



Olathe Public Schools
2016-17
Annual Report

A Message from our Board of Education

The success of a school year can be judged in numerous ways. In the Olathe Public Schools, we are proud of the teaching and learning that happens every day in our classrooms. We're proud of the innovation in education that our teachers and principals work toward to reach all students. We are proud of the amazing results our students have in academics, activities and athletics.

The 2016-17 school year was an outstanding one for all students and staff in the district. Outside the classroom, the past school year brought us the completion of the construction of the district's fifth high school, Olathe West High School. The Owls were welcomed into their new home in August 2017. The district also broke ground on a new middle school, designed to relieve middle school overcrowding and open for students in August 2018.

May 2017 also brought all of our high school graduations outside to our district activity centers for the first time, which allowed our families the space to have numerous family members attend such an important event in the lives of their children. It was a beautiful spring day that matched the magnitude of these culminating events. We were thrilled with the change and look forward to future outdoor graduations to come.

The Board of Education took on our most important work with the search for a new superintendent that began in fall of 2016 and ended with the hiring of John Allison. The new superintendent started in July 2017 and we could not be happier to have found such a strong leader to help take the Olathe Public Schools to great heights in the coming years.

Looking forward, the district will be working on the design and building of a new elementary to open in the northwest portion of the district, an area growing in population.

But most importantly, as a Board of Education, we look forward to wonderful learning opportunities for our students as district staff works to prepare students for their future.

Thank you for your support of the Olathe Public Schools.



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: 29,622 (September 2016)

- Second-largest district in Kansas

Number of Staff: 4,459

- 2,605 — Certified staff
- 1,854 — 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)
- 5 — 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



Strong Foundation of Learning and Student Involvement

Learning Results

- 2017 ACT composite average: 23.8
- 21 National Merit finalists in 2017
- 2017 U.S. Presidential Scholar

Accreditation

All schools accredited by the state of Kansas

Graduation Rate

91.8 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 Animal Health, e-Communication, Engineering, Computer Science, Public Safety, 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
- 40 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

- Olathe Northwest High School graduate Bessie Bauman was named a 2017 U.S. Presidential Scholar. U.S. Presidential Scholars are comprised of one man and one woman from each state based on academic success, essays, school evaluations and transcripts, as well as evidence of community service, leadership, and demonstrated commitment to high ideals.
- Andrea Dahl, Olathe North High School, received the Grand Award at the 2017 Greater Kansas City Science and Engineering Fair.
- Jordan Phommachack, Olathe North High School, was one of 44 Kansas Career and Technical Education Scholars named by the Kansas State Department of Education.
- Twenty-one district students were finalists in the National Merit Scholarship program. They are Mason Crabtree, Brock Kaufmann, Matthew Miller and Travis Nebeker of Olathe East High School; Sabrina Bogart, Adam Coffman, Dylan Honors, Ethan Johnson, Alexander Kolar, Alexis McCalla and Arvind Subramanian of Olathe North High School; Cole Brabec, Sumner Holtzman, Zachary Kulphongpatana, Michael Lacy, Greta Lundy and Logan Rance of Olathe Northwest High School; Bethany Bluel, Nicholas Hinman, Emmalee Reed and Kyle Wetter of Olathe South High School.



- Olathe North High School and California Trail Middle School each won first place at the Kansas Science Olympiad in their respective age divisions.
- Sathvik Kasarabada, California Trail Middle School, received first place in the Kansas National Geographic Bee and competed in the National Geographic Bee in Washington, D.C. in May.
- David Lye of Sunnyside Elementary School won the district spelling bee in February and competed in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. in May.
- Olathe North High School band was one of two high school bands from across the nation that performed at Carnegie Hall during the Distinguished Concerts International New York.
- The Olathe Northwest High School orchestra was showcased at the National Band & Orchestra Festival held at Carnegie Hall.
- Cole Bellamy, Olathe North High School, was named to the National Association for Music Education's All-National Honor Choir.
- The Olathe North Science Bowl team of Dylan Honors, Shulammit Lim, Arvind Subramanian, Alex Kolar and Colin Kalicki won the Regional Kansas City Science Bowl.



