

After the Launch, What Next?

Over 100 Launch participants from the Launching A New Legacy three-day event held in October, 2016, created a list of 24 priorities for the Columbus School District to complete by the year 2030.

Most Significant Priorities	Priorities & Vision		
	1	New facilities with amenities are built as a community campus	66
	2	Expanding hands-on STEAM opportunities	52
	3	Collaborating with community to address social needs (ie. Poverty, mental health)	47
	4	Continue to offer wide variety of curriculum & co-curriculars	45
	5	Development & expansion of community partnership program	44
	6	Maintain up to date technology within the schools	42
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7	Exceeding academic standards through superbly empowered teachers	29	
8	Building global connections including world languages	23	
9	Preparing students for work and life (soft skills)	23	
10	Meeting individualized learning needs including the 3 r's	20	
11	Stimulate interest in/passion development for our students	14	
12	Strengthening of volunteer & mentoring program	11	
13	Exercising political to improve funding availability	11	
14	Continuing green facilities & sustainable practices	10	
15	Building a unique and attractive school brand	6	
16	Provide a safe learning environment for all kids	4	
17	Increasing parental and responsibility in the schools	4	
18	District continues strategic planning every 4 years	3	
19	We are looking for creative funding resources (ie. Facilities rental)	2	
20	Improving student interaction and eliminating bullying	2	
21	Preparing students for changing technologies	1	
22	Local food production is embraced	1	
23	We investigate and implement out of school opportunities	1	
24	Recognize accountability for our work in diverse, collaborative situations	0	

The Columbus School District Administrators delved into the materials that the Launch participants created. There were common themes that aligned with the Columbus School District six areas of commitments. They are:

- Auxiliary Services**
- Community & Family Connections**
- Comprehensive Curriculum and Instruction**
- Equitable Educational Experiences**
- High Quality Staff**
- Whole Child Education**

From the six most significant priorities listed above; the Administration created six goals to work on during the next three years. A post card with the Launch Priorities was sent during the month of February to all District residents.

The six priorities will be reviewed in the April and May newsletters in depth.

Information about Our Students



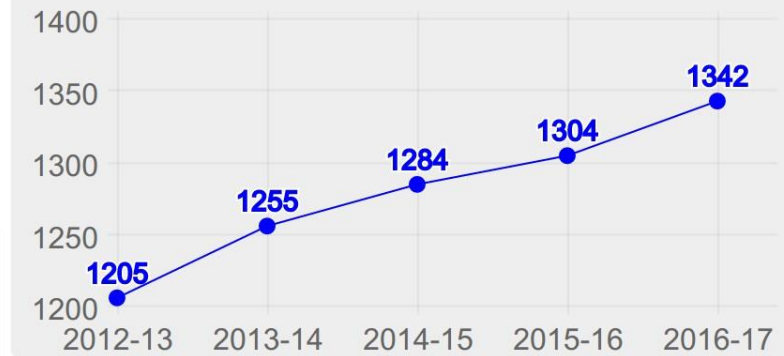
Location



Columbus School District, Wisconsin

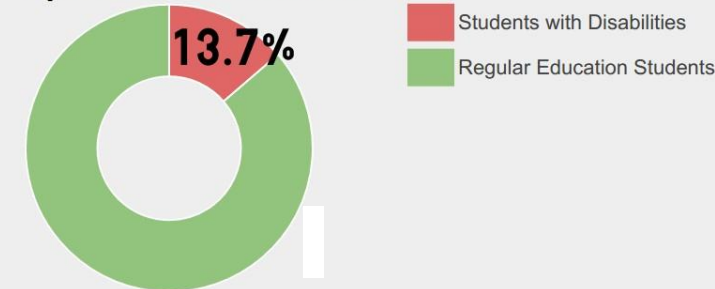
- District Enrollment: 1,357
- Located in South Central Wisconsin
- Geographically spans 3 counties: Columbia, Dane, and Dodge
- 25 miles northeast of Madison
- CESA 5 member
- Open Enrollment: 180 students in; 95 students out
- Member of Capitol Conference North
- Budget: \$13.8 million

