

2020-21 YEAR IN REVIEW



The **2020-21** school year was **unprecedented...** but **WE MADE IT!**

"We know this year is different and we recognize the challenges this school year may bring....**together, there is nothing we can't do for our kids.**"

-Superintendent Dr. Henry Webb, 8/19/20



Our 7 pillars...

- 1 **Student Learning and Progress** Ensure academic success for all students, including but not limited to English language learners, special education students, recent immigrants, students with emotional and behavior issues
- 2 **Student Readiness** Ensure students are well prepared for their next level of education and most notably for post-secondary success, including career readiness, college readiness and military readiness
- 3 **Engaged, Well-Rounded Students** Engage students in a way that contributes to their overall development and future well-being
- 4 **Community Engagement and Partnerships** Ensure that local citizens are a meaningful, integral part of a school community and can and will support their local public schools
- 5 **Professional Learning/Quality Staff** Ensure that every student has quality teachers and adults in the schools that care about students, their learning, and their well-being
- 6 **Fiscal and Operational Systems** Ensure the district is using its resources to further its mission to educate the students it is assigned to serve
- 7 **Safety and Well-Being** Ensure students are education in an optimal environment that is safe, secure and conducive to learning. This includes both physical safety as well as the social emotional needs of each student

2020-21 HIGHLIGHTS



In January, Mr. Gene Dupin (far right) was sworn in as a new KCSD board member. Carl Wicklund and Karen Collins were also sworn in for new terms.



In May, the Ignite Institute was the recipient of KSBA's Spring 2021 PEAK Award.

KCSD 2020 Enrollment

School	Enrollment	School	Enrollment
Dixie Heights	1,464	Ft. Wright	493
Scott	1,078	Hinsdale	584
Simon Kenton	1,750	Kenton	585
Summit View	1,407	Piner	303
Turkey Foot	1,074	River Ridge	890
Twenhofel	859	Ryland	471
Woodland	672	Taylor Mill	516
Beechgrove	684	White's Tower	634
Caywood	551	Total enrollment	14,025

STUDENT LEARNING & PROGRESS

Did you know...

About 2,000 KCSD students utilized synchronous or virtual learning this school year, ensuring that even in a pandemic, **learning never stops**. The district utilized mobile hot spots to assist students in areas with slow Internet connectivity.

16.4% Minority Enrollment

Languages spoken in our district

36

467

EL students in our district in 2020-21, a 12% increase from 2019-20



STUDENT READINESS



74 students participated in the inaugural year of the NKU-KCSD Young Scholars Academy, which allowed them to attend classes on NKU's campus and earn college credit for a fraction of the usual cost. Seventy-five percent of these scholars earned a GPA of at least 3.5.

Between the NKU-KCSD Young Scholars Academy and the dual credit classes offered at all three high schools and Ignite, **835** KCSD students took **3,446** college classes, and earned **10,062** total hours.

CAREER PATHWAYS

School	# of Pathways offered
Ignite	6
Dixie Heights	7
Scott	10
Simon Kenton	7
Gateway	3



71 cadets were in Kenton County's JROTC program this year, learning the values of citizenship, service to the community and to the United States, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment.



12 Scholars in the Building Maintenance Program at Gateway Community and Technical College earned their OSHA Certification.

The KCSD Facilities and Maintenance Department is partnering with KCSD students at Gateway to offer internships this summer to scholars in areas such as HVAC, electrical and plumbing.

93

Students participated in an internship this school year with one of 38 business partners.

20.2

Average ACT score in the KCSD (as of 2020).

\$28.2

Million earned in scholarships by the class of 2021

Cincinnati State

In May, we announced a partnership with Cincinnati State to provide a Aircraft Mechanic, Avionics and Drone Pathway that will begin in the 2021-22 school year.

ENGAGED, WELL-ROUNDED STUDENTS

NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS



Sarah Welp
Simon Kenton



Olivia Watson
Scott



Tyler Schowalter
Dixie Heights



Paul Kreinbrink
Dixie Heights



Anna Harrington
Simon Kenton

NKY CHAMBER YOUTH LEADERSHIP

38%

of students in grades 4-12 participated in at least one extra-curricular activity

19%

of students received Gifted & Talented services



Riley Edwards
Dixie Heights



Rebecca Smith
Dixie Heights



Meredith Perkins
Simon Kenton
Semifinalist



Tyler Schowalter
Dixie Heights
Semifinalist

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR CANDIDATES

25

Governor's Scholars

12

Governor's School for the Arts

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS



The KCSD partnered with St. Elizabeth to offer a Virtual School-Based Health Program.

Did you know...

The KCSD offered COVID-19 vaccine clinics for staff in January and February, and held a community-wide COVID-19 vaccine clinic at all 3 high schools in May



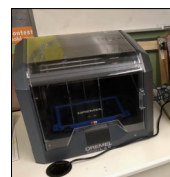
These business partners donated coupons or gift cards in appreciation to our principals during National Principal Appreciation Month in October.



One Holland donated restaurant lunches to principals during Principal Appreciation Month and gift cards to teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week.



