



ANNUAL REPORT

OHIO'S PREMIER E-SCHOOL

2018-2019 Parent Informational Booklet | 2017-2018 Annual Report



The Sky's the Limit at QDA!

QDA provides
a unique
educational
experience
for students
K-12.



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Sponsorship

The Quaker Digital Academy is a public digital school sponsored by the New Philadelphia City Schools.

Academic Goals

The State of Ohio Model Courses of Study are the basis for QDA curriculum K-12. The Academy implements these resources, as well as a variety of exceptional curricular options. Our teaching staff is comprised of caring, highly qualified and licensed teachers, counselors, and administrators.

QDA is a non-profit, public online school in the State of Ohio for students in grades K-12. Any student residing in Ohio may enroll in QDA with offices conveniently located in New Philadelphia, Berlin, East Liverpool, and Steubenville. Contact us today to learn how cyber education can meet your child's needs.

QDA is state funded. There is no cost to the student. A computer is provided and up to \$40 a month for internet access. Home schooling parents will save money by sending their children to QDA.

A Message from Superintendent Richard Varrati
SUPERINTENDENT AND CEO FOR QDA

Why Quaker Digital Academy?

New Experience, Dedication, and Commitment.



Quaker Digital Academy offers students the opportunity and support to be successful in their academic pursuit for a solid education. QDA is designed to meet the individual needs of a student, which may not always be available in the shuffle of a traditional school classroom. Students are treated as individuals and their academics are selected based on their academic needs. It is designed for the gifted student, the regular student, and the student at risk. QDA provides support to help those enrolled find the path to success. QDA not only has certified Ohio teachers, but assigns all students an

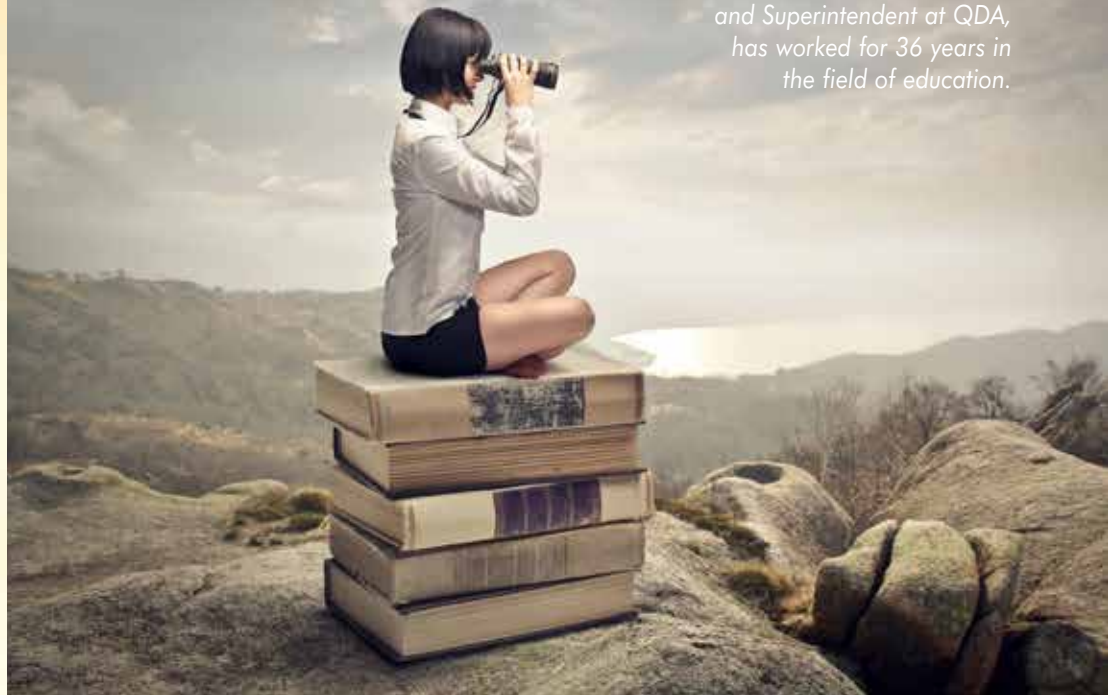
Instructional Supervisor (IS), who serves as their personal counselor and is their main point of contact for the enrolled individual and their family. The IS handles all school related issues for the student, and keeps in regular contact to ensure success in their academic subjects. This support and guidance is extremely important in today's educational climate of Ohio. QDA is fully aware that what helps one student learn may not work for the next. That is why QDA offers varied curriculums that can help provide a custom tailored and personalized learning path for student's individual needs.

