



A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



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Superintendent
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In Columbia Public Schools, we believe in inspiring greatness in our scholars, in our staff, in our families and in our community.

Our district's mission is to be the best school district in the state. Our vision is to provide an excellent education for all scholars. I'm proud of our CPS family and the work we do to make our mission and vision a reality.

I'm equally proud of our scholars and all they accomplish with the guidance and support of our CPS staff.

Our scholars consistently earn local, state, and national accolades, including arts and athletic championships, research recognitions, and academic success.

Our five-year strategic plan emphasizes our collective purpose to continue putting scholars first by focusing on goals in the areas of growth, innovation, and achievement. These goals clearly articulate our firm belief in continued progress toward greatness and examining innovative ways to help our scholars grow and learn so they may be successful at the highest levels in all they do.

We will continue to measure academic achievement and individual progress across the district to demonstrate our scholars' success and underscore our commitment that every scholar will graduate college-, career- and life-ready.

CPS is made up of exceptional schools, scholars, teachers, and staff. All of whom represent #CPSBest every day. Our continued work toward excellence is possible because of the support of our community and its investment in our schools.

GROWTH INNOVATION ACHIEVEMENT

ABOUT THE DISTRICT

BOARD OF

PRESIDENT Suzette Waters

VICE PRESIDENT John Lyman

MEMBERS

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Columbia Public Schools is the fourth largest school district in Missouri. It includes 21 elementary schools, seven middle schools, four high schools and the Columbia Area Career Center, as well as an early childhood education program. Total enrollment is 18,801 students.

The school district is accredited by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, citing such educational advantages as:

Comprehensive curriculum and services at all grade levels, preschool and adult

Exceptional programs for at-risk students and students with special needs

Extensive depth and breadth in middle school and high school course offerings

Award-winning career education programs designed for all students

Successful community partnerships and volunteer programs

Significant emphasis on staff development and school improvement efforts

Columbia's students excel in the classroom and in their post-secondary education careers. Approximately 85-90 percent of Columbia students extend their education beyond high school, with more than 64.2 percent attending a college, university or post-secondary program. Our career and Technical Education students have a 91.6 percent placement rate. Student performance on the ACT and SAT exams exceed state and national averages. In 2023, 82.5 percent of graduates took the ACT. Additionally, of the 947 students taking advanced placement courses in 2023, more than 79 percent earned college credit.

Our district's teachers represent the primary reason Columbia's schools and students are so successful. More than 71.8 percent of teachers hold a master's degree or higher and average 13.2 years of professional experience.

The community understands the importance of maintaining a high-quality educational program. Most recently, bond issues were passed in 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020 and 2022. A tax levy increase received voter approval in 1999, 2003, 2012 and 2016.

Columbia Public Schools is also ranked as a top 10 district for exemplary and innovative use of technology by the National School Boards Association and continually receives national recognition for financial reporting excellence and transparency.



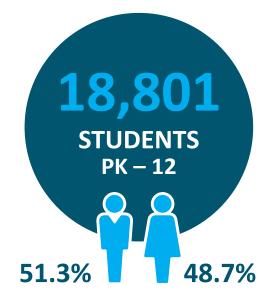
The district's focus, from preschool to adult career education, is excellence.

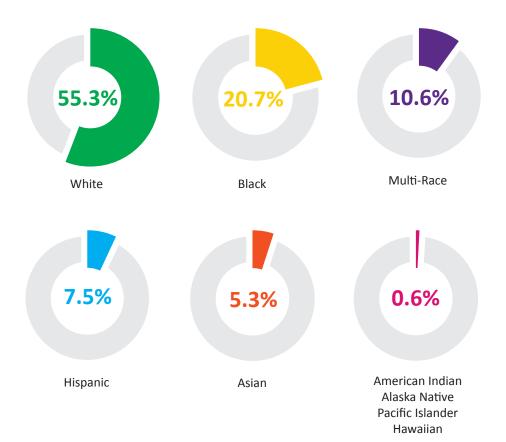
ENROLLMENT, STAFF and FACULTY FACTS

40.9% Free or Reduced-Price Lunch

7.77% English Language Learners

10.6% Special Education





students to classroom teachers



17

Largest School District in Missouri 217

students to administrators



137 (FTE)

