

Olathe Public Schools

2017-18

Annual Report



A Message from our Board of Education

Oftentimes when a large amount of success occurs, the small details that led to the success go overlooked. Our educators create small victories each day which build the foundation for district and student success. The Olathe Public Schools would not be the district it is today if not for its innovative staff who reach our amazing students every single day.

The 2017-18 school year was a successful year for students and staff in our district. Olathe West High School opened its doors for the original class of Owls. The growth of our district will see the opening of our 10th middle school, Summit Trail, in the fall of 2018 and our 36th elementary school, Canyon Creek, in 2019. The Mill Creek Campus project was completed and a building from the 1920s was revitalized to meet the needs of students and staff of today.

Mr. John Allison began in July 2017 as the 19th superintendent of our district. We, as the Board of Education, could not be more proud of the work he has done in such a short time. In October, Mr. Allison was selected as the 2018 Kansas Superintendent of the Year.

The Olathe Public Schools Board of Education is proud to serve our community and to be entrusted with preparing students for *their* future.

We look forward to serving you.



*2017-18 Board of Education
(Left to Right): Brent McCune (President), Brian Geary,
Rick Schier, Amy Martin, Joe Beveridge,
LeEtta Felter, Shannon Wickliffe (Vice President)*

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
- Lifelong learning

Strengths of the Olathe Public Schools

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



The Olathe Public Schools 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 • A District of Excellence

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 30,000 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.

This caring district strives for student achievement in all areas.

This caring district is rich in math, science, fine arts and innovative 21st Century Academies.

This caring district has 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: 30,055 (September 2017)

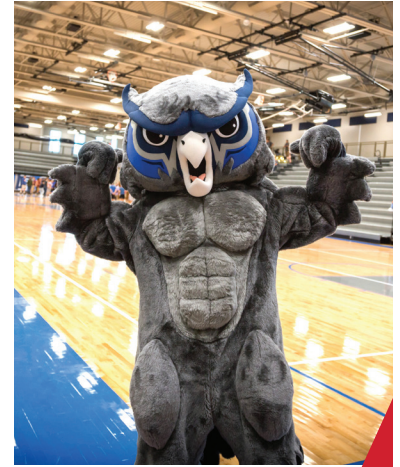
- Second-largest district in Kansas

Number of Staff: 4,637

- 2,594 — Certified staff
- 2,043 — 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)
 - * The 10th middle school, Summit Trail, will open in fall 2018
- 5 — High schools (Grades 9-12)
- Claire Learning Center
- Harmony and Heartland early childhood centers for students with special needs
- Mill Creek Campus
- Olathe Advanced Technical Center
- Prairie Learning Center
- West Dennis Learning Center



Strong Foundation of Learning and Student Involvement

Learning Results

- 19 National Merit finalists in 2018
- 2017 U.S. Presidential Scholar

Accreditation

All schools accredited by the state of Kansas

Graduation Rate

91.2 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 and Technical Education 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
- 5 College Board College Level Equivalency Program (CLEP) Assessments offered

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

Strong Foundation of Learning and Student Involvement



Outstanding Students

- Nineteen district students were finalists in the National Merit Scholarship program. They are Negin Amouei, Jack Donley, Sameena Hameed, Dominique Jaramillo, Timothy Schmidt and Jacob Wilson of Olathe East High School; Shulammit Lim, Cheyenne Loo and Magda Werkmeister of Olathe North High School; Andrew Booze, Kenton Huff, Kristoffer Lauridsen, Selina Noor, Stephen Schuler and Krisdapa Sirasudhi of Olathe Northwest High School; Hanna Carney, Natalie Roberts, Alexis Schmidt and Kylee Wallentine of Olathe South High School.
- California Trail Middle School earned top honors at the 2018 Science Olympiad Regional Tournament.
- Olathe East High School placed third in the Burns & McDonnell Battle of the Brains competition. As winners of the Spartan Award, Olathe East received \$20,000 in grants.
- Nicole Patrao, an eighth-grader from Chisholm Trail Middle School, won the Olathe Spelling Bee and participated in the Scripps National Spelling Bee.
- Alex Reeves, senior at Olathe East High School, was selected as one of five Career and Technical Education Presidential Scholars by the Kansas State Department of Education.
- Georgia Mitchell, Olathe North High School senior, was named American Academic Competition Institute's (AACI) Student Trainer of the Year.



Outstanding Students

- Evan Kappelman, Olathe East High School junior saxophone player, was selected to the Bands of America National Jazz Band.
- Alexandria Stephenson, Olathe North High School senior, received one of three Grand Awards which were presented to the top three senior projects that met the stringent requirements for entering the INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair.
- Olathe North High School junior Reem Atallah earned first place in the Human Resources Management Series in the DECA International Career Development Conference.
- The Olathe Northwest High School Scholars Bowl team earned the Kansas 6A state championship.
- The Olathe North High School Mock Trial team was named the 2018 Kansas state champion and earned the right to compete at the National Mock Trial Championship.



