

# Ferguson-Florissant Test Scores Elevated

Results from the 2018 Missouri Annual Performance Report (APR) for the Ferguson-Florissant School District show a substantial increase in the district's overall score. Ferguson-Florissant received 110.5 points out of a possible 120 points on the state's annual assessment, or 92.1 percent. The school district announced the results Feb. 1.

This year's score of 92.1 percent is a 24.7 percent increase from last year's score of 67.4 percent and by far FFSD's highest performance over the six years of MSIP 5. Ferguson-Florissant School District showed growth in ELA and Math and gained points for attendance and graduation rate even with adjustments to the calculations. This is a significant increase over past years and demonstrates the effectiveness of initiatives across the District.

"Our performance says we are headed in the right direction, and we are especially excited that 87.5% of our seniors graduated in four years," said Ferguson-Florissant's Supt. Joseph Davis. "The hard work of our students, teachers and administrators is reflected in our scores on the APR. We are excited about the opportunities for our students and community as we continue to move forward."

Davis shared further details on the district's performance as well as exciting plans for the future at the State of the District held Feb. 4 at the Ferguson Community Center.

**Hazelwood School District 2018 Missouri Annual Performance Report (APR) was also released.....  
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Hazelwood School District					
School years	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
APR Total Points	116.0/140	120.0/140	120.5/140	119.0/140	104.2/120
Percent of Points	82.9%	85.7%	86.1%	85.0%	86.8%

The past five years of scores for the Hazelwood School District Annual Performance Report from 2013-14 to 2017-18

## Annual Performance Report Shows Hazelwood District Remains Stable

The Hazelwood School District (HSD) continues to be fully accredited and its Annual Performance Report (APR) remains stable. The District has earned 104.2 out of 120 possible points or 86.8 percent of the points possible as shown in the table below, which reflect the 2013-2018 school years. As in previous years, the total number of possible points for K-12 districts was 140; however, in 2017-18, the total possible points changed to 120.

“We are proud of the hard work demonstrated by students and staff,” said Superintendent Nettie Collins-Hart. “In the areas that are stable or reflect a slight growth, we will strive to advance under the implementation of our schools’ improvement plans.”

Under the fifth version of the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP 5), Missouri public K-12 school districts are scored on five standards which are: academic achievement, subgroup achievement, college and career readiness, attendance, and graduation rate. HSD has made improvements in several areas:

**Standard #1 - Academic Achievement:**  
 • The District earned 13.7 out of 6 possible points in English Language Arts and mathematics  
 • The percentage of students scoring proficient or advanced increased

5.7 percent in social studies

**Standard #2 - Subgroup Achievement:**

• The District earned 3.4 out of 4 possible points in English Language Arts and mathematics

• The percentage of students scoring proficient or advanced increased 6.3 percent in social studies

**Standard #3 - College and Career Readiness (CCR):**

• The District earned 24 out of 30 possible points in CCR

• The District remains stable under both CCR Assessment and Advanced Placement (AP)

• The District earned 10 out of 10 possible points for post-secondary placement  
**Standard #4 - Attendance**

• The District continues to remain stable, earning 7.5 out of 10 possible points  
**Standard #5 - Graduation Rate**

• The District continues to remain stable, earning 30 out of 30 possible points

APRs are based on the performance standards and are reviewed for accreditation purposes at the district level. Status, progress, and growth, where applicable, are used to calculate a comprehensive score that determines the accreditation level of a school district.

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**Hazelwood West High School** held its 12th annual Festival of Nations on Jan. 24. Twenty-four countries were showcased by students in this celebration of diversity; students wore traditional clothing from different cultures, performed song and dance routines, and prepared several different foods for attendees (left photo) to taste.



## **HSD Celebrates Black History Month**

Hazelwood Central High School, 15875 New Halls Ferry Road, will host a Black History Celebration on Thursday, Feb. 21 from 9-10:45 a.m.

Guest speakers include KSDK Meteorologist Anthony Slaughter, St. Louis County Prosecutor Wesley Bell, and St. Louis Surge Team Owner Khalia Collier.

