In Columbia Public Schools, we believe in providing all of our children with an excellent education. By preparing our children for an ever-changing, unpredictable world, we believe it will take us one step closer toward realizing our vision to be the best school district in Missouri.

In our district, we frame our vision, mission, purpose and goals around providing our students with access. This means:

Access to a great curriculum;
Access to skilled teachers and a nurturing environment;
Access to experiences beyond the core curriculum;
Access to interest-based activities before and after school.

We communicate the issue of access for our district into three letters. Three vowels, actually, because like vowels, these three words serve as a building block—they represent the WHY for everything we do.

**Achievement**
**Enrichment**
**Opportunity**

AEO is a belief system that is more important today than ever before. We want all of our children to be able to access an excellent education. I’m committed to that. And to accomplishing success while living our core values of trust, integrity, transparency, collaboration, empathy and grace.

We have outstanding schools, students, teachers and staff in our school district. Our continued efforts toward excellence would not be possible without the support of our community. We continue to be grateful for what the citizens of Columbia and Boone County do to help continue to make our schools the best.

Sincerely,
Dr. Peter Stiepleman
Superintendent
Columbia Public Schools
**Columbia Public Schools** is the fifth largest school district in Missouri. It includes 21 elementary schools, six middle schools, four high schools and the Columbia Area Career Center, as well as an early childhood education program, with an enrollment of 18,654 students.

The school district is accredited by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, citing such educational advantages as:

- Comprehensive curriculum and services at all grade levels, including preschool and adult
- Exceptional programs for at-risk students and students with special needs
- Extensive depth and breadth in middle school and high school course offerings
- Award-winning career education programs designed for all students
- Successful community partnerships and volunteer programs
- Significant emphasis on staff development and school improvement efforts

Columbia’s students excel in the classroom and in their post-secondary education careers. Nearly 80 percent of Columbia students extend their education beyond high school. More than 30 percent of Columbia graduates earn the College Preparatory Studies Certificate and 75 percent attend a college or university. Student performance on the ACT and SAT exams exceed state and national averages. Nearly 90 percent of graduates took the ACT in 2018. Additionally, of the 2,300 students taking advanced placement courses, more than 75 percent earn college credit.

Our district’s teachers represent the primary reason Columbia’s schools and students are so successful. Seventy-five percent of teachers hold a master’s degree or higher and average 12 years of professional experience.


**Columbia Public Schools** is nationally recognized as a District of Distinction by District Administration magazine. Its schools are nationally ranked by Newsweek magazine and by SchoolMatch with the “What Parents Want” award. Columbia Public Schools is also ranked as a top 10 district for exemplary and innovative use of technology by the National School Boards Association and ranked in the top 10 percent of school districts nationwide by Niche.com.

The district’s focus, from preschool to adult career education, is excellence.
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

All students graduate college-, career- and life-ready.

ACT COMPOSITE SCORES

- **CPS**: 21.7
  - 1,232 Columbia Public Schools students took the ACT.
- **National**: 20.8
- **Missouri**: 19.9

WHERE DO OUR GRADUATES GO?

- **50.1%** 4-Year College
- **23.3%** 2-Year College
- **16%** Employment
- **1.4%** Post-Secondary Program
- **1.9%** Military
- **7.3%** Other

74.8% of the district’s students attend college or a post-secondary program compared to 66.7% statewide.

STATE ASSESSMENT RESULTS

- **49.2%** Communication Arts
- **43.9%** Mathematics
- **61%** Social Studies

STAR ASSESSMENT RESULTS

- **70%** Reading on grade level at 3rd grade
- **67%** Reading grades 2 - 10
- **76%** Mathematics grades 2 - 10

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

- **2,361** Students Enrolled
- **1,324** Students Took Exams
- **1,857** Exams Were Taken
- **75.8%** Earned a 3 or Higher

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In a growing community like Columbia, it’s imperative to have public support to fund projects and improvements. Columbians consistently rise to the challenge, voting for bonds and levy increases so our children can have the best educational experiences possible.

From the gradual elimination of trailers to the construction of new schools, Columbia Public Schools is committed to having high-quality facilities and learning environments.

**Number of Trailers**

By 2020, there will be less than 20 trailers in Columbia Public Schools.
DISTRICT RECOGNIZED FOR BUDGETING EXCELLENCE
Columbia Public Schools has been recognized by The Association of School Business Officials International with the Meritorious Budget Award for the 2018–2019 budget year. The award promotes and recognizes the best budget presentation practices in school districts.

NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED TEACHERS
Battle High School AVID Coordinator Leslie Aguilar has been named the Missouri recipient of the first-ever National University System-Sanford Teacher Award.

Hickman High School Science Teacher Karen Hibdon is one of 10 teachers nationwide selected by the National Center for Science Education to attend a teaching workshop on climate change.

Seven CPS educators earned national board certification in 2018-19.

