

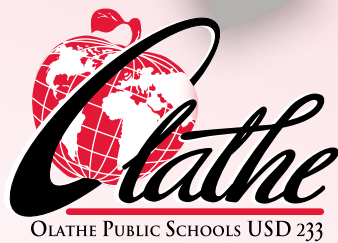


Students Prepared for *Their* Future

Olathe Public Schools

2014-15

**ANNUAL
REPORT**



A Message from the Superintendent

On a daily basis, our students are engaged in learning and our teaching staff is dedicated to providing opportunities for student success. The 2014-15 school year was no different and our students and staff experienced great success throughout the year. From academics to theater to athletics to community service to music and much more, our students have accomplished great things.

From the student perspective, we had three students earn perfect ACT scores, we had a record number of National Merit Finalists in 2015, as well as a record district composite ACT score. Students won regional, state and national competitions in activities and athletics. Our Culinary Arts students placed first in the nation at the National ProStart Culinary competition.

On the staff side, we had staff members recognized at a variety of levels. Some of the highlights include National Outstanding New Biology Teacher Achievement Award, National Coach of the Year award from the National Speech and Debate Association, and Special Education Professional of the Year award from the Kansas Association of Special



Education Administrators. Numerous principals were also recognized. You can read about these accomplishments and more in this annual report.

Thanks to great teachers and staff, and the continued support of our community, our district is focused on continuing our success into the future. We are proud of our students, our staff and the successes of the 2014-15 school year.

Dr. Marlin Berry

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*2015-16 Board of Education:
Amy Martin, Joe Beveridge, Brent McCune (Vice President), Rick Schier (President),
LeEtta Felter, Shannon Wickliffe, Mike Poland*

A Message from our Board of Education

Together we achieve more” is not just a catch phrase in the Olathe Public Schools. The district is truly stronger with the support of an outstanding community and the community is a fantastic place to live because of the strong schools.

Strong community makes schools better places and we are fortunate in this district to have an encouraging community supporting our students and teachers on a daily basis. From parent volunteers in the classrooms to Seniors Serving Schools to our Adopt-a-School partners assisting with school needs districtwide, our students benefit greatly.

Another important way our community has been a support to the district is through the passing of the June 2013 bond election. This bond election allows our district to build new schools to accommodate growth, make safety and security changes and upgrades, provide our classrooms with additional technology, and make vital aging facility improvements.

Across the district, construction crews have been hard at work renovating schools with aging facility updates including new floors, windows and doors to help with energy efficiency, and more. In addition, work on Olathe West High School is moving forward with the school scheduled to open in 2017.

We as a Board of Education are grateful to the community for the opportunity to make enhancements to our schools to make sure we are providing the best possible learning environment for our kids. Thank you for your support of the Olathe Public Schools.





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 can match in the state.

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.

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 programs. 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: 29,404 (September 2014)

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

Number of Staff: 4,498

- 2,465 — Certified staff
- 2,033 — Classified support staff
- 14.45 years — Average experience of classroom teachers

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



Strong Foundation of Learning and Student Involvement

Learning Results

- 2015 ACT composite average: 24.0
- 16 National Merit finalists in 2015

Accreditation

All schools accredited by the state of Kansas

Graduation Rate

92.3 percent

Programs

- Elementary weekly computer 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
- Six international languages offered, including Japanese and Latin
- 21st Century High School Programs in Aerospace and Engineering, Animal Health, Life Sciences, Culinary Arts, e-Communication, and more.

- 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
- 33 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



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 can 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 knows that it can always count on. The community wraps its arms around the district and gives it encouragement and support in many diverse ways.





Outstanding Staff and Schools

- One of 387 Best Communities for Music Education designation from the National Association of Music Merchants — district's outstanding commitment to music education
- Cathedral Builder Award from the City of Olathe — district's success, contribution to community, partnership with city
- No. 1 in Kansas and No. 30 in the world in the 2014 Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge — Heatherstone Elementary School
- Districts of Distinction recognition by *District Administration* magazine — Camp Kindergarten program
- 2014 National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth Award for Outstanding Program or Project — Back to School Outreach event coordinated by Community Development
- Gold Medal award from the Kansas State Department of Education's 2013-14 School Breakfast Challenge — Olathe Public Schools
- Apple Exemplary Program – e-Communication program at Olathe Northwest High School
- 2015 Outstanding New Biology Teacher Achievement Award from Pearson, the Neil A. Campbell Educational Trust, and the National Association of Biology Teachers; 2015 Outstanding Biology Teacher for Kansas as named by the National Association of Biology Teachers and the Kansas Association of Biology Teachers — Camden Hanzlick-Burton, Olathe Northwest High School
- 2015 National Coach of the Year award from the National Speech and Debate Association — Josh Anderson, Olathe Northwest High School
- 2015 Special Education Professional of the Year award from the Kansas Association of Special Education Administrators — Debby Byrne



