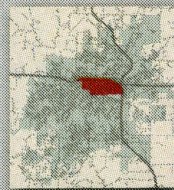


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BENTON ELEMENTARY | 1410 HINKSON AVE. | 214-3610



Principal: Troy Hogg
Mascot: Bees
Year school opened: 1896
Number of students: 294
Students per classroom teacher: 16

Students receiving free or reduced-price lunch: 91.3 percent, up from 90.8 percent
Diversity: 72.9 percent minority, up from 72.8 percent

About the school: Benton became a science, technology, engineering and math-focused, or STEM, school during the 2011-12 school year. The school's motto is: "Learning through discovery, leading with character." The four pillars of its mission are: academic excellence, exploration and relevance, character and partnerships. Benton staff members hold extra credentials or receive additional training to teach the STEM areas. The school incorporates instruction that fosters critical thinking skills students need to be successful. Benton also encourages students to explore various STEM-related career possibilities. The school continues to use the positive behavior support system and has been recognized for that work. Benton offers extracurricular opportunities including Lego robotics, chess club, science club, engineering club, basketball, running, volleyball and swimming. The school has received local and national grants that support its STEM program. Benton is one of three lottery schools in Columbia that allow any students in the district to apply for enrollment.

Partners in Education: Alarm Communication Center, Little Dixie Kiwanis, Memorial Baptist Church, First State Community Bank, PACE, Walmart

BLUE RIDGE ELEMENTARY | 3700 WOODLAND DRIVE | 214-3580



Principal: Kristen Palmer
Mascot: Mustangs
Year school opened: 1965
Number of students: 478
Students per classroom teacher: 19

Students receiving free or reduced-price lunch: 71.9 percent, up from 71.8 percent
Diversity: 59.3 percent minority, down from 62.8 percent

About the school: Kristen Palmer will be interim principal as the school goes through the process of selecting a new principal. Palmer, former assistant principal, replaces Tim Majerus, who moved to Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary. Blue Ridge is a technology-enhanced school where all third-, fourth- and fifth-grade classrooms are equipped with one computer for every two students, a SmartBoard, digital camera, scanner and printer. The school also added about 25 iPads and 25 Kindle Fires. Blue Ridge's faculty and parent-teacher association offer a variety of student and parent involvement activities, including family literacy nights, math night, international night and an all-school carnival. An annual writing celebration invites community members to read and comment on student writings. Students at Blue Ridge can participate in running-walking club, choir and other clubs. Monthly assemblies provide opportunities for students to be recognized for outstanding citizenship and academic success.

Partners in Education: Bradford Farms Research and Extension Center, Landmark Bank, Walmart

CEDAR RIDGE ELEMENTARY | 1100 ROSETA AVE. | 214-3510



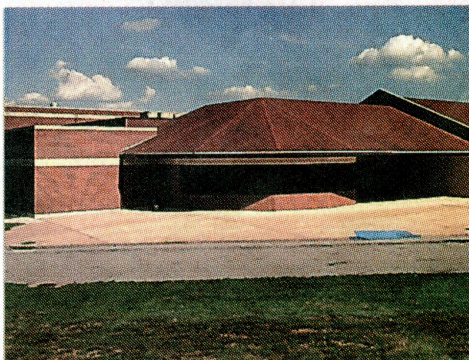
Principal: Angie Chandler
Mascot: Cardinals
Year school opened: 1978
Number of students: 192
Students per classroom teacher: 20

Students receiving free or reduced-price lunch: 57 percent, up from 55 percent
Diversity: 35 percent minority, up from 34 percent

About Cedar Ridge: Cedar Ridge's parent-teacher association hosts an annual read-a-thon that invites University of Missouri athletes and local celebrities to read to children and encourage literacy. Cedar Ridge has a yearlong broadcasting program. Fourth- and fifth-grade students report, work cameras and manage the morning broadcasts, which include daily happenings, lunch menus, birthdays and other announcements. The broadcast team also televises spelling and geography bees. The school hosts an annual arts night and a family picnic. Cedar Ridge also is working on being fit: "Step Into Fitness" will start back up in the fall, offering workout sessions with a fitness professional at school.

Partners in Education: Mediacom, River Region Credit Union, Hy-Vee

DERBY RIDGE ELEMENTARY | 4000 DERBY RIDGE DRIVE | 214-3270



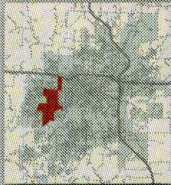
Principal: Jeri Petre
Mascot: Dragons
Year school opened: 1991
Number of students: 569
Students per classroom teacher: 20

Students receiving free or reduced-price lunch: 57 percent, down from 62.6 percent
Diversity: 47.3 percent minority, down from 48.6 percent

About the school: Derby Ridge is a Positive Behavior School. Extracurricular activities for students include a service organization called K-Kids, fourth- and fifth-grade choir and a spring basketball opportunity for fifth-graders. Derby Ridge does not have a parent-teacher association, unlike other district schools, but it is supported by the Family School Partnership, which organizes student and family events each year. Anyone connected to Derby Ridge can be a member of FSP.

