



We are pleased to announce that the Elmwood Middle School Tech Ed program, taught by Mr. Poffenbaugh, has earned National Recognition through Project Lead the Way as a “Distinguished School” for the 2018-2019 school year. There are 256 middle schools in Ohio that teach the Gateway to Technology curriculum through Project Lead the Way and Elmwood is 1 of 17 to earn the award. There were only a total of 148 schools nationwide that earned the recognition.

The PLTW Distinguished School recognition honors schools committed to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW programs. To be eligible for the designation, Elmwood Middle School had to meet the following criteria during the 2017-18 school year:

- Offer at least one PLTW Gateway unit at each grade level;
- Have at least 50 percent of the student body participating;
- Have 25 percent of students advancing to high school participate in two or more units during their middle school tenure.

Through PLTW programs, students develop STEM knowledge as well as in-demand, transportable skills that they will use both in school and for the rest of their lives, on any career path they take. PLTW Gateway empowers students to lead their own discovery and uncover a range of paths and possibilities they can look forward to in high school and beyond. Elmwood Middle School students currently take classes in: Energy and the Environment, Design and Modeling, Magic of Electrons, and Automation and Robotics.

“It is a great honor to recognize Elmwood Middle School for their commitment to students,” said Vince Bertram, President and CEO of PLTW. “They are a model for what school should look like, and they should be very proud of ensuring students have the knowledge and skills to be career ready and successful on any career path they choose.”