

# Come Visit Us

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# Significant Educational Progress

in Stark County, Ohio  
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# The Results

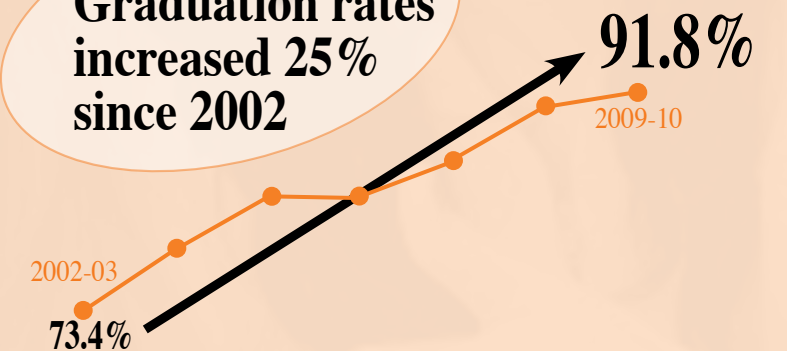
## Our Goal: 100% High School Graduation

The most recent graduation rates show that **16 of 18** Stark County high schools outperformed the state. **ALL** outperformed the national rate!

District	2008-09	Higher than Ohio	Higher than U.S.
Alliance	80.3%		✓
Canton City	78.8%		✓
- McKinley	86.4%	✓	✓
- Timken	85%	✓	✓
Canton Local	95.5%	✓	✓
Fairless	94.4%	✓	✓
Jackson	99.1%	✓	✓
Lake	97.8%	✓	✓
Louisville	97.4%	✓	✓
Marlington	93.7%	✓	✓
Massillon	81%		✓
Minerva	97.9%	✓	✓
N. Canton	98.8%	✓	✓
Northwest	94.8%	✓	✓
Osnaburg	90.8%	✓	✓
Perry	96.2%	✓	✓
Plain	93.8%	✓	✓
Sandy Valley	95.6%	✓	✓
Tuslaw	94.4%	✓	✓
Ohio ✓	83%	16 Stark Schools Higher	
U.S. ✓	74.9%	ALL Stark Schools Higher	

