

Annual Report
2015-16
OCPS
Leading Students
to Success



ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Message from the
School Board Chairman



Dear Orange County Residents:

On behalf of my fellow board members, I want to thank the residents of Orange County for their continued support of our great public school system. What makes us great? You do. We are great because of the community support we receive from volunteers, philanthropists, business partners, civic groups, voters, parents and students like you.

This annual report will highlight some of this year's proudest accomplishments, such as receiving district accreditation from AdvancED, a nonprofit, non-partisan accreditation agency that conducts rigorous, on-site external reviews of PreK-12 schools and school systems. The goal is to ensure that all learners realize their full potential. I am proud to report that after an exhaustive review, the AdvancED team scored OCPS as above average compared to all other accredited schools and districts nationwide.

None of this would be possible without the leadership of our stellar superintendent, Dr. Barbara Jenkins. Together, we are committed to an exceptional education experience for the children of Central Florida. Thank you for your continued support of public education in our community.

Sincerely,
Bill Sublette
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School Board Chair



Message from the Superintendent

To the Orange County Community:

Now in my fifth year as superintendent of Orange County Public Schools, there is so much to be proud about in our district. Our teachers, principals, and the entire OCPS team remain committed to achieving our vision to be the top producer of successful students in the nation.

This year's accomplishments include:

- The graduation rate among our traditional high schools is at an all-time high of 89.6 percent.
- OCPS received the 2016 U.S. Dept. of Education Green Ribbon School District Sustainability Award.
- We were a 2016 Center for Digital Education award recipient for innovative use of technology.
- We continued the successful expansion of our 1:1 digital learning initiative, distributing 72,886 computers to students and teachers.
- Student participation in the Advanced Placement program increased by 15.9 percent, with 19,973 AP students, taking 35,877 exams.
- Eighty-six graduating seniors were named OCPS "Super Scholars" for being accepted into the top colleges and universities as ranked by *U.S. News and World Report*.



We will continue to work diligently to lead our students to success with the support and involvement of families and the community. On behalf of our 197,249 students and 22,983 employees, thank you for your continued support.