With the growing demand from students and families looking for a safe school environment and a 21st century education, QDA has the experience to meet the challenges of providing an academic setting to prepare students for the changing world and meet the needs of the individual student to find their own pathway to success.

Contact us today to learn more!

Toll Free: 1-866-968-7032 or information@go2qda.org

*Dr. Richard Varrati, CEO
and Superintendent at QDA,
has worked for 36 years in
the field of education.*



National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony

On May 3rd, 2018, QDA held its 9th annual National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony. In attendance at the ceremony were QDA CEO Dr. Richard Varrati, Principal Steve Eckert, Board Member Gil Snyder, numerous instructional supervisors, teachers, staff members, parents, NHS and NJHS members.

Current members, Audrey Edgell (NHS 2017), Joseph Mitch (NHS 2017), Logan Todd (NHS 2017), Alexandria Baker (NJHS 2017) and Joseph Shanahan (2016 NJHS) participated in the lighting of the candles for each pillar of the NHS and NJHS.

QDA proudly inducted Luke Edgell, Hailey King, Hannah McConihe, and Matthew Moser into the NHS and Phoebe Chui, Nicolette Ellis Corle, Joseph Shanahan, and Shayann Wilson into the NJHS.

After the ceremony, QDA celebrated with an ice cream social held in the Dover First Moravian Social Hall.





GRADUATION 2018!

Graduation and QDA Foundation

QDA's 2018 Graduation Ceremony

- 32 participated in the ceremony
- Held May 24th at KSU Tuscarawas Founder's Hall Auditorium
- Special Music provided by Annabelle Cessna, Soloist; Max Beal, Soloist and Accompanist; and Shawna Hinkle, Accompanist
- Reception followed the ceremony

QDA Educational Foundation Honors Two Graduates:

The QDA Educational Foundation (a non profit 501(c)(3)) was formed in 2015 to encourage and assist QDA students to invest in themselves by continuing their educational pathway after graduation. This year QDA is proud to announce the first scholarship recipients are: Audrey Edgell and Logan Todd. Each scholar will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the QDA Educational Foundation. The Foundation continues to fund raise and seek donations. Should you wish to donate or need further information, please contact Dr. Richard Varrati, CEO or Mr. Tom Farbizo, Director of Recruitment and Fundraising, at 330-364-0618. The Foundation wishes to thank the community and businesses who have given support toward this scholarship campaign. QDA salutes these excellent role models and wishes them all the best. Carpe Diem!

- Audrey Edgell
- Logan Todd



Saluting Outstanding QDA Students

Luke Edgell

Parents: Jennifer and Dave Edgell

Luke is efficient, organized, and extremely caring. He has had a very successful 2017-18 school year finishing twenty classes, which calculates to 10 credits, or the equivalent of two school years within one; all while carrying a 4.0 GPA. Due to his organizational skills and his vigilance, he has never missed a school deadline. Luke plans to graduate a year and a half early. He also works for the family business, DRE, which is his true passion.

As Luke's Instructional Supervisor I was touched by his generosity and kindness. Luke has befriended fellow students who may be less fortunate, and assisted them in any way he could. I see a very bright future for Luke and wish him great success.

Casey Havens, Instructional Supervisor



Shayann Wilson

Daughter of Larry and Jenny Wilson of New Philadelphia. Her instructional supervisor is Mrs. Susan Sattler.

Shayann began her education with QDA when she was in the third grade and has been with us ever since. She was dearly loved by those who worked with her on the elementary level.

Shayann is sweet, a little shy, has great fashion sense, is a perfectionist with her schoolwork, and knows the way to Mr. Morales (math tutor) heart by bringing him her home-baked cookies.

