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Greeneview High School Wins Spring 2026 Seat Belt Challenge

XENIA, OH — Greene County Public Health is pleased to announce that **Greeneview High School** is the winner of the **2026 Spring Seat Belt Challenge!** With an impressive **95.56% of students buckled**, Greeneview High School earned the top spot and will receive a **\$250 award** to support safety improvements at the school.

Close behind was **Bellbrook High School**, which secured second place with **95.00%** of its students wearing seatbelts. **Beavercreek High School** followed in third place with **93.57%** of its students confirmed as belted.

This spring, **seven 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. The schools have worked very hard at getting the message of safe driving and seat belt use to their students, raising the overall statistics from 85.45% to 90.48% between the fall 2025 challenge and this spring!

Additionally, according to the University of Akron, Greene County's overall seatbelt usage rate in 2024 was 95.70%.

However, we did notice ongoing concerns about distracted driving when students leave school, as well as several drivers and front-seat passengers choosing not to buckle up 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 **sponsor, Bellbrook Insurance and Anderson-Williamson Insurance**, for their support of this important safety initiative.

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Spring 2026 Seat Belt Challenge Results

<u>School</u>	<u>Fall 2025</u>	<u>Spring 2026</u>
Greeneview High School (1st)	89.50%	95.60%
Bellbrook High School (2nd)	93.00%	95.00%
Beavercreek High School (3rd)	92.00%	93.60%
Cedarville High School (4th)	81.40%	92.60%
Greene County Career Center (5th)	90.10%	90.00%
Yellow Springs High School (6th)	75.40%	86.20%
Xenia High School (7th)	78.70%	85.60%
Fairborn High School (8th)	83.50%	85.30%

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 **Fall 2026 Seat Belt Challenge**.

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