Partners in Education: Columbia Fire Department, Kraft Foods-Columbia

FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY | 909 FAIRVIEW ROAD | 214-3590



Principal: Diana DeMoss
Mascot: Falcons
Year school opened: 1965
Number of students: 561
Students per classroom teacher: 20

Students receiving free or reduced-price lunch: 22.6 percent, down from 23.4 percent
Diversity: 20.3 percent minority, down from 23.1 percent

About the school: Fairview students can choose from a variety of activities, including choir and safety patrol. The Columbia Parks and Recreation Department offers an Active Kids club one day each week after school to promote physical fitness. APAC Construction, a partner in education with Fairview, also hosts a program that teaches fifth-graders about the business side of construction.

Partners in Education: APAC, CenturyLink, Hy-Vee

GRANT ELEMENTARY | 10 E. BROADWAY | 214-3520



Principal: Kris Matthews
Mascot: General, Grant All Stars
Year school opened: 1910
Number of students: 315
Students per classroom teacher: 19

Students receiving free or reduced-price lunch: 35 percent, down from 36.8 percent
Diversity: 23.3 percent minority, up from 21.1 percent

About the school: Grant, a historical site, is a neighborhood school that dates back 102 years. It offers clubs including bridge, book, ecology, mentoring and language. Children can participate in student council, choir, the blues corps, drum ensemble, basketball, volleyball and physical education skills classes. For the past five years, a blues artist-in-residence has taught children the history and music of the blues. Every year, Grant hosts a multicultural fair; the school has students from 21 countries. Many children walk to school with adult volunteers from PedNet and the Walking School Bus program. There are several gardens for children to tend that grow native Missouri plants, fruits and vegetables. The eco-schoolhouse, an eco-friendly classroom built by volunteers, is a platinum LEED-certified building.

Partners in Education: Boone County National Bank, MU women's basketball team, A Call to Serve, city of Kutaisi in the Republic of Georgia

LEE ELEMENTARY | 1208 LOCUST ST. | 214-3530



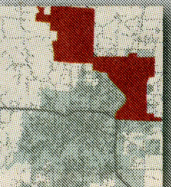
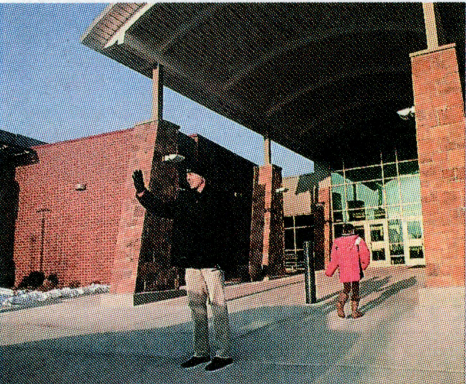
Principal: Karen Burger
Mascot: Explorers
Year school opened: 1904
Number of students: 297
Students per classroom teacher: 18

Students receiving free or reduced-price lunch: 43.7 percent, down from 53.2 percent
Diversity: 35.9 percent minority, down from 36.7 percent

About the school: Lee is an expressive-arts school that integrates art, music and movement into the school's main subjects. All third- through fifth-graders get a weekly 30-minute piano keyboarding lesson, and all children get an introduction to various string and percussion instruments. Lee also offers a before-school drumming club. Lee often has national musicians and artists-in-residence visit to share lessons and performance for students and staff. Lee also has artwork displayed around the community and hosts a silent film auction in which local artists and Lee students share their work.

Partners in Education: Walmart, Boone Tavern, Missouri Theatre Center for the Arts, MU music, art and drama departments, My Secret Garden, Ragtag Cinema, MU Art and Archaeology Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, The Mud Room, Stephens College, MU College of Human Environmental Sciences, Peckham & Wright Architects

ALPHA HART LEWIS ELEMENTARY | 5801 ARBOR POINTE PARKWAY | 214-3200



Principal: Tim Majerus
Mascot: Huskies
Year school opened: 2010
Number of students: 700
Students per classroom teacher: 23

Students receiving free or reduced-price lunch: 76.6 percent, down from 89 percent
Diversity: 48.3 percent minority, up from 47.5 percent

About the school: Majerus will serve as interim principal for the 2012-13 school year, replacing former Principal Dan Boatman. Majerus comes from Blue Ridge Elementary, where he served as principal. Alpha Hart is the district's newest elementary school, opening in January 2010 after Field Elementary closed. The school offers many opportunities for student recognition and parent involvement, with an active PTA. Last year, more than 800 guests attended a multicultural night. Alpha Hart plans to build on that success and offer more opportunities for community involvement. Alpha Hart's attendance peaked at 745 students but will decrease as the result of two preschool classrooms being reassigned to a different building and former Shepard Boulevard Elementary students returning to that school. There are expected to be six sections of kindergarten this fall; all other grades will have five sections. Over the summer, staff members worked on developing a reading intervention model.