District Enrollment Trends

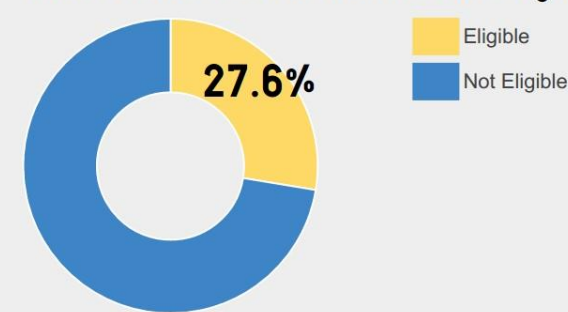


Demographics

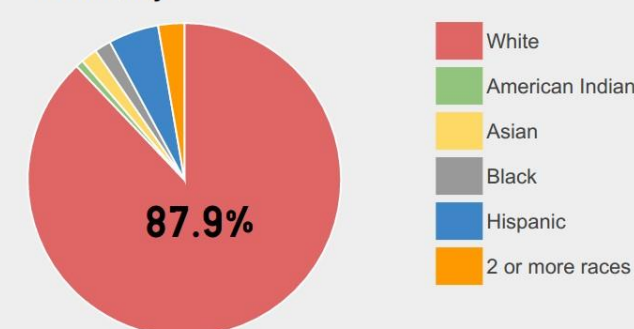
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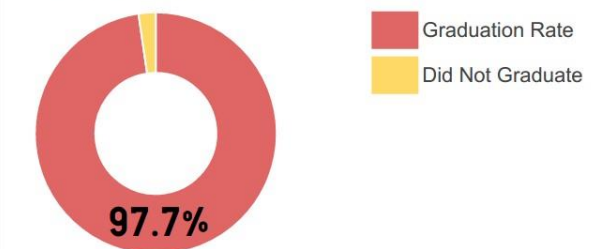
Free & Reduced Breakfast/Lunch Eligibility



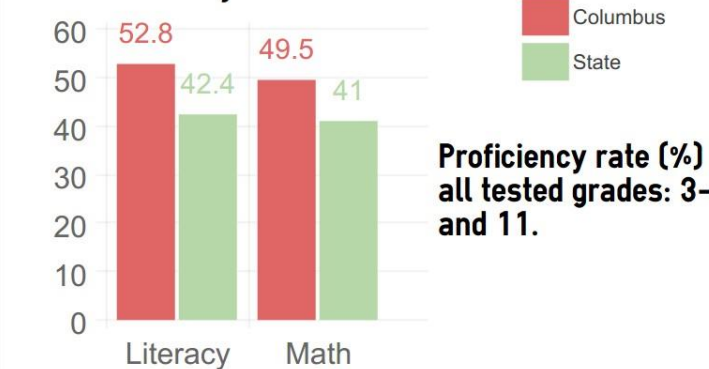
Ethnicity



Graduation Rate



Proficiency



Proficiency rate (%) for all tested grades: 3-8 and 11.



77.6



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Launching A New Legacy Priorities

Over 100 Columbus School District residents participated in the Launching A New Legacy event that was held over a three-day span in October. Thursday Night's activities focused on "The past" - Timeline by Decade, Issues and Trends in education. Friday Night's activities moved to "The present" and asked the participants to identify what they were mad, sad and glad about Columbus School District and the Attributes and Skills every graduate should have. Which led into Saturday's activities.

The participants were asked to consider what they wanted for our students by the year 2030. The list was extensive. After working to narrow the list down, the Board was provided a list of 24 priorities from the group.

The Administrative Team, consisting of the Superintendent, Principals, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Student Services Director, Technology Manager, and Business Administrator, worked to incorporate the highest indicators for student success for the Columbus School District. They determined numerous indicators, all which fit under six themes which they identified as District Commitments. All the Launch priorities, and in particular the six identified as most significant, fit within the Board Ends of all students being College, Career and Community Ready and the District Commitments.

The three year plan is being rolled out District wide. Additional information will be provided in the next three newsletters about the Launching A New Legacy Priorities.

Message from Superintendent

The March newsletters has a lot of information about the work that has been done and is still being done after the Launching A New Legacy event. In addition, this newsletter contains information about our student demographics.

The Board of Education has been presenting information about the District priorities to organizations this past month. A formal presentation will be made to the 105 Launch participants on March 7th. These participants were instrumental in helping to create a vision of what Columbus School District should look like in the year 2030.

As you can see by the infographic on page 3, our enrollment has increased over the past five years. We are planning the best way to serve our students both now and in the future.

Thank you Launch Participants for the direction and guidance you have provided us. We have work to do!

Learning Today,
Leading Tomorrow.

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Upcoming Events**March, 2017**

- 2 PK-1st Grade Literacy Night at CES; 5:30 – 7:30 PM
- 7 Launch Update for Launch Participants; 7 PM, CHS Lunchroom
- 10 Staff Only In-Service; No Students
- 13 School Board Meeting; 7 PM at City Hall
- 15 Late Start; classes begin at 10 AM
- 15 School Board Candidate Forum at City Hall, 7 PM
(sponsored by Columbus/Fall River Rotary Club)
- 17 – 19 Seussical the Musical, CHS Gym
(purchase tickets at High School Office)
- 20 Tentative – School Board Retreat
- 21 CES/DCS Science & Technology Night; 5:30 – 7 PM
- 23 CMS Art Night; 4 – 6 PM
- 24 End of Quarter, Early Release. Classes dismiss at 12:30.
- 27 School Board Meeting, 7 PM at City Hall
- 30 Spring PTO Carnival – Fireman's Park Pavilion



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Tristen Brisky won the Regional Spelling Bee at CESA 5 in February. He is competing at State on March 25th. Good Luck!

**Mission
Community,
Career, &
College
Ready.**