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School Rating\$



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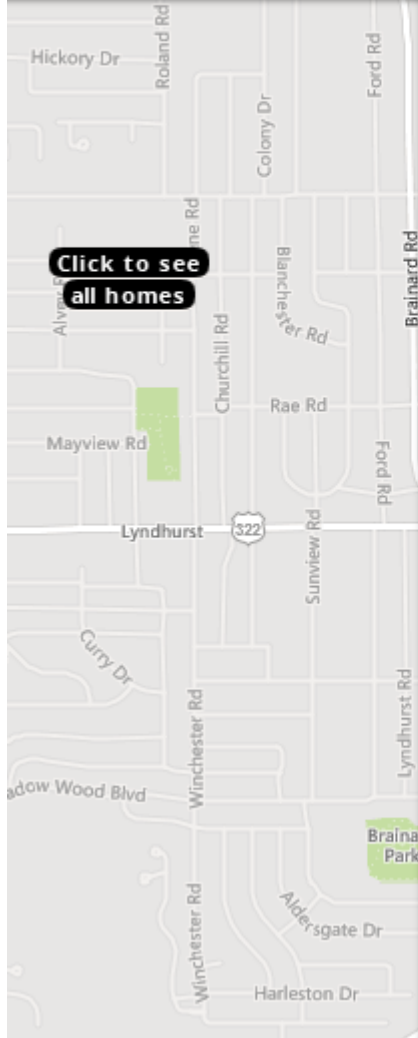
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Nearby Schools in Mayfield Heights

SCHOOL RATING

GRADES DISTANCE

10 out of 10	Sunview Elementary	K-3	0.9 mi
9 out of 10	Mayfield Middle	6-8	2.1 mi
8 out of 10	Mayfield High	9-12	1.5 mi

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Best Schools in Mayfield Heights

Elementary Middle High Public Private Charter

GREAT SCHOOLS RATING
Low High **1+** Unrated

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- Lander Elementary School**
Public • Grades K-5
419 students • 17 student/teacher
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- Mayfield Middle School**
Public • Grades 6-8
692 students • 14 student/teacher
9

About Mayfield Heights

Mayfield Heights contains 2 primary and secondary schools. One of the highest rated schools is Mayfield Middle School, with a rating of 9. The school has 692 students. The public schools in Mayfield Heights are part of Mayfield City School District. Orange City School District is nearby and rates better than Mayfield City School District. Nearby South Euclid-Lyndhurst City School District scores lower, with a rating of 4.

School Districts Near Mayfield Heights

- 8 Mayfield City School District
- 9 Orange City School District
- 4 South Euclid-Lyndhurst City School District
- 10 Beachwood City School District
- 3 Richmond Heights Local School District
- 7 Wickliffe City School District
- 2 Euclid City School District
- 2 Warrensville Heights City School District
- 3 Pinnacle Academy
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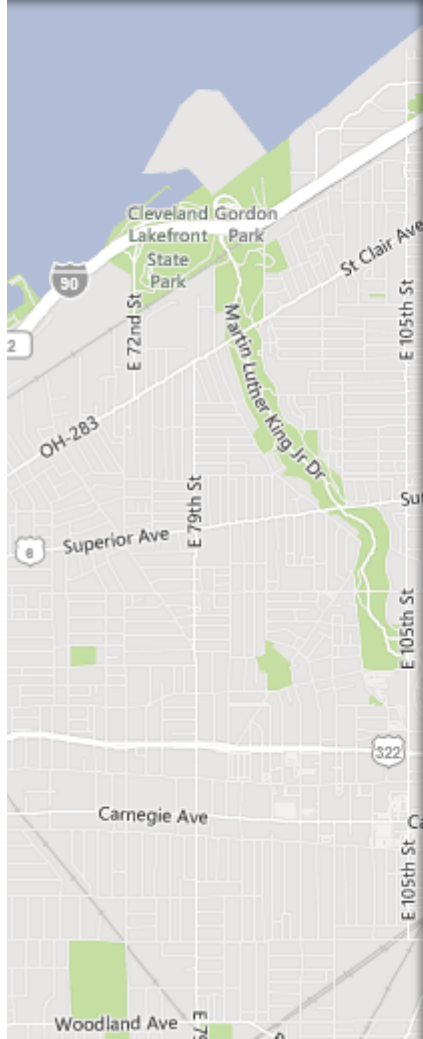
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Nearby Schools in Cleveland Heights

SCHOOL RATING

GRADES DISTANCE

2 out of 10	Boulevard Elementary (assigned)	K-5	0.8 mi
3 out of 10	Monticello Middle (assigned)	6-8	0.8 mi
2 out of 10	Cleveland Heights High (assigned)	8-12	1.3 mi

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Best Schools in Cleveland Heights

Elementary
 Middle
 High

Public
 Private
 Charter

GREAT SCHOOLS RATING
 Low High 1+

Unrated

SORT BY GreatSchools rating

- Beaumont School**
Private • Grades 9-12
442 students • 10 student/teacher
- Boulevard Elementary School**
Public • Grades K-5
375 students • 14 student/teacher
- Canterbury Elementary School**
Public • Grades K-5
418 students • 15 student/teacher
- Cleveland Heights High School**
Public • Grades 8-12
2038 students • 15 student/teacher
- Communion of Saints School**
Private • Grades K-8
267 students • 14 student/teacher
- Fairfax Elementary School**
Public • Grades K-5
413 students • 14 student/teacher

Showing 12 schools in Cleveland Heights

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Who is GreatSchools?

- Founded in 1998 in Silicon Valley, California
- Belongs to NewSchools, a venture capital firm that invests in charter schools
- GreatSchools ratings guide parents' choice of a school
- GreatSchools publishes articles and educational materials for parents
- Online: [GreatSchools.org](https://www.GreatSchools.org)
- Powerful foundation backing

Charter school movement

- California charter school law passed 1992
- Charter schools attract venture capitalists
- Parents want to know where to send their kids
- GreatSchools ratings fill this need

GreatSchools ratings: characteristics

- A simple system: ten numbers, three colors
- Popular, published nationwide
- Rates all schools that report to their state Department of Education: public, charter, some private

Key points about GreatSchools ratings

1. K-8 test scores:
A flawed measure of school “quality”
2. High school ratings are even worse:
 - A combined average of test scores, value added, college readiness
 - Meaningless
3. **Red** is arbitrary, no basis in fact
4. Ratings make money for GreatSchools – a marketing gimmick
5. GreatSchools has a vested interest in charter schools

Bottom line:

A threat to schools and communities

1. **Red** drives away homebuyers, yet has no basis in fact
2. Ratings are almost useless, but they are widely used
3. GreatSchools takes no responsibility for use of their data
4. Consequences for schools and communities

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