Partners in Education: US Bank; Pepsi Beverages Co.; Quest, the Center of Responsive Education; LaCrosse Lumber Co.

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MIDWAY HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY | 8130 W. HIGHWAY 40 | 214-3540



Principal: Angie Gerzen
Mascot: Eagles
Year school opened: 1956
Number of students: 313
Students per classroom teacher: 20

Students receiving free or reduced-price lunch: 35.9 percent, up from 28.9 percent
Diversity: 13.2 percent minority, up from 12.9 percent

About the school: Midway Heights has technology-enhanced classrooms for second and third grades, with one computer for every three students. The school offers several extracurricular programs, including Keep of the Keyser, character club and math club. Midway Heights was once its own district, and the school served as a K-8 building, thus the school has a gym, lockers and other features regularly found in secondary schools.

Partners in Education: D&H Drugstore, Midway Electric, Midway Optimists and Spectrum Utilities Solutions

MILL CREEK ELEMENTARY | 2200 W. NIFONG BLVD. | 214-3280



Principal: Tabettha Rawlings
Mascot: Cougars
Year school opened: 1988
Number of students: 844
Students per classroom teacher: 22

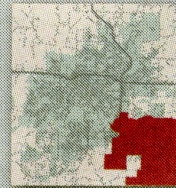
Students receiving free or reduced-price lunch: 12.6 percent, down from 12.7 percent
Diversity: 12.5 percent minority, up from 12.7 percent

About the school: Mill Creek welcomes Rawlings as principal this year. She formerly served as principal in Pilot Grove schools, about 40 miles west of Columbia. She takes over for the retiring Mary Sue Gibson.

The Mill Creek learning community operates under "the 3 R's": respect, responsibility and resourcefulness. Mill Creek offers opportunities for student involvement and leadership so students feel connected. The student council sponsors several events to reach out to the larger community, including Cans for Kindness, Jump Rope for Heart, and a hats and mittens tree in December. Additionally, the school hosts several clubs including chess, mail club, fitness, choir, readers' theater and tutoring. Mill Creek's active PTA sponsors other schoolwide vents.

Partners in Education: ABC-17, Hawthorn Bank, Columbia Insurance Group, Rolling Hills Veterinary Hospital

NEW HAVEN ELEMENTARY | 3301 NEW HAVEN ROAD | 214-3640



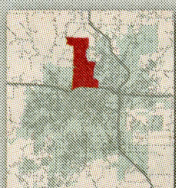
Principal: Carole Garth
Mascot: Stars
Year school opened: 1954
Number of students: 302
Students per classroom teacher: 21

Students receiving free or reduced-price lunch: 53 percent, down from 58.1 percent
Diversity: 23.5 percent minority, up from 22.8 percent

About the school: Garth will come to New Haven from Mill Creek, where she was an assistant principal, to serve as interim principal for 2012-13. Former New Haven Principal Sally Phillips, who served the district for 25 years, retired. The mission of New Haven is to meet each child's developmental needs by empowering him or her to be a productive and responsible citizen. In addition to academics, students are provided opportunities to grow socially and as leaders. Students may participate in math and reading clubs, student council, a yearly spelling bee and Girls on the Run. New Haven offers monthly brown-bag lunch events to celebrate curricular milestones. Students also visit Lenoir Woods Retirement Community, where they read with and develop relationships with the residents.

Partners in Education: U.S. Geological Survey/Columbia Environmental Research Center, Lutheran Senior Services at Lenoir Woods, Hy-Vee, TRYPS Children's Theater, Jefferson Farms

PARKADE ELEMENTARY | 111 PARKADE BLVD. | 214-3630



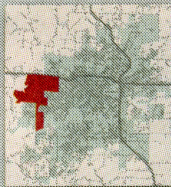
Principal: Amy Watkins
Mascot: Panthers
Year school opened: 1958
Number of students: 463
Students per classroom teacher: 20

Students receiving free or reduced-price lunch: 65 percent, down from 66.4 percent
Diversity: 48.4 percent minority, down from 49.6 percent

About the school: Parkade is the first school in the district working toward becoming a professional development school. That means the staff works in partnership with MU to support its pre-service teachers. In the 2011-12 school year, the school interviewed 25 candidates for 12 positions. Those senior students will spend the upcoming school year at Parkade, first cycling through all classrooms in the fall and then as partner teachers during the spring. The co-teaching model is meant to better meet students' individual needs and achieve lesson objectives. Parkade will grow by 100 students in the 2012-13 school year and will add five new classrooms. The school also has a new member of its administrative team, Assistant Principal Cristina Heet.