Administration

principals assistant principals directors supervisors coordinators central office



classroom teachers special services instructional coaches



Employees

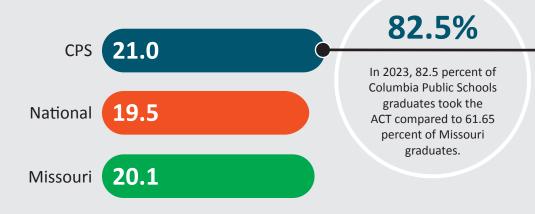
1,290 (FTE)

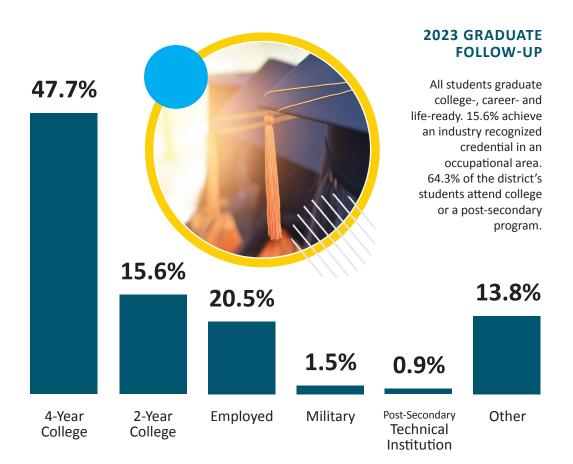
Student Support

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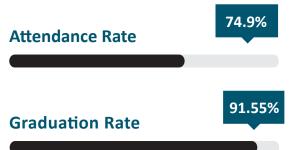
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

ACT COMPOSITE SCORES FOR 2023





Percent of students with at least 90% attendance in 2023





3,955

EARLY COLLEGE **CREDITS EARNED**

2023-24

425 SENIORS GRADUATED WITH ACADEMIC HONORS

MAY 2024

Students earn 10-12 college hours per semester while concurrently satisfying high

school graduation requirements.

COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM STATISTICS

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36

Students made Students made the fall MACC President's List GPA of 4.0

the fall MACC Dean's List GPA of 3.5 to 3.99

156

Students started fall semester 2023-24

207

Students accepted for the 2024-25 school year

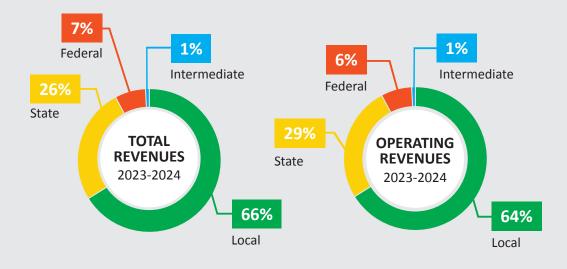


Students eligible for an associate degree during 2023-24 school year

43.6%

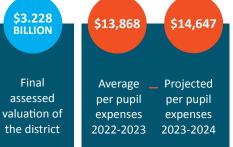
Students competed in a MSHSAA activity.

FINANCES 2023 - 2024



2023-2024		
Revenue Projected Actual	TOTAL	OPERATING
Property Taxes	\$179,707,249	\$145,748,319
Sales Taxes	\$25,428,618	\$25,428,618
Foundation Formula	\$66,097,002	\$66,014,304
Other - State	\$14,609,609	\$14,369,609
Federal	\$33,764,161	\$17,186,446
Sale of Bonds	\$40,000,000	-
Other	\$28,359,053	\$10,262,131
	\$387,965,692	\$279,009,427

	Adjusted TAX RATE of the District		2023
	TOTAL TAX RATE \$5.6731 per \$100 of assessed valuation	Incidental/General	\$1.4969
		Teachers	\$3.1043
L I		Debt Service	\$0.9719
		Capital Projects	\$0.1000

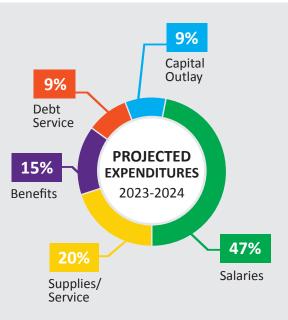


		2023-24
2023-2024	2024-25	PROJECTED ACTUAL
Expenditures by Fund Comparison	BUDGETED	
General	\$114,228,965	\$102,469,485
Special Revenue (teachers)	\$178,468,515	\$166,004,573
Debt Service	\$34,163,708	\$30,247,554
Capital Projects	\$90,018,950	\$32,631,986
Other	\$17,048,612	\$16,152,432
	\$433,928,750	\$347,506,030

Columbia Public Schools maintains a balanced budget, guided by a long-range financial plan and planning parameters focused on Growth, Innovation, and Achievement.