- District 3 Athletic Director of the Year award from the Kansas Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association — Jay Novacek, Olathe Northwest High School
- 2015 Young Teacher Award from the Kansas American Strings Teachers Association — Erica Brooks, Bentwood Elementary School
- Kansas Music Educators Association Honor Administrator Award for 2015 — Kerry Lane, Santa Fe Trail Middle School
- 2014-15 Assistant Principal of the Year by the Kansas Association of Middle School Administrators — Shane Kaberline, Indian Trail Middle School
- One of six Exemplary Principals of the Year by the Kansas Association of Middle School Administrators — Rod Smith, Frontier Trail Middle School
- High School Orchestra Educator of the Year by the Northeast District of the Kansas Music Educators Association — Joel Martin, Olathe Northwest High School
- Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards — Nancy Smith, Bentwood Elementary School
- Kansas Counselor of the Year by the Kansas School Counselor Association — Cristi Wightman, Indian Creek Elementary School
- Cutting Edge Award from the American Culinary Federation — Mike Chrostowski, Olathe North High School
- Special Educator of the Year Award from the Kansas Council for Exceptional Children — Alyson Lewis, Pioneer Trail Middle School



Outstanding Students

- 2015 Scripps National Spelling Bee co-champion — Vanya Shivashankar, California Trail Middle School
- Perfect score on the ACT exam — Selina Liu, Olathe East High School; David Nelson, Olathe North High School; Disha Dasgupta, Olathe North High School
- Starlight Blue Star Awards — Outstanding Technical Achievement, Outstanding Actress in a Supporting Role, Outstanding Costume Design and Construction (Tier II), Outstanding Ensemble, Outstanding Actress in a Featured Role, Olathe East High School
- Gold awards in the Kansas SkillsUSA competition — Alec Jorns, Olathe Northwest High School; Related Technical Math; Eyasu Mekonnen, Olathe North High School, Auto Refinishing Technology
- Third in Animal Sciences at the 2015 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair — Andrea Dahl, Olathe North High School
- First in Technical Problem Solving at the National Science Olympiad Tournament — Arvind Subramanian and David Nelson, Olathe North High School
- 2015 Kansas Technology Student Association first-place winners — Ryan Alvarez, Emily Brzon, Cody Cost, Julian Huynh, Namita Kulkarni, Hayden Kovarik, Zach Loveall, Amy Leuszler, Shane Riego De Dios, Abby Rouse, Courtney Schilly, Ethan Weeks, Kaitlyn Weeks, Ronnie Whyrick, Bayu Wilson of Olathe Northwest High School; Clayton Augustyn, Brendan Carpenter, Avery Don, Syrus Herz, Ali Karamali, Jayme Monnier of Olathe East High School
- 2015 Greater Kansas City Science and Engineering Fair Grand Award — Andrea Dahl, Olathe North High School
- 2015 National ProStart Invitational culinary competition, first place — Olathe Culinary Arts program at Olathe North High School
- 2015 Kansas ProStart Invitational — Team Edesia (Team Kansas) from the Olathe Culinary Arts program at Olathe North High School earned first place in the Culinary Competition; Sliderz Team won first place in the Management Competition
- National Achievement Scholar — Candace Hayes, Olathe Northwest High School
- 2015 Coca-Cola Scholar — Cooper Yerby, Olathe North High School
- 2015 Jefferson Scholar, a full-ride scholarship to the University of Virginia— Ashwanth Samuel, Olathe Northwest High School
- Northwest High School Greater Kansas City Regional FIRST Robotics — Championship title and Chairman's Award to the Olathe Northwest High School Team 1710
- First at KCBizFest — Sergio Samuel Madrid, Olathe South High School
- National Merit finalists — Erica Chang, Emma Clark, Saurabh Harohalli, Adam Khan, Angela Li and Haotian Xue of Olathe East High School; Gregory Bixler, Monelle Brink, Wyatt Heikes, David Nelson and Caleigh Penn of Olathe North High School; Bonnie Dowd, Ben Harper and Kurtis Huff of Olathe Northwest High School; Isaiah Hastings and Callie Van Winkle of Olathe South High School
- 2015 U.S. Presidential Scholar candidates — Erica Chang and Saurabh Harohalli, Olathe East High School; Greg Bixler, David Nelson and Marisha Madhira, Olathe North High School; Ashwanth Samuel, Olathe Northwest High School; and Zizhao Chen, Olathe South High School

- Persons with Disabilities Advisory Board Accessible Community Award — Olathe Northwest High School football team
- 2015 U.S. Army All-American Marching Band — Carolyn Culp and Marisha Madhira, Olathe North High School
- 2014 National Association for Music Education All-National Concert Band Honor Ensemble — Henry Zimmermann, Olathe East High School
- First Team All American by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association — Reagan Hathaway, Olathe Northwest High School



Outstanding Athletes:

Champions!