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. In the 2017-18 school year, the Olathe Public Schools had seven students achieve a perfect score.





Outstanding Staff and Schools

- The Kansas School Counselor Association (KSCA) selected Indian Trail Middle School Principal Sarah Guerrero to receive the prestigious KSCA Principal Advocate Award.
- Olathe South High School softball and girls basketball head coach Mike Allen was selected as the 2017-18 Coach of Character Award winner from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).
- Eric Erazo, Olathe Public Schools Facilitator of Hispanic Student Services, received the 2018 Most Inspiring Teacher award given by the Teacher Education Department of MidAmerica Nazarene University.
- The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) recognized the Olathe School District for excellence in budget presentation with the Meritorious Budget Award (MBA) for the 2017-18 budget year.
- The Read 180 program in Olathe Public Schools now ranks in the top 10 percent in the United States according to recent data and growth provided by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) representatives.
- Ravenwood Elementary earned two Promising Practice Awards from the Kansas State Department of Education in partnership with character.
- Fairview Elementary received the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) Challenge Award in third-grade reading and math. Central Elementary received the KSDE Challenge Award for Academic Achievement in fourth-grade math.
- Custodians at Olathe South High School, Indian Trail Middle School and Madison Place Elementary received building assessment awards through SupplyWorks.
- Regency Place Elementary received a \$5,000 Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) grant from Century Link.
- Two Olathe high schools were named to the top-15 in the U.S. News and World Report's list of Best Kansas High Schools. Olathe Northwest High School was ranked eighth and Olathe North High School was ranked 14.

Caring, Quality Educators

- Two Olathe staff members were selected to receive community awards from the Olathe Human Relations Commission. Olathe North High School Principal Jason Herman received the Educator Award, and Olathe Northwest High School science teacher Jennifer O’Gorman received the Persons with Disabilities Accessible Community Award.
- 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 #MyOlatheSchools.



Staff Awards

- **2018 Kansas Superintendent of the Year** – The Kansas School Superintendents' Association (KSSA) selected Olathe Superintendent John Allison as the 2018 Kansas Superintendent of the Year.
- **Outstanding Chemistry Teacher** – Olathe North High School chemistry teacher Amy Clement was named 2017 Outstanding High School Chemistry Teacher in the Midwest region as selected by the American Chemical Society.
- **2018 Horizon Award** – Chisholm Trail Middle School seventh-grade science teacher Melissa Kinzer was named a Kansas Horizon Award winner.
- **STEM Ambassador** – Olathe Northwest High School chemistry and engineering teacher Bruce Wellman was selected as one of 10 math and science teachers to serve as a 2017 STEM Teacher Ambassador.



John Allison



Amy Clement



Melissa Kinzer

- **KMEA District Outstanding Secondary Choral Teachers of the Year** – Laura VanLeeuwen, Olathe West High School choir director, and Pam Williamson, Olathe Northwest High School choir director, were named Kansas Music Educators Association (KMEA) District Outstanding Secondary Choral Teachers of the Year.
- **Solve for Tomorrow State Winners** – Frontier Trail Middle School eighth-grade science teachers Gary Blasi and Candi Stewart were named state winners for the 2017-18 Samsung Solve for Tomorrow contest.
- **2017 ESU Outstanding Recent Graduate** – Andrew Heinicke, Olathe Public Schools special services coordinator, was named Emporia State University's 2017 Outstanding Recent Graduate from the School of Education.

Staff Awards

- **Kansas Teacher of the Year Finalist** – Angie Powers, English teacher at Olathe Northwest High School, was named the secondary Region 3 finalist for the 2018 Kansas Teacher of the Year award.
- **KMEA Honor Administrator** – Frontier Trail Middle School Principal Rod Smith was named Honor Administrator by the Kansas Music Educators Association (KMEA).
- **Community Champions** – Lindsay Sutter, center based resource teacher at Chisholm Trail Middle School, and Ravenwood Elementary Principal Christi Gottschalk were awarded Community Champion Awards through the Down Syndrome Guild of Kansas City.
- **Most Inspiring Teacher** – Erik Erazo, Olathe Public Schools Facilitator of Hispanic Student Services, received the 2018 Most Inspiring Teacher award given by the Teacher Education Department of MidAmerica Nazarene University.



Angie Powers



Rod Smith



Erik Erazo



Outstanding Athletes: CHAMPIONS!



Olathe North
Wrestling 6A
State Champions



Olathe South
Wrestling Individual
State Champions



Olathe Northwest
Raven Dance NDA Grand
National Champions

Outstanding Athletes: CHAMPIONS!

