

# Hazelwood School District

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## Hazelwood Highlights

2011-2012

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- The Hazelwood School District is fully accredited by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.
- The District has several partnerships with Washington University in St. Louis. Continuing in the 2011-12 school year, fourth- through eighth-grade science and math teachers will have a unique opportunity to work toward a master's degree on-site while improving teaching strategies. The District has partnered with the university since 2006.
- All three Hazelwood high schools received national certification for their Project Lead the Way® programs. District enrollment in PLTW courses has increased steadily since the 2003-2004 school year. In 2010-2011, 669 high school students were enrolled. Overall, more than 2,100 students enrolled in PLTW courses, including the middle school program, Gateway to Technology.
- The Class of 2011, 1,415 students strong, earned more than \$11.3 million in

college scholarships and contributed more than 111,000 hours of community service.

- In 2011, the District was one of 28 Missouri school districts to receive a "What Parents Want" award from School-Match®, a national firm specializing in rating K-12 schools by using auditable data. HSD has been recognized by SchoolMatch for 15 years – the first time in 1992, and consecutively since 1998. The Columbus, Ohio-based firm ranks school systems in a national percentile format, making it possible for parents, homebuyers, educators or realtors to compare school districts.
- Twenty-two schools in the Hazelwood School District earned Missouri School-wide Positive Behavior Support (SW-PBS)

awards during the 2010-2011 school year, twice as many as in 2009-2010.



Hazelwood West Middle School is one of approximately 50 Missouri schools to earn a silver award, while 21 District schools earned bronze awards. SW-PBS is a process to create safer and more effective schools by building the learning environment to support students' academic and social successes.



- In 2010, HSD raised more than \$52,000 for the United Way of Greater St. Louis, which represented a \$17,000 increase from 2009. The District has participated in the campaign since 1975.
- Five District middle schools earned national recognition for their Project Lead The Way Gateway to Technology program in 2010. GTT was established in the District in 2007.
- In May 2011, the Hazelwood Central High School boys' track team won its second consecutive team championship in the Class 4, District 3 division of the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Track and Field Championships at Lincoln University in Jefferson City. The Hazelwood East High School girls' track team earned fourth place in the Class 4 division.
- Twelve HSD principals and teachers earned doctoral degrees since 2009. Fourteen HSD teachers have earned National Board Certification since 2003, including six educators who earned the honor in 2010. Four District nurses also earned national certification in 2010.
- In 2009, the Hazelwood Central High School varsity football team won the Class 6 state championship title for the second consecutive year. In 2010, the team earned its third consecutive trip to state.
- The U.S. Department of Education selected the Hazelwood School District to receive a \$6 million Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant. The four-year grant supports efforts in creating safe learning environments that promote healthy childhood development, preventing youth violence and drug use. In 2010, HSD launched an anti-bullying campaign in all schools with support from the initiative.
- For the past seven years, HSD voters have been generous in approving three phases of the District's 10-year facilities improvement plan. In 2004, voters authorized funds to build and equip four new middle schools and building renovations and additions needed to offer full-day kindergarten at all District elementary schools. In 2006, voters authorized funds to renovate District libraries to state standards or to build new libraries, improve student services spaces and to provide space for the District's early childhood and gifted student programs. In 2010, voters again authorized funds for the District to continue facilities upgrades. The work began this summer with new HVAC systems, elevators, floor tiles and marker boards. Future improvements include science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) labs at all high schools and new libraries at Hazelwood East and Hazelwood West high schools.
- Four seniors from the Hazelwood School District earned titles at the 2011 Missouri State High School Activities Association Wrestling Championships. Antoine White of Hazelwood West High School earned first place in Class 4 competition in the 119 weight class. Nicholas Bolden of Hazelwood East High School earned a third place title in the Class 3 division in the 285 weight class. Tyrone Williams and Dushawn Frasier of Hazelwood Central earned third and fifth place respectively in Class 4. Williams competed in the 160 weight class; Frasier competed in the 152 weight class.
- In March 2011, the Hazelwood Central High School RoboHawks earned first place at the FIRST Robotics Competition St. Louis Regional, held at Chaifetz Arena on the campus of Saint Louis University. In April, Hazelwood Central and Hazelwood West high schools fielded teams at the FIRST Championships at the Edward Jones Dome, which featured teams from around the world. This is the first time the District has sent two teams to this level of competition.
- Luther Banner, a senior at Hazelwood Central High School, is one of 10 students nationwide to earn a spot on the 2011 FIRST Dean's List.