Brooks Flooring donated coupons for a free lunch to all bus drivers



Polar 3D provided 19 3D printers to the KCSD

ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS



Sofia Allen,
Scott High School
Donna LJ Murphy
Award winner

Dakota Brooksbank,
Simon Kenton
KHSAA Wrestling
state champion



Jonah McCloskey,
Twenhofel
Middle School state
wrestling champion

Kelly Niece,
Simon Kenton
All-time school lead-
ing scorer and first
team All-State



Dixie Heights
girls basketball
9th Region
champions

Simon
Kenton
girls soccer
8th Region
champions



Scott HS Swim
Team
KHSAA Sports-
manship Award

Simon Kenton girls archery:
KHSAA state runner-up

—PROFESSIONAL LEARNING/QUALITY STAFF—

KNKY EDUCATION COUNCIL EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION WINNERS



Georgana Richman
Kenton Elementary
Golden Apple winner
and AD Albright
Teacher of the Year



Anna Scheper
Ft. Wright Elementary
Golden Apple winner



Melissa Cross
Simon Kenton HS
Student Services
Award winner

Did you know...

All KCSD teachers were trained on Google Classroom at the beginning of the 2020-21 school year to ensure that students would **continue to receive a quality education in real time, even during a pandemic.**

This year, all schools had an **Instructional Technology coach** in the building who received monthly trainings to assist their colleagues with technology.



KEA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Leann Lewis, Simon Kenton HS

57

Total number of
National Board
Certified Teachers
in the KCSD

NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION

Sarah Foltz, Dixie Heights HS



88

Number of certified staff
members hired in the KCSD
for the 2020-21 school year

Number of certified staff
members in the KCSD
who have their Rank 1.

432



Taylor Mill Elementary was named a Model
Professional Learning Community at Work

19

Teachers completed the Ken-
ton County New Educator
Training (KC-NET) program

FISCAL AND OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS



FINANCE

KCSD supported 2021 operations through the General & Grant Fund budgets. Additional expenditures for COVID-related instruction and supplies were funded by CARES Act funds. The district continues to be financially solvent while responding to the adjustments required during the 2021 school year. The 2021 General Fund budgeted Contingency is **9.4%**.



STUDENT NUTRITION



The KCSD Student Nutrition Team offered breakfasts and lunches to in-person students as well as drive-thru pick ups to virtual/synchronous students and to all students during virtual learning. Overall, we served over **1.2 million** meals this school year.



TRANSPORTATION

The KCSD Transportation Department ran **113** routes this year, averaging **11,375** miles per day (over **1.4 million** miles this year.)



TECHNOLOGY



The KCSD implemented our 1-to-1 Technology program by purchasing **4,389** new Chromebooks.

Our Technology Team resolved about **4,000** work orders this school year.



FACILITIES & MAINTENANCE

Our facilities and maintenance department cleaned over **2 million** square feet of space this school year, and added extra COVID-19 precautions. **Nine** KCSD custodians were nominated for Tennant's Custodians are Key Award.



The KCSD was named a 2021 **ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year— Sustained Excellence**

- Raised our average ENERGY STAR score to 86, a two-point increase over 2019
- Achieved ENERGY STAR certification at two schools in 2020.
- Saved nearly \$1.9 million in energy costs in 2020, equivalent to 47 teaching positions, and over \$17 million since 2005.
- Realized a 50 percent reduction in energy use, lowering energy costs by 54 percent, and cutting carbon emissions by 56 percent since 2005.
- Increased maintenance and equipment upgrades, focusing on HVAC systems, and improving indoor air quality.

Did you know...

The KCSD Purchasing Department issued a PO id to a **Mental Health Provider**. This bid will provide a **continuity in service** as well as **bridge the gap** in providing services to students in need of financial assistance. This is the first time this has been done in our region.

SAFETY AND WELL-BEING

- ✓ Worked with local police departments to secure School Resource Officers in all buildings
- ✓ Completed work on secure vestibules in our final two buildings
- ✓ Implemented the 'Ident-a-Kid' screening system for all visitors in our schools.
- ✓ Installed an updated security camera and door access control system at all school facilities

- ✓ Upgraded cell phone coverage at some schools
- ✓ Added fencing around elementary school playgrounds
- ✓ Implemented the Car Rider Pro system at all elementary schools for a safer and more efficient student pick-up process
- ✓ Added evacuation sleds at facilities with higher floors to assist handicap students and/or staff in the event of an emergency evacuation



— A YEAR TO REMEMBER... —

The KCSD and COVID-19

Gov. Beshear recommends that all KY schools suspend in-person classes until at least Sept. 28

8.24.20

KCSD students return to in-person school utilizing the A/B rotational model for grades 4-12. The KCSD implements our COVID-19 Data Dashboard to track cases in our schools.

11.2.20

Per the Governor's recommendation, all KCSD schools close to in-person learning for the rest of 2020. Students again utilize synchronous instruction

1.6.21

Schools begin bringing all students back to in-person instruction after all schools remain in the "green" phase. All schools are able to remain in-person for the rest of the school year

8.10.20

KCSD students begin the 2020-21 school year utilizing the synchronous model, with students learning at home in real-time

9.28.20

KCSD implements our random COVID-19 testing program after cases in Kenton County reach the "critical" phase

11.23.20

KCSD students return to in-person instruction utilizing the A/B rotational model

1.20.21



"I've learned **more** than I ever have this year because I've learned that **I can do things** when everything is not the same as it normally would be."

- Abigail, River Ridge

"We have really **transformed education** as we know it."

- Shawna Harney, Chief Academic Officer



"(The year has) taught me to **push myself** and overcome my goals in life...and just **never give up.**"

-Tay, Turkey Foot