Mater Academy Preparatory

2025-2026 ANNUAL SNAPSHOT



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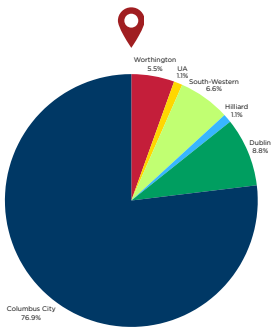
Our mission is to develop well-rounded individuals who are ready to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing world. Through a variety of programs, we strive to cultivate essential skills and values such as leadership, responsibility, and respect. We are proud of our diverse community and celebrate the unique perspectives and talents that each student brings to our school.

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

- **Location:** Columbus, Ohio
- **Grades Served:** K–5
- **Students Served:** 92
- **Principal:** Rachael Sparks
- **School Year Opened:** 2024–2025
- **Authorizer:** Ohio Council of Community Schools

Districts of Residence

Columbus City: 70 students, ~76%
Dublin City: 8 students, ~9%
Hilliard City: 1 student, ~1%
South-Western City: 6 students, ~7%
Upper Arlington City: 1 student, ~1%
Worthington City: 5 students, ~6%



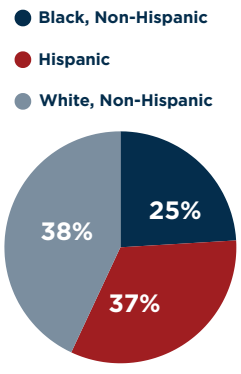
STAFF & STUDENT PROFILE

Average Class Size: 15.75
Staff-to-Student Ratio: 9:1

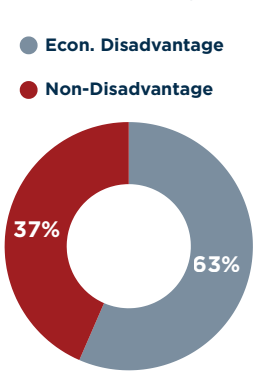
ELL	SPED
52%	6%

21% Student Mobility Rate
0% Unhoused

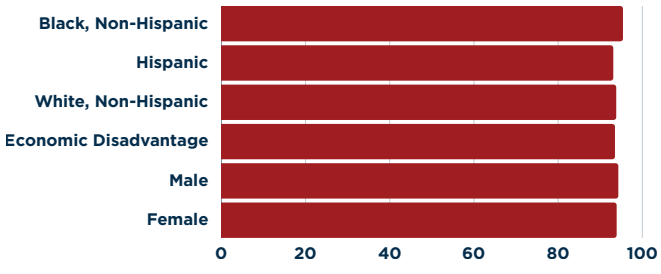
Demographics



Economically Disadvantage



Attendance Rate



Chronic Absenteeism Rate 14.3%

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

4 Stars
Ohio Department of Education and Workforce

Compared to Neighboring Schools:

Category	Mater Academy Preparatory	Winterset	Gables
Performance Index	74.00%	73.80%	65.60%
ELA Proficiency	63.60%	62.76%	46.76%
Math Proficiency	50.00%	51.53%	51.76%
English Learner Progress	61.00%	61.80%	63.90%

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Total Revenues: $1,678,761.61
Total Expenses: $1,676,848.78

Revenue Breakdown:

- State: $1,210,643.40
- Federal: $457,012.47
- Local: $11,105.74

Expense Breakdown:

- Salaries & Wages: $529,986.98
- Employee Benefits: $152,633.30
- Purchased Services: $886,161.31
- Supplies & Materials: $63,051.09
- Capital Outlay: $8,611.50
- Other: $36,404.60

FY2026 data pending publication by Ohio Auditor of State.

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MATER ACADEMY PREPARATORY

Mater Academy Preparatory is a dynamic learning community in Columbus, Ohio, dedicated to academic excellence and nurturing every student's unique potential. Our committed educators and staff foster a supportive, inclusive environment where students are encouraged to think critically, grow creatively, and develop essential life skills.

