

Mayfield Academic Boosters Club

Formed in 1986, the Mayfield Academic Boosters Club is a volunteer organization dedicated to promoting and enriching the academic climate of the Mayfield City Schools. We recognize and provide awards to students in kindergarten through twelfth grade for academic achievement, scholastic improvement, positive attitude, and extraordinary effort. We also provide financial assistance to Mayfield staff members through mini-grants, which help subsidize classroom activities and materials. Mayfield is one of only a handful of school districts in Ohio supported by a district-wide academic booster organization.

Our motto is Academics 1st!

Student Academic Achievement

Elementary and middle school students earning a high academic standing receive recognition during individual classroom presentations and honors day assemblies, respectively, at the end of the school year. Academic Boosters provides a monetary donation to each of the elementary schools and the middle school to be used for awards to honor academic achievement of individual students at these schools.

High school students earning a high academic achievement may earn awards including certificates, pins, and/or gift cards at a special breakfast and ceremony held in the fall and in the spring. Students in grades 10, 11, and 12 are recognized for achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or higher in each semester for at least two semesters.

Student Scholastic Improvement, Positive Attitude, Extraordinary Effort

AVIS is an acronym for ***Attitudes Visible in School***. This award was established to give staff members the opportunity to recognize those students who demonstrate positive attitudes, such as cooperation, effort, leadership, and motivation.

Elementary and middle school students are nominated by their teachers for the AVIS award twice per year. Certificates and magnet photo frames are awarded during individual classroom presentations and honors day assemblies, respectively.

High school students are nominated by their teachers in the spring of the previous school year for the AVIS award. Certificates and folders are awarded at a special breakfast and ceremony held in the fall.

Staff Member Assistance

Academic Boosters provides a mini-grant program that allows teachers from all Mayfield schools—elementary, middle, and high school—to apply for extra funds to be used for projects in their classrooms. We strive to fund academic activities that have a direct and immediate impact on large numbers of students rather than on individuals. These mini-grants are designed to encourage staff members to promote creative activities for their students.

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Fundraising

To carry out its activities Academic Boosters raises funds primarily through membership fees, a reverse raffle, and the practice ACT.

Our annual membership drive is joined by over 350 parent and staff members and corporate and commercial sponsors. Our membership form is included in the first day packet for each student at the beginning of the school year. The forms are also available in the school offices, on the Mayfield schools website, and at various school events, such as assemblies.

Our annual reverse raffle is held during February at a local party center with dinner included in the cost of the raffle ticket. Businesses are solicited to contribute money and/or items to be used as door prizes, which are randomly drawn throughout the evening. Side boards of different value are available for additional raffle drawings.

The practice ACT exam allows students the opportunity to be exposed to the previous year's actual exam without it affecting their school records. The exam is open to students in Mayfield and surrounding districts in grades 6 through 12. A fee for taking the test is based on the number of exams purchased.

Board Organization and Meetings

The Mayfield Academic Boosters board consists of officers and chairpersons of committees (honors and AVIS awards, membership, fundraising, publicity, reverse raffle, practice ACT, and special projects). While each member has certain responsibilities, we work together to accomplish our fundraising and other projects. Our district and faculty liaisons provide information and support between the schools and our organization.

Our meetings are held at 7:45 a.m. on the first Friday of each month in the 10-12 conference room at the high school. Members are encouraged to attend these meetings to learn more about the organization and to consider serving on a committee and eventually the board. As the children of our officers and committee chairs graduate or leave the district, our board composition changes and requires new members, particularly parents of younger students.

For more information about the Mayfield Academic Boosters Club, please call or email a board member (see the district calendar for contact information) or click on the "Academic Boosters" link on the Central Office homepage, or in the Parents section, of the Mayfield Schools website: www.mayfieldschools.org.