

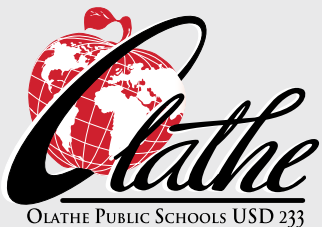
Students Prepared for *Their* Future



Olathe Public Schools

2015-16

Annual Report



A Message from our Board of Education

"Preparing students for *their* future" is not just our district vision, it's our community's goal as well. Without the support of the Olathe community, Olathe Public Schools wouldn't be able to thrive. Our district is truly stronger because of the support of our community.

In turn, our schools are the foundation of our community and fostering the love of learning is a task that our educators take seriously. Without learning, our communities do not improve. Our students benefit greatly from the various volunteers and community patrons who take a stake in district initiatives.

Our community has been a terrific support to our district by passing the June 2016 bond election. This bond election allows our district to build our 10th middle school, add various safety and security projects, and help students access technology and upgrade district technology infrastructure.

The Board of Education is grateful to the community for the opportunity to improve our schools and make sure that we are providing the best learning opportunities for our students. Thank you for your support of the Olathe Public Schools.



2015-16 Board of Education:

*Amy Martin, Joe Beveridge, Brent McCune (Vice President), Rick Schier (President),
LeEtta Felter, Shannon Wickliffe, Mike Poland*



Strengths: What we stand for!

Our Mission:

To provide a safe, positive environment where all students acquire knowledge and skills to be productive citizens.

Our Vision:

Students prepared for *their* future!

Our Purpose:

Student learning

Our Beliefs:

- All children can learn
- Together we achieve more

Our Core Values:

- Data-driven continuous improvement
- Life-long learning

Strengths of the Olathe Public Schools

- Outstanding staff
- Community support
- Parental involvement
- The Olathe Public Schools Foundation
- Civic group support

The Olathe School District is extremely fortunate to have several groups and organizations it can always count on. The community wraps its arms around the district and gives it encouragement and support in many diverse ways.





A Caring Community

Olathe Public Schools is the second-largest district in the state, and the largest in the Kansas City metropolitan area. For more than 40 years, the district has shown an increase in students — a fact no other district in the state can match.

Home to more than 29,000 students and 4,500 dedicated staff members, the Johnson County, Kansas district southwest of Kansas City serves students in Olathe and parts of Lenexa, Overland Park and Shawnee.

A District of Excellence

It's a caring district and one that strives for student achievement in all areas. The district is rich in math, science, fine arts and innovative 21st Century academies. It's a district with small-town values in an ever-expanding city. It's a district that looks after its own with an expansive heart.





A Growing School District: At a Glance

Enrollment: 29,567 (September 2015)

- Second-largest district in Kansas
- The Olathe School District is expected to continue to grow for 30 years

Number of Staff: 4,442

- 2,414 — Certified staff
- 2,028 — Classified support staff
- 15 years — Average experience of classroom teachers
- 7 — Kansas Teachers of the Year
- 16 — Presidential Awards for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching

Schools and Programs:

- 35 — Elementary schools (Grades K-5)
- 9 — Middle schools (Grades 6-8)
- 4 — High schools (Grades 9-12)
- Claire Learning Center
- Harmony and Heartland early childhood centers for students with special needs
- Olathe Advanced Technical Center
- Prairie Learning Center
- West Dennis Learning Center
- Olathe West High School will open in August 2017





Strong Foundation of Learning and Student Involvement

Learning Results

- 2016 ACT composite average: 23.9
- 22 National Merit finalists in 2016
- 2016 U.S. Presidential Scholar Recipient

Accreditation

All schools accredited by the state of Kansas

Graduation Rate

92.6 percent

Programs

- Elementary weekly technology instruction
- Tiered math instruction at the middle level, including advanced classes
- Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) for increasing college readiness at all high schools
- 21st Century High School Academies in Aerospace and Engineering, Animal Health, Life Sciences, Culinary Arts, e-Communication, and more
- Two-year career training programs at the Olathe Advanced Technical Center

- College level classes — Advanced Placement and College Now courses (dual-enrollment for college credit)
- eAcademy online education
- Physical fitness offerings at all levels
- Fine arts offerings at all levels — visual arts, general music, choral, orchestra, band and theatre

