14 acres of land for an expanded middle and high school campus. Cornerstone Academy scores in the Top 5% of Ohio community schools and teaches a rigorous college prep curriculum offering Art, Health, Music, PE, Technology, and Writing as well as a broad range of extracurricular activities including Marching Band, Robotics, Sculpture, and more. Students can participate in competitive sports, including Basketball, Girls' Volleyball, Coed Soccer, and Cheerleading. The Seniors in the Class of 2025 earned over \$3M in college scholarships, including three 4-year full-ride offers.

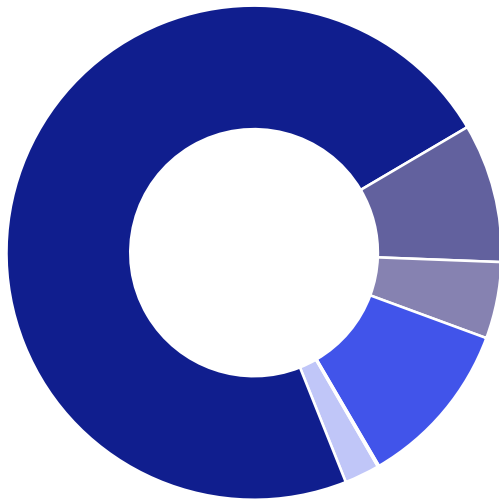
OUR MISSION: Here at Cornerstone Academy, we are one united educational community—celebrating diversity, honoring all learning styles, and educating the whole child. Like a pack of wolves, we thrive through connection, trust, and collective strength—working together across campuses as one Cornerstone family. We cultivate belonging, challenge minds, and nurture purpose. Join us in positively impacting every child, every day—and shaping a future where every learner thrives, ready to lead and contribute to a global society.

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Principal K-4: **Luis Leon**
Principal 5-8: **Brandon Zall**
Principal 9-12: **Tai Cornute**
Regional Vice President
Brian Carlton
Grades Served
K-8
Students Served
1,177
School Year Opened
2004-05
Managed By Accel Since
2015-16

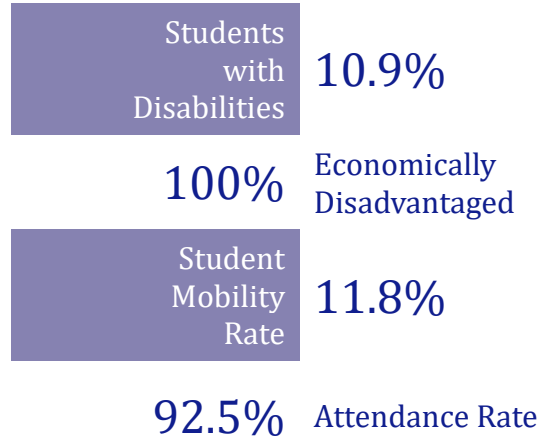
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Student Demographics



BLACK
72.6%
WHITE
10.9%
HISPANIC
9%
MULTI-RACIAL
5.2%
ASIAN
2.3%

Special Populations



NOTE: If Enrollment is less than 10, results are not calculated

Progress towards Goals

The percentage proficient in ELA decreased from 69% in 2023-2024 to 65.1% in 2024-2025. The percentage proficient in Math decreased from 57.2% in 23-24 to 56.7% in 2024-25. The decrease is partially due to an increase in enrollment over the past five years. Cornerstone had a decrease of 41% in discipline occurrences due to the presence of strong leadership in all three buildings.

Our Academic Goals

- #1 By FY2026, the overall percentage of students reaching proficiency or above on state tests in English Language Arts and Mathematics will increase by 30%.
- #2 By June 2026, the performance of students will improve by decreasing the discipline occurrences by 15%.