Perfect ACT Score

Nationally, while the number of students earning a composite ACT score of 36 varies, typically less than one-tenth of 1 percent earn the top score. Jarow Myers from Olathe North High School achieved a perfect score on the ACT exam.





Outstanding Staff and Schools

- The tennis complex at the College Boulevard Activity Center received the bronze award in the Tennis Industry / American Sports Builders Association's Distinguished Facility of the Year Awards.
- Olathe Northwest High School was one of 13 silver medal schools in Kansas as ranked by U.S. News & World Report.
- Ravenwood Elementary School earned two Promising Practices Awards from Kansas Schools of Character and Character.org.
- Two Olathe high schools appeared in the 2017 America's Most Challenging High Schools ranking by The Washington Post. In Kansas, No. 8 is Olathe Northwest High School, No. 12 is Olathe North High School.
- Chisholm Trail Middle School received recognition as a High Performing School from the Kansas Administrators of Middle Schools Association.
- Chisholm Trail Middle School received recognition as Exemplary Middle School of the Year from the Kansas Administrators of Middle Schools Association.
- Chisholm Trail Middle School was a finalist for Middle School of the Year from the Kansas Administrators of Middle Schools Association.
- Frontier Trail Middle School and Sunnyside Elementary School received Enhanced Spotlight Recognition for Social, Emotional and Character Development from the Kansas State Department of Education and the Brown v. Board of Education Historical Site.
- Ridgeview and Westview elementary schools received Certificates of Merit in the 2016 Challenge Awards program by the Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force.





- The Business Division of Olathe Public Schools received the Meritorious Budget Award from the Association of School Business Officials International, an award received for the 20th consecutive year.
- e-Communication Academy located at Olathe Northwest High School was named an Apple Distinguished School for the eighth straight year.
- Forest View Elementary School received the Leader in Me Lighthouse School Award from Franklin Covey Co.
- The Communications Division of the Olathe Public Schools received a Multi-Channel Integrated Campaign Gold Award for their efforts in leading a social media campaign for Olathe West High School's "Pick the School Colors and Mascot" campaign.

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 — the Special Services Department of the Olathe School District. 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.
- 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

2017 Outstanding Biology Teacher of Kansas Award

Brittany Roper

Brittany Roper, Olathe North High School, received the Outstanding Biology Teacher of Kansas Award from the National Association of Biology Teachers and the Kansas Association of Biology Teachers.



National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

Deborah Abernathy

Deborah Abernathy, Olathe South High School, received certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.



2017 Kansas Horizon Award

Kim Ingraham

Kim Ingraham, Pleasant Ridge Elementary School, was named a Kansas Horizon Award winner.



Alumni Hall of Honor

Jessica Dain

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Jessica Dain was named to the Alumni Hall of Honor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at Emporia State University.



Girls Track and Field Kansas Coach of the Year

Mike Wallace

Mike Wallace, Olathe East High School, was named Girls Track and Field Kansas Coach of the Year by the National Federation Coaches Association.



2016 Milken Educator Award

Stephanie Conklin

Brougham Elementary Principal Stephanie Conklin earned a 2016 Milken Educator Award from the Milken Family Foundation.