She has achieved a 3.8 grade point average, while attending QDA and several New Philadelphia High School Art classes. She loves to draw Anime characters (Japanese artwork) and has developed "How to" classes that are found on Youtube under Kittay.draws. Her artwork has also been featured on several apps.

She is responsible and dependable. Due to her mother's chronic illness, Shayann also helps routinely with the household duties. She is involved in many church activities, specifically church dramas and has performed sign language at church programs.

Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, Shayann will be a Sophomore and will be taking a full schedule at QDA, as well as, Art classes at NPHS.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Audrey Edgell

For the past two and a half years, Audrey has been a student at Quaker Digital Academy (QDA) and is a 2018 graduate. She excelled academically and was enrolled in both QDA and a career-based track at East Liverpool High School. Audrey is an outstanding student who is naturally talented and hardworking. She is well prepared and with her sunny personality will go far in her choice of careers and life in general. She obtained a 3.7 GPA while at QDA.



Audrey is very mature and approaches situations with a clear and level head. She is always willing to go the extra mile. All in all, Audrey is an incredibly well rounded individual who has found a way to balance all of the aspects of her busy schedule, her education, all while planning for her future. We are proud to honor her with one of QDA's first Quaker Education Foundation Scholarships. We are proud to honor her with one of QDA's first Quaker Educational Foundation Scholarships.

Logan D. Todd

Logan was home-schooled for his first ten years before joining QDA. He is very involved in his Church Youth Group both in the United States and United Kingdom. He began working at McDonalds in 2015, which has provided friendships and an opportunity to save funds for college and travel.



After his enrollment in Quaker Digital Academy, he credits his instructional supervisor, Ms. Sue Sattler and teacher, Mr. Keith Morales, for their significant role in his success. During his junior year he was inducted into the National Honor Society. He participated in the College Credit Plus program, which enabled him to begin college courses toward an education degree at Zane State College in Zanesville, Ohio, where he was on the Dean's List while completing his senior year with QDA.

Logan plans to continue at Zane State College and Muskingum University to major in education to teach English and history.



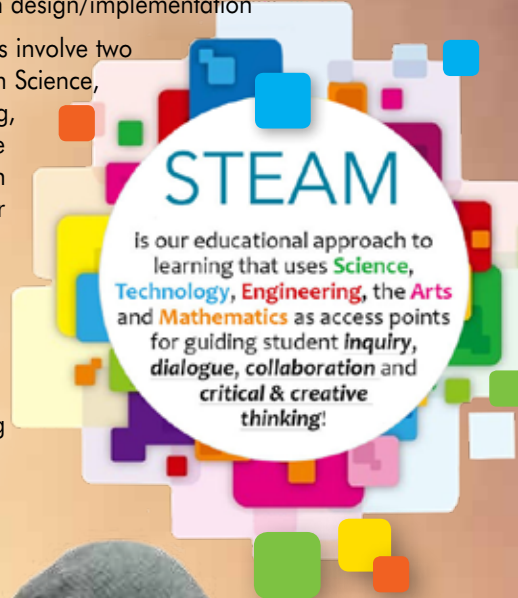
STEAM

STEAM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics. STEAM is an interdisciplinary approach to learning. The idea behind STEAM is to prepare students for successful careers in the 21st century workplace. STEAM education seeks to teach students to be creative, innovative, critical thinkers; all skills needed for adapting to change. It engages students in project-based learning, where they are often given real world challenges.

On May 24, 2018, QDA hosted a STEAM workshop for families. Parents and students visited over ten stations that consisted of hands-on activities using everyday materials. The parents and students used their creativity, innovation, and critical thinking skills to meet the challenges presented. The following stations were available: making slime, Duck-tape design, marble run construction, 3D pens, computer systems breakdown and circuits, Lego challenge, playground construction, pegboard design, making musical instruments, and mixing colors using food coloring.

