Independence School District

- Growth district-wide
- 30 schools - 20 elementary, 4 middle schools, 3 high schools, 1 alternative school and 3 early education centers
- 14,500 students
- 2,200 staff members
- $38 million bond passed with 85% approval
• Awarded by Missouri Chamber of Commerce - Education Innovator of the Year
• Awarded MASA McKinstry Innovation Award - recognizing innovative practices in education
• Truman High School listed in top 10 high schools in Kansas City by US News and World Report
• Awarded School District of the Year by the Boy Scouts of America Heart of America Council
• ISD Academies hosting study visits for districts from our region and across the country
INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT
NAMED ONE OF
America's
Best-In-State Employers
BY FORBES
The Independence School District is exceeding in all areas of Academic Achievement. Student achievement is at an all time high in the ISD and students continue to improve academically year after year.

Continued growth over the last 6 years.

This growth shows the focus on rigor and relevance in our classrooms.
TRANSFORMING THE HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE – MARKET VALUE ASSETS

- Workforce Development
- Dual Credit
- Job Shadowing/Work Experiences
- Real-World Experience
- Student Internships
- Industry Recognized Credentials
- Mentoring
CAPSTONES

- Professions in Teaching (Arts & Education)
- Culinary (Business)
- Construction Trades (Industrial Technology)
- Bakery (Business/Culinary)
- Independence Arts & Technology (Arts & Education)
- Physical Therapy (STEM)
- Cisco Networking (STEM)
- ISD Bank (Business)
ISD ACADEMIES

ISD offers 91 courses for college credit with 400 credit hours available.

- ISD students can earn an associate degree while attending our high schools
- Saves students & parents thousands of dollars
- ISD’s Academy model has attracted state and national attention
- Districts are visiting from across the country and the metro

Collaborating with 7 colleges and universities
Seniors Graduating with Dual Credit or IRC

- 2019 – 75.2%
- 2018 – 72.7%
- 2017 - 72.0%
- 2016 - 66.9%
- 2015 - 41.4%
- 2014 - 39.6%
BRIDGING THE GAP

- Increase Innovative Interventions
- Address Barriers
- Limit Students Opting Out of Their Education
- Increase College and Career Ready Graduates
- Ensure Equity and Access For All
The Bridge Program assists students who have the desire to graduate but have encountered barriers to their success. The program serves students from Truman, Van Horn and William Chrisman at Independence Academy.
THE BRIDGE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

- Graduation Coaches
- Individualized Instruction
- Smaller Classroom Environment
- Customized Academic Plans
- Post-Secondary Planning
- Credit Recovery
YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR BRIDGE TO CONNECT STUDENTS TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE

- 3 Graduation Coaches (Increase an additional coach in year 2 and year 3, totaling 5 coaches)
  - 3 Bridge Teachers
  - 2 Paraprofessionals
  - 1 Special Education Teacher
  - 1 Counselor (Added position in year 2)