

OBERLIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS TIMELINE

- 1834 The Oberlin School District is organized for public education.
- 1836 The first one room ungraded school building is built at a cost of \$215. (It still stands today, owned and operated by O.H.I.O.)
- 1851 The First Union School House, a two-story, graded school, is built on Professor Street.
- 1857 John M. Langston becomes the acting manager of the Oberlin Schools.
- 1860 At the recommendation of J. M. Langston the Oberlin Board of Education of Common Schools is established in accordance with the laws laid out in 1853. John Mercer Langston is chosen to be secretary and, as notary public, swears in the other members.
- 1867 The official opening of the school year is moved from the spring to the fall from this point on in order to give the students this year an extra semester to catch up their skills to be really ready to move up to the next level.
- 1874 Union High School is built on South Main Street (next known as Westervelt Hall and now as the New Union School House).
- 1895 Alice Swing is elected the first woman on the Oberlin School Board and is among the first women to be on any Ohio school board.
- 1887 Prospect and Pleasant Street schools are both built. Each is a two-story, brick building with four class rooms and an office. Each cost \$8000.
- 1903 A fourth year is added to Oberlin High School, thus it is now ranked a "first grade" school.
- 1903 Both Pleasant and Prospect schools suffer serious fires.
- 1909 Oberlin Board of Education authorized the transfer of nearly 200 volumes to the Oberlin College Library. (Annual Report of College, 1909-10, p. 258.
- 1910 The P. T. A. of Pleasant Street School is organized to "study the welfare of the child in the home, school, and community and to create a better mutual understanding between parents and teachers."

- 1913 The Board abolishes the Office of the Treasurer as required by law where school funds are handled by a Depository, in this case the Peoples Banking Co. of Oberlin.
- 1921 The Bureau of Inspection of the State Industrial Commission says the Main Street school cannot be used after Sept. 1, 1921 without extensive repairs and modifications.
- 1923 The new high school at Walnut, North Main and Pleasant Streets is open.
- 1926 Oberlin High School Basketball team wins a State Championship.
- 1934 Centennial Hall, on South Main Street, comes into the possession of the Oberlin Public Schools and is used until 1952.
- 1949 The Oberlin Ohio Education Association is established and writes its constitution.
- 1950 The Oberlin School Board hires a man as an elementary teacher for the first time--Donald McIlroy.
- 1954 Oberlin High School hosts its first foreign exchange student, Miss Marjo Heino of Finland.
- 1955 Eastwood School is built on East College Street.
- 1957 The Oberlin School Board joins the Ohio School Boards Association.
- 1959 Students in all Oberlin school buildings are grouped by grades. No more neighborhood schools.
- 1962 The current high school is built on North Pleasant Street with further additions made in the 1960s, '70s, and '80s.
- 1962 OHS is one of 132 schools in Ohio accredited without qualification.
- 1963 OOEA establishes a budget.
- 1970 The ORBIT program begins at the elementary level.
- 1972 The Title I reading program begins.
- 1975 OOEA develops and tightens up the teacher evaluation and dismissal process.

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- 1976 Task forces of community people are set up by a community group brought together by the Oberlin Ministerial Association on behalf of the board of education.
- 1986 The Oberlin High School basketball team wins a State Basketball Championship.
- 1992 The Blue Ribbon Finance Committee, made up of community people, researches and decides that the schools' financial problems are caused by a lag in tax collection and ceaseless inflation. It recommends the district may need to consider merging.
- 1993 Superintendent Charles Edelsberg gets an Outstanding Superintendent acknowledgment nationwide--and at the end of the school year resigns from working in public education altogether.
- 1994 Oberlin gets its first female and first Black superintendent, Ms. Shirley Vioni.
- 1998 The high school gets its first female and first Black principal, Mrs. Rosalyn Valentine.
- 1996 James Grey named interim Superintendent.
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- 2002 Beverly Reep named Superintendent.
- 2005 Beverly Reep resigns in December.
- 2006 Dennis Rectenwald named interim Superintendent until a permanent replacement can be found.

SUPERINTENDENTS

Samuel Sedgewick	1860-1869
E.F. Moulton	1869-1876
H. R. Chittenden	1876-1878
H. J. Clark	1878-1882
G. W. Waite	1882-1900
E. A. Miller	1900-1903
W. H. Nye	1903-1908

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H. L. Rawdon	1908-1937
C. E. Wigton	1937-1956
H. A. Koss	1956-1958
R. W. Duncan	1958-1970
J. H. Hagerty	1970-1975
David Kessler	8/25/75 to 3/18/76 Acting Superintendent (Terminated)
W. W. Zinser	12/15/75 to 3/16/76 Acting Superintendent
S. Bahorek, Jr.	3/18/76 to 8/1/76 Interim Superintendent
W. R. Force	1976-1978
S. Bahorek, Jr.	6/28/76 to 10/31/78 Acting Superintendent (Resigned)
G. Brubaker	11/1/78 to 1987
R. Murphy	1988-1990
C. M. Edelsberg	1990 to 1993
Watson	8/93 to 1/94
S. Vioni	1/94 to 11/96 (Resigned)
J. Gray	1997- (Interim Superintendent 11/96-5/97)
B. Reep	2002-12/2005
D. Rectenwald	Interim Superintendent 1/1/2006-

