

## HISTORY OF Central High School

In an effort to educate the growing population of Kansas City, Central first opened its doors in 1884 as Central High School at Eleventh and Locust. In 1912, construction was started on Central's second building dubbed "new" Central High School, located at Linwood Blvd. and Indiana Ave. The oldest high school in Kansas City, Central was often referred to as "The largest high school in the west".

Construction on a third, larger building was started in the early 90s. The new building features a large, one-acre field house, Greek-style theatre, an Olympic-sized swimming pool and state-of-the-art classrooms.

The school colors are blue and white and the school's athletic teams are referred to as the Blue Eagles. In 2019, the school was reestablished as Central High School.



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**Tradition  
History  
Excellence**

**HOME OF THE BLUE EAGLES**



**Central High School**  
*Serving students ninth through twelfth grades*



## ABOUT CENTRAL

Love. Honor. Respect. At the heart of Kansas City, Central High School holds its motto near to its culture and reminds students every day about its values.

As one of the most comprehensive, competitive education environments in the city, Central offers a state-of-the-art facility, a full range of high school sports, along with a comprehensive offering of extra-curricular activities.

Students ready to drive their own success have access to advanced classes, Jobs for America's Graduates, Early College Academy and Manual Career Technical Center courses.

The compassion and commitment demonstrated on a daily basis by Central's administration and its teachers stands out against the competition. New programs, additional activities and special events help students to find new ways to make their own success within our highly competitive global society.



# CENTRAL ATHLETICS

Central High School is proud to provide a variety of girls and boys sports throughout the school year. Each of our scholar athletes are challenged to perform, dedicating time to their studies and sport, as well as donating time to community service.

**Eligibility:**  
Enrolled as a Central student by first 11 days of semester

3.0 GPA

Maintain sportsman-like conduct on and off the field

No behavior reprimands on file

### Central High School's Sports:

- Volleyball
- Football
- Cross Country
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Soccer
- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Boys Wrestling
- Girls Wrestling
- Track – Girls & Boys
- Baseball
- Girls Swim Team
- Boys Swim Team
- Cheerleading



### Serving students

Ninth thru Twelfth Grades

### Bell Times:

7:15 am – 2:20 pm



## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Community is an important piece to Central's overall puzzle. Through a highly experienced network of community partnerships and volunteers, students have the opportunities to learn about different careers and prepare for the future. Our partners commit their time, talents and efforts to raise academic achievement and help provide guidance and resources for the next step in a student's professional journey.

We work with community professionals to visit classes and share what they do and how they impact the community. Volunteers share about their job experiences, interesting projects and what it takes to earn their degree and succeed in their industry.

One of Central's largest community partners is City Year Kansas City. At City Year, they believe education has the power to help every child reach his or her potential. City Year places AmeriCorps members all day, every day for the entire year in Central High School. The AmeriCorps members are a consistent, caring presence and provide students with one-on-one and small group support, helping students overcome challenges they face both in and out of school.

AmeriCorps members also provide support to help transform the whole school by hosting school-wide events and activities to improve positive school culture, leading after-school programming and providing in-class academic and behavior support so teachers can focus on teaching lessons and can differentiate instruction.

### Community Partners:

- City Year Kansas City
- Macedonia Church
- Missionary Baptist Church
- Kingdom Word
- Palestine Mission Baptist Church
- Jameson Temple CME
- Ollie Gates, Gates BBQ
- Urban Tech
- Awesome Ambitions
- American Jazz Museum/ Negro League Baseball Museum
- Higher Youth KC
- Community in Schools
- Rockhurst University
- Operation Breakthrough
- Upward Bound
- Linwood YMCA
- Pave the Way

### Wrap-Around Services:

- Early Head Start
- Justice in the Schools
- KCPS Family Engagement Programs
- SWOPE Services
- Children's Mercy Hospital
- Project Green Dot



## OUR MISSION:

Central High School is committed to a culture of continuous improvement in which everyone is working to improve teaching and learning throughout the organization. We are committed to studying research and best practices, in order to provide a strong instructional program.

## STUDENT LIFE

At Central High School, we offer a variety of different activities and clubs designed to help our students engage within Central life and prepare for success.

Students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of academic, artistic and sports-related programs to plug in and become part of the Central family.

### School Activities:

- Band
- Choir
- Dance
- Cheerleading
- Speech/Debate
- Robotics
- Sports

### School Events:

- Homecoming Game & Dance
- Courtwarming Dance
- Junior & Senior Prom
- Fall JROTC Ball
- Women's Empowerment Lock-In
- Science Fair and STEM Presentation

### CENTRAL PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES:

- JROTC
- National Honor Society
- STEM Electric Eagles
- Science Olympiad
- Battle of the Brains
- Jr. National Society of Black Engineers
- Success Mentors
- Science Olympiad
- Pylons Gifted Program
- Jobs for America's Graduates





## PROGRAMS & SERVICES

At Central, we are preparing students for jobs that don't even exist yet. At the beginning of each school year, every student is equipped with a laptop in order to ensure they are fluent in technology by the time they go to college to launch their careers. In addition, we offer a variety of innovative programs and services to help prepare our students for the future.

### **Building leaders, preparing for success**

Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) is instrumental in preparing high school students to become productive citizens and leaders in their personal and professional lives.

JROTC programs provide high school students with structure, self-confidence and a sense of purpose. The curriculum requires JROTC students to wear their full dress uniforms once a week and places strong emphasis on general hygiene and physical fitness. These students also have additional opportunities for scholarships after high school.

### **Skills for life**

Manual Career and Technical Center (Manual) is a shared-time attendance center for KCPS high school students. The students generally attend Manual during their junior and/or senior years. Manual offers eight career and technical programs at three sites.

The main campus offers five programs including Culinary Arts, Construction, Health Care CNA, Automotive Technology, and Automotive Collision. The east campus offers Agriculture. Paseo Academy of Fine and Performing Arts offers Fashion Design and TV Production. Manual prepares students to enter a highly educated workforce or to begin post-secondary education.

Successful completion of a designated program allows MCTC students to be eligible for articulated or dual-college credit and access to employment placement services.

### **Challenging KCPS students**

The Pylons Advanced Academics and Gifted Program provides unique opportunities for highly motivated students. The program is designed to prepare students for the next phase of their education. Participating students will benefit from a highly rigorous curriculum designed to challenge them to think critically, expand their knowledge, learn time management, and enhance their study skills.

### **Making college affordable**

Early College Academy (ECA) is a partnership between KCPS and Metropolitan Community College – Penn Valley. The program was developed for highly motivated KCPS high school students ready to leave the high school environment and participate in the rigor of a full-time college.

ECA students earn high school credits while also earning college credits as they attend full-time classes on the Penn Valley college campus. The ultimate goal is for KCPS students to graduate with both their high school diploma and an Associate's degree. Tuition, fees and books are covered as part of the program; however, students need to provide their own transportation to campus. ECA students are considered both high school and college students, allowing students access to participate in their home schools' extra-curricular activities.

### **Increasing graduation rates**

Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) is a state-based national non-profit organization dedicated to preventing dropouts among young people who are most at-risk. The JAG program at Central has delivered consistent, compelling results – helping our young adults stay in school through graduation, pursue postsecondary education and secure quality entry-level jobs leading to career advancement opportunities. The Central JAG counselor works with students to enable them to achieve all requirements for graduation, plus transition after graduation to a positive destination in the form of a job, postsecondary education or the military.