*Olathe South 2017 6A Boys
4x400-meter relay
State Champions*



*Olathe Northwest 2017
6A Girls Softball
State Champions*



Outstanding Athletes: **CHAMPIONS!**

6A Championship Teams and Individual 6A State Champions

- Olathe South won the 2017 6A boys 4x400-meter relay state championship.
- Olathe Northwest won the 2017 6A girls softball state championship.
- Brandon Clark, junior at Olathe North High School, won the boys 6A 800-meter run state championship.
- Bailey Turner, junior at Olathe East High School, won the girls 6A long jump state championship.
- Maddie Righter, sophomore at Olathe Northwest High School, won the girls 6A high jump state championship.
- Rachael Mayberry, senior at Olathe Northwest, won the girls 6A pole vault state championship.
- Dana Baker, junior at Olathe North, won the girls 6A javelin throw state championship.
- Julian Lacey, junior at Olathe Northwest, won the boys 6A 400-meter dash state championship.
- Olathe East High School boys cross country team won the 6A state championship.
- Olathe East High School gymnastics team won the 6A state championship.
- Samantha Bond, Olathe East High School, won the 6A state championship for gymnastics all around, vault and floor exercise.
- Olathe North High School had four wrestlers win state titles in their respective weight classes: Jevon Parrish (126), Riley Alderman (132), Tyler Flood (138) and Terrell Garraway (160).
- Nick Jouret, Olathe South High School, won an individual state title in the 170-pound wrestling division.
- Olathe Northwest High School volleyball team won the 6A state championship.
- National Dance Alliance High School National Championship named Olathe Northwest High School Raven Dance Team Grand National Champion, International Pom National Champion and Large Varsity Jazz National Champion
- Olathe North High School dance team named International Pom and Large Varsity Jazz national champions, Large Varsity Pom champions by National Dance Alliance High School National Championships.
- Will Tindall, Olathe East, won the boys cross country 6A state individual championship.
- Anika Lam, Olathe North, won the 200-yard medley 6A state swimming championship.



Bond 2016

District patrons approved a \$156 million mail-in bond election in June 2016 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	15.331
Capital Outlay	8.000
Special Liability	0.150
Extraordinary Growth	4.115
Cost of Living	3.258
Bond & Interest	16.380
Special Assessments	0.540
Total	67.774

Sources Of Revenue (Operating Funds)

Local & County Taxes	43,412,175
State Funds	213,342,604
Federal	7,510,916
Total	\$264,265,695

Assessed Valuation

\$1,980,347,877

Base State Aid Per Pupil

2015-16	\$3,852
2016-17	\$3,852

An increase of 0.00%

Expenditures By Function Area

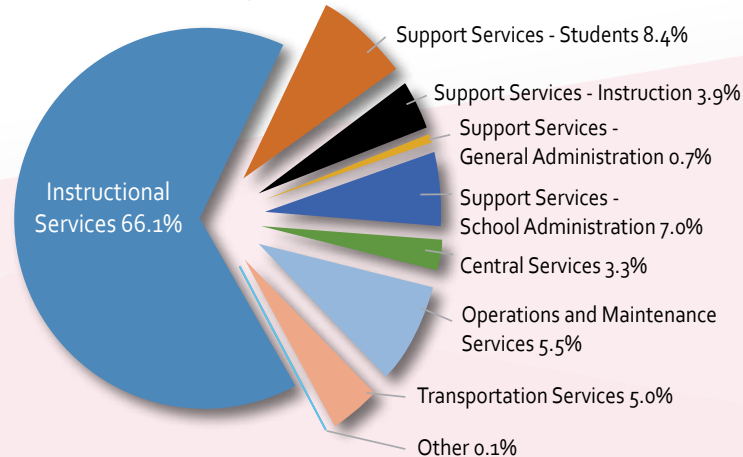
Instructional Services	168,101,478
Support Services - Students	21,413,406

Support Services - Instruction	9,975,396
Support Services - General Administration	1,870,586
Support Services - School Administration	17,884,042
Central Services	8,294,619
Operations & Maintenance Services	13,903,869
Transportation Services	12,663,141
Other	176,946
Total	\$254,283,484

Operating Fund Expenditures

Salaries & Benefits	217,619,187
Professional & Technical Services	3,784,174
Purchased Property Services	1,490,882
Other Purchased Services	4,968,304
Supplies & Materials	6,255,901
Equipment	794,201
Utilities	6,621,590
Transportation	12,663,141
Other	86,103
Total	\$254,283,484

Percent of Budget





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