ANNUAL REPORT 2026

ChallengeU
Ohio Community School

A path to graduation

Opened for the 2024 school year, ChallengeU is a statewide online dropout prevention and recovery community school based in Cincinnati that has transformed the trajectory and future of its students. The program is proud to have graduated hundreds of Ohio students who would not otherwise have finished their high school diplomas. The groundbreaking program provides a graduation coach and a free laptop to students so that they can complete their coursework and therefore have a better future. Most students agree that the graduation coach is the game changer because they are someone who genuinely cares about the students and wants them to succeed.

Katy Brennan
School principal

2024
School year opened

9–12
Grades served

School Mission Statement

At ChallengeU, we believe that education needs to adapt and offer a solution for those who are struggling to keep up with the regular school schedule or have dropped out. Our approach is centered around the student, with personalized coaching and support to help them graduate and succeed in their future endeavors. We prioritize inclusivity and strive to foster a supportive community for all our students.



Graduation 2025-2026

Progress that opens doors

Meets Standards

School Overview · 2025–2026

Schools that receive the dropout prevention and recovery report card receive ratings for up to eight measures and four components.

Achievement Component

Meets Standards

44.2%

of students met applicable criteria on all five high school tests.

Progress

Meets Standards

Growth

Measures the academic growth all students make in reading and math during the school year (STAR assessments).

Gap Closing

Meets Standards

25.7%

Annual Measurable Objectives: how well student groups meet expectations in ELA, math, graduation and English proficiency.

Graduation Rate

Exceeds Standards

46.0%

Combined 4- to 8-year graduation rate (weighted average). 4-year rate: **49.6%.**

464 Student enrollment

90.9% Attendance rate

Student Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity



White, Non-Hispanic **56.0%** · Black, Non-Hispanic **26.7%** · Multiracial **8.1%** · Hispanic **7.6%** · Other groups* **1.6%**

*American Indian/Alaskan Native and Asian/Pacific Islander (fewer than 10 students each).
Source: Ohio School Report Card 2025–2026, Dropout Prevention & Recovery report card (IRN 020726).

Focused goals
Personal support

01 Increase Graduation Rates

Objective
Increase the overall graduation rate for all students, including students with disabilities.

10% **Increase in graduation rate by May 25, 2028**

Goal
By May 25, 2028, increase the graduation rate by 10% for all students and students with disabilities, as measured by the Ohio State Report Card.

Strategy
Every student is assigned a staff mentor who monitors progress, attendance, and engagement through regular check-ins.

02 Improve Math Achievement

Objective
Strengthen math performance through live, explicit instruction and targeted intervention.

9% **Increase in math performance by May 26, 2028**

Goal
By May 26, 2028, increase math performance by 9% for all students and students with disabilities, as measured by the Ohio State Report Card Progress Measure.

Strategy
Implement live math instruction as a Tier 2 intervention, informed by a curriculum gap analysis.

School budget

Community School Budget · Fiscal Year 2026–2027

ChallengeU Ohio Community School
IRN No. 020726 / County: Hamilton

Total budget

$6,617,138.00

550 Estimated student enrollment / **$12,026.79** Budget per pupil

Budget by function

Function / code	Budget	Per pupil
Instruction 1000	—	$0.00
Support Services 2100–2200	$579.11	$1.05
Administrative Services 2400	$6,582,835.66	$11,964.44
Fiscal/Business Services 2500–2600	$33,723.23	$61.29
Operations & Maintenance 2700	—	$0.00
Pupil Transportation 2800	—	$0.00
Support/Food Services 2900–3100	—	$0.00
Extracurricular Activities 4000	—	$0.00
Facilities/Construction Services 5000	—	$0.00
All Other Expense 6000–7000	—	$0.00
Total	**$6,617,138.00**	**$12,026.79**

Expenditure classification

Purchased Services (object 400): **$6,617,138.00**.

Source: Community School Budget for Fiscal Year 2026–2027.

School board members



Summer Crenshaw

Board President



Monica Turner

Board Member



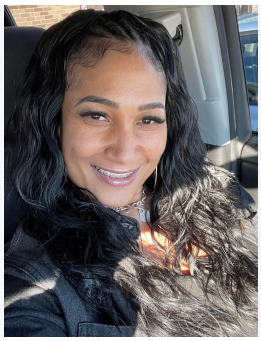
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