Melissa Fike, Mathematics Teacher at Oakland Middle School; Karen Sander, reading recovery teacher at West Boulevard Elementary School and Title II Academic Coordinator (districtwide); Amberleigh Slaven, fifth grade teacher at Mill Creek Elementary School; Jane Wellman, English Language Learners teacher at Paxton Keeley Elementary School; Kaylee Creech, school psychologist at New Haven; Two Mile Prairie and West Boulevard elementary schools; Kristin Odneal, school psychologist at Parkade and Rock Bridge elementary schools; Kimberly Osterman, school psychologist at Cedar Ridge Elementary School and Oakland Middle School.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR EQUITY AND INCLUSION WORK
Columbia Public Schools has been awarded the Magna Award for Equity Programs for its work with the Boone County Schools Mental Health Coalition. The district earned first place recognition among medium-sized school districts from across the country. The Magna Awards, sponsored by the National School Boards Association, recognizes school districts for their efforts to remove barriers to achievement for vulnerable or underserved children based on race, ethnicity, gender, special needs, geography, or socioeconomic status.

DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENTS

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

16 NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS

BATTLE HIGH SCHOOL:
Adam S. Lu
HICKMAN HIGH SCHOOL:

ROCK BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL:
Kevin Amand, Riley K. James, Joseph Kuo, Emily C. Ma, Kathleen L. Meininger, Louise Schul, Wendy Yan and Jia L. Zhuang.

5 MISSOURI 100 SCHOLARS

Adam Lu, Battle High School; Guthrie Strach and Teresa Tang, Hickman High School; and Kevin Amand and Wendy Yan, Rock Bridge High School.

10 PERFECT ACT SCORES

William Carver, Cooper Drangha, James Glasser, Alice Tang, Rachel Edelin, Rejinna Lewandowski, Guthrie Strach, Michael Zuo, Kevin Amand and Wendy Yan.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CHAMPIONS

The Columbia Area Career Center’s FFA Veterinary Science Team became state champions at the inaugural Missouri FFA Veterinary Science Competition.

Two Columbia Area Career Center Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) won Future Health Professional State Leadership Championships:
- Elias Calvin (Hickman High School) - Knowledge Test, Transcultural Health Care
- Kathleen Meininger (Rock Bridge High School) - Knowledge Test, Pathophysiology

The FFA Agricultural Sales Leadership Development Team won the state championship. The Career Center FFA Horse Evaluation Team achieved first place at the National FFA Horse Evaluation Career Development Event. Both teams are coached by Amanda Twenter.

Five students won state championships at SkillsUSA:
- Grant Williamson (Rock Bridge High School), Culinary Arts - Instructor: Chef Brook Harlan
- Rachel Reigel (Rock Bridge High School), Commercial Baking - Instructor: Chef Katie Frink
- Dharti Patel, Laura Scoville and Priya Barua (Rock Bridge High School), Career Pathways Showcase - Human Services Team - Instructor: Chris Phelps

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES ACHIEVEMENTS

23 STATE CHAMPIONS

Ethics Bowl - The Hickman High School Ethics Bowl Team won the Missouri Regional Competition.

Tennis - The Rock Bridge High School girls’ tennis team won its fifth straight MSHSAA Class 2 State Championship. The Rock Bridge High School boys’ tennis team won its fourth consecutive MSHSAA Class 2 State Championship and the eighth state championship overall in program history. The Rock Bridge Bridge doubles team also won a state championship. Between the Rock Bridge boys’ and girls’ tennis teams, seven consecutive titles have been won—a MSHSAA record. Team coaches are Ben Leeb and Tim Dunville.

Swimming - The Rock Bridge Girls 400 Freestyle Relay swim team won the MSHSAA Class 2 State Championship. The Rock Bridge boys’ swimming team won its fourth consecutive MSHSAA Class 2 State Championship. The Rock Bridge boys’ and girls’ tennis teams, seven consecutive titles have been won—a MSHSAA record. Team coaches are Ben Leeb and Tim Dunville.

Girls Wrestling - Mary Belle Harrell (Hickman High School) won the first MSHSAA 112 lb. Girls Wrestling State Championship.

BOYS BASKETBALL WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
The Rock Bridge High School Boys’ Basketball Team earned its first State Championship in school history. The team coaches are Jim Scanlon, Blair Scanlon, Travis Gabel and Jordan Showalter.

High School) MSHSAA Class 2 Girls 100 Breaststroke swimming state championship; A. J. Huskey (Battle High School) won the Class 1 swimming state championships in the 200 IM and 100m Butterfly.

Track - Cortney Watkins (Hickman High School) - 300M Hurdles; Martez Manuel (Rock Bridge High School) - 110M Hurdles; Tyra Wilson (Rock Bridge High School) - Triple Jump, 100M Hurdles and 300M Hurdles.

Dance - The Rock Bridge High School Bruin Girls dance team won the Team Performance National Championship at the National Dance Alliance competition. They also won the Sportsmanship Award and finished second in the pom category.

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