Total expenditures by object show how CPS actually spends the dollars budgeted. Salaries and benefits account for nearly 62 percent of total expenditures and 80 percent of operating expenditures.

The school district continues 100% fully-funded benefits for all full-time staff.



		2023-24
2023-2024 Expenditures by Object	2024-25	PROJECTED
	BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Salaries	\$178,390,297	\$164,596,063
Services/ Supplies/ Capital Outlay	\$157,275,091	\$96,951,261
Employee Benefits	\$55,726,945	\$52,955,598
Debt Service/ Lease Purchase	\$34,163,708	\$30,247,554
Other Financing Uses	\$8,372,709	\$2,755,554
	\$433,928,750	\$347,506,030

HIGHLIGHTS

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR

Shubha Gautam of Rock Bridge High School was selected as a U.S. Presidential Scholar, along with 158 other students from across the country. Columbia Public Schools has one of the highest numbers of Presidential Scholars in the nation, with 23 students being selected for this honor to date.

MISSOURI SCHOLARS 100

Six Columbia Public Schools students have earned recognition by the Missouri Scholars 100 program. This year's CPS scholars are **Paris Fang** (Rock Bridge High School), **Shubha Gautam** (Rock Bridge High School), **Saathvik Kannan** (Hickman High School), **Charlotte Struckhoff** (Hickman High School), **Annaliese Ferguson** (Battle High School), and **Annaliese Wright** (Battle High School).

VALEDICTORIANS

Battle High School: Valedictorian – Sophia White, Salutatorian – Merec Harper; Rock Bridge High School: Valedictorians – Nourhan Balboula, Rebecca Buchly, Shubha Gautam, Jaden Gibson, Sarah Guan, Ema Iwasaki, Julia Kim, Maia Kinkade, Jack Malone, Oliva Rollison, Owen Roush, Ava Schmidt, Ajay Tosh, Zipporah Yontz; Hickman High School: Valedictorians – Catriana Boul, Lucy Elfrink, Catherine Fajen, Helen Hinnant-Root, Saathvik Kannan, Charlotte Struckhoff

COLLEGE BOARD NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Two Hickman High School students received academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs. **Francis Wright** received the National African American Recognition Award and **Penelope Heidy** received the National Hispanic Recognition Award.

SIX CPS STUDENTS EARN PERFECT ACT SCORES

The following students earned a perfect ACT score: Charlotte Struckhoff (Hickman High School); Paris Fang, Shubha Gautam, Mika Angelovici, Jillian Lybeck-Brown, and Olivery Ni (Rock Bridge High School).

2024 NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS

Catherine Fajen, Hickman High School; Saathvik Kannan, Hickman High School; Augustus Lookingbill, Hickman High School; Charlotte Struckhoff, Hickman High School; Rebecca Buchly, Rock Bridge High School; Paris Fang, Rock Bridge High School; Donovan Kim, Rock Bridge High School; Julia Kim, Rock Bridge High School; Shubha Gautam, Rock Bridge High School

TEACHER & SCHOOL RECOGNITION

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING

Rock Bridge Elementary teacher **Elizabeth Mottaz** has been selected as a state finalist and is now eligible to receive a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST).

ST. LOUIS TENNIS HALL OF FAME

Rock Bridge High School Tennis Coach **Ben Loeb** was recently inducted into the St. Louis Tennis Hall of Fame. Loeb surpassed the prior record for dual meet victories (1,138) with 1,227 as of October 2023. He also amassed a record 19 state championships (one at Hickman High School, 18 at Rock Bridge High School) and 43 Final Four appearances.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR SCHOOL COUNSELING

The **Midway Heights Elementary School** counseling program has been recognized by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) as a model program and was awarded the Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) designation for 2024 for successfully demonstrating how the school's comprehensive school counseling programs benefit all students.

HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR

Jeanine Atwell, Gentry Middle School, has been named Regional Middle/Junior High School Counselor of the Year by the Mid-Missouri School Counselor Association.

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST OF THE YEAR

Kristy Hayward, Cedar Ridge and New Haven elementary schools, has been named Missouri Association of School Psychologists (MASP) 2024 School Psychologist of the Year.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

Sammy Adams, West Boulevard Elementary School, has been named the Missouri Elementary School Principals Association Northeast Region Assistant Principal of the Year.

NATIONALLY CERTIFIED TEACHERS AND STAFF

Jesse White, Battle High School – Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS); Danielle Lamm, Rock Bridge High School – School Nurse; Rachel Wilenburg, Hickman High School – School Nurse

CPS BOARD OF EDUCATION RECEIVES MSBA 2024 GOVERNANCE TEAM AWARD

The **Columbia Board of Education** earned the Missouri School Boards' Association's (MSBA) 2024 Governance Team Award. This prestigious award is based on the outstanding commitment of the school board and superintendent to ongoing professional development in effective governance practices.

CPS BUDGET AND FINANCIAL AWARDS

The Association of School Business Officials International has awarded **Columbia Public Schools** with the Meritorious Budget Award for the 2023-24 budget year. The award promotes and recognizes excellence in school budget presentation.

The Association of School Business Officials International has awarded **Columbia Public Schools** the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award for its FY2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

ATHLETIC & ACTIVITIES ACHIEVEMENT

STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hank Benter, Hickman High School – MSHSAA Class 4 Individual Wrestling State Championship in the 113 lb. weight class; Luke Hayden, Hickman High School – MSHSAA Class 4 Individual Wrestling State Championship in the 165 lb. weight class

SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Macey Hansen, Battle High School – MSHSAA Class 2 State Championship in the 500 Freestyle and set a new state record during the preliminary; **Trey Clervi**, Rock Bridge High School - Individual State Championship in the 100m Breaststroke

RBHS BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Rock Bridge High School Boys Cross Country team – MSHSAA Class 5 State Championship; Luke Sievers, Rock Bridge High School – Individual State Championship in the Class 5 XC race and set a new course record

TRACK AND FIELD STATE CHAMPIONS

Addison Throckmorton, Hickman High School – Javelin Throw; Langston Thomas, Hickman High School – 100m Dash with new state record time of 10.37 seconds; Zach Wright, John Moss, Marcus Johnson, and Langston Thomas, Hickman High School – 4x100m Relay; Mpawenayo Danford, Rock Bridge High School – Pole Vault

SKILLSUSA MISSOURI

Nine Columbia Area Career Center students placed first in their category for the 2024 SkillsUSA Missouri Competition. Students are **Sydney Bliss**, Rock Bridge High School – Baking and Pastry Arts; **Jonas Freelin**, Rock Bridge High School – Principles of Engineering Technology; **Emerson Haines**, Rock Bridge High School – Community Service; **Joe Meketsy** and **Daniel Garcia**, Hickman High School – Community Service; **Dylan Torales-Berta**, Hickman High School – Electronics Technology; **Marley Poston**, Rock Bridge High School – Engineering Technology Design; **Jacob Moore**, Rock Bridge High School – Engineering Technology Design; and **Elijah Wilcox**, Rock Bridge High School – Engineering Technology Design.

SKILLSUSA BAKING AND PASTRY ARTS NATIONAL CHAMPION

Sydney Bliss, a senior at Rock Bridge High School, recently placed first in the SkillsUSA Baking and Pastry Arts National High School Competition. Sydney is preparing to start her third year in the CACC Culinary program this fall. She received several full scholarships to Culinary Schools and is currently exploring her options.

NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Rock Bridge High School senior violist **Kristen Yu** has been selected to the National Youth Orchestra

of the United States, one of the most prestigious performance opportunities for high school students.

RBHS MUSICIAN PERFORMS AT CARNEGIE HALL

Rock Bridge High School senior cellist **Rebecca Robuck** performed at Carnegie Hall as part of the World Strides Honors Performance Series.

