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# Sheridan Community Schools

## HIGH MARKS ALL AROUND

“Sheridan Schools is blessed to be in a very caring community. We still have that small town feel where we are able to look out for one another. We really work hard to make sure we work together as a team – the town, the parents and our school district.”

– David Mundy, superintendent

“We try our best to understand each student and family. We have teachers who are very caring. They enjoy the jobs they are doing and the families they work with.”

### The 411:

Sheridan Community Schools (SCS) is comprised of Sheridan Elementary (grades K-5), Sheridan Middle School and Sheridan High School. The more than 1,000 students come from two predominately rural townships in Hamilton and Boone counties. There are over 150 full-time employees.

### Taking care:

The on-site health clinic provides free medical care and prescription pickup. Employees also receive fiscal incentives for good health screenings. A fitness room is fully equipped with workout machines, a TV and exercise DVDs. On-site daycare is available, as well as a self-funded preschool.

### Community leadership:

Feeding local residents in need is a focal point. SCS takes part in the Sheridan One Day No Hunger and Meals on Wheels programs. An average of 100 employees plus family members participate in the Relay for Life Cancer Walk; SCS has raised approximately \$25,000 in total.

### Let's go team!:

At various times throughout the year, SCS has dress up or dress down days to promote spirit and a relaxing atmosphere. In the middle of winter, a “Blah Week” for teachers is designed to chase the winter blues away; it's a week full of special foods, pitch-ins and even massages. Other fun camaraderie-building events include an adult ping-pong league and cook-off competitions.

### The experience edge:

Retaining veteran teachers in some capacity after retirement is a “vital part” of the school corporation's success. They are offered the opportunity to substitute teach and receive higher pay than other substitutes. Retired SCS teachers are also hired as peers, mentors and volunteer reading program leaders. There is no mandatory retirement age at SCS.