Rooted in a collaborative partnership with families, we offer a comprehensive curriculum designed to inspire a love of learning and prepare students for future success in a rapidly changing world. Our diverse school community values leadership, responsibility, and respect, celebrating the strengths every student brings.

As part of the nationally recognized Mater Academy, Inc. network—renowned for educational excellence since 1998—Mater Academy Preparatory benefits from a history of high achievement and a successful track record in Florida and Nevada. Our partnership with Academica, a leading education service provider, ensures strong operational support, allowing us to focus on our mission of delivering high-quality education.

Thank you for joining us on this journey to empower the next generation. Together, we are building a brighter future for Columbus students.

Key Findings from Data Analysis

- Mater Academy Preparatory's 2025–2026 Ohio School Report Card reflects significant academic achievement and measurable improvement in just its second year of operation, earning an official 4-star rating that exceeds state standards and outperforms established neighborhood schools Winterset and Gables, both rated 3 stars.
- Academic Achievement and Growth: The school earned 3 stars in both Achievement and Progress, establishing measurable academic performance in categories that were not rated during its inaugural year.
- Gap Closing: Mater earned 5 stars in gap closing, the state's highest rating, demonstrating substantial progress in addressing student performance gaps.
- Improved Attendance: Chronic absenteeism declined from 19.2% to 14.3%, a 4.9 percentage point improvement over the previous year.

2025–2026 Academic Performance Highlights

- Achievement — 3 Stars: Mater Academy Preparatory demonstrated competitive academic performance compared with established neighborhood schools.
  - Performance Index: 74.0%, exceeding Winterset (73.8%) and Gables (65.6%).
  - English Language Arts Proficiency: 63.6%, outperforming Winterset (62.76%) and Gables (46.76%).
  - Mathematics Proficiency: 50.0%, compared with Winterset (51.53%) and Gables (51.76%).
  - These results highlight strong academic achievement, particularly in English Language Arts.
- Progress — 3 Stars: Mater earned 3 stars for student academic growth, meeting state standards for progress. As this component was not rated in 2024–2025, the new rating establishes an important benchmark for measuring student growth in future years.
- Gap Closing — 5 Stars: Mater's Gap Closing rating increased from 1 star in 2024–2025 to 5 stars in 2025–2026, achieving the state's highest possible rating.
- English Learner Progress reached 61.0%, compared with 61.8% at Winterset and 63.9% at Gables.
- Chronic absenteeism declined by 4.9 percentage points, from 19.2% to 14.3%, reflecting meaningful improvement in student attendance.
  - For 2026–2027, the school will continue working to reduce chronic absenteeism to 12.6% or below, the state's annual goal, or achieve a 3 percentage point reduction to 11.3% to meet the improvement measure.

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The Ohio Council of Community Schools (OCCS) evaluates our school's performance through multiple measures, including standardized tests, academic scores, and from the Ohio Department of Education & Local Report Card. OCCS regional representatives also conduct regular site visits to ensure compliance with federal and contractual standards. Results of this monitoring for the 2025-2026 school year will be published in the 2025-2025 OCCS Annual Report, available at www.ohioschools.org

At time of publication, 2026 fiscal year data was not available from the Ohio Auditor of State. For updated information visit www.auditor.state.oh.us

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Mater Academy Preparatory's 2025–2026 Ohio School Report Card represents a significant milestone in the school's development. In just its second year, Mater earned an official 4-star rating, exceeding state standards and outperforming established neighborhood schools.

The results demonstrate meaningful progress across key accountability measures including the state's highest 5-star rating in Gap Closing and reduced chronic absenteeism by 4.9 percentage points. These accomplishments are especially significant for a school that opened in August 2024 and continues to expand its enrollment, grade levels and educational offerings. They reflect the dedication of Mater's educators, students and families, as well as a shared commitment to academic excellence.

From a newly established school to a 4-star institution in just two years, Mater Academy Preparatory has quickly distinguished itself as a high-performing public school option for Columbus families. Building on this foundation, Mater is dedicated to strengthening academic achievement and ensuring every student has the opportunity to succeed.