SPEECH AND DEBATE NATIONAL COMPETITION

The following students qualified to compete at the NSDA Speech and Debate Nationals. **Battle High** School – Camden Fallon, Ryan Wilson, and Izayah Christopher; Hickman High School – Saathvik Kannan, Avery Johnson, Helen Hinnant-Root, Deajah Bailey, Carlton Wexler, Thurlo Peterman, Tessa Johnson, Amelia Leon-Rudy, and Rylee Goodrich; Rock Bridge High School – Shahab Bariz, Kerra Lindbloom, Jiya Shetty, Carter Fairlamb, Alyssa Mesfin, Andrew Romitti, Zay Yontz, and Aditi Patel. NSDA also awarded Speech and Debate Teacher Sponsor Danielle Johnson of Battle High School the National District Leader Commendation Award.

NATIONAL SPELLING BEE

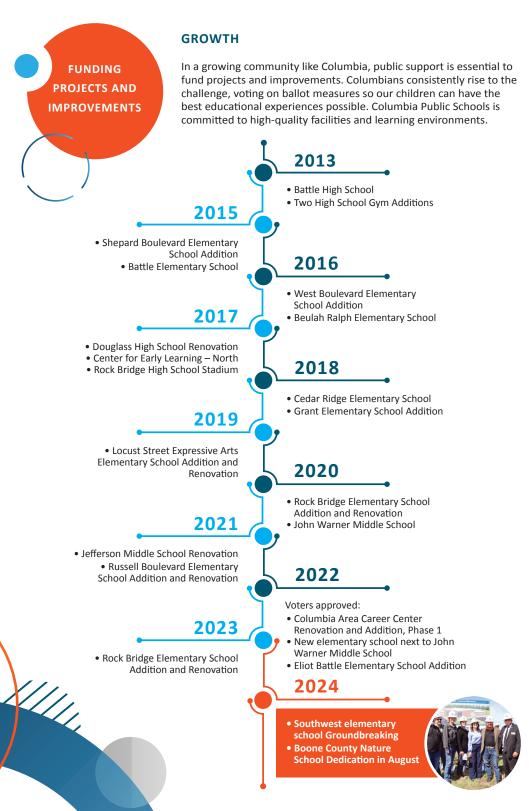
For the third year in a row, **Aanya Shetty**, an eighth grader at John Warner Middle School, won the 7th Annual Columbia Missourian Regional Spelling Bee, accurately spelling 21 words and qualifying for the national competition.

ETHICS BOWL CHAMPIONS

The Hickman High School Ethics Bowl team won the National Championship. Team members are: Harini Arunkumar, Clementine Buehler, Alex Fajen, Lorelei Hardin, Ada Kirchpatrick, Bailey Moore, Elizabeth Odette, Luke Swofford and Elena Tucker. Coaches are Caysea Dachroeden and Lou Kraxberger.



BOND PROJECTS THROUGH THE YEARS



DISTRICT STATS & FACTS

3,629,368

SOUARE FEET

OF BUILDING

SPACE

Jefferson

Boone County

Nature School

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New southwest

2,435,113

SQUARE FEET

elementary school

Middle School

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

- Groundbreaking for the new addition and renovation at the Columbia Area Career Center.
- New preschool playground at Russell Boulevard Elementary School
- Playgrounds resurfaced at Benton and Fairview elementary schools
- Parking lot light replacement at Lange Middle School
- Kitchen addition and FACS kitchen renovation at Gentry Middle School
- Kitchen renovation at Rock Bridge High School
- Security and accessibility upgrades to the vestibules at Ridgeway, Benton STEM,
 Mill Creek, Fairview, Paxton Keeley, and
 Alpha Hart Lewis elementary schools, West
 Middle School, Bethel Street Center, Eugene
 Field Center, the Early Childhood Discovery Center and Douglass High School
- Kitchen renovation at Midway Heights Elementary School
- Groundbreaking for new southwest elementary school
- Roof replacement at Beulah Ralph Elementary School
- Flooring replacements at Parkade, Alpha Hart Lewis and Derby Ridge elementary schools
- HVAC replacement at Rock Bridge High School
- Work on the Battle Elementary School addition begins this fall, adding classrooms and a storm shelter, increasing capacity to about 650 students; completion planned for August 2025
- Boone County Nature School construction is nearly complete with a dedication planned for Fall 2024.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY