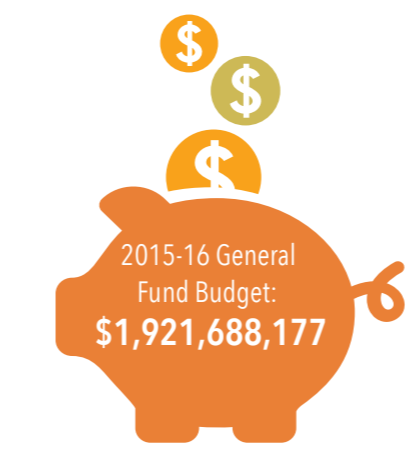
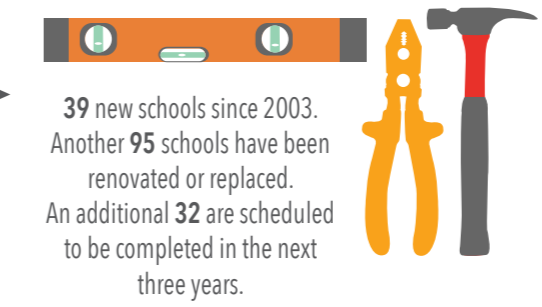
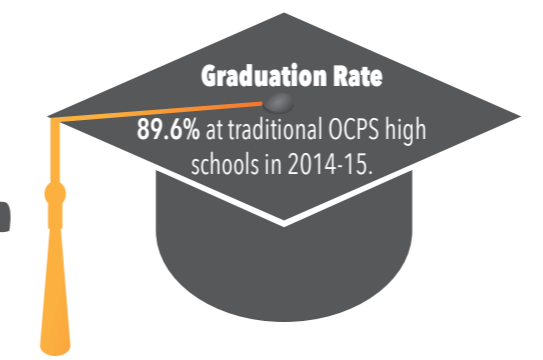
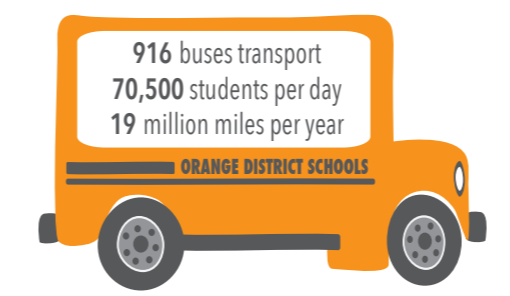
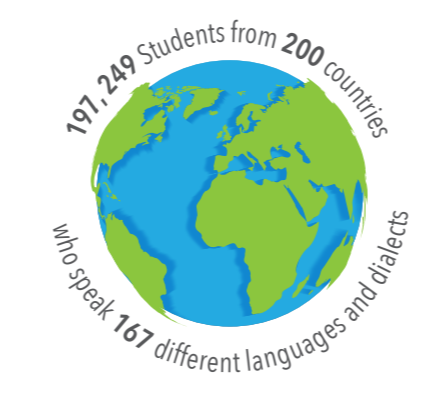
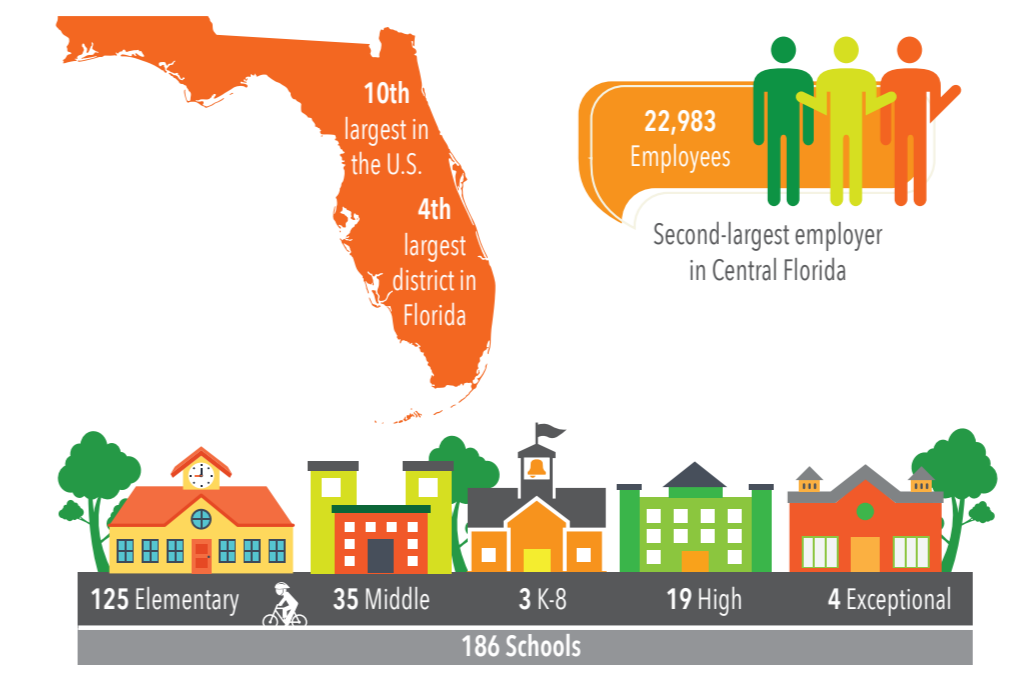
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Barbara M. Jenkins, Ed.D.
Superintendent

OCPS At-A-Glance



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Intense Focus on Student Achievement

Orange County Public Schools is committed to providing all students the education and skills necessary to be successful in college and career. The 2015-16 school year saw significant academic achievements, including:



The fifth-annual "Super Scholars" event recognized **86** graduating seniors who were accepted into **32** of the most renowned colleges, universities and U.S. service academies in the nation as ranked by the *U.S. News and World Report*.



The LaunchED program added seven high schools and two middle schools for the 2015-16 school year. It expanded to all remaining high schools in 2016-17 to put **72,886** devices in the hands of students for learning.



The district's Career and Technical Education Centers merged to become a single entity called **Orange Technical College**, with five campuses across the county.