Partners in Education: Columbia Fire Station No. 9, Commerce Bank, Office Depot, Parkade Baptist Church

PAXTON KEELEY ELEMENTARY | 201 PARK DEVILLE DRIVE | 214-3570



Principal: Elaine Hassemer
Mascot: Comets
Year school opened: 2001
Number of students: 649
Students per classroom teacher: 21

Students receiving free or reduced-price lunch: 23.5 percent, down from 24.6 percent
Diversity: 21.7 percent minority, up from 19.7 percent

About the school: Paxton Keeley teaches students through five core expectations: to be kind, safe, cooperative, respectful and responsible. Students participate in weekly lessons to develop community awareness. An annual toy drive is held for the Voluntary Action Center. Students also participate in a food drive for the Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri. Paxton Keeley's PTA hosted a 5K race last year and made a donation to the Ronald McDonald House. Students start each day with a "wake up and read" session. In addition, teachers host family activities and events to reinforce learning and help support continued learning at home.

Partners in Education: BBarnes & Noble Booksellers, Hy-Vee, Paul Jackson Watercolors

RIDGEWAY ELEMENTARY | 107 E. SEXTON ROAD | 214-3550

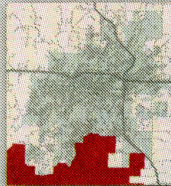


Principal: Ben Tilley
Mascot: Rams
Year school opened: 1923
Number of students: 251
Students per classroom teacher: 21
Students receiving free or reduced-price lunch: 22.4 percent, up from 19.8 percent
Diversity: 25.9 percent minority, up from 25.3 percent

About the school: Ridgeway is a magnet school based on the concept of individually guided education, which supports each student to become a self-directed learner. Students are assigned to learning teams instead of traditional grade-level classes. Multi-age teams give students the chance to be with the same teacher for multiple years. Attendance is based on a lottery system. Parents may sign up in the spring to be included in the lottery drawing. Siblings of current students along with new students make up the incoming class each year. The district provides transportation to the school. Students may participate in reading club, student council, safety patrol, flag patrol, Boys Writers, chess club and math club. Parents are encouraged to participate in the Ridgeway PTSA, Parent Advisory Committee and numerous volunteer activities. Parents partner with the school to help provide tutoring and enrichment activities. Ridgeway is the first building within Columbia Public Schools to be designated as a small autonomous school, a designation that gives the school more flexibility to make decisions on learning and scheduling.

Partners in Education: Ameren Missouri, Dana Corp.

ROCK BRIDGE ELEMENTARY | 5151 S. HIGHWAY 163 | 214-3290



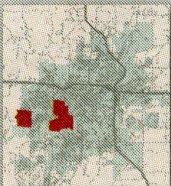
Principal: Mary Korth-Lloyd
Mascot: Bears
Year school opened: 1957
Number of students: 563
Students per classroom teacher: 22

Students receiving free or reduced-price lunch: 30.8 percent, down from 34.6 percent
Diversity: 23.8 percent minority, up from 25.6 percent

About the school: Rock Bridge offers a fifth-grade reading club, fourth- and fifth-grade choir, math and mentor clubs and student council. Rock Bridge's PTA hosts an annual chicken barbecue event, now in its 54th year, in October that is the major fundraiser and a community tradition for the school. Every holiday season, Rock Bridge High School clubs host an "Adopt-a-Child" service program that gives toys to Rock Bridge Elementary children in need. The school has received state recognition as a Positive Behavior Support school. Rock Bridge is a partnership school with MU and hosts teaching fellows.

Partners in Education: Hy-Vee, Meals on Wheels, Missouri Credit Union, Missouri Department of Conservation Resource Science Center, MU teaching fellows program

RUSSELL BOULEVARD ELEMENTARY | 1800 W. ROLLINS ROAD | 214-3650



Principal: Ed Schumacher
Mascot: Ravens
Year school opened: 1958
Number of students: 570
Students per classroom teacher: 23

Students receiving free or reduced-price lunch: 33.7 percent, down from 34.4 percent
Diversity: 30 percent minority, up from 28.7 percent

About the school: Russell Boulevard promotes its mission, "Believe, Achieve and Succeed for Life," through teaching based on "relationships, relevance and rigor." About 84 percent of Russell Boulevard's certified staff holds advanced degrees. The school also hosts a variety of family activities, including Fall Fest, the Raven Art Gala, Russell University and the International Fair. Working with its PTA, Russell Boulevard provides monthly family fitness activities, the Walking School Bus program and service-learning experiences. Parents have an open invitation to meet with the principal to ask questions, share ideas and evaluate the school.

