



2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

State of the State: Ohio

A Year of Growth, Innovation, and Community

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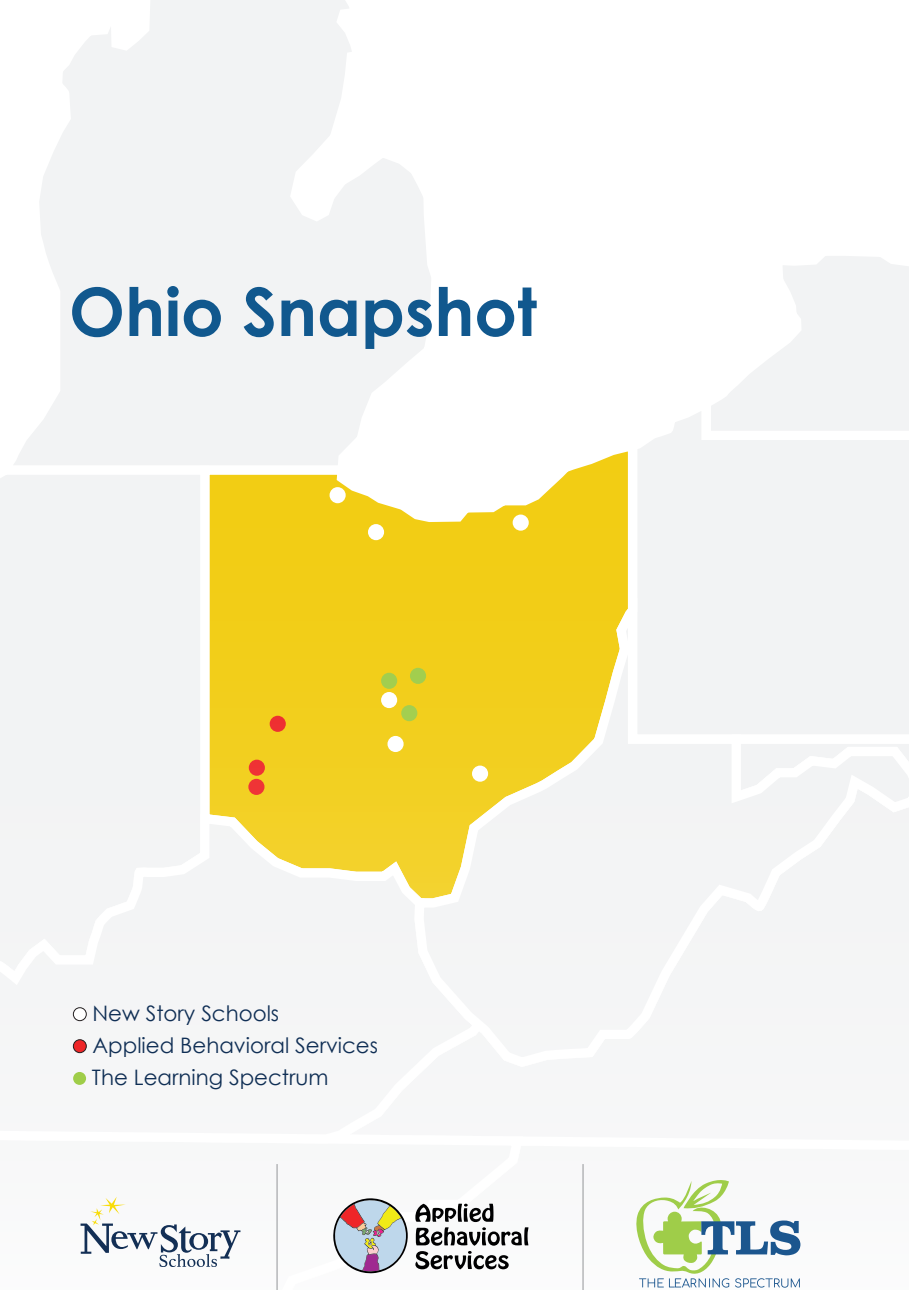
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Ohio Snapshot



A Year in Review

In the 2024-2025 school year, New Story continued to deepen our partnerships with districts, families, and communities in Ohio.

