



# WSD Quality!

## Annual Performance Report 96.4%



The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has introduced the new Annual Performance Report (APR) as part of the Missouri School Improvement Plan (MSIP 5), a more rigorous evaluation tool for rating the performance of Missouri school districts. The Wentzville School District scored a 96.4% out of a possible 100% in the new evaluation system, the highest score in St. Charles County and one of the top ten scores in the St. Louis metro area.

## Higher Achievement at a Lower Cost

Overall 2013 composite MAP scores place the District in the top 10% of all school districts in the state of Missouri, while at the same time the District also maintains the lowest ADA expenditures per pupil in St. Charles County.



## Advanced Placement Award

The WSD has once again been named an Advanced Placement (AP) Achievement District by the College Board. The District is one of only 539 school districts nationwide to achieve the distinction this year; one of only 43 to win this award for three consecutive years, and the only district in the state of Missouri to be recognized in each of the past three years! The WSD was honored for increasing the number of AP courses offered in high school while simultaneously improving student performance on the AP tests.



## Innovative Technology Initiatives

The WSD has implemented a 1:1 Technology Initiative that places a high priority on up-to-date access and integration in and out of the classroom, including a program that provides every high school student in the District with a personal computer to use during their high school career.



The Wentzville School District is the fastest growing school district in the state of Missouri, adding on average more than 500 students per year over the past decade. The District has nine elementary schools, three middle schools and three high schools. Currently the District has over 14,000 students in grades K-12. The District is always seeking ways to increase rigor, relevance, and student performance.

# Singapore Math



The District has implemented Singapore Math, a program that incorporates curriculum built on the successful teaching approach in Singapore, the world's leading country in student math achievement. Singapore Math is designed to build student understanding by teaching mathematical concepts from concrete through pictorial to abstract. The results and response from educators, parents and students was so positive that by the fall of 2009, Singapore Math was the math curriculum for all of the District's elementary schools. Since its introduction, improvements in District student test scores have continued to outpace the state average.

## Meritorious Budget Award

The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) has awarded the Wentzville School District the Meritorious Budget Award (MBA) for excellence in budget presentation for two consecutive years. The award is conferred only to school districts that have met or exceeded the Meritorious Budget Award criteria, and Wentzville is one of only eight of the 522 school districts in the state of Missouri to have received the award.



## Project Lead The Way



Holt and Timberland in the Wentzville School District have become the first high schools in St. Charles County to receive national certification for their Biomedical Sciences (BMS) Program, part of Project Lead The Way (PLTW). PLTW offers a hands-on curriculum in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) that allows students to apply what they are learning in math and science class to real life science and technology projects. PLTW has been offered in the Wentzville School District since 2007, and the BMS program was introduced in 2011.

## Holt and Timberland Named to Best High Schools List

Both Holt and Timberland in the Wentzville School District have been named among the nation's top high schools by U.S. News & World Report in their annual Best High School Rankings. Holt and Timberland both received a Bronze medal rating, and are among only 142 Missouri High Schools to be named to the prestigious list. More than 21,000 public high schools were reviewed for the rankings in 49 states and the District of Columbia.



## Top Workplaces List



The Wentzville School District has been named to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Top Workplaces list for the last two years. The list recognizes great companies based on the survey of those that matter most – the employees. This vote of confidence is a powerful indicator to our parents,



students, and the community that we have a top notch organization that values the work of our employees. It is confirmation that our employees feel inspired, and are given the room to do great things. The Wentzville School District is the only school district in the St. Louis metro area to make the list in 2012 and 2013.