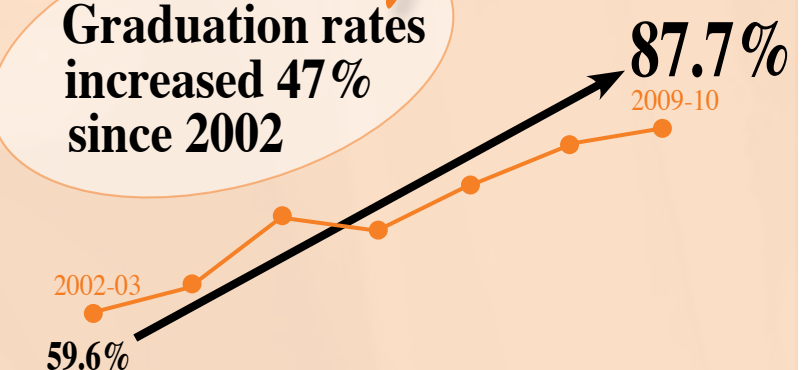
## McKinley High School

Graduation rates increased **25%** since 2002



## Timken High School

Graduation rates increased **47%** since 2002

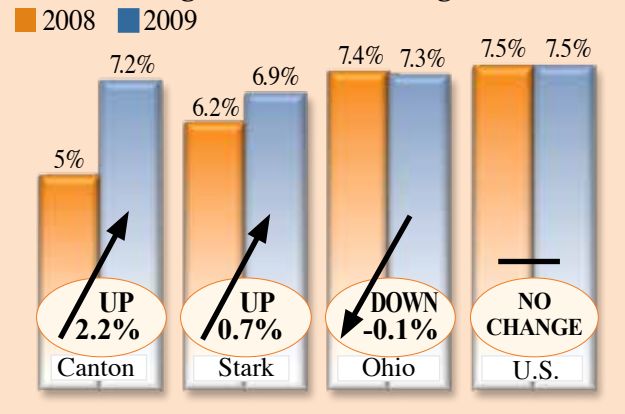


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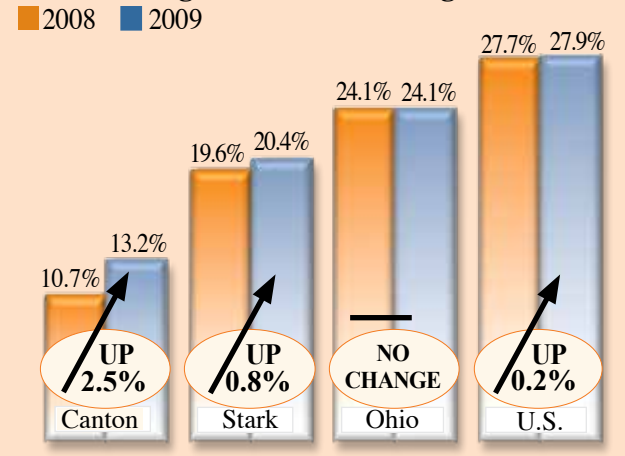
## Our Goal: Increase Educational Attainment

Stark County outpaced Ohio and the nation in both Associate and Bachelor degree growth.

### Associate Degree Attainment - Age 25 and Over



### Bachelor Degree Attainment - Age 25 and Over



# Major Drivers of Stark's Progress

## Examples of Collaborative P-16 Efforts to Raise Rigor

### SPARK Ohio

Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids (SPARK) is a multi-year program helping children ages 3-6 and parents get ready for kindergarten by building reading, language, and social skills. SPARK works collaboratively with schools to create a seamless transition for all children and is replicated in six other counties.

#### Where to Visit?

Early Childhood Education Alliance, Inc. – Alliance, Ohio

#### Further Information...

[www.sparkohio.org](http://www.sparkohio.org)

### Science and Math on the Move (SAMM)

SAMM is a public/private partnership that provides access to modern scientific instruments to be borrowed by trained teachers for use with Stark County students.

#### Where to visit?

Bill Mease Center for Science and Mathematics at R.G. Drage – Massillon, Ohio

#### Further Information...

[www.starkcountyesc.org/index.php?page=samm](http://www.starkcountyesc.org/index.php?page=samm)

### Early College High School

Canton's Early College High School (CECHS) is an opportunity for students to earn both a diploma and an Associate Degree while in high school. Students are admitted regardless of prior academic performance and over half are minorities. Most will be the first in their families ever to go to college.

#### Where to visit?

Canton's Early College High School – Downtown Campus of Stark State College on the Timken Campus of Canton City Schools

#### Further Information...

<http://earlycollege.ccsdistrict.org> or [www.edpartner.org/publications/pdfs/Ongoing\\_Proof\\_2010.pdf](http://www.edpartner.org/publications/pdfs/Ongoing_Proof_2010.pdf)

### High School Based Dual Credit

High school based dual credit (HSBDC) courses are college courses taught by high school teachers who qualify as college adjuncts. Students can earn both high school and college credit for the same course. HSBDC reduces the cost of college and accelerates the time towards degree completion.

#### Where to visit?

Fairless High School – Navarre, Ohio

#### Further Information...

[www.edpartner.org/pdfs/Growth\\_Impact.pdf](http://www.edpartner.org/pdfs/Growth_Impact.pdf)

### Explore, Plan & ACT

Stark County's educators are intensifying efforts to prepare students for college. This year, all the county's 8th graders will take the EXPLORE (pre-ACT) test. EXPLORE data will help adjust curriculum and target instruction for college success beginning in middle school.

#### Where to visit?

Oakwood Middle School – Plain Local School District, Canton, Ohio

#### Further Information...

[www.edpartner.org/publications/pdfs/Ready\\_to\\_Go.pdf](http://www.edpartner.org/publications/pdfs/Ready_to_Go.pdf)