- Olathe Northwest High School's volleyball team secured their second straight 6A state title.
- The Olathe Northwest gymnastics team won the 6A Kansas state title. Olathe Northwest gymnast Sydney Weeks also won three individual titles.
- At the 2017 Kansas state cross country championship, Olathe North High School's team won the 6A title.
- The Gatorade Company announced Olathe Northwest High School senior Taylor Kuper as its 2017-18 Gatorade Kansas Volleyball Player of the Year.
- The Olathe North High School wrestling team won the 6A state title.
- Olathe North High School had four wrestlers win titles in their respective weight classes: Keegan Slyter (120), Jevon Parrish (138), Javier Contreras (145) and Terrell Garraway (170).
- The Olathe North High School Eaglettes attended the Dance Team Union Nationals in Orlando, Florida and left national champions in the Large Pom Division.
- Austin Shively, Olathe Northwest High School senior, earned the 2018 Kansas state title in both Dramatic Interpretation and Humorous Interpretation.
- Bailey Turner, Olathe East High School senior, earned the girls long jump state championship.
- The Olathe Northwest Raven Dance Team attended the National Dance Alliance (NDA) National Competition in Orlando, Florida, where they earned a national championship in Large Varsity Team Performance and Large Varsity Jazz and were crowned Grand National Champions.
- Olathe South High School had two student athletes win state wrestling titles in their weight class. Nick Jouret won in the 182-pound division and Jace Koelzer won in the 126-pound division.
- Olathe West High School sophomore Brett Seaton won the Kansas 5A tennis state title.
- Dana Baker, Olathe North High School senior, earned the javelin and discus state championship.
- The Olathe North girls 4 x 800M relay team of Hannah Rodina, Claire Fuhlhage, Sarah Whitaker and Zoey Schillinger won the state championship.
- Olathe Northwest High School senior Julian Lacey won the boys 800M run state championship.
- Olathe North sophomore Anika Lam earned the state championship for the girls swimming 200M individual medley.



Financial Statement

Mill Levy	
General Fund	20.00
Supplemental General	18.822
Capital Outlay	8.000
Special Liability	0.151
Extraordinary Growth	6.103
Cost of Living	2.856
Bond & Interest	15.140
Special Assessments	0.102
Total	71.174

Sources Of Revenue (Operating Funds)	
Local & County Taxes	50,888,004
State Funds	214,654,519
Federal	7,639,767
Total	\$273,182,290

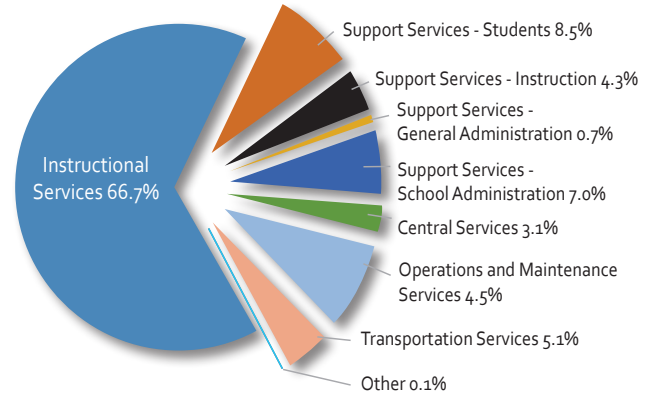
Assessed Valuation	
\$2,152,036,326	

Base State Aid Per Pupil	
2016-17	\$3,852
2017-18	\$4,006
An increase of 3.84%	

Expenditures By Function Area	
Instructional Services	181,347,912
Support Services - Students	23,128,324
Support Services - Instruction	11,634,608
Support Services - General Administration	1,793,058
Support Services - School Administration	19,313,334
Central Services	8,535,609
Operations & Maintenance Services	12,193,959
Transportation Services	13,849,868
Other	191,479.65
Total	\$271,988,150

Operating Fund Expenditures	
Salaries & Benefits	231,858,472
Professional & Technical Services	3,612,033
Purchased Property Services	2,352,723
Other Purchased Services	5,256,450
Supplies & Materials	6,996,227
Equipment	724,127
Utilities	7,250,790
Transportation	13,849,868
Other	87,459
Total	\$271,988,150

Percent of Budget





Students Prepared for *Their* Future!



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The Olathe Public Schools prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion or disability in its programs, activities or employment, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups to its facilities as required by: Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and other relevant state and federal laws. Inquiries regarding compliance with applicable civil rights statutes related to ethnicity, gender, age discrimination or equal access may be directed to Staff Counsel, 14160 S. Black Bob Road, Olathe, KS 66063-2000, phone 913-780-7000. All inquiries regarding compliance with applicable statutes regarding Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act may be directed to the Assistant Superintendent General Administration, 14160 S. Black Bob Rd. Olathe, KS 66063-2000, phone (913) 780-7000. Interested persons including those with impaired vision or hearing, can also obtain information as to the existence and location of services, activities and facilities that are accessible to and usable by disabled persons by calling the Assistant Superintendent General Administration. (07/17)