Bloom-Carroll Local School District

2026 ANNUAL REPORT

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Our Vision Statement

To be the model school district for excellence in student success, opportunities, and safety, exemplified through our commitment to our students' exceptional experiences.

ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BC COMMUNITY

August 2026

Dear Bloom-Carroll Community,

As we prepare to begin another school year, I want to extend a warm welcome back to our students, families, staff, and community members. I also want to reaffirm my commitment to keeping our community informed about the progress and accomplishments of the Bloom-Carroll Local School District. Your continued support and involvement play a vital role in the success of our students and staff.

Our commitment to academic excellence remains unwavering. We are proud of our students' continued success and remain focused on expanding opportunities that prepare every student for college, careers, and military service.

Academic Excellence:
We are proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students:

- Bloom-Carroll students outperformed the state average in 17 of the 20 state-tested areas. In addition, our students earned the highest percentage of students scoring proficient in 11 of the 20 tested areas among all school districts in Fairfield County.
- 104 high school students earned a score of 3 or higher on Advanced Placement examinations.
- 151 students participated in the College Credit Plus program, earning college credit while still in high school.
- More than 100 Bloom-Carroll High School students are gaining valuable hands-on experience in the skilled trades and earning Industry Credentials through partnerships with Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools and the Fairfield County Workforce Center. Additionally, all eighth-grade students participate in our Career Connections course to explore career pathways and career-technical education opportunities.
- Among the Class of 2026:
  - 99% enrolled in a two- or four-year college.
  - 78% achieved Gainful Employment status, with some graduates simultaneously pursuing college or military service.
  - 3.5% enlisted in the United States military.

Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Excellence:
Our commitment to developing well-rounded students extends well beyond the classroom.

- Bloom-Carroll High School athletic teams captured four Mid-State League championships and earned the Mid-State League All-Sports Trophy for the second consecutive year.
- Our volleyball team finished as the Division III State Runner-Up, while our softball team won the Division III State Championship. In addition, junior Dominic Knapp captured the State Championship in Pole Vault.
- 184 student-athletes earned All-Academic recognition by maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- Our visual and performing arts programs continued to excel, earning top honors through concerts, theater productions, exhibitions, and regional and state competitions.

Growth and Facilities Planning:
The exceptional educational opportunities and supportive environment we provide continue to attract new families to our district. We concluded the 2025-2026 school year with 2,216 K-12 students served in our buildings.

To ensure our facilities continue to meet the needs of our growing community, the District is working with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) and our planning architects to update our Master Facilities Plan. Based on current projections, Bloom-Carroll may become eligible for an OFCC co-funding offer in 2027. If an offer is received, the Board of Education will evaluate the opportunity and determine whether and when to proceed with a future school construction project.

This summer, the District also began construction of a Multipurpose Activities Facility, an investment that will benefit hundreds of students while providing additional opportunities for our broader community. This project aligns with our long-term facilities plan by maximizing usable space on the middle and high school campus. The project includes the installation of an artificial turf surface in the current baseball and softball field area, creating a versatile practice and training space. The facility will continue to support baseball and softball while also providing additional practice space for marching band, football, and soccer. It will allow for the potential expansion of middle school soccer, help practices conclude earlier in the evening, provide a safe and durable playing surface, and, when available, serve local youth recreation organizations.

Financial Stewardship:
Responsible financial management remains essential to sustaining a high-quality educational experience for our students. We are pleased to report that the District concluded Fiscal Year 2026 with an operating surplus.

By carefully managing taxpayer resources and making thoughtful investments in our students, staff, programs, and facilities, we remain committed to maintaining the District's long-term financial stability while providing exceptional educational opportunities.
Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we will continue building upon the strong tradition of excellence that defines the Bloom-Carroll Local School District.

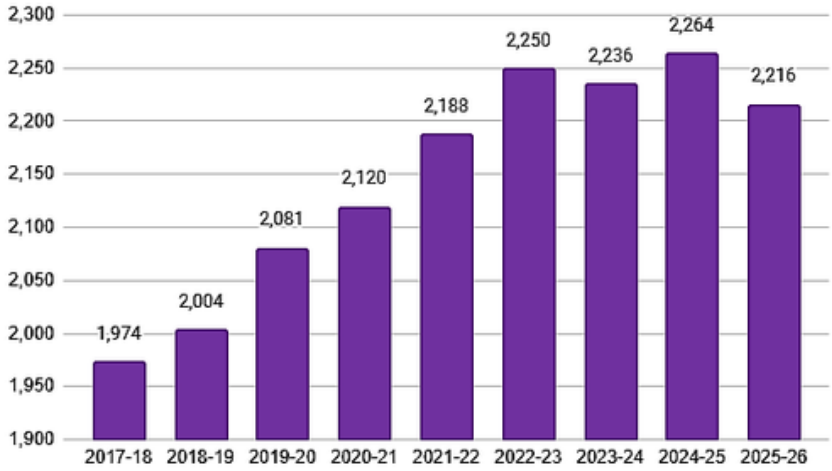
As we begin this new school year, I am filled with optimism for what lies ahead. I look forward to another year of learning, growth, and success for our students. Please stay connected by visiting our website and following the District's social media channels for the latest news and updates.

