

## Jonathan Alder Schools

The Jonathan Alder School District is a progressive, rural district located 20 minutes from downtown Columbus. It consists of 122 square miles of land located in the northern section of Madison County and southeastern section of Union County. The district stretches from near State Route 33 on the north, to near Interstate 70 on the south. Located in the center of Dublin, Hilliard, and Marysville, all rapid growth areas, makes district growth in the near future a certainty.

Southwest of Plain City is an Amish community and some of the best family style restaurants in central Ohio. The proximity of Columbus with its institutions of higher learning provides great opportunity for families to participate in the educational, cultural, and social events a large city provides.

We have two pre-kindergarten through fourth grade buildings. Plain City Elementary is our largest building, housing about 620 students, draws students from the Village of Plain City and from the northern part of the district. Monroe elementary is located in Plumwood and is our smallest building of a little over 278 students, drawing from the southern side of the district.

Our other three buildings are located near the center of the school district, about 4 miles south of Plain City on Route 42. Canaan Middle School houses fifth and sixth graders with an enrollment of approximately 306 students. Our Junior High is housed in the old high school and serves grades seven and eight with an enrollment of around 311. Jonathan Alder High School (newly built in 2005) is a four year comprehensive high school, accredited by the North Central Association, with an enrollment of around 639 students, with nearly 100 of that number attending the Tolles Technical Center located one half mile south of the high school.

The offices of the Superintendent and the Treasurer are located in the high school building.

Staying in touch with parents is an important part of what we do. Parent and community opinion help us set priorities and create a vision of what the school system should become. In the past few years, we've surveyed many parents about their feelings toward the Jonathan Alder Schools. In our last survey, 1,017 parents out of about 1,350 parents possible, responded overwhelmingly. We're proud of the top five areas they identified where we were doing a good job.

- 1) I feel welcome at my child's school - 95%
- 2) Children receive a good education in the Alder School System - 93%
- 3) I am kept well informed - 92%
- 4) The school system rewards hard work and positive behavior - 91%
- 5) High but reasonable standards are maintained - 91%

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- Conservative, moral, and ethical value system emphasized daily
- Progressive rural school system with excellent class size
- Personal attention provided for students
- Very friendly students and staff
- Computers and technology are available and their use emphasized for ALL students
- Over 60% of our students attend post secondary institutions. Our graduates have attended M.I.T., West Point, Carnegie-Mellon, Northwestern, and virtually any other institution of higher learning
- Drug and alcohol awareness programs in place such as “Just Say No” and D.A.R.E.
- A fine compliment of special services, including speech and hearing therapists, instructors for handicapped, and tutors are provided to help maximize learning for all students
- Emphasis is placed on keeping the curriculum interesting for students
- Written composition is a focal point in all grades
- A comprehensive Testing Program is in place including proficiency tests, competency, tests, etc.
- Excellent opportunities exist for students to display their skills and talents in more than one area
- Strong vocal and instrumental programs
- Gifted program and other accelerated and honors courses are available
- Extensive intervention programs are available for students who need additional assistance
- Guidance counselors are available in all buildings K-12
- A wide variety of extra curricular programs exist in grades 7-12, including music, theater/drama, quick recall, athletics, and various clubs
- About 95% of the student body attend classes daily
- Regular in-service for staff is provided to aid in keeping abreast of current practices in education

*All information contained here-in was taken from the Jonathan Alder Web site.  
Please visit <http://www.alder.k12.ob.us/> for additional information.*