WE HELPED STUDENTS ACHIEVE:

Higher attendance, stronger progress toward **IEP goals**, and more **successful transitions** back to their home schools

WE PARTNERED WITH:

191

Districts to Deliver Specialized Services

WE SERVED:

1,046

Students

11

Schools & In-District Programs

WE INVESTED IN:

Our People **Our Programs** **Our Facilities**

to ensure sustainable growth and excellence!



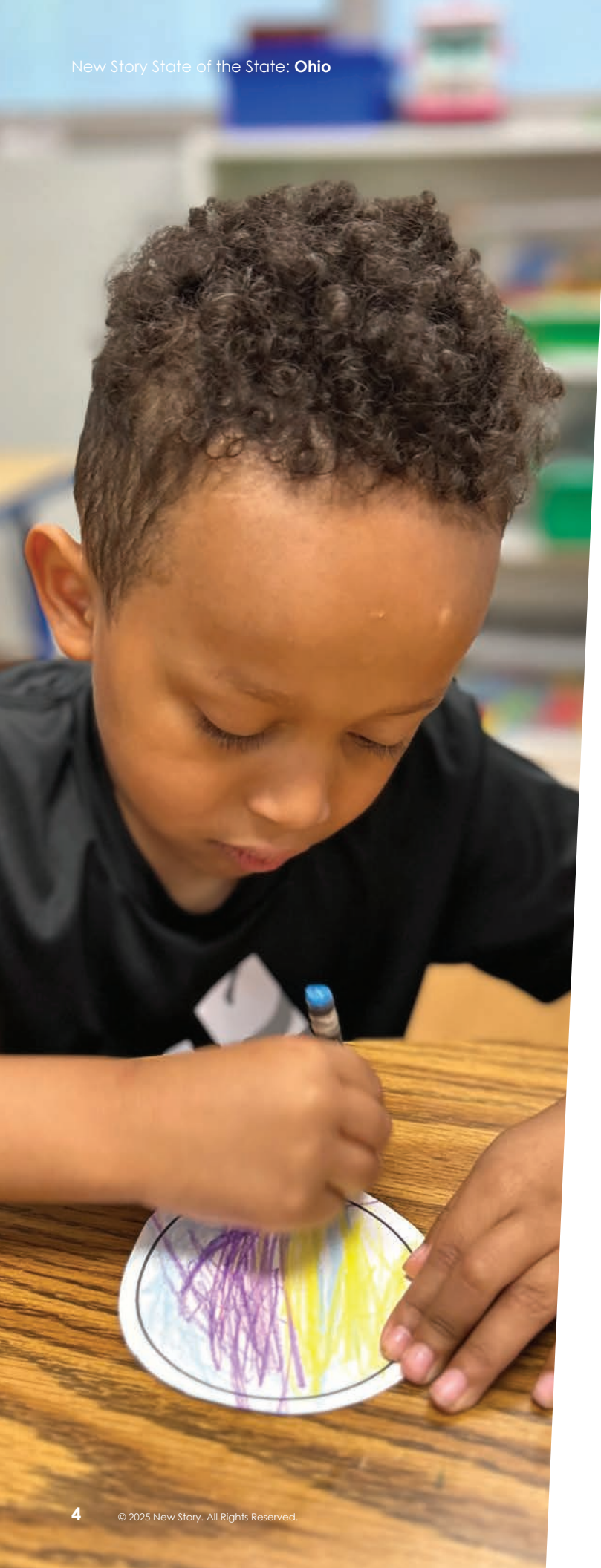
“ Looking back on this year, I am incredibly proud of how our Ohio teams have come together to do what is best for students and families. Your dedication, creativity, and care are transforming lives every day, and I am excited for all we will continue to achieve together.

– Dr. Jill Blanchard, Senior Vice President, New Story Ohio



We’re a Most Loved Workplace—again!