OBERLIN HIGH SCHOOL

Principals

1901-02	W. H. Nye
1902-03	B. L. Laird
1903-05	A. L. Button
1905-06	H. L. Rawdon
1906-08	W. B. Crouch
1908-10	W. H. McCall
1910-12	Stanley Morris
1912-22	J. C. Seemann *
1922-24	W. Z. Morrison
1924-27	C.L. Mackey
1927-37	C. E. Wigton
1937-49	C. F. Alter

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1949-52	Donald L. Simpson
1952-54	James Ross
1954-56	Edwin C. Treherne
1956-65	Paul E. Newell
1965-67	Albert Bruno
1967-68	Robert Ingraham
1968-70	Paul Nabors
1970-72	Donald Schick
1972-76	Paul Zatz
1976-79	James Rankin (11/29/76)
1979-85	Jerry Omori
1985-87	John Hornsby
1987-90	John A. Dondero
1990-92	Todd J. Alles
1992-94	Fred Holland
1994-98	James Gray
1998-	Roslyn Valentine

* Mr. Seemann died in March, 1922. W. Z. Morrison appointed for the remainder of the year.

Assistant Principals

-79	Don Crocket
1979-84	Gordon Dupree (Left 10/18/84)
1984-85	Robert Walsh
1985-88	Eugene T. W. Sanders
1988-89	Position eliminated
1991-93	Jay Hershey
1993-94	Tony Korzan
1994-96	Charles Grimes
1996-98	Roslyn Valentine
1998-	Brent Betts

OBERLIN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Principals

1960-66	Theodore Walter
1966-68	Robert Caton
1968-72	Peter Fanning
1972-75	James Muzzy

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1975-76	Eugene Parker
1976-77	Peter Hendrickson
1977-78	Harold Horton-----Middle School
1978-84	Frances Thomas ('78-79 Interim Principal)
1984-87	Robert Murphy
1987-	Larry Thomas

PLEASANT STREET SCHOOL

Principals

1905-06	Miss Carrie Petersen
1906-09	Miss Elizabeth Whipple
1909-10	Miss Louise Wood
1910-11	Mr. C. E. Blue
1911-15	Miss Lottie Ward
1915-18	Mrs. L. A. Edwards
1918-19	Mrs. Mabel F. Gibson
1919-22	Miss Crilla B. Thomas
1922-23	Mrs. Jane Corbet Hector
1923-39	Miss Crilla B. Thomas
1939-41	Miss Janice Beckwith
1941-42	W. J. Sample
1942-56	Miss Elizabeth Martin
1956-59	Mr. Donald McIlroy
1959-60	Mr. Walter Carpenter
1960-67	Mr. Donald McIlroy
1967-69	Mr. Robert Lawson
1969-73	Mr. Edward Hope
1973-75	Mr. James Muzzy
1975-76	Mr. Eugene Parker
1976-77	Dr. Harold Horton (1-3-77)
1977-78*	

*Students from 5th grade transferred to Prospect School, and students from 6th grade transferred to Middle School.

PROSPECT SCHOOL

Principals

1905-06	Miss Elizabeth Beebe
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1906-17	Mrs. J. B. Abell
1917-18	Miss Orrie C. Gannett
1918-23	Miss Mabel B. Askew
1923-27	Mrs. Bernice W. Andrus
1927-28	Mrs. Sophia N. Kelly
1928-46	Mrs. Bernice W. Shepard
1946-52	Mrs. Rose Moore
1052-59	Mr. Walter Carpenter
1959-60	Mr. Donald McIlroy
1960-74	Miss Florene Worcester
1974 75	Mr. Edward Hope
1975-77	Mr. Robert Wehn
1980-84	Mr. Peter Hendrickson
1980-84	Mr. Robert Murphy
1984-86	Mrs. Mildred Carter
1986-88	Mrs. Linda Boyd
1988-91	Mr. John F. Gates
1991-93	Mr. Fred Fastenau
1993-95	Mrs. Patricia Heilbron
1995-	Mrs. Elaine Carlin

EASTWOOD SCHOOL

Principals

1956-74	Miss Elizabeth Martin
1974-75	Mr. Edward Hope
1975-77	Mr. Robert Wehn (Resigned 9/20/77)
1977-78	Ms. Francine Toss-Head Teacher
1978-91	Ms. Francine Toss-Principal (1991 becomes Pupil Personnel Dir.)
1991-92	Tracy Frierson
1992-93	Ralph Ballard
1993-94	Francine Toss
1994-95	Tara Kilburn
1995-	Chris Pankey

