

Academic Improvements Made During School Years 16 – 17 and 17 – 18

Columbus Elementary School:

- Introduction and training of Balanced Literacy Program for Reading
- Training on effective use of small group instruction to assist students with individual needs
- Use of instructional coaching for Reading instruction
- Purchase of and training on Guiding Reading assessment kits for individualized instruction (Running Records)
- PTO purchase of hundreds of leveled reading books in support of Guided Reading Initiative
- Development of Co-teaching Initiative supporting special education students in Grades 2 - 5
- Purchase of and training on state adopted math curriculum materials for grades 2 – 5
- Purchase of hands-on, manipulative Math materials for grades K - 5
- Training and implementation of state adopted pre-K curriculum
- Use of grant funding to send Pre-K – Grade 5 Reading and Math teachers to professional development sessions
- Training on and re-implementation of teacher curriculum for Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies
- Purchase of additional Chromebook carts/tablets for student use of technology in instruction

Columbus Junior High School – Riverside Campus:

- Development of pre-AP courses in grades 6 – 8 in all core content areas (Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies)
- Pre-AP teacher professional development for all core teachers
- Inclusion of year-long Reading course for Grade 6
- Bought updated graphing calculators for the 8th grade students
- Additional Math courses in Grades 7 and 8 for students needing extra assistance
- Purchase of additional Grade 6 Social Studies textbooks
- Purchase of additional Chromebook carts/tablets for student use of technology in instruction

Columbus High School:

- Pre-AP and AP teacher professional development for all core content teachers
- Development of lab classes for students needing additional support
- Purchase of Chromebook carts/tablets for all core content classes
- Bought graphing calculators for all math classes.
- Replaced outdated Spanish I and Spanish II student and teacher curriculum materials (textbooks and online resources)
- Replaced outdated World Geography student and teacher curriculum materials (textbooks and online resources)
- Replaced outdated Integrated Physics and Chemistry student and teacher curriculum materials (textbooks and online resources)

District-wide:

- Implementation of online compliance courses for state-mandated staff trainings
- Development and support of district-wide, teacher-led back-to-school conference
- Increased emphasis on district benchmark testing and data analysis (including teacher input)
- Purchase of software and curriculum materials for bilingual and ESL students