Partners in Education: Gerbes, The Callaway Bank, Kappa Alpha Theta sorority

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SHEPARD BOULEVARD ELEMENTARY | 2616 SHEPARD BLVD. | 214-3660



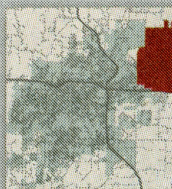
Principal: Jacquie Ward
Mascot: Stallions
Year school opened: 1968
Number of students: 549
Students per classroom teacher: 21

Students receiving free or reduced-price lunch: 30.7 percent, down from 37 percent
Diversity: 25.3 percent minority, up from 19.2 percent minority

About the school: Shepard Boulevard has been designated a "Leader-in-Me" school for Missouri. That recognition was awarded during the 2009-10 school year. In addition to teaching reading, writing, math, social studies and science, Shepard Boulevard students are taught the skills of becoming a "highly effective person." Leadership opportunities happen each month for students to lead monthly assemblies and special events in the classrooms. Students also can initiate social awareness campaigns.

Partners in Education: Hy-Vee, 3M, Rainbow House

TWO MILE PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY | 5450 N. ROUTE Z | 213-3560



Principal: Patti Raynor
Mascot: Prairie dogs
Year school opened: 1963
Number of students: 366
Students per classroom teacher: 22

Students receiving free or reduced-price lunch: 34.2 percent, down from 37.7 percent
Diversity: 14.8 percent minority, same as previous year

About the school: Two Mile Prairie became part of Columbia Public Schools in 1972. The school features an outdoor classroom and offers a student council, fifth-grade math club and a morning reading club. The school also participates in MU's A Way With Words program, which helps children read independently by third grade. The school has added three more classrooms in the past two years. Two Mile Prairie added air conditioning over the summer.

Partners in Education: Horton Animal Hospitals, Pet Fair, Walk-About Acres, Otiscon Inc.

WEST BOULEVARD ELEMENTARY | 319 N. WEST BLVD. | 214-3670



Principal: Susan Emory
Mascot: Bobcats
Year school opened: 1950
Number of students: 386

Students per classroom teacher: 16
Students receiving free or reduced-price lunch: 82.3 percent, up from 81.6 percent
Diversity: 63 percent minority, down from 63.7 percent

About the school: Emory became the principal at West Boulevard last year when former Principal Peter Stiepleman became Columbia's assistant superintendent for elementary education. Emory, who has worked as a teacher, assistant principal and district administrator during her career, is a former West Boulevard student. The school uses a number of intensive programs aimed to boost achievement for at-risk students. Every third- through fifth-grade student at the school is assigned an adult mentor through the Stand By Me program. The students have a motto: "Stand tall, grow strong and show love because we are one." West Boulevard sponsors enrichment activities including clubs for robotics, chess, fitness, art, swimming and choir. The school also offers Boy Scouts and tutoring.

Partners in Education: Columbia Police Department, UMB Bank

PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS COLUMBIA SCHOOLS GUIDE

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP SCHOOL

4600 CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ROAD | 445-8565

GRADES: PRE-KINDERGARTEN-12

Principal: Scott Williams
Year opened: 1981
Students: 300
Mascot: Knight
Website: www.cfsknights.org

About the school: CFS provides a college-preparatory, interdenominational, Christian education to about 300 students representing more than 40 church congregations in the Columbia area. Also within the student body are typically 15 to 20 international students, adding to the school's cultural diversity. CFS focuses on using biblical integration in every subject area so that students develop a Christian worldview to guide critical thinking skills, their values and their faith. The instructional goals and extracurricular activities of CFS are designed to train students in three broad areas: knowledge, faith and character. CFS graduates are regularly recognized for academic and athletic achievements, which include admission and scholarships to colleges and universities around the country. For athletics, the school offers soccer, volleyball, basketball, track and cheerleading. Other student activities and organizations include art, drama, music, yearbook, National Honor Society, and student council. CFS is accredited through the International Christian Accrediting Association and the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES INTERPARISH SCHOOL

817 BERNADETTE DRIVE
 445-6516

GRADES: KINDERGARTEN-8

Principal: Erin Whalen
Year opened: 1962
Students: 604
Mascot: Tiger
Website: ccsk8.org

About the school: Lourdes provides a Catholic education that includes core curriculum and supplemental educational offerings. Students attend daily religion classes and receive instruction in reading, writing, math, science, social studies, Spanish, physical education, art, music and technology. Children are prepared for first Eucharist and first reconciliation in second grade. The school's activities include basketball, track, football, volleyball, cheerleading, choir and student council. After-school care is available. The school changed its name from Columbia Catholic School last school year.

COLUMBIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

1801 N. STADIUM BLVD.
 449-6435

GRADES: KINDERGARTEN-12

Interim Head of School: William Rowe
Year Opened: 1998
Students: 332
Mascot: Lion
Website: www.cislions.org

About the school: Columbia Independent School is a college-preparatory school accredited through the Independent Schools Association of the Central States and the North Central Association, with membership in the National Association of Independent Schools. Competitive admission is based on application, school records, teacher evaluations and an interview. Upper and middle school applicants also must take an entrance exam. Families can apply for financial assistance from the school. CIS offers several intra-school clubs as well as basketball, cross country, track, tennis and skeet. In accordance with revised MSHSAA bylaws, students may seek to participate in sports at nearby public schools if CIS does not offer that particular sport. Overseas study is possible via the school's Global Perspectives Program.