College Level Courses

- 18 Advanced Placement courses
- 36 College Now courses

Activities and Athletics

- 80 percent of students in grades 5-12 are involved in one or more activity or athletic opportunity
- Olathe's rich activity and athletic programs create a well-rounded student population







Outstanding Students

- Perfect score on the SAT exam - Selina Liu, Olathe East High School
- Perfect score on the ACT exam - Sumner Holtzman, Olathe Northwest High School; Shulammit Lim, Olathe North High School; Greta Lundy, Olathe Northwest High School; Arvind Subramanian, Olathe North High School; Alexander Kolar, Olathe North High School; Ty Lawson, Olathe North High School; Connor Neil, Olathe Northwest High School; Weston Harder, Olathe Northwest High School
- U.S. Presidential Scholar - Nicolas Rodriguez, Olathe Northwest High School
- 2016 Olathe Public Schools district spelling bee winner and competed in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. - Amrith Samuel, Mission Trail Middle School
- First place at the Kansas Science Olympiad at Wichita State University - Olathe North High School and California Trail Middle School
- Kansas Science Knowledge Bowl regional champions - Olathe North High School
- National Merit Scholarship finalists - Austin Adams, Deanie Chen, Carson Christensen, Selina Liu, Michael Meier, Wade Rance and Sabrina Ton of Olathe East High School; Disha Dasgupta, Hannah Fuhlhage, Alisha Gupta, Miles McKaig, Kaitlyn O'Neal, Robyn Peterson, Katie Sale, Peter Shunk and Triton Wolfe of Olathe North High School; Kaylor Cruz, Weston Harder, Connor Neil and Isabelle Smith of Olathe Northwest High School; and Camella Carlson and Rachel Li of Olathe South High School

- National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) scholarship for 2015-16; was named a Google Science Fair regional finalist, one of 90 worldwide; and was named the 2015-16 Kansas Junior Academy of Science Competition Best Overall Winner - Andrea Dahl, Olathe North High School
- Fourth place in the National ProStart Culinary Championships - Culinary Arts program
- Top-ranked academic high school softball team in the nation according to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association - Olathe North High School
- ONW Technology Student Association team earned its fourth straight state championship, and nine students qualified for nationals - Olathe Northwest High School
- Third place finish in Automotive Technology Service at the SkillsUSA National Competition – Jonathan Clark, Olathe North High School
- Team 1710 robotics team won its fifth straight Chairman’s Award at the FIRST Robotics regional competition - Olathe Northwest High School



Perfect ACT Scores

A total of eight Olathe Public Schools students earned perfect ACT scores this school year. Nationally, while the actual number of students earning a composite score of 36 varies from year to year, less than one-tenth of 1 percent of students taking the ACT earn a top score.

- Sumner Holtzman,
Olathe Northwest High School
- Shulammit Lim,
Olathe North High School
- Greta Lundy,
Olathe Northwest High School
- Arvind Subramanian,
Olathe North High School
- Alexander Kolar,
Olathe North High School
- Ty Lawson,
Olathe North High School
- Connor Neil, Olathe Northwest
High School senior
- Weston Harder,
Olathe Northwest High School



Sumner Holtzman



Alexander Kolar



Shulammit Lim



Ty Lawson



Greta Lundy



Connor Neil

Perfect SAT Score

- Selina Liu,
Olathe East High School



Arvind Subramanian



Weston Harder







Outstanding Staff and Schools

- Newman University School of Education Graduate Achievement Award - Margarita Alcantara, Olathe North High School
- 2016 Promising Kansas Athletic Director of the Year by the Kansas Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association - Amanda Faunce, Olathe East High School
- Fellow for the National Association of School Nurses - Cindy Galemore, Director of Health Services
- Earth Science Teacher of the Year by the Kansas Geological Foundation and the Kansas Earth Science Teachers Association - Marsha Skoczek, Olathe North High School
- Chef of the Year by the Greater Kansas City Chefs Association - Mike Chrostowski, Culinary Arts program instructor
- 2015-16 Kansas National Distinguished Principal of the Year, an award given by the National Association of Elementary School Principals - John Ernst, Rolling Ridge Elementary School
- Kansas Outstanding Middle School Art Educator of the Year as named by the Kansas Art Educators Association - Megan Wendleton, California Trail Middle School
- Outstanding Middle School Orchestra Educator of the Year as named by the Northeast Kansas Music Educators Association (NEKMEA) - Sherry Wann, California Trail Middle School
- Outstanding Middle School Band Educator of the Year as chosen by NEKMEA - Eric Griffin, Mission Trail Middle School
- Outstanding Middle School Choral Educator of the Year as chosen by NEKMEA - Gretchen Harrison, Frontier Trail Middle School