Hazelwood East High School will present two showings of "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" The first performance is Friday, Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m.; the second performance is Saturday, Feb. 23 at 3 p.m. Admission is three canned food items per person; the performances will be held at the school, located at 11300 Dunn Road .

## **Hazelwood School District To Host Community Forum**

The Hazelwood School District will host a community forum with its superintendent and board of education on Thursday, Feb. 21 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Hazelwood West High School, 1 Wildcat Lane in Hazelwood.

A panel consisting of superintendent Nettie Collins-Hart and three board members will host a discussion centered on district updates, the Strategic Plan, and answering questions from attendees. Parents, students, district staff, and community members are invited to attend.

This is the second of three community forums in the district this school year; the final forum will be held Thursday, April 4 at Central High School.

## **Hazelwood District to Offer Community Empowerment Series**

The Hazelwood School District is offering a three-session community empowerment workshop series in partnership with Alive and Well Communities.

The first session will be held Wednesday, Feb. 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Hazelwood East High School, 11300 Dunn Road in St. Louis.

The series will focus on topics like historical oppression, discipline policies, how trauma affects adults and youth, and how to respond to those who have experienced trauma. The workshops are free and a light dinner and childcare will be provided.

Registration is required, and those interested should call (314) 953-5160 or email [sjackson@hazelwoodschools.org](mailto:sjackson@hazelwoodschools.org) to



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## HAZELWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT 2017-18 Fiscal Year

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Incidental</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>
Levy Unadjusted	\$ 6,5867	\$ -	\$ 5,3467	\$ 1,2400	\$ -
Adjusted	\$ 6,5867	\$ -	\$ 5,3467	\$ 1,2400	\$ -
Balance July 1, 2017	\$ 55,287,269	\$ -	\$ 40,439,462	\$ 8,905,776	\$ 5,942,031
Revenue:					
Local	\$ 134,731,774	\$ 17,593,648	\$ 91,862,520	\$ 20,354,743	\$ 4,920,863
County	3,109,539	172,316	2,438,201	499,022	-
State	65,712,491	48,677,793	17,034,698	-	-
Federal	12,303,107	3,053,682	8,640,006	586,369	23,050
Other	63,078,957	-	819,725	62,258,491	741
Total	\$ 278,935,868	\$ 69,497,439	\$ 120,795,150	\$ 83,698,625	\$ 4,944,654
Gross Receipts and Balances	\$ 334,223,137	\$ 69,497,439	\$ 161,234,612	\$ 92,604,401	\$ 10,886,685
Transfer To	\$ 47,299,382	\$ 47,299,382	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer From	\$ 47,299,382	\$ -	\$ 47,299,382	\$ -	\$ -
Expenditures:					
Instruction	\$ 103,957,384	\$ 94,661,052	\$ 9,245,662	\$ -	\$ 50,670
Support Services	83,543,274	20,936,692	60,175,047	-	2,431,535
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	23,037,377	-	-	20,698,715	2,338,662
Non-Instruction Support Services	2,132,134	1,199,076	933,058	-	-
Gross Expenditures	\$ 212,670,169	\$ 116,796,820	\$ 70,353,767	\$ 20,698,715	\$ 4,820,867
Fund Balance, June 30, 2018	\$ 121,552,967	\$ 1	\$ 43,581,463	\$ 71,905,686	\$ 6,065,818
Bonded Debt, June 30, 2018	\$ 214,772,704				
Assessed Valuation					
December 31, 2017	\$ 1,664,163,680				

The above summary was prepared from the basic financial statements audited by Kerber, Eck & Braeckel, LLP Certified Public Accountants. The scope of the audit included all funds of the district. The auditors' unqualified opinion states, "In our opinion, the financial statements...present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position - modified cash basis of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District as of June 30, 2018, and their respective changes in financial position - modified cash basis for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1." The entire audit report is available for public inspection from 8-4:30 daily Monday-Friday in the Business Office at the Hazelwood School District Administration Building, 15955 New Halls Ferry Road, Florissant, MO 63031

In compliance with Missouri School Law, Section 165.121, we herein submit this report.