

## Awards & Recognitions

The district's financial reporting is rated as excellent:

- **GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting:**

For 26 consecutive years, the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Northwest for its comprehensive annual financial report. The Certificate of Achievement is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government financial reports.

In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government unit must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, whose contents conform to program standards. Such reports must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only.

### 2016 Comprehensive Annual Report (CAFR)

- **Auditor of State Award with Distinction:**

The Northwest Local School District earned the Auditor of State Award with Distinction for its clean audit and excellent record keeping.

The award is issued by Ohio Auditor Dave Yost, and covers the time from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. "Taxpayers expect their school districts to be financially responsible," Auditor Yost said. "The Northwest Local School District is following through on that expectation."

- **ASBO Certificate of Excellence:**

The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) awards a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting to school districts that publish Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports which substantially conform to the principles and standards of financial reporting as recommended and adopted by the Association of School Business Officials. The award is granted only after an intensive review of the financial report by an expert panel of certified public accountants and practicing school business officials.

The District received the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. This was the 26th year the School District has received this award.