

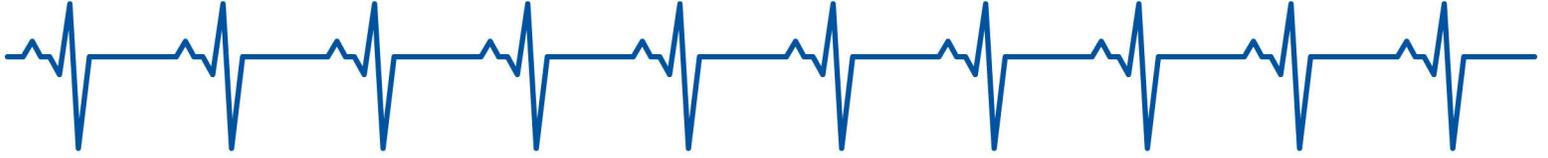


# The Patriot Pulse



## Tri-Village Local Schools

November 2019



Tri-Village Community,

Under the leadership of Governor Mike DeWine and the passage of House Bill 166 last July, Ohio has invested significantly in student wellness and success. The state biennial budget for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 includes a substantial investment to support student wellness and success in schools, enabling schools to provide additional mental health services, wraparound services and mentoring. These funds will assist the The Tri-Village School District in the constant pursuit of meeting the needs of the whole child.



*Mr. Sagester  
Superintendent*

The Tri-Village Local School District will specifically use these funds to partner with Darke County Recovery and Wellness and the Arcanum-Butler Local School District to bring an Ohio certified licensed prevention specialist to both districts two days a week beginning in January 2020. The dollars allocated from House Bill 166 has provided an avenue for both districts to collaborate and partner with Recovery and Wellness to fund a position within the school setting to assist and provide prevention education and support to our students. Through discussion, the creation of a "Student Success Liaison Position" has meticulously evolved. The primary goal of the position is to identify individual student social emotional needs and provide direct supports on addressing the identified needs through group sessions, activities and lessons during the school day. As with any contracted wraparound service parent permission will be required.

As mentioned briefly above, the Student Success Liaison will be on our campus two days a week and the Arcanum-Butler campus two days a week as both districts are working together to craft this position in conjunction with Darke County Recovery and Wellness. While in our district, the Student Success Liaison will work closely with our K-12 Guidance Counselor (Annette Black) and Youth Advocate (Amanda Dyson) to enhance and support our student's academic achievement through mental health counseling, wraparound services and mentoring.

Schools are logical environments for addressing the health, social, emotional and behavioral needs of children in the interest of learning readiness. With that being said, we are excited to welcome Kelly Harrison as our Student Success Liaison. Kelly comes to us with a sound resume, highlighted by an associates degree in human services, a bachelor's degree in social work and a total of 23 years of experience in the mental health field.

The partnership between schools and community is the backbone of our excellence. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Harrison to our district. As superintendent, my door is always open and I welcome your input as my team and I support the academic, social and emotional growth of your child.

Yours in Education,

*Josh Sagester*

### ***Inaugural Village Impact Program Day (VIP)***

On Friday, October 25, 2019 from 8:30 AM- 12:00 PM, the students of Tri-Village High School (assisted by staff and community members) went out into the community and served our citizens through a variety of service projects. This was the first year of this project.



## Earning an Ohio High School Diploma for the Classes of 2021 and 2022

Cover the basics You must earn a minimum total of 20 credits in specified subjects and take your required tests. Then, decide how you will round out your diploma requirements. Other Requirements You also must receive instruction in economics and financial literacy and complete at least two semesters of fine arts. Your district may require more than 20 credits to graduate.

**Show you are ready** Use at least one pathway to show that you are ready for college or a job.

- 1) **Ohio's State Tests** Earn at least 18 points on seven end-of-course state tests. End-of-course tests are: Algebra I or Integrated Math I, Geometry or Integrated Math II, American Government, American History, English I, English II, & Biology. Each test score earns you up to five graduation points. You must have a minimum of four points in math, four points in English and six points across science and social studies. Your school and district receive grades on the Ohio School Report Cards for all students' scores and participation on state tests.
- 2) **Industry credential and workforce readiness** Earn a minimum of 12 points by receiving a State Board of Education-approved, industry-recognized credential or group of credentials in a single career field and earn the required score on WorkKeys, a work-readiness test. The state of Ohio will pay one time for you to take the WorkKeys test.
- 3) **College and career readiness tests** Earn remediation-free scores in mathematics and English language arts on either the ACT or SAT. The Ohio Department of Higher Education works with Ohio's universities to set the remediation-free scores for the ACT and SAT tests. Periodically, for a variety of reasons, these scores may be adjusted. For all high school juniors, the remediation-free scores set by Feb. 1 of their junior year will be used to meet their graduation requirement. The most up-to-date information regarding remediation-free scores can be found on the Department's graduation requirements webpage.

English language arts	4 credits
Health	½ credit
Mathematics	4 credits
Physical education	½ credit
Science	3 credits
Social studies	3 credits
Electives	5 credits

You can meet new requirements by demonstrating competency and readiness for a job, college, military or a self-sustaining profession.

**Show competency:** Earn a passing score on Ohio's high school Algebra I and English II tests. Students who do not pass the test will be offered additional support and must retake the test at least once. **Is testing not your strength?** After you have taken your tests, there are three additional options to show competency!

OR

### Option 1

Demonstrate Two Career-Focused Activities

- 1) Foundational
  - Proficient scores on WebXams
  - A 12-point industry credential
  - A pre-apprenticeship or acceptance into an approved apprenticeship program
- 2) Supporting
  - Work-based learning
  - Earn the required score on WorkKeys
  - Earn the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal

### Option 2

Enlist in the Military  
Show evidence that you have signed a contract to enter a branch of the U.S. armed services upon graduation.

### Option 3

Complete College Coursework  
Earn credit for one college-level math and/ or college-level English course through Ohio's free College Credit Plus program.

AND

**Show readiness** Earn two of the following diploma seals, choosing those that line up with your goals and interests. These seals give you the chance to demonstrate academic, technical and professional skills and knowledge that align to your passions, interests and planned next steps after high school.

**At least one of the two must be Ohio-designed:**

- Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Seal (Ohio)
- Industry-Recognized Credential Seal (Ohio)
- College-Ready Seal (Ohio)
- Military Enlistment Seal (Ohio)
- Citizenship Seal (Ohio)
- Science Seal (Ohio)
- Honors Diploma Seal (Ohio)
- Seal of Biliteracy (Ohio)
- Technology Seal (Ohio)
- Community Service Seal (Local)
- Fine and Performing Arts Seal (Local)
- Student Engagement Seal (Local)

Want to learn more? Contact your school counselor or visit [education.ohio.gov/graduation](http://education.ohio.gov/graduation)