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Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

Public Education Snapshot
To guarantee the superior preparation and performance of every child in school and in life

The staff of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is made up of Missourians who are committed to improving the quality of education in our state, providing access to excellent educators for every student, and helping schools provide the opportunity for each child to succeed in school and in life. Here are some of the ways DESE works each day on behalf of students, teachers, parents and communities:

- Oversees educational programs statewide
- Reviews and accredits school districts through the Missouri School Improvement Program
- Develops standards for educator practice
- Operates Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled, School for the Blind and School for the Deaf
- Administers State Board of Education policies and regulations and state and federal laws

- Administers adult learning/rehabilitation services
- Works with business and industry partners to develop programs that prepare students to be college and career ready
- Advises districts on finance and governance
- Evaluates and monitors educator preparation programs
- Distributes and monitors state and federal funds to school districts and charter schools
- Administers the federal school breakfast, lunch and snack programs
- Manages web-based data collection and provides instructional and operational information to schools and the public
- Receives and reviews school district audit reports
Access, Opportunity, Equity – provide all students access to a broad range of high-quality educational opportunities from early learning into post-high school engagement

Teachers and Leaders – prepare, develop and support educators to ensure an effective teacher in every classroom and an effective leader in every school

Efficiency and Effectiveness – create an internal environment of continuous improvement, effective programming and efficient business operations

**STUDENT PERFORMANCE**

**Assessments**

Percent of all graduates meeting state benchmarks*

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<th>Other</th>
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*Graduates may be included in more than one measure.
**Other includes SAT®, COMPASS® and ACT WorkKeys®.

**K-12 Attendance**

In 2016-17, 88.7 percent of Missouri students were in attendance at least 90 percent of the time.

**4-year Graduation Rate**

Percent of Missouri students who graduated in 4 years

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<td>85.7%</td>
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**College and Career Ready Measures**

Percent of all graduates (Graduates may be included in more than one measure.)
Missouri public education served 918,637 students, grades PK-12.

Missouri had 556 school districts and charter local education agencies (LEAs). The median district enrollment was 584 students, ranging from the largest district with 25,768 students to the smallest with 18 students.

Missouri had 68,750 teachers in PK-12 classrooms.

More than 22,844 students within the boundaries of the Kansas City and St. Louis City school districts attended 72 charter schools in 38 charter LEAs.

Throughout the past five years, the proportion of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch has been 50 percent.

During the 2016-17 school year, 95,960,005 school lunches were served. In Missouri, 63 percent of students eat a school lunch.

Thirteen percent of students received special education services.

For the 2016-17 school year, 12,045 school buses traveled 129,758,269 miles, transporting more than half a million school students a day. School buses keep more than 17 million cars off roads each year, and one school bus carries the equivalent of 36 cars.

To access state education data, visit Missouri’s Comprehensive Data System (MCDS) at mcds.dese.mo.gov.