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Benton STEM Elementary School 1410 Hinkson Ave. Columbia, MO 65201 573-214-3610 cpsk12.org/bee



Beulah Ralph Elementary School 5801 S. Highway KK Columbia, MO 65203 573-214-3840 cpsk12.org/beu



Blue Ridge Elementary School 3700 Woodland Dr. Columbia, MO 65202 573-214-3580 cpsk12.org/bre



Cedar Ridge Elementary School 2345 Howell Mountain Dr. Columbia, MO 65201 573-214-3880 cpsk12.org/cre



Derby Ridge Elementary School 4400 Derby Ridge Dr. Columbia, MO 65202 573-214-3270 cpsk12.org/dre



Eliot Battle Elementary School 2600 Battle Ave. Columbia, MO 65202 573-214-3790 cpsk12.org/bes



Fairview Elementary School 909 Fairview Rd. Columbia, MO 65203 573-214-3590 cpsk12.org/fve

Grant Elementary School 10 E. Broadway Columbia, MO 65203 573-214-3520 cpsk12.org/gre

Locust Street Expressive

Arts Elementary School

Columbia, MO 65201

1208 Locust St.

573-214-3530

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Mill Creek Elementary School 2200 W. Nifong Blvd. Columbia, MO 65203 573-214-3280 cpsk12.org/mce

New Haven Elementary School 3301 New Haven Rd. Columbia, MO 65201 573-214-3640 cpsk12.org/nhe



Parkade Elementary School 111 Parkade Blvd. Columbia, MO 65202 573-214-3630 cpsk12.org/pke



Paxton Keeley Elementary School 201 Park DeVille Dr. Columbia, MO 65201 573-214-3570 cpsk12.org/kee



Ridgeway Elementary School 107 E. Sexton Rd. Columbia, MO 65203 573-214-3550 cpsk12.org/rwe



Rock Bridge Elementary School 5151 S. Highway 163 Columbia, MO 65203 573-214-3290 cpsk12.org/rbe



Russell Boulevard Elementary School 1800 W. Rollins Rd. Columbia, MO 65203 573-214-3650 cpsk12.org/rue



Shepard Boulevard Elementary School 2616 Shepard Blvd. Columbia, MO 65201 573-214-3660 cpsk12.org/she



Two Mile Prairie Elementary School 5450 N. Route Z Columbia, MO 65202 573-214-3560 cpsk12.org/tmp



West Boulevard Elementary School 319 West Boulevard N. Columbia, MO 65203 573-214-3670 cpsk12.org/wbe



Gentry Middle School 4200 Bethel St. Columbia, MO 65203 573-214-3240 cpsk12.org/gms



Jefferson Middle School 713 Rogers St. Columbia, MO 65201 573-214-3210 cpsk12.org/jms



John Warner Middle School 5550 Sinclair Rd. Columbia, MO 65203 573-214-3890 cpsk12.org/jwms



Lange Middle School 2201 Smiley Ln. Columbia, MO 65202 573-214-3250 cpsk12.org/lms



Oakland Middle School 3405 Oakland Pl. Columbia, MO 65202 573-214-3220 cpsk12.org/oms



Smithton Middle School 3600 W. Worley St. Columbia, MO 65203 573-214-3260 cpsk12.org/sms



West Middle School 401 Clinkscales Rd. Columbia, MO 65203 573-214-3230 cpsk12.org/wms



Battle

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Douglass High School 301 N. Providence Rd. Columbia, MO 65203 573-214-3680 cpsk12.org/dhs



Hickman High School 1104 N. Providence Rd. Columbia, MO 65203 573-214-3000 cpsk12.org/hhs



Rock Bridge High School 4303 S. Providence Rd. Columbia, MO 65203 573-214-3100 cpsk12.org/rbhs



Columbia Area Career Center 4203 S. Providence Rd. Columbia, MO 65203 573-214-3800 career-center.org



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Early Childhood Discovery Center 901 Rainforest Pkwy. Columbia, MO 65202 573-214-3430 cpsk12.org



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