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## **Hazelwood School District Launches 'Redefining Ready' New Initiative**

*Every Student will  
be Ready for College,  
Careers and Lifeskills*

The Hazelwood School District (HSD) launched Redefining Ready on Nov. 1, a new, district-wide initiative designed to ensure every student leaves the District ready for college, career, and life.

Redefining Ready provides students at every grade level with innovative academic programs, career-specific learning experiences, and social and emotional services. Students and parents can monitor student achievement using a set of indicators that show progress toward being college, career, and life ready at each grade level: elementary school, middle school, and high school.

"We know that students learn in different ways, and as a district we must continually adapt how we provide those learning experiences and evaluate how well we're meeting student needs," HSD Superintendent Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart said.

"Through a true district-wide effort, we are able to continue to improve student achievement and cater to the individual needs of each student with Redefining Ready."

Parents can find out if their students are considered on track to be college and career ready by following an online Redefining Ready Platform, which includes personalized information about each of the indicators.

Parents then can use that information to determine in which areas their student may need more support to be successful.

"We believe students are more than a test score and that to determine whether or not a student is college, career, and life ready, we need to look beyond standardized tests and academic measures," HSD Director of Curriculum and Educational Programs Dr. Patty Ulrich said.

"We also believe it is our responsibility as a school district to provide students with experiences that will prepare them to be successful once they leave Hazelwood."

The standards of Redefining Ready were developed using extensive research done by a district committee of more than 30 teachers, counselors, parents, and administrators during the 2017-2018 school year. The committee worked to define and establish specific benchmarks that would be used to gauge the college, career, and life readiness of students.

For example, indicators of career-readiness include participation in a service learning project, volunteering in the community, or earning an industry credential. Life-readiness indicators focus on a student's real-life application of what is learned about college and career options. The goal is to combine these indicators with academic achievement to ensure students are prepared for life after high school in a variety of ways. For more information about Redefining Ready, visit [www.HazelwoodSchools.org](http://www.HazelwoodSchools.org).

## **WGU Surprises Hazelwood Teacher with Scholarship**

Elizabeth Grenzebach, an ELL teacher in the Hazelwood School District, was surprised with a \$2,000 scholarship to WGU Missouri on Oct. 21. The Hey Teach! Scholarship is open to teachers interested in pursuing a master's degree with the online, nonprofit university.

Grenzebach, who has nearly 25 years of teaching experience, is pursuing a Master of Arts in English Language Learning (PreK-12). Jim Chambers, Strategic Partnerships Manager with WGU Missouri, presented Grenzebach with the scholarship at her workplace.

## **Hazelwood School District to Host Community Flu Clinic and Provide Free Flu Shots**

The Hazelwood School District, in partnership with Christian Hospital, will host a Community Flu Clinic on Thursday, Nov. 21 from 3 to 7 p.m. The event will be held in the Multipurpose Room at the HSD

Learning Center, 15955 New Halls Ferry Road in Florissant. HSD students, staff, and community members are invited to receive a free flu shot. Only 200 flu vaccines are available on a first come, first served basis.

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