HERITAGE ACADEMY

601 BLUE RIDGE ROAD
 449-2252

GRADES: KINDERGARTEN-12

Chief administrative officer: Kathleen Mallory
Year opened: 2002
Students: 115
Mascot: Warrior
Website: www.heritageacademyofcolumbia.com

About the school: Heritage Academy is a Christian-based university-model school, designed for families who want their children to flourish from a life anchored in the home but still gain benefits from aspects of traditional classroom education. Courses offered at Heritage Academy occur every other day so that students can get the benefits of qualified teachers and a focused learning community while continuing to experience home as the primary base. Parents may enroll their students in one to seven classes depending on their needs.

FATHER TOLTON REGIONAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL | 3351 E. GANS ROAD

GRADES: 9-11

Principal: Kristie Wolfe
Year opened: 2011
Students: 120
Mascot: Trailblazer
Website: www.frtoltonhs.com

About the school: Tolton is Columbia's first and only Catholic high school. The school offers a faith-based approach to education with an emphasis on empowering students to become Christian leaders and citizens. The classic curriculum emphasizes academic excellence, and through the theological studies, students are meant to develop personal integrity and responsibility as they learn to value individuals' dignity and freedom. A typical school day includes Mass and spiritual training as well as traditional high school classes. The school opened with freshmen and sophomores and now includes juniors. Each student is given a laptop to use throughout their high school career. The school will have its first graduation in 2014. Tolton offers a variety of varsity and junior varsity athletics. While the focus is on Catholic education, any students are welcome at the school.

OTHER PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Apple School, 5155 S. Providence Road; (573) 449-7525 or www.appleschoolmo.org. *Pre-school ages 2 to 5, full-day kindergarten- and before and after school care available*

Children's House Montessori of Columbia, 915 Tiger Ave; (573) 443-2825 or www.comomontessori.com *Age 2 through kindergarten*

Christian Chapel Academy, 3300 S. Providence Road; (573) 874-2325 or cca-columbia.com. *Preschool, half-day and full day kindergarten, first through eighth grades*

Columbia Community Montessori, 808 King Ave; (573) 489-5380, *Ages 3-6, serves lower income families, preference given to families in the First Ward*

Columbia Montessori School, 3 Anderson Ave; (573) 449-5418 or www.columbiamontessori.org. *Four weeks through 6 years old*

Family Worship Center Academy, 4925 Bonne Femme Road; (573) 441-1140, extension 206 or www.fwacacademy.org *Kindergarten through 12 grade*

Good Shepherd Lutheran School, 2201 W. Rollins Road; (573) 445-5878 or www.columbialutheran.org, *Kindergarten through eighth grade*

The Islamic School 408 Locust St.; (573) 442-1556 or www.theism.org, *Preschool, full-day kindergarten through fifth grades*

College Park Christian Academy, 1114 College Park Drive; (573) 445-6315 or www.cpcchristian.org. *Preschool through ninth grade*

Shalom Christian Academy, 312 Ridgeway Ave.; (573) 256-4824 or www.shalomchristianacademy.com, *Primarily day care and pre-school*

Stephens College Children's School, 1400

Windsor St. (573) 876-7260 or www.stephens.edu/academics/programs/education/scacs; *Half day and full day preschool, kindergarten through fifth grade, extended before -and-after school programs*

Victory Baptist Schools, 9401 E. I-70 Drive N.E. (573) 886-7834 *Kindergarten through 12th grade*

Windsor Street Montessori School, 1616 Windsor St.; (573) 881-9767, *Pre-kindergarten through sixth grade*

HOME SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES

Mid-Missouri Co-Operative of Home Educators, (573) 474-6546 or jonsteuber@aol.com. *Christian-based support group for parents who educate their children at home. The co-operative offers members various group activities for several age groups, opportunities for advanced*

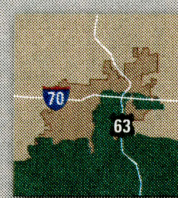
or specialized courses and standardize testing service.

