

NEWS RELEASE

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Mariemont City Schools

Mariemont High School Earns Academic Progress Award

On November 14 in a ceremony in Columbus, Mariemont High School was awarded a 2011 *SOAR* Award from Battelle for Kids. Presented by Ohio's Superintendent of Public Instruction Stan Heffner, the award recognizes exceptional academic growth, specifically in the subject area of Sophomore English for the 2010-11 school year.

These annual awards are designed to acknowledge Ohio schools and districts participating in *SOAR*, Battelle for Kids' school improvement collaborative, for academic progress in multiple grade levels and subjects.

In 2002, Battelle for Kids launched *SOAR*—a statewide pilot to introduce value-added analysis to participating Ohio school districts and demonstrate how information can improve teachers' and schools' impact on student learning.

Today, *SOAR* represents nearly 121 Ohio school districts. It is one of the country's largest value-added initiatives. *SOAR* is sponsored by Battelle for Kids, a national, not-for-profit organization that provides strategic counsel and innovative solutions for today's complex educational-improvement challenges.



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Mariemont High School earned a 2011 SOAR award for exceptional academic progress in Sophomore English. Flanked by Mariemont High School Principal Jim Renner and Mariemont Schools Superintendent Paul Imhoff, are sophomore English instructors, Matt Litton, Donna Neumann and Lee Lowery.