The STEAM Model

- STEAM is an integrated approach to learning which requires an intentional connection between standards, assessments and lesson design/implementation
- True STEAM experiences involve two or more standards from Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and the Arts to be taught AND assessed in and through each other
- Inquiry, collaboration, and an emphasis on process-based learning are at the heart of the STEAM approach
- Utilizing and leveraging the integrity of the arts themselves is essential to an authentic STEAM initiative



2018-19 Field Trips



BLUE ROCK STATION

1190 Virginia Ridge Rd. Philo, OH 43771
Thurs, Sept 6, 2018



BUILDING THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD GEOGRAPHY, ECONOMICS AND SLAVERY TOUR

GRADES 5-8 (2 Hours)
National Underground Railroad Freedom Center
50 East Freedom Way
Cincinnati, OH 45202
Tues, Sept 18, 2018
9:30 am - 2 pm | Lunch 12 noon
Cost: Free to QDA students



NICKAJACK FARMS

2955 Manchester Ave, NW
N Lawrence, OH 44666
Thursday, October 11, 2018
9:30 am - 2:30 pm
Cost: Free to QDA students



THINK KINDNESS WITH BRIAN WILLIAMS

Performing Arts Center
at Kent State Tuscarawas
330 University Drive NW
New Philadelphia, OH 44663
Wed, Oct 17, 2018 | 12:30 pm



SWEATERS, STOCKINGS AND STORIES:

Warm Holiday Memories from Around the World

Performing Arts Center
at Kent State Tuscarawas
330 University Drive NW
New Philadelphia, OH 44663
Thurs, Nov 29, 2018 | 12:30 pm



HILLBILLY SILLY SCIENCE SPECTACULAR

Performing Arts Center
at Kent State Tuscarawas
330 University Drive NW
New Philadelphia, OH 44663
Tues, Jan 29, 2019 | 12:30 pm



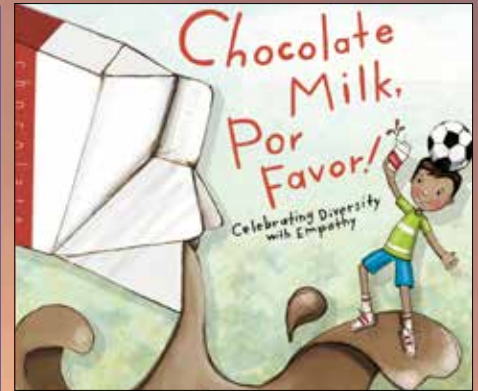
THE CANTON CHARGE SCHOOL DAY EVENT

1101 Market Ave N. | Canton, OH 44702
January 30, 2019 | 11 am



FREEDOM BOUND

Performing Arts Center
at Kent State Tuscarawas
330 University Drive NW | New
Philadelphia, OH 44663
Wed, Feb 20, 2019 | 12:30 pm



CHOCOLATE MILK, POR FAVOR!

Performing Arts Center
at Kent State Tuscarawas
330 University Dr. NW
New Philadelphia, OH 44663
Wed, March 13, 2019 | 12:30 pm



CLEVELAND METRO PARKS ZOO

3900 Wildlife Way
Cleveland OH 44109
Thurs, May 16, 2019 | 10:30 am
Cost: Free to QDA students
COSI



333 West Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215
Wed, May 22, 2019 | 10 am - 2 pm
(Lunch 12 noon in Café...pack or buy)
Cost: QDA students are free

IRN: 000241
School Type: High School

Address: 248 Front Ave SW
New Philadelphia, OH 44663-2150

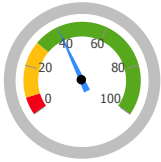
County: Tuscarawas
ITC: OME-RESA
Sponsor: New Philadelphia City

Graduation Rates

4-Year Graduation Rate

Applies to the Class of 2017, i.e. students who entered 9th grade in 2014 and graduated by 2017.

Class of 2017 Graduates: 64
Students Countable: 160
Graduation Rate: 40.0%



RATING

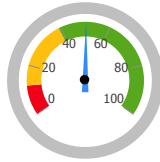
Exceeds Standards

Exceeds 36.0-100.0%
Meets 8.0-35.9%
Does Not Meet 0.0-7.9%

5-Year Graduation Rate

Applies to the Class of 2016, i.e. students who entered 9th grade in 2013 and graduated by 2017.

