



On the city's south side, Vassor Village received its nickname as the Columbus Glass District as it was home to (or just adjacent to) important glass manufacturing companies. These plants included Federal Glass and Techneglas, Inc.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Department Description

The Department of Education was created in 2014 at the recommendation of the Columbus Education Commission. The department works closely with local education agencies, high-quality pre-kindergarten providers, local colleges and universities, community groups, businesses, and organizations devoted to education and workforce development.

In its first three years, the department greatly expanded pre-kindergarten services in Columbus, and doubled the number of children served from 2015 to 2016. The department developed two new initiatives to increase the quality of existing

Department Mission

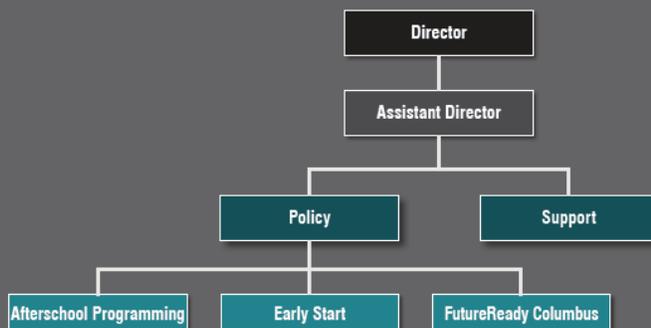
The department is charged with promoting and encouraging public engagement in education issues, recommending policies, procedures, and legislation relative to public education, as well as implementing the recommendations of the Columbus Education Commission.

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pre-kindergarten classrooms teachers. The Teacher Preparation Pipeline Scholarship program, created in association with Ohio State University, helps undereducated pre-kindergarten teachers receive bachelor's degrees in Early Childhood Education. A program developed by the department and Columbus State Community College provides an accelerated path for child care workers to receive the Child Development Associate credential.

In addition, the department has helped to develop *FutureReady* Columbus, a new education non-profit working to better prepare Columbus students for the workforce of tomorrow. To help provide afterschool programs to Columbus students, the department has allocated mini-grants to community organizations, and has continued to work with Columbus City Schools to improve educational outcomes.

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Strategic Priorities for 2017

Early Childhood Development and Education

In 2017, the department plans to both expand the number of pre-kindergarten slots available to Columbus children through Early Start Columbus and increase the quality of the programs in which Columbus children attend. This expansion is aligned with the Mayor's goal of universal access to a high-quality pre-kindergarten education for every 4-year-old in Columbus.

To ensure that the programs are high-quality, the department will contract with a third-party organization to assess both the progress of the children enrolled in the program and the program itself.

To meet the department's own quality benchmarks, and to help providers meet a crucial 2020 state deadline, the department will develop quality improvement initiatives to assist all providers in increasing the quality of their programs.

The department will continue the city-state preschool expansion program, which supplements state half-day pre-k funds with city funds to create full-day slots. The department will also require providers to "braid" other funding sources with city funds, using city funds as "last dollar" funding. This strategy allows the department to better manage city funds while providing a more appropriate level of funding to providers. In 2016, this strategy allowed the department to double the number of children served in 2015.

Providing a safe environment for children to learn after the school day ends remains a priority for the department. The department will continue to provide mini-grants to afterschool providers to assist them in their efforts.

The department will continue to work collaboratively with all community partners, including Columbus City Schools, Columbus State Community College, Action For Children, and *FutureReady* Columbus to advance the Mayor's goal.

Operational Efficiencies

The main goal of the department is to fulfill the Mayor's vision that every four-year-old in Columbus has access to a high-quality pre-kindergarten education.

The development of *FutureReady* Columbus in 2015 was a specific recommendation of the Columbus Education Commission. In 2017, the department will continue to support the work and operations of this new education organization.

The department will continue to work to improve the quality of education and increase the number of children prepared to succeed in America's Opportunity City.

The department will continue to work with Columbus City Schools to improve the quality of education and increase the number of children prepared to obtain a good job, attend college, join the military, or start a business.

2017 BUDGET NOTES

The Education budget includes funding for 4 full-time and 1 part-time regular employees. In addition:

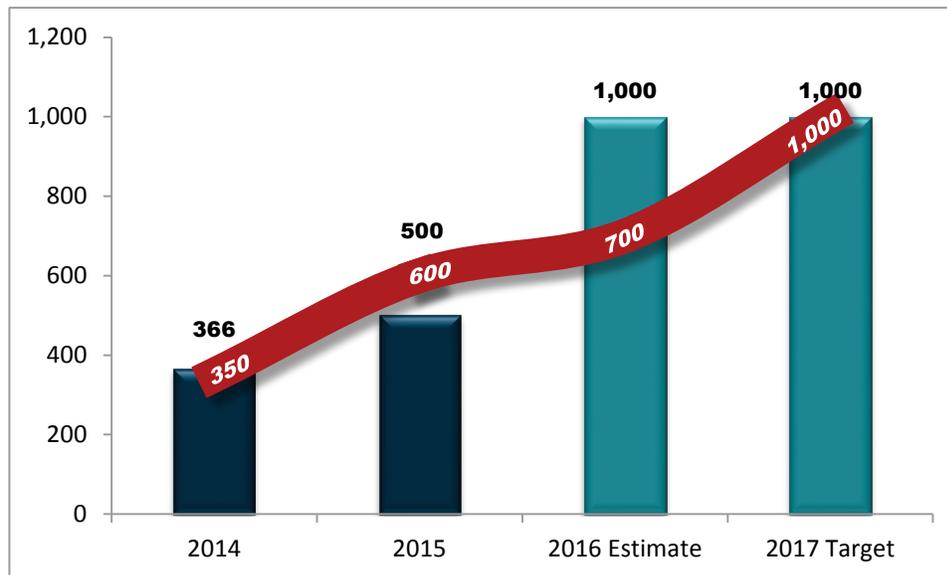
- A total of \$4,731,325 is budgeted for the Early Start Initiative, the community-wide effort aimed at preparing local children for kindergarten by expanding access and working with local providers to ensure the highest possible standard of quality in educational programming.
- The After-school Grants program is funded at continuation levels with amounts budgeted to help support a variety of recreational and educational activities in safe places throughout the community for children to utilize after the school bell rings.
- The department is budgeting \$700,000 in support of *FutureReady*, the public-private partnership established to implement the recommendations of the Columbus Education Commission.



PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Early Start Columbus

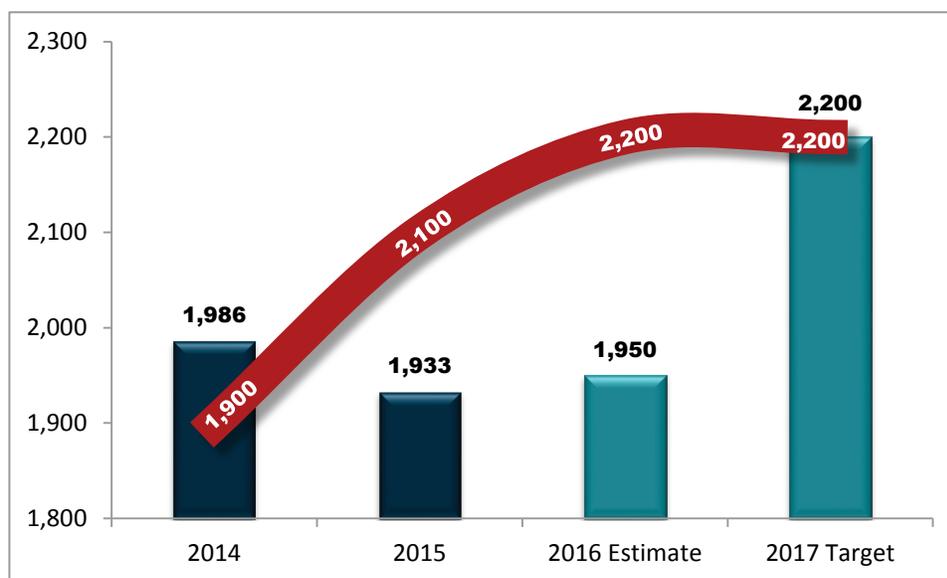
Number of children receiving pre-kindergarten services



The Early Start program provides pre-kindergarten services for four-year olds in an effort to help them be better prepared to enter kindergarten. In 2017, the goal will be to serve 1,000 children.

After-school Grant Program

Number of children participating in after-school programming activities



In 2015, the After-school Grant program provided 1,933 kids with a safe environment to continue their education at the end of the school day. Mid-year 2016 estimates indicate a similar level of service projected. In 2017, the goal is to provide services to 2,200 children.

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Department Financial Summary by Area of Expense					
Fund	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Projected	2017 Proposed
General Fund					
Personnel	\$ 224,654	\$ 467,130	\$ 502,912	\$ 477,943	\$ 493,755
Materials & Supplies	1,228	1,128	6,000	6,000	6,000
Services	5,117,740	5,263,121	5,798,417	5,698,948	5,882,702
General Fund Subtotal	5,343,621	5,731,379	6,307,329	6,182,891	6,382,457
Department Total	\$ 5,343,621	\$ 5,731,379	\$ 6,307,329	\$ 6,182,891	\$ 6,382,457

Department Personnel Summary					
Fund	FT/PT	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Budgeted	2017 Budgeted
General Fund					
Education	FT	4	4	4	4
	PT	0	1	1	1
	Total	4	5	5	5

Operating Budget by Program					
Program	2016 Budgeted	2016 FTEs	2017 Proposed	2017 FTEs	
Administration	\$ 1,186,185	4	\$ 1,258,390	4	
Early Start	4,731,325	0	4,731,325	0	
After-school Grants	389,819	0	389,819	0	
Internal Services	-	0	2,923	0	
Department Total	\$ 6,307,329	4	\$ 6,382,457	4	



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ADMINISTRATION

To increase the overall educational attainment in the City of Columbus, to support the recommendations of the Columbus Education Commission, and to continue to support *FutureReady*, a public-private partnership to “lead the drive for educational excellence in Columbus, leveraging all available public and private support and participation.”

EARLY START

To achieve the Mayor’s vision of universal access to pre-kindergarten services for all four-year olds in Columbus.

AFTER-SCHOOL GRANTS

To provide safe after-school environments for Columbus kids to continue their education at the end of the school day.

INTERNAL SERVICES

To account for the internal service charges of the department necessary to maintain operations.

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