HIGH RETURN ON YOUR EDUCATION INVESTMENT

You invest your tax dollars to educate our community’s children, and that investment is paying off in Park Hill. Our students are graduating ready for college, career and life, and our schools consistently rank above others in the region, the state and the nation.

With our tax rate lower than the Liberty, North Kansas City, Blue Springs, Independence, Fort Osage, Raytown, Hickman Mills and Center school districts, we’re providing great value for your tax dollars.

91% of our community would be likely to recommend Park Hill.

93% of our community gave us an A or B for the quality of our education.

97% of our 2019 graduates who met our college-and-career-ready target continued their education, had a full-time job or joined the military.

COMMUNITY SAYS
These community ratings are based on our 2019 phone survey.

LOW TAXES
Park Hill taxpayers pay lower taxes than eight of the 11 similar districts in our region.
STRAIGHT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Park Hill Family,

As you can see on the front page, we value your investment in Park Hill. You have a stake in our schools, and we work every day to deliver on our promise to prepare each student for success in life.

From choosing Park Hill for our high-performing schools to supporting us at the ballot box, members of our community demonstrate our schools are a top priority. You are our family members, friends and neighbors, and we honor these relationships through achieving the outcomes you expect from a top-ranking school district.

Our shared vision of a successful future for our children motivates us to continue being the best school district in the region. On behalf of all of our staff, thank you for empowering us to deliver the best results for your students and community.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Cowherd
Superintendent

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NEWS TO KNOW

MERITORIOUS BUDGET AWARD
For the 13th year in a row, we earned the Meritorious Budget Award from the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO). We received this award for commitment to sound fiscal management and budgetary policies. We prepare the yearly budget according to the high standards ASBO sets for good fiscal management.

CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET
We are planning to complete $13.6 million in capital projects during the 2020-2021 budget year. The largest part of this budget is finishing our own facilities for the LEAD Innovation Studio and our support services and transportation center. We will finalize the project list throughout the spring, and we expect to finish most of the work during the summer.

STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS
We are on track to reach our strategic plan’s goals for students’ college and career readiness, for their 21st-century skills, and for our Keys to Excellence: finances, academics, climate and employees. We are also having success with the innovative index we created to measure how prepared students are for college and career.
HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES
We inducted three alumni into our Park Hill Alumni Hall of Fame this year: Dr. Ted Barnes, Park Hill High School Class of 1969; Christie Pearl Nesbitt, PHHS Class of 1990; and Keith Nelson, PHHS Class of 1963.

WRESTLING CHAMP
Maddie Kubicki from Park Hill South High School is the state 135-pound wrestling champion. Kubicki is Park Hill South’s first-ever wrestling state champion.

WRESTLING CHAMPS
Ethen Miller and Kal Miller from PHHS are state wrestling champions in Class 4. Ethen is the 138-pound champion, and Kal is the 145-pound champion.

NATIONAL SPELLING BEE QUALIFIER
Emaan Arshad, a Plaza Middle School student, won the Park Hill School District Spelling Bee, advancing to the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

NATIONAL AWARD
Samantha Kinney from PHHS is one of just two Missouri honorees in the 2020 Horatio Alger National Scholarship Award. As one of 106 award recipients nationwide, Kinney earned the honor for her integrity and perseverance.

NATIONAL JOURNALISM HONOR
Tatum Lierman, a journalism student from Park Hill South, was one of just 15 students nationwide chosen as a co-host at the Student Television Network’s national Broadcast and Film Excellence Awards.

STATE JOURNALISM HONOR
Rylie Estes, Logan Mitchell, Shelby Fletcher, Alicia Stout and Salome Yimer from PHHS and Mary Garrett and Aidan Nolte from Park Hill South earned awards in the state Broadcast Challenge through the Missouri Interscholastic Press Association.

Visit our website at www.parkhill.k12.mo.us for more information on these and other success stories.
In an effort to keep the community informed, the “Park Hill Connection” goes to every home in the Park Hill School District, even those without students in our schools. Thank you for your support of your community’s schools!

POSTAL CUSTOMER

May 17
Graduations
Park Hill South High School
1 p.m.
Community of Christ
1001 W. Walnut St.
Independence, Mo. 64050

Park Hill High School
5 p.m.
Municipal Auditorium
301 W. 13th St.
Kansas City, Mo. 64105

Board of Education Meetings
Our Board of Education hosts its meetings at the district office, 7703 NW Barry Road. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. The public has two opportunities to address the Board during each regular meeting. For the full meeting schedule and meeting agendas, please visit boepublic.parkhill.k12.mo.us

GET CONNECTED:
Our website has lots of ways for you to engage with Park Hill Schools. Find them all at www.parkhill.k12.mo.us.

Social Media
Follow the district’s Facebook page and Twitter feed.

First Hand E-mail News
Get district news and highlights from Board meetings.

First Hand Mobile
Get text message alerts about weather and emergencies.

Smartphone App
Download the district’s app through Apple’s App Store and Google Play.

Park Hill TV
See our videos on Spectrum Cable channel 18 and Google Fiber TV channel 140.

Park Hill Listens
Share your comments, suggestions for improvement and even your compliments.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT AND ROUNDUP

Families with children entering kindergarten in Park Hill in August 2020 can now enroll their children in their assigned school.

Children who turn five on or before July 31 are eligible for kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year. After you enroll, mark your calendar for the Kindergarten Roundup event at your assigned elementary school on May 4 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Visit our website, www.parkhill.k12.mo.us, to learn more about enrollment.