

# 2024-2025 Annual Report



## ACADEMY OF ARTS & TECHNOLOGY

The Academy of Arts and Technology—formerly known as Marion Preparatory Academy—is proud to be the first public charter school serving the Marion area. We provide K-8 students with a well-rounded education that blends the fine arts, technology, and hands-on, project-based learning to create an engaging and empowering experience for students. With a strong emphasis on creativity and innovation, our students are encouraged to explore their unique talents while building a solid academic foundation.

Beyond the classroom, we foster a vibrant school culture through school traditions like holiday concerts, student award ceremonies, PBIS, and intramural sports. To support every student's success, we also offer free breakfast and lunch, counseling services, and transportation if you qualify.

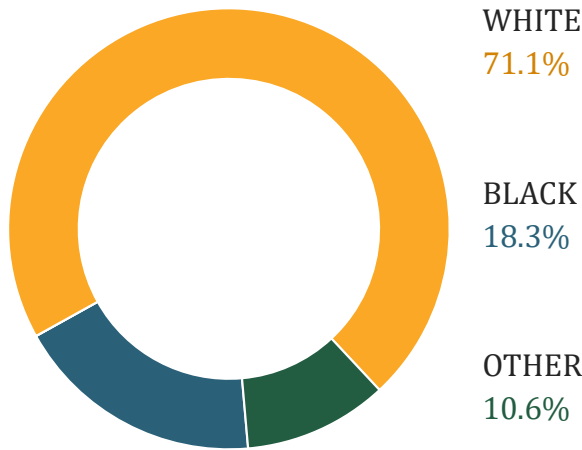
**Our Mission:** To train the minds and improve the hearts of young people through a rigorous, content-rich classical curriculum in the liberal arts and sciences, one that produces thoughtful leaders and virtuous citizens.

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Grades Served  
K-8  
Students Served  
142  
School Year Opened  
2019-2020  
Managed By Accel Since  
2019-2020

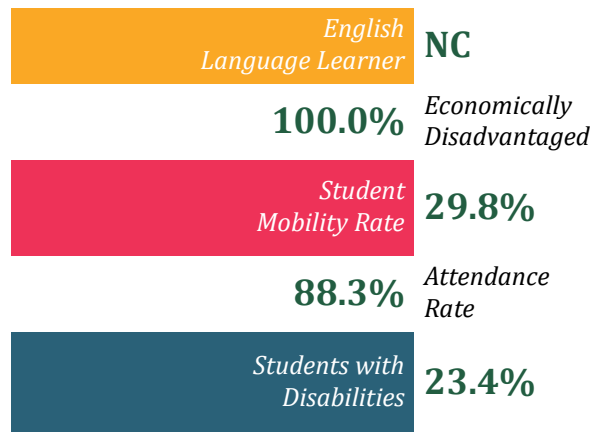


## Student Demographics



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

## Special Populations



## Progress towards Goals

In Reading (iReady), K-8 students demonstrating progress at or above the annual typical growth rate was 70%. In Math (iReady), 80% of K-8 students are demonstrating progress at or above the annual typical growth rate. Discipline occurrences have trended downwards since 2023 and are a fraction of prior numbers. Performance Index has increased by four points since 2023.

## Our Academic Goals

- 1 By FY2027, students will demonstrate an annual typical growth rate in reading of 75% or higher on iReady.
- 2 By FY2027, discipline occurrences will decrease by 75%.
- 3 By FY 2027, the Performance Index will increase 24 points.

## State Report Card

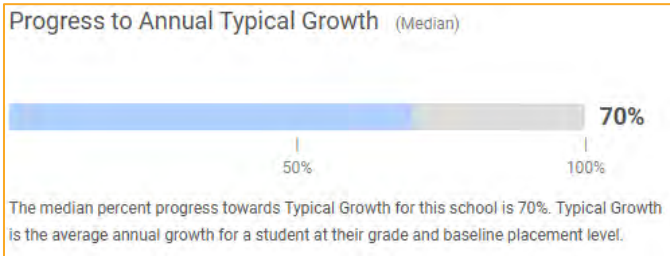
Performance Index Score 52.5	Overall Rating ★★(.5)
Achievement Component ★	Early Literacy Component ★
Progress Component ★★★	Gap Closing Component ★★



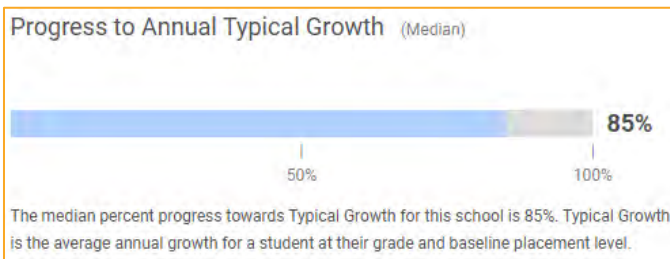


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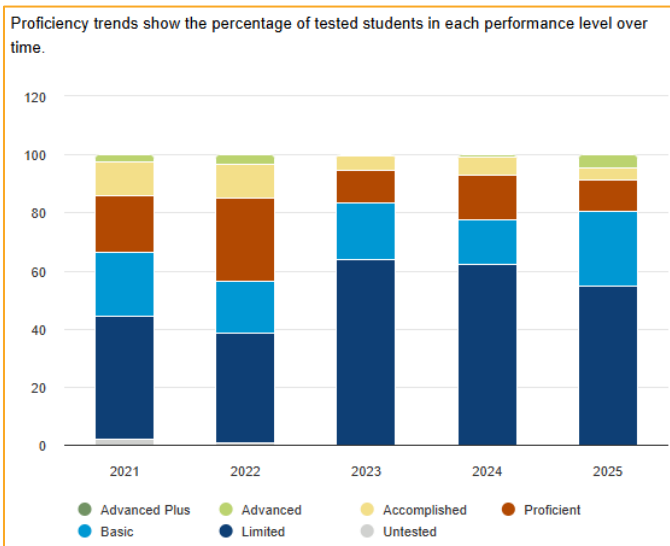
## iReady Data Reading



## iReady Data Mathematics



## Percent Proficient for Academy of Arts and Technology



## Our Highlights

### Academic:

- Four-point increase in Performance Index (PI) since 2023.
- Enrichment classes in music and physical education.
- STEM resources including instruction in 3D printing
- Reimagining as an Arts and Technology-focused school

### Student Life:

- Quarterly Award Celebrations
- School Spirit Days.
- PBIS Program
- Field Trips
- Winter and Spring Concerts
- Donuts with Grownups
- Free Summer Camps

### Community:

- Autumn Festival
- Trunk or Treat
- Holiday Canned Food Drive
- Coat Drive
- Virtual Storytime and Show and Tell
- "K" for a Day outreach
- Eggstravaganza – Egg Hunt

### Staff Accolades:

- Monthly Staff Member Celebrations



## Financial Data:

State Sources	1,538,974
Federal Sources	319,361
Local Sources	6,545
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,864,880</b>
Salary & Wages	747,463
Employee Benefits	236,280
Purchased Services	1,340,778
Supplies & Materials	109,447
Capital Outlay	-
Other Expenses	6,020
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,439,988</b>

(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](http://www.auditor.state.oh.us)

**Sponsor Statement:** North Central Ohio Educational Services Center (NCOESC) provides educational support services for area school districts, including support staff, curriculum, substitute services, specialized services, professional development, community school sponsorship, and more.