New Story has been certified as a Most Loved Workplace and is recognized as one of the Top 100 Companies. This certification is awarded to companies where employees feel the most valued, supported, and engaged. It’s based on the Love of Workplace Index™, which measures key aspects of workplace satisfaction, including respect, collaboration, and a sense of belonging. In addition to the primary certification, we are also recognized for our commitment to many specific areas, including awarded badges for Most Loved Workplaces for Women, Parents & Caregivers, Wellness, and Career Advancement, as well as the Most Loved CEO. These distinctions highlight our ongoing efforts to create an environment where every team member can thrive.



Our Mission & Goals

At New Story, we believe every child has the right to learn, grow, and succeed. That belief drives our mission: to provide high-quality, individualized education and therapeutic services that meet students where they are and help them reach their fullest potential.

Our work is built on three commitments:

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Quality and Student Outcomes
We deliver programs rooted in evidence-based practices, focused on the outcomes that matter most—academic progress, social-emotional growth, and successful transitions. By continuously analyzing student data and district feedback, we refine our approach to improve results year after year.
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Our People
We are, at our core, a people organization. From teachers and clinicians to support staff and leaders, our teams make the difference every day. We recruit, train, and retain exceptional educators while creating pathways for professional growth—because when our staff thrive, our students thrive.
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Our Continuum of Care
We provide a wide range of programs in our out-of-district schools and alongside districts in public school settings, so students with higher levels of need can remain in the least restrictive environment while receiving the intensive special education services they require.

Ohio Programs

Our schools and In-District services offer a range of programs to meet students' unique needs and abilities.

Category	Student Profile	Served by Our Schools	Served by In-District Services
Mild Autism, Mild Emotional Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Autism Spectrum Disorder (Level 1–2) with average or higher cognition.Social-communication differences, sensory needs, and self-regulation challenges.Emotional Disability with episodic externalizing behaviors impacting classroom participation.	✓	✓
Severe Autism, Severe Mental Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Autism Spectrum Disorder (Level 2–3) and/or co-occurring Intellectual Disability.Nonspeaking or uses AAC; significant adaptive-skills needs.High-intensity behaviors (e.g., frequent aggression, self-injury) and substantial daily-living support needs.	✓	



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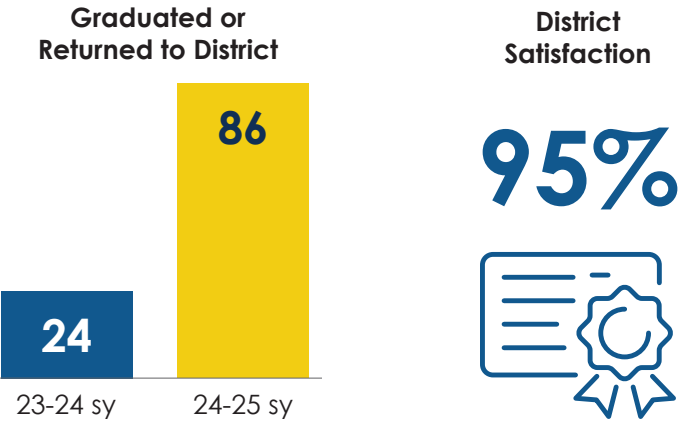
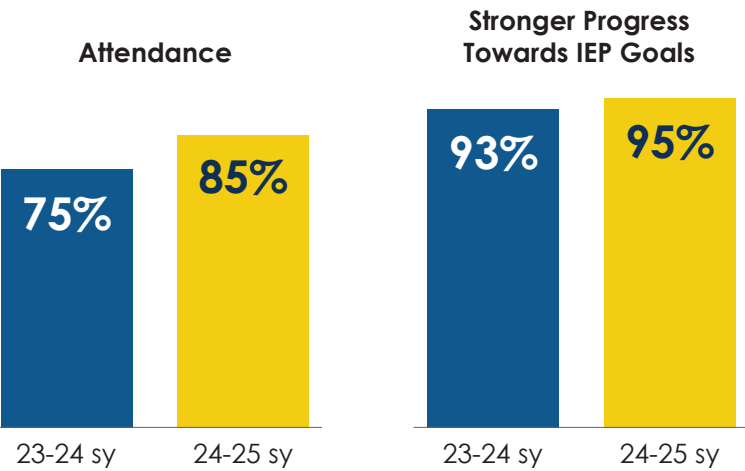
I love that we get to witness little miracles every day. We have the best staff who give 100% of themselves every day, and our students are receiving the very best.