Four magnet schools earned "School of Distinction" awards from Magnet Schools of America: **Boone High** (Criminal Justice, Law and Finance), **Howard Middle** (Visual and Performing Arts), **Tildenville Elementary** (Dual Language) and **University High** (Global Technologies).

In May 2016, the district's **Advanced Placement (AP)** program grew in both student participation and student performance. OCPS student participation increased by 15.9 percent from the previous year, with 19,973 AP students, taking 35,877 exams. The district's student participation was 12.2 percent ahead of Florida public school districts and 10.6 percent ahead of public schools across the country.



Dual Enrollment Prepares Students for College

Through partnership with Valencia College, **32** graduating seniors from **12** high schools received their associate degree along with their high school diploma, a **70** percent increase in participation from the year prior. Orange County Public Schools offers dual enrollment to eligible high school students, allowing them to take college-level work, while completing a high school diploma.

OCPS received a unanimous recommendation for district accreditation from AdvancED, a nonprofit organization that conducts rigorous on-site reviews of schools and districts. OCPS scored above the average of all other accredited schools and districts nationwide.

National Recognitions

U.S. News and World Report ranked six OCPS high schools in the top 10 percent of high-performing high schools in the country.

The annual *Washington Post* Challenge Index recognized **15** OCPS schools in the top 10 percent of high schools offering accelerated coursework to students in the country. **Winter Park High School** was ranked in the top one percent.



The district earned a top-ten spot in the Center for Digital Education's and National School Boards Association's annual Digital School Districts Survey.

High-performing and Dedicated Team

Orange County Public Schools is the second largest employer in Central Florida, with teachers representing more than half of the team. We are proud of the many state and national recognitions received by our staff.



Teacher of the Year

Johanna Lopez
Colonial High School
Advanced Placement Spanish teacher Johanna Lopez was named the 2017 OCPS Teacher of the Year. For nearly two decades, Ms. Lopez has led students to success in her classroom. During the 2014-15 school year, 100 percent of her Advanced Placement (AP) Spanish students passed their AP Spanish exams. As the advisor of the Hispanic Honor Society, she led her group to complete more than 2,100 hours of community service. Ms. Lopez believes that caring teachers and an appreciation for different cultures are key ingredients for student success.

Finalists

- Ginger Carter, Winter Park Ninth Grade Center
- Danielle Lynn Miller, University High
- Gina Sullivan Minchey, Lake Nona Middle
- Mary Elizabeth Reynolds, ESE Health Services and Behavior Support

Support Person of the Year

Maria Spegal
Timber Creek High School
Maria Spegal, a media clerk at Timber Creek High School, was named the 2016 OCPS Support Person of the Year. For seven years, Ms. Spegal has created a nurturing and welcoming environment that encourages success among the entire TCHS family. She has worked for OCPS for 19 years, and has led various school and community initiatives, including Operation Santa, Relay for Life and Special Olympics. In 2014, she was selected as the OCPS Media Clerk of the Year.

Finalists

- Sonya Sexton, Clerk, Conway Middle
- Meltonia Presley, ESE Paraprofessional, Pineloch Elementary
- Kimberly Richardson, School Secretary, Winter Park Ninth Grade Center
- Michael Stringer Bratton, Permanent Substitute, Wolf Lake Middle



Whispering Oak Elementary is one of two Central Florida schools to earn the 2015 National Blue Ribbon School award given to campuses whose students scored very high on standardized tests or showed strong improvement on those exams.



The Florida Music Education Association recognized **three OCPS leaders**:

- **Dr. Barbara Jenkins** - Superintendent of the Year
- **Tim Smith** - Secondary School Administrator of the Year (Winter Park High)
- **Lisa Hewitt** - Elementary School Music Educator of the Year (Westbrooke Elementary)
- **William Floyd** was selected by the Florida Council of Instructional Technology Leaders as the 2016 Innovative Principal of the Year (Ocoee High)



The Florida Alliance for Arts Education recognized **Howard Middle** for its outstanding programs in music, dance, and visual arts, and **Lake Nona Middle** for outstanding programs in music and visual arts education. As model schools, Howard and Lake Nona will open their doors to others who want to enhance their arts programs.