6A State Championship Teams, Individuals and Relays

- Girls Cross Country Champion, Olathe East High School
- Boys Soccer Champion, Olathe East High School
- Volleyball Champion, Olathe East High School
- Softball Champion, Olathe South High School
- Boys Track and Field Champion, Olathe East High School
- Darby Gertsema, Olathe East High School, Gymnastics All Around, Vault
- Isaiah Simmons, Olathe North High School, Track and Field: Long Jump
- Austin Stephens, Olathe East High School, Track and Field: 110m Hurdles
- Cameron Waldo, Ryan Stearns, Jared Reinke, Tanner Green, Olathe South High School, Track and Field: 1600 Relay
- Nathan Matters, Jake Gardenberg, Murad Baheyadeen, Steven Davis, Olathe East High School, Track and Field: 3200 Relay
- Deanna Dougherty, Olathe Northwest High School, Track and Field: Triple Jump
- Jacque Darby, Olathe South High School, Track and Field: 100m and 200m
- Isaac Dulgarian, Olathe North High School, Wrestling: 170 lbs.
- Emilio Fowler, Olathe North High School, Wrestling: 182 lbs.
- Tanner Green, Olathe South High School, Track and Field: 200m
- Emily Schmeckle, Allison Vermilion, Kayla Davis, Yulissa Dela Torre, Olathe East High School, Track and Field: 3200 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



Financial Statement

Mill Levy

General Fund	20.000
Supplemental General	15.303
Capital Outlay	8.000
Special Liability	0.202
Extraordinary Growth	4.610
Cost of Living	2.742
Bond & Interest	16.472
Special Assessments	0.539
Total	67.868

Sources Of Revenue Operating Funds

Local & County Taxes	37,950,652
State Funds	196,908,632
Federal	7,959,557
Total	\$242,818,840

Assessed Valuation

\$1,704,551,265

Base State Aid Per Pupil

2013-14	\$3,838
2014-15	\$3,852
An increase of 0.36%	

Expenditures By Function Area

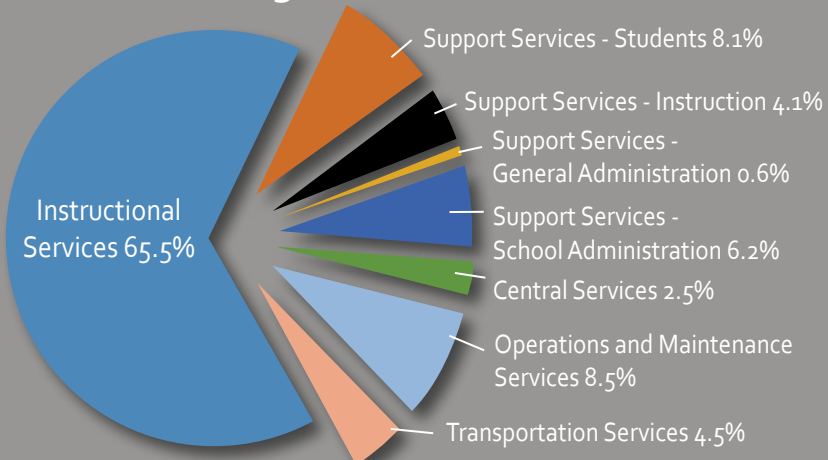
Instructional Services	161,428,127
Support Services - Students	20,158,185
Support Services - Instruction	10,000,362
Support Services - General Administration	1,356,021
Support Services - School Administration	15,247,772
Central Services	6,183,045
Operations & Maintenance Services	20,957,188
Transportation Services	11,080,018
Total	\$246,410,718

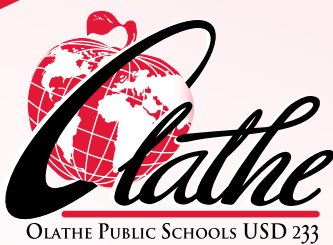
Operating Fund Expenditures

Salaries & Benefits	216,721,091
Professional & Technical Services	2,126,082
Purchased Property Services	200,791
Other Purchased Services	3,847,523
Supplies & Materials	5,756,941
Equipment	167,081
Utilities	6,384,624
Transportation	11,101,994
Other	104,591
Total	\$246,410,718



Percent of Budget





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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 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 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. (04/13)