

2025-2026 Annual Report



Gateway Online Academy of Ohio is a student-centered, flexible learning program dedicated to helping all students succeed—especially those who have faced challenges in traditional settings. The school provides a safe, caring, and inclusive environment that empowers students to take ownership of their education and learn in ways that best meet their individual needs.

Recognizing that every student learns differently, Gateway offers a broad and engaging curriculum that combines media-rich content, direct instruction, project-based learning, and opportunities driven by students' interests and talents. The program emphasizes both academic

growth and personal well-being, nurturing healthy minds and bodies. Highly Qualified Teachers, Success Coaches, and Intervention Specialists guide students through personalized learning experiences that build confidence, discipline, and responsibility. Gateway's holistic approach connects students with teachers, peers, and community partners to promote collaboration and real-world learning. By addressing the factors that contribute to educational disengagement—academic, social, and environmental, Gateway re-engages students in meaningful learning and prepares them to become lifelong learners and capable 21st-century citizens.

OUR MISSION: To be a student-centered organization that focuses on improving opportunities for all young people to fully develop the academic, social, work, and healthy life skills needed to graduate from high school and lead productive lives.

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Grades Served
9-12
Students Served
1,514
School Year Opened
2022-2023
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Student Demographics

American Indian or Pacific Islander	NC
Asian or Pacific Islander	NC
Black, Non-Hispanic	20%
Hispanic	10%
Multiracial	8.7%
White, Non-Hispanic	60.4%

Special Populations

Students with Disabilities	23.3%
	14.3% Economically Disadvantaged
Attendance	66.2%

Progress towards Goals

Gateway Online Academy of Ohio experienced significant growth during the 2025–2026 school year, with enrollment increasing from 1,032 to 1,514 students. At the same time, the school continued to improve graduation outcomes, with the four-year graduation rate rising to 39.0%, up from 36.1% for the Class of 2025 and 23.5% for the Class of 2023. End-of-Course results were mixed, with proficiency increasing in U.S. History and Geometry while declining in Algebra I, Government, Biology, and ELA II. As Gateway continues to serve an expanding student population, the school remains focused on strengthening academic achievement while providing individualized pathways and supports that help students persist towards graduation.

Our Academic Goals

- #1 By 2027, we will improve the performance of all students by increasing Attendance by 6%
- #2 By 2027, we will increase the performance of all students by increasing the graduation rate by 9%.
- #3 By 2027, the performance of all students will increase as demonstrated by the Performance Index increasing by 9%

State Report Card

School Overview Meets Standards	Gap Closing Meets Standards
Achievement Component Does Not Meet Standards	Graduation Rate Meets Standards
Progress Component Meets Standards	



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Financial Data:

Total Assets	\$66,344
Total Liabilities	\$42,722
Total Operating Revenues	\$19,539,507
Total Operating Expenses	\$19,540,238

(1) Numbers in \$M

(2) At the time of publication, 2025 fiscal year data was not available from the Ohio Auditor of State. For updated information visit: www.auditor.state.oh.us

OUR HIGHLIGHTS

Gateway continues to build a student experience centered on connection, flexibility, accountability, and individualized support. With support from teachers, Success Coaches, counselors, intervention specialists, and student support staff, students receive consistent guidance throughout their educational journey. This reflects Gateway's model of providing flexible and individualized pathways while maintaining strong expectations for student responsibility and progress. One of our most significant accomplishments has been the continued increase in student engagement. That increased engagement is also translating into meaningful outcomes. During the 2025–2026 school year, Gateway celebrated 722 graduates, representing tremendous growth in the number of students successfully completing high school. We continue to provide students with opportunities that extend beyond earning a diploma, including college-level coursework, career readiness experiences, and preparation for their next steps after graduation.

Gateway Academy of Ohio continues to expand meaningful partnerships that create additional opportunities for students and strengthen their pathway to graduation and beyond. A major highlight has been the continued growth of our College Credit Plus partnerships with multiple colleges and universities, providing eligible students with opportunities to enroll in college-level courses while completing their high school requirements. Gateway also continues to work collaboratively with families, community partners, our sponsor, postsecondary institutions, and internal support teams to remove barriers and connect students with the academic and personal resources they need to succeed. These partnerships support our student-centered approach and help us provide individualized pathways that include college preparation, career readiness, and opportunities for students to build skills for life after high school. This aligns with Gateway's longstanding commitment to preparing students for future opportunities through individualized planning and college- and career-focused coursework.