



Knob Noster R-VIII School District

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Proud Past – Bright Future

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Today, Knob Noster Public Schools released its 2016 Annual Performance Report (APR), which is the comprehensive annual score card from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The APR takes into account academic performance measures in grades 3-12 in the core subjects of Math, Science, and Communication Arts while also assessing factors such as college and career readiness, attendance rate, graduation rate, and dropout rate. The APR serves as a significant indicator of the overall performance of a school district.

Knob Noster Public Schools is pleased to report that the district posted its highest ever APR score in 2016: 98.9%. This score ranks Knob Noster at the top of all K-12 school districts in Johnson, Pettis, Henry, and Lafayette Counties, as well as all districts in the Missouri River Valley Conference. This year, Knob Noster Public Schools increased its score in post-graduation follow up and again received all points in overall academic performance in all subjects.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jerrod Wheeler shared, “The district is very pleased with the 98.9% score on the 2016 Annual Performance Report, and we are extremely proud of the work of our students and teachers who have again proven that Knob Noster Public Schools is a leader for academic achievement in the region. Our instructional team continues to strengthen and unify around that which matters most: our students, their growth, and their learning!” On behalf of the Board of Education, we send a special thank you to our students, parents, teachers, and administrators, for a job well done! The district also extends thanks to its strategic partners on Whiteman Air Force base and throughout the Knob Noster community for their ongoing support of our students.”

While Knob Noster Public Schools is proud of this performance, it recognizes room for improvement. Already this year, the district has taken strategic steps to strengthen its program in a few key areas on both ends of the academic spectrum. This year the district added seven new Advanced Placement course offerings in Science, Technology Engineering, and Math (STEM) while also adding support programs in Math and English/Language Arts for at-risk students at all levels K-12. In addition, the district has expanded its Project Lead the Way and robotics programs in the high school and middle school level, to further strengthen college and career pathways.

The Knob Noster School District is a proud partner of each high-performing school district within the region and sends congratulations to all districts for strong performance on their respective Annual Performance Reports for 2016. The district looks forward to working together and growing together in the years to come.

Knob Noster Public Schools: Our Mission Is Student Success!
Proudly Serving the Students and Families of Whiteman Air Force Base and Knob Noster.

District MRVC / Comparison Cohort

District	Points Earned	Points Possible	Total APR
KNOB NOSTER R-VIII	138.5	140	98.9%
OAK GROVE R-VI	135	140	96.4%
WARRENSBURG R-VI	135	140	96.4%
CARROLLTON R-VII	134	140	95.7%
ODESSA R-VII	134	140	95.7%
PLEASANT HILL R-III	133.5	140	95.4%
LAFAYETTE CO. C-1	133	140	95.0%
RICHMOND R-XVI	130.5	140	93.2%
GRAIN VALLEY R-V	128	140	91.4%
SEDALIA 200	127.5	140	91.1%
HOLDEN R-III	127	140	90.7%
CLINTON	123.5	140	88.2%
HARRISONVILLE R-IX	121	140	86.4%
LEXINGTON R-V	120.5	140	86.1%
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS 40	118.5	140	84.6%

Johnson County Cohort

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KNOB NOSTER R-VIII	138.5	140	98.9%
JOHNSON CO. R-VII	138	140	98.6%
WARRENSBURG R-VI	135	140	96.4%
LEETON R-X	132	140	94.3%
CHILHOWEE R-IV	128	138	92.8%
HOLDEN R-III	127	140	90.7%
KINGSVILLE R-I	120	140	85.7%

Data Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education 11-7-2016