Robert G. Combs Language Preschool, 124 Clark Hall, University of Missouri, Contact: Greta Hull, preschool director, (573) 882-8538 or hullg@health.missouri.edu. *This Scottish Rite-sponsored language-intensive preschool program is designed for children 3 to 5 years old. Children with speech-language problems and those who are developing typically are eligible to participate. Graduate students and seniors in the MU School of Health Professions Department of Communication Science and Disorders serve as student clinicians in this small-group preschool under the direct supervision of the preschool director, a licensed, certified speech-language pathologist. Classes meet in the fall, spring and summer semesters from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday through Wednesday and Tuesday through Thursday.*

MIDDLE AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

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GENTRY MIDDLE SCHOOL | 4200 BETHEL ST. | 214-3240



Principal: Jeff Beiswinger
Mascot: Jaguars
Year school opened: 1994
Number of students: 776
Students per classroom teacher: 17

Students receiving free or reduced-price lunch: 38.4 percent, down from 39.3 percent

Diversity: 28 percent minority, down from 29.9 percent

About the school: Gentry students are placed on core academic teams, each made up of five teachers, providing instruction in math, reading, writing, social studies and science. In addition, students participate in encore and elective classes. All students are assigned to an academic lab, which offers the opportunity for additional assistance with course work. Gentry has several opportunities for student involvement, including a foreign language club, Science Olympiad, Math Counts, FACS, technology club, student council, Gentry MAC Scholars and intramural programs. The school has an active PTSA that supports student activities, provides funding for technology needs and school projects, and offers volunteers.

Partners in Education: Missouri Employers Mutual Insurance Co., Gerbes on Nifong Boulevard

LANGE MIDDLE SCHOOL | 2201 E. SMILEY LANE | 214-3250



Principal: Bernard Solomon
Mascot: Leopards
Year school opened: 1997
Number of students: 855
Students per classroom teacher: 16

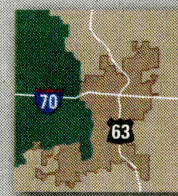
Students receiving free or reduced-price lunch: 56.7 percent, up from 53.4 percent

Diversity: 44.7 percent minority, up from 44.4 percent

About the school: Lange students have the same core subject teachers for sixth and seventh grades. The students are divided into four core teams per grade level. The core academic program is designed to provide enrichment and intervention activities throughout the school day. Lange offers clubs including the entrepreneurs club, chess club, builders club, Science Olympiad and student council. Students also have an opportunity to participate in several intramural sports. Lange offers a before- and after-school computer lab and after-school study hall, where teachers are available. In addition to physical education classes, the school has physical activity time after lunch when students are allowed to walk for five to 10 minutes on certain days. Celebrations occur when students meet academic and attendance goals.

Partners in Education: Bass Pro Shops, The Crossing

SMITHTON MIDDLE SCHOOL | 3600 W. WORLEY ST. | 214-3260



Principal: Jean Selby
Mascot: Wildcats
Year school opened: 1995
Number of students: 932
Students per classroom teacher: 16

Students receiving free or reduced-price lunch: 30 percent, up from 27.4 percent

Diversity: 24.1 percent minority, up from 23.7 percent

About the school: Smithton students rotate as teams between core courses and electives. Each team receives a weekly newsletter that provides announcements and outlines expectations. Staff members also provide teams with physical activity opportunities on days when students are not scheduled for physical education class. Smithton has three computer labs, one wireless, and computers in every classroom. The labs are open before and after school. The school has a number of clubs and activities, including intramural sports, yearbook, builders club, student council and drama.

Partners in Education: MU volleyball, PACE Youth Theatre, Quaker Oats/Frito Lay

JEFFERSON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL | 713 ROGERS ST. | 214-3210



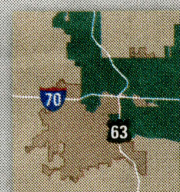
Principal: Gregory Caine
Mascot: Cyclones
Year school opened: 1911
Number of students: 826
Students per classroom teacher: 19

Students receiving free or reduced-price lunch: 32.3 percent, down from 34.7 percent

Diversity: 33.7 percent minority, up from 27.2 percent

About the school: The building began as Columbia High School and converted to a junior high building when Hickman High School was built in 1927. Its teachers have been recognized locally, at the state level and nationally for excellence. Jefferson was named a National Blue Ribbon School in 1992 and has both national and state teachers of the year on staff. Students have been awarded numerous honors in academics and athletics. Student activities include participation in an Ellis Island traveling exhibit that provides an in-depth look at immigration in the early 1900s. Students also participate in a "We the People" showcase, providing ninth-graders a better understanding of government. Numerous extracurricular activities are offered.

Partner in Education: Boone Hospital Center, Missouri United Methodist Church



Principal: Helen Porter
Mascot: Eagles
Year school opened: 1971
Number of students: 753
Students per classroom teacher: 22

Students receiving free or reduced-price lunch: 50.9 percent, down from 51.6 percent
Diversity: 43 percent minority, up from 41.2 percent

About the school: Porter takes over as Oakland principal this year in place of Kim Presko, who was selected as the principal for the new Battle High School, which is set to open next year. Porter previously served as assistant principal at the school. Oakland offers a Family School Community Partnership, which gives parents and students input about school decisions. Eighth-graders make up an advisory program that links students with adults to help the transition from middle school to junior high. Oakland offers sports including eighth-grade volleyball, track, football and eighth- and ninth-grade basketball. The school also offers club activities including student council, world language club, art club, a family and consumer science club, an industrial technology club and the Oaktown Steppers. The school also provides a writing club that publishes the yearbook and a second-semester student newspaper.

