

Education and Business

- Look to Russia -

Business, government, and professional organizations depend on motivated and skilled staff at all levels. People are the lifeblood of economic success. Survey after survey indicates that employers want:

- Positive attitude and work ethic
- Attainment of basic literacy and math
- Advanced secondary school proficiency
- Technically and professionally educated individuals
- Access to Incumbent Worker Training for advanced skills

The Russia area is the perfect location to obtain all five objectives. The Russia Local School (K-12) has a long history of success. In 1975, Russia and 13 other local and city schools opened the Upper Valley Joint Vocational School as its branch campus for vocational and technical training. Russia Local Schools works closely with Urbana University and Russia offers fifteen Dual Enrollment Classes in which students are able to receive college credit from Urban while attending high school in Russia. High school students at Russia are able to attend Edison Community College their junior and senior year through the Post-Secondary Option and many are able to graduate high school with an Associate's degree. Russia High School is currently offering six Advanced Placement classes and for the past five years has had the highest ACT scores in the county.



In addition, Russia is one hour or less from Wright State University (both Dayton and Celina Campus), the University of Dayton, Sinclair College, OSU Lima Campus and Urbana University. In fact, individuals or companies can obtain training and education for over 90% of the jobs listed in the Dictionary of Occupational Titles within 2 hours of the village.

- **Positive Attitude and Work Ethic**

- School Attendance
 - Russia – 97.5%
Cleveland Municipal–91.1%, Dayton City–92.2% Cincinnati City–95%)

- Graduation Rate
 - Russia – 100%
(Cleveland Municipal–56%, Dayton City–65.5%, Cincinnati City–63.9%)

- Participation in Extra Curricular Activities
 - Russia – 100%

54% of Russia Local students grades 7-12 participate in band. 74% of Russia Local students grades 7-12 participate in at least one sport. Other activities are represented as well.

- Volunteerism Rate
 - Russia – 80%

- **Attainment of Basic Literacy and Math Skills**

- 6th Grade Achievement

	Russia	Similar Districts	State
Reading	97.1%	95.1%	86.7%
Math	97.1%	92.3%	79.9%

- 7th Grade Achievement

	Russia	Similar Districts	State
Reading	100%	92.1%	79.5%
Math	97.0%	89.0%	73.6%

- 8th Grade Achievement

	Russia	Similar Districts	State
Reading	95.7%	91.7%	83.0%
Math	95.7%	91.5%	79.6%
Science	87.0%	86.4%	71.5%

- **Advanced Secondary School Proficiency**

- Report Card Score – Excellent
- Performance Index – 106.7
- Mean ACT Score – 24.1 (State = 21.8)
- Graduation Rate – 100% (State = 79.7%)
- Honors Diploma Rate – 34% (State = 18%)

- **Technically and Professionally Educated Individuals**

- 23% of Russia students attend the Upper Valley Joint Vocational School during their junior and senior years to obtain technical certificates while graduating from Russia Local School.
- 75% of Russia Local School graduates attend 2 and 4 year colleges.
- Each year some Russia Local students attend college (generally Edison Community College) during their junior and senior years of high school. It is not unusual for these students to obtain their Associate Degrees even before high school graduation.

- **Access to Incumbent Worker Training for Advanced Skills**

- Both Edison Community College and Upper Valley Joint Vocational School offer customized training for incumbent workers through their Business and Industry Centers. This training can be specifically designed for individual companies and can be delivered at the school, at the business or other neutral site, and many programs utilize on-line and blended learning.

The Schools and their Company Clients are often able to take advantage of training incentives such as grants and tax credits to support the initiative. The area County Job Center and the Ohio Department of Development are the primary source of such incentives.

For More Information:

Rick Simon
Russia Village Administrator
(937) 526-4436

Contact Website Links:

www.russiaschool.org
www.uvjvs.org
www.edisonohio.edu
www.urbana.edu