Outstanding Staff and Schools

- Outstanding High School Orchestra Educator of the Year as chosen by NEKMEA - Greg Ferguson, Olathe South High School
- Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching - Jeremi Wonch, Indian Trail Middle School, and Patrick Flynn, Olathe East High School
- 2015 National Debate Coach, as named by the National Speech and Debate Association - Josh Anderson, Olathe Northwest High School
- Special Education Professional of the Year for 2015, an award given by the Kansas Association of Special Education Administrators - Debby Byrne



Caring, Quality Educators

- 2016 Exemplary Middle School by the Kansas Association of Middle School Administrators (KAMSA) - Pioneer Trail Middle School
- Fourth ranked Kansas high school in U.S. News & World Report's Education Rankings List - Olathe Northwest High School
- 2016 Rita Blitt Kindest School Award from STOP Violence - Arbor Creek Elementary School
- Four schools in the Olathe School District were recognized as 2016 Governor's Achievement Award winners, honoring top-performing schools in the state of Kansas - Olathe Northwest High School, Bentwood, Manchester Park and Regency Place elementary schools
- Recipients of the 2016 Whelan Kansas Leadership for Learning Award. This recognition notes Director of Special Services Lanie Fasulo and the Special Services team created an inspired instructional leadership group that supports meaningful and positive learning outcomes for all learners, particularly those with disabilities as well as supporting and developing staff, communication, and training that enhances learning opportunities - The Special Services Department of the Olathe School District
- Executive Director of General Administration/Elementary Programs Brent Yeager received the President's Award from the Kansas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (KAHPERD) for his support of the Fuel Up to Play 60 program in Olathe schools.



Staff Awards

2016 Genetics Education Award

Michael Ralph



Olathe East High School science teacher Michael Ralph will receive the 2016 Genetics Education Award from the National Association of Biology Teachers during their professional development conference in November. Ralph teaches Biology, AP Biology, and Genetics and Biotechnology at Olathe East. The Genetics Education Award recognizes innovative, student-focused classroom instruction that promotes the understanding of genetics, and how it impacts health and biological research.

2016 Susan G. Komen Legacy Promise Award

Alison Banikowski



Olathe Public Schools Deputy Superintendent Alison Banikowski was honored with the 2016 Susan G. Komen Legacy Promise Award.

2016 Pinnacle of Excellence Award

John Hutchison



Chief Financial and Operations Officer, John Hutchison, CPA, SFO, was awarded the Pinnacle of Excellence Award for an innovative capital improvement planning process that clarifies budget planning for stakeholders and engages them in the process.

Kansas Horizon Award

Lauren Brown/ Jocelyn Cummings



Lauren Brown, a first-grade teacher at Heatherstone Elementary School, and Jocelyn Cummings, a sixth-grade math teacher at Mission Trail Middle School, received the Kansas Horizon Award for their work as new educators.

2015-16 Outstanding Speech/ Debate/Theatre Educator Award

Josh Anderson



Josh Anderson, 2015-16 head speech and debate coach at Olathe Northwest High School, has been selected as the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) 2015-16 Outstanding Speech/Debate/Theatre Educator Award for Section 5. This section includes Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. Section winners are eligible for the National Citation award, which is the highest award given by the NFHS.



Outstanding Athletes: CHAMPIONS!

6A State Championship Teams, Individuals and Relays

6A Championship Teams

- Gymnastics Champion, Olathe East High School
- Boys Cross Country Champion, Olathe North High School
- Softball Champion, Olathe South High School
- Girls Track and Field Champion, Olathe East High School