Class of 2016 Graduates: 90
Students Countable: 179
Graduation Rate: 50.3%



RATING

Exceeds Standards

Exceeds 40.0-100.0%
Meets 12.0-39.9%
Does Not Meet 0.0-11.9%

6-Year Graduation Rate

Applies to the Class of 2015, i.e. students who entered 9th grade in 2012 and graduated by 2017.

Class of 2015 Graduates: 0
Students Countable: 0
Graduation Rate: NC

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RATING

Not Rated

Exceeds 40.0-100.0%
Meets 12.0-39.9%
Does Not Meet 0.0-11.9%

7-Year Graduation Rate

Applies to the Class of 2014, i.e. students who entered the 9th grade in 2011 and graduated by 2017.

Class of 2014 Graduates: 0
Students Countable: 0
Graduation Rate: NC

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RATING

Not Rated

Exceeds 40.0-100.0%
Meets 12.0-39.9%
Does Not Meet 0.0-11.9%

8-Year Graduation Rate

Applies to the Class of 2013, i.e. students who entered the 9th grade in 2010 and graduated by 2017.

Class of 2013 Graduates: 0
Students Countable: 0
Graduation Rate: NC

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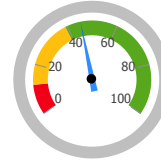
Not Rated

Exceeds 40.0-100.0%
Meets 12.0-39.9%
Does Not Meet 0.0-11.9%

Combined Graduation Rate

The weighted average of the five individual graduation rates.

Combined Graduates: 154
Combined Students: 339
Graduation Rate: 45.4%



RATING

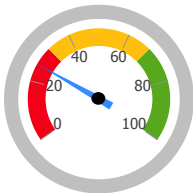
Exceeds Standards

Exceeds 40.0-100.0%
Meets 12.0-39.9%
Does Not Meet 0.0-11.9%

High School Assessment Test Passage Rate

The test passage rate is the percent of students in 12th grade or nearing 22 years old who have passed all required high school assessments.

Students in the School for a Full Academic Year: 85
Students Who Passed All Required Tests: 22
Students who Passed All Required Tests: 25.9%



Exceeds 68.0-100.0%
Meets 32.0-67.9%
Does Not Meet 0.0-31.9%

RATING

Does Not Meet Standards

Progress

This measures the progress for all students in math and reading.

Progress Score

Reading	Mathematics	Overall
Meets Standards	Meets Standards	Meets Standards

Exceeds 2.00 and up
Meets -2.00 to 1.99
Does Not Meet below -2.00

RATING

Meets Standards

The full Ohio Department of Education Report Card is available on the QDA website and at www.education.ohio.gov.



Special Services Report

Elaine Karp
Director of Special Services

The Quaker Digital Academy is committed to providing support services to all students and teachers and to providing a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment to all students with disabilities. The Special Services Department monitors to ensure that the special education policies and procedures are in accordance with all federal, state and local mandates. We design implement and evaluate appropriate programs for students with disabilities, and provide technical assistance and staff development opportunities. The Quaker Digital Academy focuses on the consistency and quality of special education programs and related services within the district. Each year school districts throughout Ohio participate in an effort to identify, locate and evaluate all children with disabilities age 3 through age 21. The Quaker Digital Academy provides special education services to approximately 93 students with disabilities or approximately 7% of the district's student population. If you have a child or know of a child you suspect may have a disability as described by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) or Americans with Disabilities Act Section 504, please contact Mrs. Karp, Director of Special Services or call 330-364-0618.

Title One Report

QDA staffers and students assisted in the New Towne Mall Literacy Event, a county-wide reading festival sponsored by the Educational Service Center. The chilly theme selected was Station Antarctica. Hundreds of students stopped by the booth held outside the New Philadelphia QDA Offices.



QDA families and students attended various field trips during the 2017-2018 school year. We began the school year at Historic Roscoe Village. We enjoyed a Canal Town Tour where the students tried tin punching and toy top painting. In the afternoon we boarded the Monticello III Canal Boat. Our captain and tour guide delivered a brief history of the Erie Canal. We concluded our visit with a tour of the Johnson Humrickhouse Museum.



