

District Facility Enhancement Plan & Parent Meetings

In January 2014, Kovert Hawkins Architects completed a six month study of all Greater Clark County Schools facilities. Since that time, Superintendent Dr. Andrew Melin and his executive team have reviewed the document and worked with Kovert Hawkins to develop a potential plan to address identified building needs. The plan focuses on enhancing facilities for three specific reasons: student safety, student health, and student learning.

[Click here](#) to view the most recent update about the Facility Enhancement Plan presented to the Board of School Trustees at their May 19th meeting. This presentation highlights the preliminary tax impact.

Parent community meeting dates are currently being scheduled. Please see the list of dates below. Superintendent Dr. Andrew Melin will be in attendance at these meetings to discuss the plan and also answer all questions.

- Both New Washington Schools at New Washington M/H School - June 1 @ 6:00 pm
- Thomas Jefferson Elementary - June 3 at 6:00 p.m.
- Wilson Elementary - June 4 at 6:00 p.m.
- Parkview Middle School - June 8 at 6:30 p.m.
- All Charlestown Schools at Charlestown High School - June 10 at 6:00 p.m.

ON | Advanced Placement Courses

ON, Greater Clark's weekly video update, highlights district initiatives, events, students, employees, and more! [Click here](#) to view the May 29th episode about the district's Advanced Placement opportunities.

Greater Clark's mission is for all graduates to be accepted to a post-secondary opportunity. One important approach implemented in our school district to help students accomplish that goal is our Advanced Placement (AP) program. Advanced Placement is a set of courses offered at all of our high schools in which the curriculums have been approved by the College Board. These rigorous courses culminate in students taking AP tests. Colleges throughout the country accept these course for college credit or allow students to waive those courses at the college level.

Greater Clark has become a leader in Advanced Placement. At Jeffersonville High School, students can choose from twenty different AP courses, seven courses at Charlestown High School, and three courses at New Washington High School. Nearly 44 percent of 2014 Greater Clark graduates took at least one AP exam compared to the state average of 33 percent. Sixteen percent of 2014 graduates received a passing score of three or higher which was at the state average. Greater Clark is dedicated to providing every opportunity possible for students to take college-level courses while in high school. We believe our commitment to the Advanced Placement program gives students a realistic idea of their ability to succeed at the college level.

Chromebook Summer Lender Program

Greater Clark County Schools has decided to allow students who are registered for the 2015-2016 school year to take their Chromebook home with them over the summer. Registration for the 2015-2016 school year is now open. [Click here](#) to register your child and to take advantage of the Summer Lender Program. Chromebook collection for students not registered for the 2015-2016 school year will begin **June 1, 2015**.

Important Dates

- May 29 - Honor's Night @ Jeffersonville H.S.
- June 2 - Board of School Trustees Meeting @ Admin. Building
- June 3 - Baccalaureate @ New Washington H.S.
- June 9 - Honor's Day @ Charlestown H.S.

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GCCS Receives Reading Grant from Duke Energy Foundation



Greater Clark County Schools received a grant for \$15,086 from the Duke Energy Foundation for a summer remedial reading program. This grant is part of an approximately \$400,000 investment the Duke Energy Foundation is making in Indiana youth statewide to help maintain and improve reading levels over the summer. The company believes that literacy is a major part of student success, and it affects a student's education in all subjects. Developing young, successful readers can have an impact beyond the individual student and extend to the community. Twenty Indiana schools are receiving similar grants for various initiatives.

In Indiana, the Duke Energy Foundation invests approximately \$2 million annually for community support and charitable contributions. "Charitable giving is just one of the ways that Duke Energy is committed to the communities it serves," said Lisa Brones Huber, Duke Energy Government and Community Relations Manager for southern Indiana. "Literacy is one of our funding priorities for the Duke Energy Foundation. We're excited to partner with our schools to help students succeed." [Click here](#) to learn more about the Duke Energy Foundation.

Amazon Hosts GCCS Students for College & Career Readiness Expo

Yesterday, Amazon's Jeffersonville fulfillment center hosted more than sixty GCCS high school students at its first College & Career Readiness Expo. The students, who are upcoming juniors and seniors, spent the day touring the fulfillment center and speaking with Amazon's local leadership about the many career opportunities that are available to them through Amazon following high school and college graduation.

Many of the students that participated in the College & Career Readiness Expo are seniors with career paths in logistics, engineering, supply chain and IT. Thursday's event was part of Greater Clark County Schools College and Career Readiness program, which seeks to equip graduates with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to pursue the secondary opportunity of their choosing. The district has opened three College & Career Readiness Centers at all three local high schools to connect students with the resources they need to make the most informed decisions about their futures.

Amazon was recently named a 2015 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Manufacturing) Jobs Approved Employer by Victory Media, the leader in connecting professionals in transition with education and career opportunities, and creator of STEM JobsSM media, curriculum and career resources for high school students and K-12 educators. The 2015 STEM JobsSM Approved Employers inaugural list is the first of its kind to rate companies on their responsiveness to creating and filling high-demand, high-growth STEM occupations.

Following graduation, students seeking full-time employment can find rewarding and fulfilling careers at Amazon, with full-time benefits starting on their first day. In addition to competitive wages, employees are immediately eligible for comprehensive benefits that include health insurance, 401(k) with fifty percent match, bonuses, company stock awards and a network of support to help ensure employees succeed. Amazon also offers hourly employees innovative programs like Career Choice, where the company will pre-pay 95 percent of tuition for courses related to in-demand fields, regardless of whether the skills are relevant to jobs at Amazon.



Our Vision: Greater Clark County Schools' vision is to become nationally recognized as a premier provider of education by serving as the bridge connecting stakeholders to ensure all students are college and career ready.

Our Mission: Greater Clark County Schools' mission is for stakeholders to give 100 percent effort in meeting the academic and behavioral needs of each student ensuring acceptance to a post-secondary opportunity.