Go Bulldogs!

Shawn Haughn
Superintendent

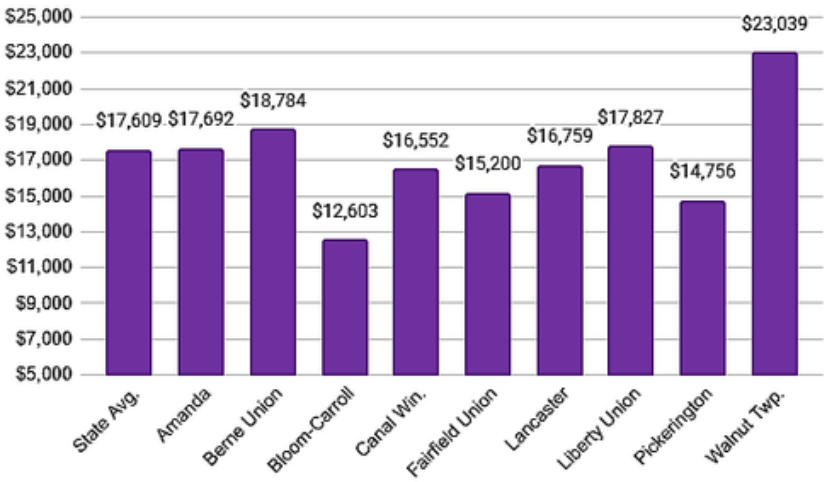
Bloom-Carroll Enrollment Numbers

(IN SEATS AS OF MAY 2026: K-12 BC SCHOOL BUILDINGS)



Spending per Pupil (FY 25)

(Source: Ohio Department of Education and Workforce District Profile Report)



PER PUPIL EXPENDITURE: $12,603
(FY 25)
State Average: $17,609

TOTAL VALUATION: $767,218,030

MILLS (FY 25):
Inside: 5.10
Outside: 14.90
Bond: 5.50
P.I.: 0.62

SCHOOL DISTRICT INCOME TAX: 1.25%

APPROPRIATIONS:
General Fund: $31,737,632

RECEIPTS/GENERAL FUND:
Local Property Tax: $11,322,680
Local Income Tax: $9,071,765
State/Grant Funding: $9,663,886
Other: $3,198,327

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Our Core Values

Character
Community
Excellence
Integrity
Respect
Responsibility

Guiding Principles

TEACHING & LEARNING
Every Bulldog will be supported and challenged to grow personally and academically in an innovative environment.

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING & COMMUNICATION
We will build positive relationships and communicate effectively with every Bulldog.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY
We will demonstrate a fiscally conservative approach while maintaining excellence.

SAFE ENVIRONMENTS
We will pursue opportunities to ensure all students learn in safe environments.

Fiscal Year 2026 Financial Summary

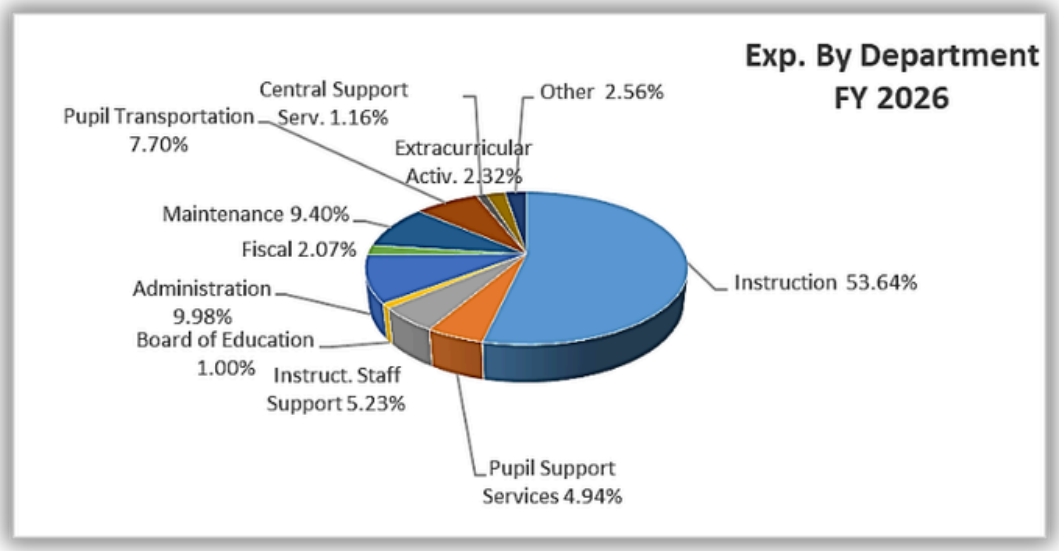
From the Treasurer August, 2026

General Fund Revenues $ 33,256,657

General Fund Expenditures $ 32,372,975

Operating Surplus/Carryover $ 883,682

General Fund Balance at June 30, 2026 $ 14,534,375



Bloom-Carroll Local School District achieved an operating surplus during Fiscal Year 2026 for the fourth consecutive year. The balance in our General fund represents 44.90% of our operating budget. This percentage is widely recognized as a safe cash balance, without encroaching on what the Department of Education and Workforce deems an "excessive" cash balance. The District invested 97% of total revenues back into the students, staff and community.

