



# WSD Quality!

## Annual Performance Report 95.4%



The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has released the Annual Performance Report (APR) and the Wentzville School District scored 95.4% out of a possible 100% as part of the Missouri School Improvement Plan (MSIP 5), a rigorous evaluation tool for rating the performance of Missouri school districts. The District scored a perfect

100% in Academic Achievement, and Graduation Rate but did not receive all points possible in the Attendance category.

## Higher Achievement at a Lower Cost

Overall 2015 composite MAP scores place the District in the top 10% of all school districts in the state of Missouri for the sixth consecutive year, while at the same time the District also maintains the lowest ADA expenditures (per pupil spending) 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 eight districts in Missouri to be recognized, the only district in the state to achieve this distinction in each of the past five years, and one of only six school districts in the nation to appear on the Honor Roll for five consecutive 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 600 students per year over the past 14 years. The District has nine elementary schools, three middle schools and three high schools. Currently the District has over 15,300 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.

# WSD Utilizes Solar Power

The WSD partnered with Brightergy of Missouri and placed 8 solar-powered systems on the roofs of schools and other buildings around the District. The new solar arrays enable the WSD to produce a portion of our energy from the sun and will help to reduce carbon emissions, which means cleaner air and a reduced reliance on fossil fuels. Students are participating in lessons related to the panels allowing them to witness first-hand cost savings, energy production and environmental responsibility. The District is leasing the solar panels over a ten year period and estimates the program will save the District more than \$200,000 during the term of the lease.



# Project Lead The Way



Project Lead The Way (PLTW) has been offered in the WSD since 2007 with the Engineering sequence. The Biomedical Science sequence was introduced in 2011 and the Computer Science Program was added in the Fall of 2015. PLTW offers a hands-on curriculum that integrates science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) and allows students to apply what they are learning in other courses to real life applications. Holt and Timberland became the first high schools in St. Charles County to receive national certification for their Biomedical Sciences Program and Liberty High School received national certification in early 2015.

# Top Workplaces List



The Wentzville School District was named to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Top Workplaces list for three consecutive 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 was the only school district in the St. Louis metro area to make the list in 2012, 2013 and 2014.