Partners in Education: City of Columbia Finance Department, Moresource Inc., Naught-Naught Agency, Zimmer Radio Group

WEST JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL | 401 CLINKSCALES ROAD | 214-3230



Principal: Sandra Logan
Mascot: Vikings
Year school opened: 1961
Number of students: 936
Students per classroom teacher: 19

Students receiving free or reduced-price lunch: 26.6 percent, up from 25.2 percent
Diversity: 22.6 percent minority, down from 23.2 percent

About the school: West offers a variety of extracurricular activities, along with athletic, music and drama programs and academic clubs and competitions. The school hosts an after-school writers' forum that selects the best student writing for publication in The Saber's Edge literary magazine. The Saga yearbook publication is created by students annually. West has two computer labs open before, during and after school. The school sends monthly electronic newsletters to parents to inform them of school news. Logan was named as Administrator-Counselor Advocate of the Year for Missouri by the Missouri School Counselor Association in 2010. West celebrated its 50th anniversary last year.

Partners in Education: Shelter Insurance Cos., KOMU

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DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL
 310 N. PROVIDENCE ROAD | 214-3680



Principal: Eryca Neville
Mascot: Bulldogs
Year school opened: 1885
Number of students: 174
Students per classroom teacher: 14
Students receiving

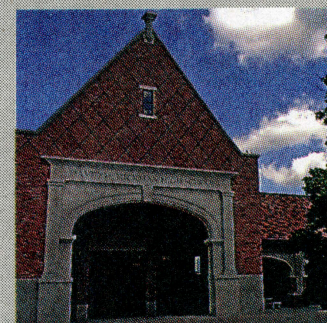
free or reduced-price lunch: 74.2 percent, down from 80.2 percent

Diversity: 64.2 percent minority, up from 61.4 percent

About the school: Douglass is an alternative school for students who want a small campus that offers a variety of career awareness and development components. There is an emphasis on connecting the K-12 experience with post-secondary opportunities. The course formats at Douglass include a "core program" that incorporates hands-on learning and technology, several online course options and a Veterans Affairs hospital program. Historically, before desegregation, Douglass served as Columbia's all-black school.

Partners in Education: Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital, Schnucks, Jobpoint, the Tribune, The District

HICKMAN HIGH SCHOOL
 1104 N. PROVIDENCE ROAD | 214-3000



Principal: Tracey Conrad
Mascot: Kewpies
Year school opened: 1927
Number of students: 1,882
Students per classroom teacher: 23
Students receiving free or reduced-price lunch: 36.3 percent, up from 35.4 percent
Diversity: 34.1 percent minority, up from 32.5 percent

About the school: Hickman will start a modified block schedule for the first time in 2012-13. Previously, Hickman operated on a traditional seven-period schedule, but now it will have a schedule similar to that used at Rock Bridge. The school will offer many elective options for 48-minute daily classes, while core classes will be in a 90-minute block format. Hickman offers extracurricular activities, clubs and programs. The school hosts annual events including a homecoming queen charity fair, a global issues conference and the Seniors for Seniors prom. A weeklong CASA space simulation modeled after NASA is held every spring and attracts students of all ages from around the school district. The school also offers major fall, winter and spring athletics. Hickman has produced 18 Presidential Scholars, more than any other school in the nation.

Partners in Education: KOMU, MU Health Care, Voluntary Action Center, MU Department of Educational, School and Counseling Psychology, PACE Youth Theatre

ROCK BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
 4303 S. PROVIDENCE ROAD | 214-3100



Principal: Mark Maus
Mascot: Bruins
Year school opened: 1973
Number of students: 1,790
Average class size: 24
Students receiving free or reduced-price lunch: 20.5 percent, up from 19.8 percent
Diversity: 19.2 percent minority, down from 20.5 percent

About the school: Rock Bridge runs an alternating-day, eight-period block schedule for 95-minute periods. Students have unassigned time to use for studying, meeting with teachers or leaving campus, with parent permission. Rock Bridge offers performing arts opportunities, academic clubs, service organizations and publications, including an award-winning journalism program that includes Southpaw, Flashback, The Rock and the newest addition, an online publication named Bearing News. The school offers all major sports. Last year, the Bruins won state championships in boys and girls tennis, girls golf, cheerleading, boys cross country, girls swimming and diving, and girls basketball. Rock Bridge holds an annual "Global Village" cultural fair and offers volunteer opportunities and participation in community cultural events. The high school has been recognized by U.S. News and World Report and Newsweek magazine.

Partners in Education: KOMU, State Farm Insurance Cos.