– Mary B., The Learning Spectrum

Student Outcomes That Matter

Every student we serve in Ohio represents a unique story of potential. This year, we partnered with 191 districts and supported 1,046 students across 11 schools and our In-District programs: Inclusion and Outreach. Our autism support programming and in-district services focus is the same everywhere: meeting students where they are and helping them grow.

Behind every statistic is a student achieving more than they thought possible.



Driving Quality Across Ohio

We believe quality doesn't happen by accident—it's built through continuous improvement.



Curriculum, Resources & Technology Investments

Ohio advanced a coherent instructional and therapeutic model by adding state-wide resources and upgrading technology. These improvements gave educators better tools, while ensuring students experience consistent, high-quality programming across campuses.



Data Systems & Continuous Improvement

Our data collection methods allow us to improve student outcomes, with results like improved attendance and IEP goal progress. With consistent assessment practices, teams can analyze progress, adjust supports more quickly, and scale what works across schools and programs.



Student Life & Community Engagement

Beyond academics and therapeutic services, Ohio broadened extracurricular opportunities including basketball, soccer, and participation in Special Olympics. Investing in extracurricular activities like sports not only build social and physical wellness skills, it also provides students with an authentic learning environment they'd experience in a public-school setting. New Story Schools and The Learning Spectrum sports helped students connect, build confidence, and experience success outside the classroom. These moments showcase the whole-child approach our team's champion.



Whitehall has been impressed with the Ohio SPED Team's communication and responsiveness. When behavioral issues or parent questions arise, staff and leadership are quick to meet with the district and families to find solutions.

— Anna Telerski Shultz, Director of Special Services, Whitehall City School

Our People

Our people are the heart of New Story in Ohio. Last year, more than 550 staff members—teachers, clinicians, counselors, and support staff—made a difference in the lives of students every single day.

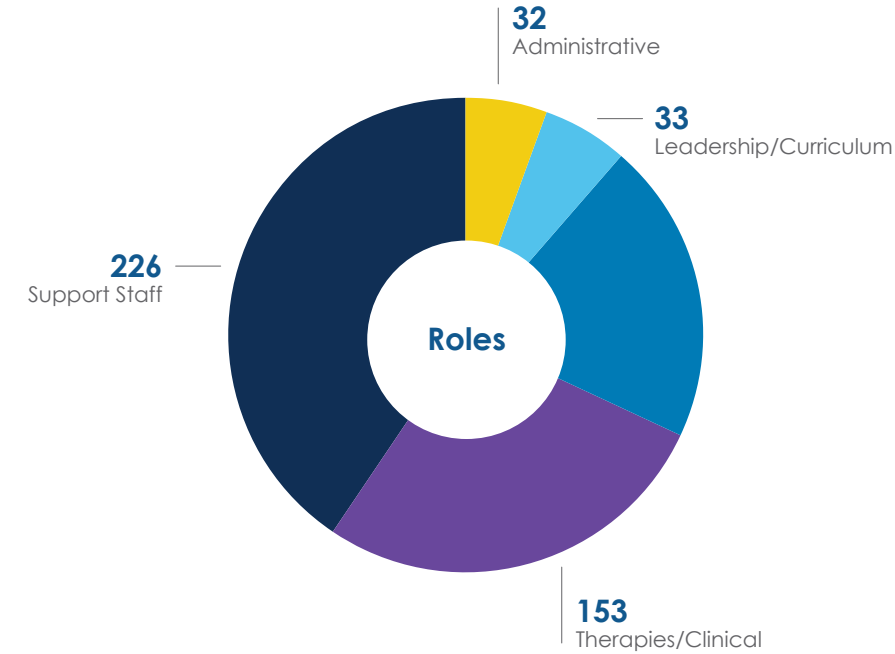


I got to hear my son tell me he is proud of himself for the first time ever.