State Report Card

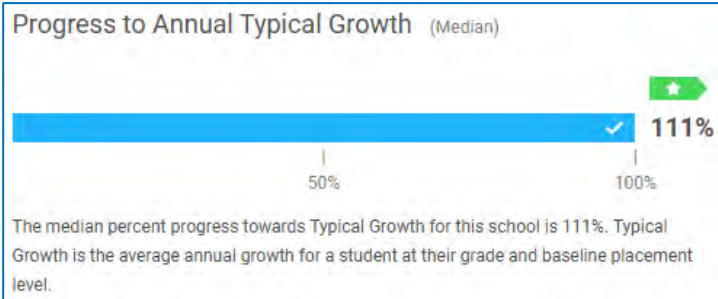
Performance Index Score 84.4	Overall Rating ★★★□
Achievement Component ★★★	Early Literacy Component ★★
Progress Component ★★★★	Gap Closing Component ★★★★
Graduation ★★★	College, Career, Workforce, & Military Readiness ★

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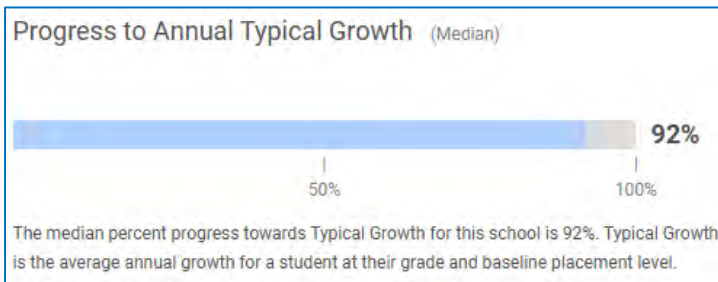


CORNERSTONE ACADEMY

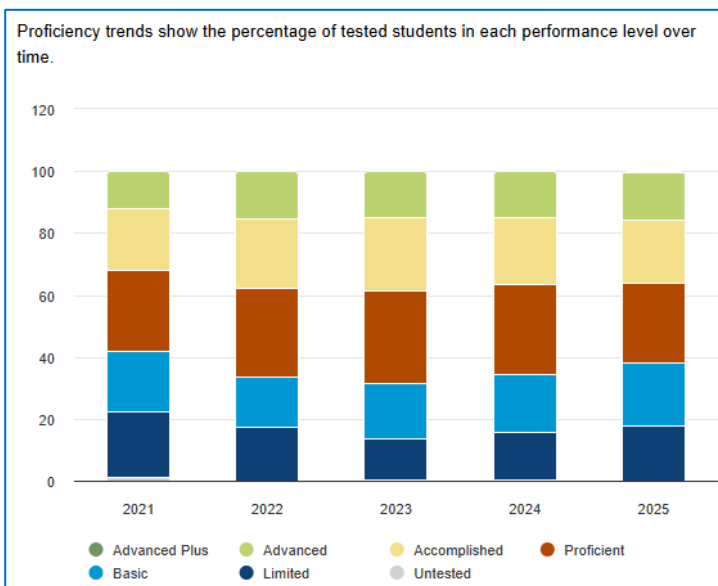
iReady Data Reading Elementary



iReady Data Mathematics Elementary



Percent Proficient at Cornerstone Academy



OUR HIGHLIGHTS

- US News and World Report Top 5 Charter Elementary Schools in Ohio.
- US News and World Report Top 5 Charter Middle Schools in Ohio
- Graduating class of 2025 earned over 3 million dollars in scholarships, several credential-based job trainings, and internships.
- 95% Teacher retention
- Peter Shears Jr. Community and Athletic Complex phase one is complete, with two soccer fields for the fall of 2025.
- Thriving College Credit Plus program.
- Several extracurricular activities available: MS and HS Basketball, Soccer, Girls Volleyball, Flag Football in fall 2025, Cheerleading, and academic clubs.
- Available Electives classes: General Music, Symphonic Band, Marching Band, Choir, Technology, Coding, Computer Programming, 3D Printing, Computer Science, Robotics, Physical Education, Conditioning, Art Studio, Drama, Journalism, Painting, Jazz Band, and more!

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Financial Data:

State Sources	15,592,774
Federal Sources	1,644,026
Local Sources	367,729
Total Revenue	\$ 17,604,529

Salary & Wages	5,774,407
Employee Benefits	1,593,063
Purchased Services	6,423,614
Supplies & Materials	719,058
Capital Outlay	925,832
Other Expenses	2,175,860
Total Expenses	\$ 17,611,833

(1) Numbers in \$M

(2) At the 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.

Accel Reports / Rankings:

- #2 Charter School in Franklin County
- Scores in Top 6% of Ohio Charter Schools
- ACCEL PLATINUM AWARD
- OUTSTANDING STUDENT ATTENDANCE
- OUTSTANDING TEACHER RETENTION