Individual 6A State Championships

- Brant Pitcairn, Olathe Northwest High School, 6A state diving champion
- Jace Koelzer, Olathe South High School, Wrestling: 106 lbs.
- Chase Miller, Olathe North High School, Wrestling: 285 lbs.
- Darby Gertsema, Olathe East High School, Gymnastics All-Around, Vault
- Samantha Bond, Olathe East High School, Gymnastics Balance Beam, Floor Exercise
- Kyzer Ramey, Isaiah Simmons, Blake Johnson, Griffin Rupert, Olathe North High School, Track and Field: 4x100 relay
- Cameron Waldo, Olathe South High School, Track and Field: 400m event.
- Emmanuel Okwuone, Tre Adger, Cameron Waldo, Jared Reinke, Olathe South High School, Track and Field: 4x400 relay.
- Dana Baker, Olathe North High School, Track and Field: Javelin
- Kayla Davis, Yulissa De La Torre, Emily Schmeeckle, Allison Vermillion, Olathe East High School, Track and Field: 4x800 relay
- Jacquelyn Darby, Olathe South High School, Track and Field: 100m and 200m
- Riley Degner, Grace Williams, Breanna Weiss, Jacquelyn Darby, Olathe South High School, Track and Field: 4x100 relay





Bond 2013 Updates

New School Construction

- High School #5
- Elementary #36
- Additional school sites

School Additions

- Arbor Creek Elementary School
- Manchester Park Elementary School

School Renovations

- Safe and Secured Entrances – 31 schools
- Additional Security Features – 56 schools
- Lockers – 22 schools

Technology Upgrades

- Districtwide

Aging Facilities

- Districtwide

Bond 2016

District patrons approved a \$156 million mail-in bond election by 72.3 percent of the vote, according to Johnson County Election Office officials. The bond will touch every school in the district. Major projects of this bond election include:

- The building of a 10th middle school
- Various safety and security projects
- Continued student access to technology and upgraded technology infrastructure
- Vital improvements to the district's facilities



Financial Statement

Mill Levy

General Fund	20.000
Supplemental General	17.488
Capital Outlay	4.890
Special Liability	0.202
Extraordinary Growth	4.246
Cost of Living	3.928
Bond & Interest	16.471
Special Assessments	0.539
Total	67.764

Sources Of Revenue Operating Funds

Local & County Taxes	44,673,516
State Funds	217,867,501
Federal	7,025,443
Total	\$269,566,460

Assessed Valuation

\$1,835,231,890

Base State Aid Per Pupil

2014-15	\$3,852
2015-16	\$3,852
An increase of 0.00%	

Expenditures By Function Area

Instructional Services	163,502,415
Support Services - Students	20,681,378
Support Services - Instruction	9,750,018
Support Services - General Administration	1,787,372
Support Services - School Administration	17,072,114
Central Services	7,801,166

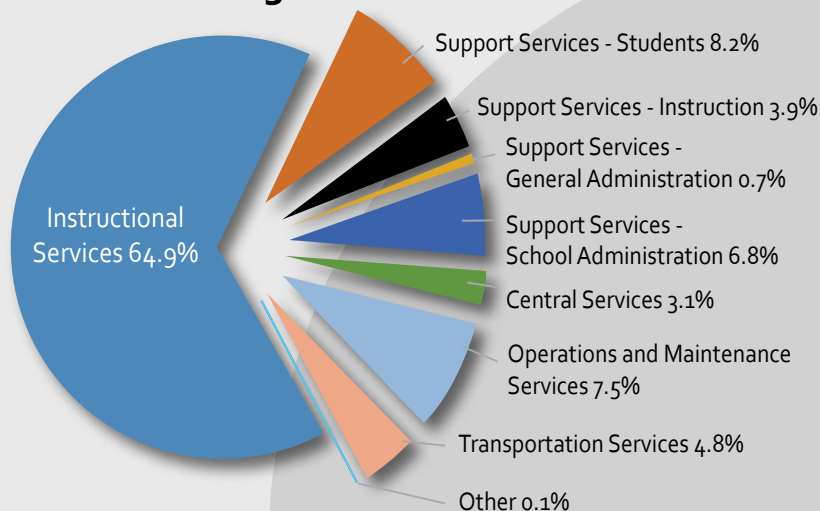


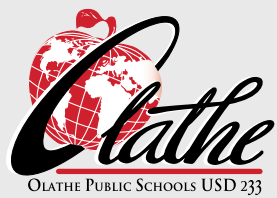
Operations & Maintenance Services	18,862,630
Transportation Services	12,210,525
Other	165,508
Total	\$ 251,833,126

Operating Fund Expenditures

Salaries & Benefits	217,940,436
Professional & Technical Services	2,745,933
Purchased Property Services	1,453,062
Other Purchased Services	4,425,199
Supplies & Materials	6,007,673
Equipment	708,726
Utilities	6,290,401
Transportation	12,210,525
Other	51,171
Total	\$ 251,833,126

Percent of Budget





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