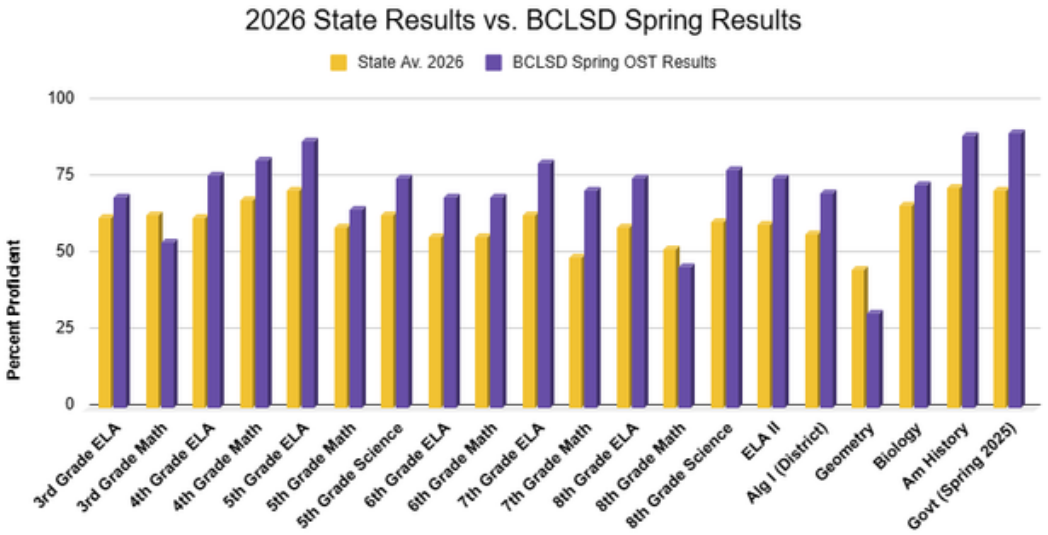
Approximately 59% of the District's budget is spent on the combination of direct instruction and pupil support services including counselors, nurses and school psychologists. During the past several years, the District has been able to add teaching positions in an effort to decrease class sizes, provide additional reading intervention and provide expanded special education services. With annual growth in expenditures exceeding growth in revenue, the District may not be in a position to add additional staff if enrollment continues to remain level or decrease.

We encourage input from the entire community regarding all aspects of our financial and business operations. Thank you for your continued support of the Bloom-Carroll Local School District.

Travis Bigam
Treasurer/CFO

Academic Results and Instructional Updates

The Bloom-Carroll Local School District works hard to strive towards our vision to be the model school district for excellence in student success, opportunities, and safety both inside and outside the classroom. Our caring and dedicated staff is committed to meeting the needs of every learner, every day, to set our students up for success both now and in the future. This commitment is reflected in our most recent results from the 2025-2026 Ohio State Tests, where students exceeded the state average in 17 out of 20 tested areas (ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies). In addition, Bloom-Carroll High School students again demonstrated readiness for college-level success with nearly 80% of our tested AP students earning a 3 or higher on AP exams. The district also earned 5 stars on our Gap Closing and Graduation Rate measures on the Local Report Card, and showed improvement on our College, Career, Workforce, and Military Readiness rating. The continued success of our students at the state and national level is a testament to our quality of instruction, rigor of coursework, and dedication of our staff and students.



As we head into the 2026–2027 school year, our emphasis includes staff development, implementation of High-Quality Instructional Materials, and strong academic and behavioral supports. This year, our instructional focus includes:

- **Math & Science Curriculum Review and Alignment:** We are beginning a K–5 math curriculum review and K-12 science curriculum review as part of our six-year content-area review cycle. This work is aligned to Ohio's Plan for K-12 Mathematics and Ohio's Learning Standards and Model Curriculum for Science, led by a committee of teachers. We will be using these statewide resources to guide our process and ensure all students have access to rigorous, standards-aligned instruction and updated materials.

- **PAX Training (K-2):** All K-2 teachers will engage with PAX training throughout the year. This program promotes practical, science-based tools and trainings that improve behavior, relationships, and lifelong well-being. PAX emphasizes consistent, routine-based strategies that build healthy classrooms and strengthen student skill sets.

- **Professional Development & Collaboration:** Throughout the year, teachers will take part in ongoing professional development focused on student safety, K-12 math instruction, English Learner supports and services, special education compliance and accommodations, gifted identification and service, and continued Wonders curriculum implementation aligned with the Science of Reading. Teachers will also continue grade-level and content-area collaboration, emphasizing vertical alignment work across grade levels in every subject.

As we carry out our commitment to our students' educational experiences, our mission of "Our Students, Their Futures, Our Focus" guides our daily work in every classroom. We are proud of our success as a district, while continuing to strive to create the best experience possible for every student. We look forward to another great year of learning!

Caitlin Hughes
Director of Curriculum, Communications, and Gifted Services

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