INVENTORY

Box 1

Oberlin High School Annual, 1900
O-High (Oberlin High School Annual), 3 copies of vol. 1 (1902-03), vols. 5-9 (1907-11); missing vols. 2-4 (1904-07)

Box 2

O-High, Vols. 10-16 (1912-1919)

Box 3

O-High, Vols. 17-25 (1919-1928) (Includes 1922A)

Box 4

O-High, 1900, 1902 (2 copies), 1921, 1924 (2 copies), 1926-27, 1930 (No cover), 1932, 1947
OHS Brochure, spring 1961
Printed matter & miscellaneous material
Graduation programs and names of graduates, 1872-1914
Oberlin Junior High Annual, 1958

Box 5

High School records with names & addresses, 1915-16, 1921-22 (2 notebooks)
High School (Junior and Senior) Lists of Students 1931-46 [2001/94]
Jr. High Council records, c. 1930-31, 1935 (scrapbook)
Pleasant School PTA Board, 1954-70 (notebook)
Oberlin High School Examination Questions, 1915
Oberlin High School Record in the War (High School Cadet Class) 1918-19 [2001/94]

Box 5A

Specifications for General Trades at Oberlin High School at Main & Walnut Streets (Franz C. Warner, architect, Cleveland) 1921, n.d.
Superintendent C.E. Wigton, 1947-51 (3f)
Miscellany, 1927-40

Box 6

Oberlin & Russia Township, 1838-39
Oberlin & Russia Township, 1840s
Oberlin 1850-59
Russia Township 1850-52
Teachers reports and certificates for pay, Russia Township, 1853-54 (2f)
Teachers reports, Russia Township, 1855-56 (2f)
Certificates for payment from Russia Township fund, 1857 (2f)

Box 6 (cont.)

Russia Township, 1858-59 (2f)

Box 7

Oberlin, 1860-72 (10f)

Box 8

Oberlin, 1873-97, 1908-09 (10f)

Box 9

Oberlin enumerations, 1843-95

Russia Township enumerations, 1842-56 (3f)

Teachers Certificates, 1852-74 (3f)

Box 10

Oberlin teachers reports, 1864-74 (11f)

Box 11

Oberlin teachers reports, 1875-77 (3f)

Voting records of school board elections and bond issues, 1870-78

Oberlin: Annual Reports of Superintendents and Boards of Education, 1871-72,
1800-1902, 1915-16 (3f)

Box 12

Financial Records, 1823-1930 (7f) -- Receipts, 1862-83; Bills, 1908-09;
Certificates of indebtedness, 1873-74; Statistical reports, 1888-1929;
Treasurer's bonds for school funds, 1860-97; Auditors statements, 1860-
1927 (dates represented not all inclusive)

State Auditor Report, 1977

Misc.

Non-school papers presumed related to Russia Tp. school officers, c. 1850-65

Citizen's Advisory Committee Report and recommendations, March 1988

Oberlin School Names Committee, 1983

Report of the Oberlin Town Meeting (re: Public Schools), March 1968 [2001/94]

Students First: ABC Newspaper, April 2000

Oberlin Schools Endowment Fund Newsletter, Fall 2000

Arithmetic Bulletins/Studies (Gladys Risten) – "The Teaching-Learning Process,"
n.d., "Jimmie Learns Arithmetic," c. 1942 [2001/94]

Box 13

Oberlin School District minutes, 1834-51 [2001/94]

Oberlin Record of Teacher Examinations, 1876-1900 [2001/94]

Box 14

Photograph (mounted) of the Oberlin High School class of 1892
(Transferred from the Geoffrey Blodgett Papers)
Oberlin High School diploma, Agnes Whitmore Gammon, 1916

Oversize:

Oberlin High School Student Records, 1898-1917 (3 vols.)
Oberlin High School Grades, 1874-76, 1893-94

Oberlin Board of Education (Acc. 1983/37)

Box 1

Accounts, 1865-74 (1 vol.)
Minutes, 1860-1912

Oversize

Minutes, 1913-20

Box 2

Minutes, 1920-37 (3 vols.)

Box 3

Minutes, 1937-54 (8f)

Box 4

Minutes, 1955-57 (3f)

Box 5

Minutes, 1958-63 (2 vols.)

Box 6

Minutes, 1963-67 (2 vols.)

Box 7

Minutes, 1968-73 (1 vol.)

Box 8

Russia Township Board of Education, 1927-48 (1 vol.)
Pittsfield Township Board of Education, 1936-48 (1 vol.)

Box 9

Enumerations, 1892-1920 incomplete (20 vols.)

Oversize:

Board of Education Expenditures, 1902-03