Safe Learning and Working Environment

OCPS is focused on providing a safe learning and working environment for its students, parents, employees and visitors. The district continually evaluates school safety.

The district's **SafeWalk** program focuses on ensuring the safety of students who commute to and from school on foot and on bicycles.

Through various emergency preparedness activities, OCPS also implements preventative and early intervention strategies to increase both safety and security of students and staff.



The **OCPS Police Department** was created with the purpose of incident prevention and early intervention. The agency is designed to augment and complement existing school based school resource officers to ensure consistency, coordination, and collective response by OCPS and community law enforcement partners to emerging or occurring issues.

Efficient Operations

OCPS has the expectation that every dollar saved through efficiencies and cost reductions can be reinvested into the classroom for student achievement.



The Procurement Services Department was recognized with the 2016 Award of Excellence in Public Procurement, making OCPS one of only **13** agencies in the state of Florida to receive this award.

In 2016, **Food and Nutrition Services** received Gold Level status, recognized as a Florida Healthy School District by the Florida Department of Education. A Silver Level was also awarded to the Summer Nutrition Program from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for Innovation in Operations.



Sustained Community Engagement

Our community members provide invaluable skills and resources that support our students and teachers.



33,584 Additions volunteers
620,227 volunteer hours logged during the 2015-16 school year (worth \$13.7 million)



1,443 Partners in Education
66 Five Star Schools for the 2015-16 school year

The **Philanthropic Strategic Plan (PSP)** was developed to raise funds to support programs within the district that have the broadest positive impact for students. Since 2012, the PSP has secured more than \$21.1 million to support various initiatives, including:

- Expanding **full-day pre-kindergarten**
- **Licensed nurses** in every school
- **Literacy tutoring** for at-risk students
- **Read2Succeed** and middle-school morning book clubs
- Access to **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) activities
- Expanding **City Year Orlando** to more schools
- Establishing **suspension centers**
- **Dr. Phillips Charities** School Certification

There are a number of avenues available for members of the community to engage with the school district:

- OCPS Mobile App
- Parent Academy
- Leadership Orange
- Faith-based initiative
- Partners in Education school adoptions (**Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association** members have adopted 104 schools)
- Facebook and Twitter

Visit our website at www.ocps.net for more information on how you can get involved.



Facilities Highlights

Orange County Public Schools has one of the largest and most successful construction programs in the United States. The 2015-16 school year saw a growth of **5,600** students - enough to fill **six** new elementary schools, **four** middle schools or **two** high schools. The aggressive construction plan is possible from the support of the community through the half-penny sales tax extended by voters in 2014 and residential development impact fees.

For the second year in a row, OCPS was selected to represent Florida as a **U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School**, recognizing the district's commitment to environmental best practices and the improvement of the health and wellness of schools, students and staff. The district also received a silver-level Florida Green School award from the Florida Green School Network.



New and Renovated Schools

2015
Apopka ES
Clay Springs ES
Dr. Phillips HS
Eagle Creek ES*
Independence ES*
Lake Weston ES
Lake Whitney ES
Lovell ES

2016
Bay Lake ES*
Dream Lake ES
Lockhart ES
Millennia Gardens ES*
Riverside ES
Tangelo Park ES
Ventura ES
Wedgfield School*

2017
Carver MS
Engelwood ES
Ivey Lane ES
Meadow Woods ES
Metrowest ES
Mollie Ray ES
Oak Hill ES
Rock Lake ES
Site 131-PS8-SW-5 (Downtown Area)
Site 21-M-E-2 (Avalon Park Area)
Site 27-H-W-4 (West Orange Area Relief HS)
Site-44-E-SE-2 (Lake Nona Area)
Site 52-M-SE-2 (Lake Nona Area)

* new school

In 2015, Orange County Public School was awarded the **gold level Florida Healthy District Award** for the second time. The gold award recognizes OCPS as a leader in the state when it comes to district infrastructure, policy, programs, and practices identified from national and state guidelines, best practices, and Florida statutes. OCPS is a member of the Healthy District Collaborative (HDC). The HDC is a group of districts that has made a high level commitment to meeting the health needs of students and staff in order to remove barriers to learning and maximize district resources.

