

Summit Academy Schools

2017-2018 Annual Report

Summit Academy Transition High School Columbus

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Our students and staff worked diligently to make this school year a success! Our students completed state testing and Aims web testing. Teachers did an excellent job preparing students for these challenging assessments. Each teacher had a question of the day from the practice test and would provide students with instructional strategies and support for the state test. We also made families aware of the practice website to allow students the opportunity for additional test preparation from home.

We started the school year with our annual orientation for our parents and had a wonderful turnout. The orientations allowed the families to get to know the teachers as well as the requirements and expectations for students. Families also received the teacher's syllabi for the first grading period. Our teachers provided the families with a newsletter throughout the year in order to improve communication.

Our seniors worked hard to complete all graduation requirements. All of our seniors completed a capstone project in English/Social Studies and Science/Math. In science, students created a Rube Goldberg machine. The objective was to make the machine break a board at our martial arts ceremony. The students worked extremely hard and the machine was a success! We also had a senior field trip to Rule 3. They were able to have a good time with one another in celebration of their senior year. The seniors were also in charge of several fundraising activities during the school year.

Our students took advantage of some community service activities. We partnered with Columbus State University for the College Credit Plus program. One of our students attended Columbus State University this school year. Our students were able to apply to Fort Hayes Career Center and Downtown Career Center. We had one student attend the Downtown Career Center this school year for culinary arts. Students also participated in ASVAB testing, which is a college readiness test for eleventh graders.

We are very pleased with the outstanding accomplishments of our students and look forward to continued success during the 2018-2019 school year.

Sincerely,



Trina Moore
School Director



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SCHOOL DATA / IRN # 600614

AGE LEVELS SERVED: 14-22

HOURS OF INSTRUCTION: 7:45-2:30

SCHOOL TYPE: Special Education

STUDENT POPULATION: 59

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS:

All of our students are considered "at risk" of academic failure, due to the condition ADHD and /or Asperger's Disorder, which describes our target population.

SPECIFIC DEMOGRAPHIC INFO:

CAUCASIAN 71%

AFRICAN AMERICAN 71%

MIXED / OTHER 1:0%

MALE / FEMALE 63%/37%

LOW INCOME: YES 100%

STAFFING BY FUNCTION

ADMINISTRATIVE 1

TEACHERS 9

TEACHING AIDES 2

SUPPORT STAFF 4

ATTENDANCE RATE: 92%

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

SUMMIT ACADEMY SCHOOLS BUILD HOPE, SUCCESS, AND WELL-BEING THROUGH EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS



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SCHOOL STAFF

Trina Moore: School Principal

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Dania Sbeih: Title I Aide

Kimberly DiYanni: Instructional Aide

Nathan Zoehl: English Teacher

Chyna Dickenson: Sensei

Steven Gammeter: Social Studies Teacher

Benjamin Snyder: Math Teacher

Benjamin Schaad: Intervention Specialist/Science Teacher

Rob Wood: Intervention Specialist

Miguel Vasquez: Social Studies Teacher

Michael Williams- School Custodian



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SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

The 2017-2018 school year was a wonderful year! Our staff and students worked really hard to make this school year productive. Our students completed state testing and Aims web testing. We had a variety of exciting events and activities for students throughout the school year.

We started the school year with an orientation for our parents. We talked to them about graduation requirements and the student handbook. We had a wonderful turnout.

The teachers started off the first week of the school year with camp. Students were able to play games and participate in team building activities. On the last day of camp, teachers went through their syllabi, rules, expectations and procedures.

Our school staff began handing out "Gotchas" as part of our Positive Behavior Intervention and Support program. Gotchas are a positive reward for students who display appropriate behaviors at school. We had an outstanding Intern who was very helpful in organizing this initiative. She implemented a new reward system for the positive behavior program. Students were able to receive Dragon Dollars for their positive behavior, which could be spent at our school store. The students were able to buy dress down passes, candy and many other items. Our physical education teacher helped our seniors with organizing and running the school store. This allowed for a great opportunity for our seniors to improve career skills and learn responsibility.

Students enjoyed a variety of school events and field trips through the year. We visited USA Skates of America and the students had a wonderful time. We hosted our Annual Thanksgiving luncheon. We received donations from parents, staff and Panera. We were also able to donate food to our families and to a local homeless shelter. Our students were able to visit Otterbein College to watch *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Our English teacher prepared the students for the play during class. In honor of Black History Month, our students visited the Underground Railroad Museum in Cincinnati Ohio. We received a grant which allowed our students to attend for free. We had our annual picnic for all students and families at a local park. Our teachers grilled hotdogs and hamburgers for the students and families. We had games for the students and teachers were able to take students on hikes. It was a nice time for our students and families.

We are extremely proud of our twelve graduating seniors! The staff did an outstanding job decorating the gymnasium and participating in the graduation ceremony. Giant Eagle kindly donated graduation cake for the students and families. Our graduates are very excited about their new opportunities for the future.

