PARK HILL REPORTS BEST ACT SCORE

Once again, our ACT score ranks as the best in the Kansas City, Missouri, area, and we beat the state and national averages. Our 22.2 composite ACT score came out ahead of the 20.6 Missouri public school average composite score, according to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, as well as the 20.7 national score, according to ACT. As Superintendent Dr. Jeanette Cowherd explains on the next page, we celebrate our high score while working to develop well-rounded students.
Dear Park Hill Family,

When we measure a student's progress, we consider the whole student. Our students earn some of the top scores on state tests, and their ACT scores consistently beat the state and national averages, which you can see on the front page. However, student achievement is more than one test score.

We use our College and Career Readiness index, graduation progress, school attendance, extracurricular activity participation, A+ program participation, end-of-course exams, AP courses, AP scores, dual credit grades, internships, work study participation, technical skills assessments, industry credentials, and cumulative high school GPAs.

Our students' standout success in all of these areas is due in part to your support in our community. We engage and empower our students because our Park Hill family enables us to live up to our mission of preparing each student for success in life.

Sincerely,
Jeanette Cowherd
Superintendent

NEW YORK TIMES WINNER

Ysabella Olsen, Lakeview Middle School student, had her photography published in The New York Times as part of the national “Show Us Your Generation” photo and caption contest. Featuring her family enjoying a meal without the distraction of technology, the photo reflects their commitment to spending quality time together.
TOP PROSTART TEACHER
Nora Hill, a teacher at Park Hill High School, received the Missouri ProStart Teacher of the Year honor for preparing students for success in careers in culinary arts and food service management.

BUCK BUCHANAN AWARD
December graduate Johnny Wilson, who was a PHHS student athlete, is the most outstanding lineman or linebacker in the big classes in the Kansas and Missouri area. Wilson received the Buck Buchanan Memorial Award from the Simone Awards.

STATE CHALLENGE CHAMPS
December graduate Anna Turnbull, Daniel Brinkmeyer and Rylie Estes from PHHS placed first in the Strategic Communications Challenge through the Missouri Interscholastic Press Association.

INNOVATION AWARD
The district received the Innovation Award for the LEAD Innovation Studio from the Missouri Association of School Administrators. Park Hill is one of two winners in the state.

BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARD
After successfully managing our enrollment-based, long-range facilities plan, we received the 2019 Business Excellence Award from the Platte County Economic Development Council.

QUESTBRIDGE FINALISTS
Natalie Akers, Jonah Boyd, Juan Calderon, Kylee Corbin and Nesrudin Redi from PHHS earned recognition as finalists for the QuestBridge National College Match scholarship award program.

LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMIC HONOR
Graden Elementary earned national honors for its academics, receiving recognition as a Leader in Me Lighthouse Academic Honor Roll school.

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

First graders Madeline Watkins and Collin Lester used frames, charts, place-value blocks and number lines to learn about place value in math at Union Chapel Elementary.