In October, QDA students and families enjoyed a day at Maize Valley. We navigated a corn maize, took a wagon ride to pick a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch, enjoyed a unique playground, and watched the pig races.

In November we visited the MAPS Museum



in North Canton. Students and families learned about the history of aviation and its impact upon society. Our tour guide explained how the museum acquires, restores, and preserves air crafts so that people can study the impact of aviation on the culture of man.

In December, QDA traveled to Narnia! We enjoyed the play Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe presented by The Magical Theater Company in Barberton Ohio. Just in time for the snow!

We concluded our field trips with a visit to the Pittsburg Zoo and Aquarium. Families visited exhibits and concluded the day with a special program about Animals in Jeopardy.

As always, QDA students attended several Kent State Performing Art Center Class Acts. This year we attended the following shows: My Mouth is a Volcano, Peter and the Wolf, Solve it Cyrus, How I Survived Middle School, and Freedom Riders.



tech update

Chromebooks

Students enrolling at QDA will now receive a Chromebook upon enrollment. These Chromebooks allow the staff at QDA to provide a secure and stable learning environment to our students. Regardless of the device used, each student that logs into their QDA account will have instant access to all of their files and apps. Parents and guardians can also monitor their student's web activity on these devices from their own personal account. In addition to the monitoring capabilities, parents and guardians can restrict access to additional websites just for their students. Parents and guardians interested in this capability are encouraged to contact the QDA Technology Department to have an account setup. Existing students that are using a Windows laptop can also contact the QDA Technology Department if they would like a Chromebook.



Support Website

QDA has created a support website that has answers to frequently asked questions. To access the support center, visit help.go2qda.org.



Edupalozza



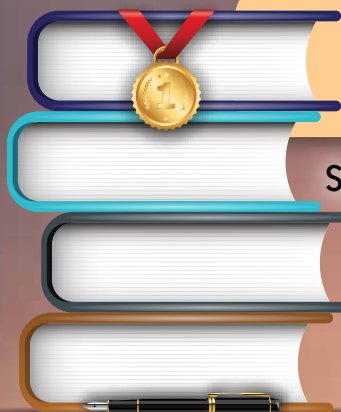
The QDA East Liverpool Office participated in the 2018 Edupalozza, a back to school event and street fair. Casey Havens, Instructional Supervisor at the East Liverpool Office wrote and was awarded a \$2000 grant to assist students in Columbiana County. The grant funds allowed the purchase of 408 bookbags and an assortment of school supplies. Local community organizations also donated additional school supplies to assist in the effort.

During the event the street is closed, similar to a street fair. Local organizations and agencies set up booths with activities centered around "Back to School" needs. QDA had several QDA folks participate...Casey Havens, Josh Havens, Susan Carter, Jeff Edgell, Rhonda Schell, Cindy Stoughton, Linda Ball, Sandy Aksterowicz, and Janie Miller.

did you know?

ACT RESULTS

English	18.7
Math	16.7
Reading	23.6
Science	19.3
Composite	19.9



12 Different Curriculums Available

Students may choose from:

- General Education
- College Preparatory
- Advanced Placement Courses
- QDA Offers Many World Languages



2017 Average Enrollment

GRADE	# STUDENTS
K	17
1	22
2	23
3	21
4	33
5	41
6	39
7	62
8	50
9	86
10	86
11	116
12	136



785 Graduates to Date

110 2018 Graduates

QDA Employs:

- 4 Administrators
- 1 Director of Technology
- 1 Computer Technician
- 50 Teachers (Part Time & Full Time)
- 15 Support Staff
- 2 Special Services
- 10 Tutors, Substitutes & Testing Staff



4 QDA Students Participated in College Credit Plus

11 Students Attended a Career Center in 2017-18

- 6 Buckeye
- 1 Diamond Oaks Career Center
- 4 East Liverpool



8 Students were inducted into National Honor Society in 2017-18

8 Students were inducted into Junior National Honor Society



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