– Gene G., Parent



Our Staff by the Numbers



9 out of 10
Staff Are Satisfied

550
Staff Members

We Invest in Our Staff so They Can Invest in Our Students:

Celebrating our Teams

Each year, New Story Ohio hosts an Ohio Awards program for its staff, recognizing their exceptional contributions across a variety of categories, including Teacher of the Year, Behavior Technician of the Year, and Values Awards for traits such as Integrity and Inclusivity. These honors underscore the dedication and hard work of staff, who continuously go above and beyond to support students and uphold the values that define our schools.

A Culture of Care and Excellence

We are committed to creating an environment where students and staff can thrive through a holistic focus on wellbeing, continuous quality improvement, and safety. We provide resources that support the physical, mental, and emotional health of our teams—such as workshops and wellness benefits—because we know that when staff feel supported, the entire school community benefits.

Career Development Opportunities

Through a company-wide leadership in development program, tuition reimbursement, mentorship, and university partnerships, our staff have multiple ways to grow their careers at our schools. We believe in promoting from within and empowering our staff to shape their own career journey. Clear pathways and professional development opportunities ensure that with dedication and initiative, our team members can grow into new roles and leadership positions across the organization.

Growth & Investment

Every student's path is different. That's why New Story provides a continuum of care—a range of programs designed to meet students where they are and help them succeed.



Our Continuum of Care

Our continuum reflects our commitment to serving students in the environment that works best for them and their family.

Bringing our out-of-district school programs into districts brings high-quality, specialized education closer to home. Through our Outreach and Inclusion programs, we partnered with private schools and families to provide autism support services to students services to students in need. In partnership with districts, we will bring these programs to the public-school setting in the 2025-2026 school year.



Our New Schools

To provide students with more access to intensive programming, we prepared to relocate and expand our schools in Lancaster, Cincinnati, and Athens. We also laid the groundwork to open a new school in Toledo, OH for the 2025-2026 school year, to meet growing student need.



New Story in Ohio:



New Story Schools has five locations in Ohio, and supports children and young adult students ages 3-21 in pre-kindergarten through grade 12 experiencing social, emotional, educational, and behavioral challenges. New Story Schools partners with families and school districts to meet the needs of students in a safe learning environment. As a leading special educational provider, New Story Schools offers authentic learning environments, small class sizes, and individualized learning plans focused on empowerment, skill-building, and academics. Our multi-disciplinary teams of educators, behavior analysts, therapists, and support staff apply evidence-based strategies to promote growth and development, in support of students' personal goals. All New Story Schools across Ohio adhere to the state's operating standards for Ohio schools, are chartered by the State Board of Education, and provide multiple pathways towards earning an accredited Ohio High School Diploma.

newstoryschools.com



Located on three campuses throughout Ohio, Applied Behavioral Services provides educational placements and clinical services for students with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental delays. Grounded in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy, children and young adults 3-22 have access to full treatment interventions, including one-on-one support. Its education services, clinical services, and hybrid services are tailored to each student, client, and family, and led by a holistic team of educators, behavior analysts, and support staff. Applied Behavioral Services has served the Ohio community since 1999.

appliedbehavioralservices.com



The Learning Spectrum located in three campuses in Ohio aims to serve with excellence. TLS serves children with autism and related special needs in their natural environment. TLS' goal is to educate the whole child through a multi-disciplinary approach that meets each child's individual needs and facilitates the highest level of success. In addition to its school locations, TLS provides special education services in private schools through its Inclusion program. TLS has provided special education and therapeutic services to students in Ohio since 2005.

thelearningspectrum.com



New Story is a leading provider of special education and therapeutic services in the United States. Through our network of schools and services, we embrace the incredible potential of each child and young adult.

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