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Bellbrook High School Wins Fall 2025 Seat Belt Challenge

XENIA, OH — Greene County Public Health is pleased to announce that **Bellbrook High School** is the winner of the **2025 Fall Seat Belt Challenge**! With an impressive **93% of students buckled**, Bellbrook High School earned the top spot and will receive a **\$250 award** to support safety improvements at the school.

Close behind was **Beavercreek High School**, which secured second place with **92%** of its students wearing seatbelts. **Greene County Career Center** followed in third place with **90.1%**, after taking home the win in the Spring 2025 challenge.

This fall, **four out of eight participating high schools increased their seat belt use rates** compared to the Spring 2025 challenge—a promising trend as we continue working together to encourage safe driving habits among teens.

Additionally, according to the University of Akron, Greene County's overall seatbelt usage rate is 95.7%.

However, we did notice ongoing concerns involving distracted driving when students leave school, along with several drivers and front-seat passengers choosing not to buckle up in order to beat the traffic. Greene County Public Health encourages all schools and families to continue emphasizing the importance of seatbelt use and attentive driving, especially during high-traffic dismissal times.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to our **new Seat Belt Challenge sponsors, Bellbrook Insurance and Anderson-Williamson Insurance**, for their support of this important safety initiative.

Fall 2025 Seat Belt Challenge Results

<u>School</u>	<u>Spring 2025</u>	<u>Fall 2025</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Bellbrook High School (1st)	92.1%	93%	+0.9%
Beavercreek High School (2nd)	90.2%	92%	+1.8%
Greene County Career Center (3rd)	95.5%	90.1%	-5.4%
Greeneview High School (4th)	80.7%	89.5%	+8.8%

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<u>School</u>	<u>Spring 2025</u>	<u>Fall 2025</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Fairborn High School (5th)	87.7%	83.5%	-4.2%
Cedar Cliff High School (6th)	81.7%	81.4%	-0.3%
Xenia High School (7th)	91.2%	78.7%	-12.5%
Yellow Springs High School (8th)	87.5%	75.4%	-12.1%

Greene County Public Health congratulates **all participating schools** for their continued commitment to student safety and responsible driving habits. We look forward to seeing even stronger results during the **Spring 2026 Seat Belt Challenge**.

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