



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.

The department is instrumental in accomplishing the Mayor's strategic priorities in the areas of Birth to Five and Education and Neighborhoods. In its first seven years, the department greatly expanded pre-kindergarten services in Columbus, serving 6,000 children since 2014. In addition, the department is assisting Future Ready Columbus in the development of a birth to five strategic plan for Columbus and Franklin County.

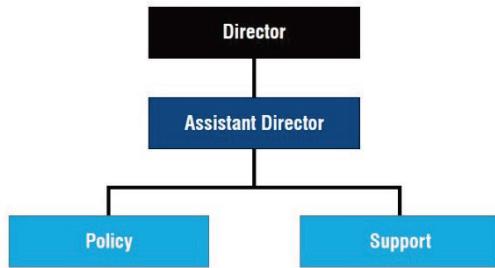
Programs that support Columbus neighborhoods, including the Hilltop and Linden, are being developed and advanced by the department. A new Early Childhood Center being developed in the Hilltop will support approximately 240 children and their families; and through a partnership with Columbus City Schools, the department will again provide funding for approximately 100 Linden pre-kindergarten students. The department partners every year with The Ohio State University on the Park Summer Success program to increase kindergarten readiness across Columbus. Funding provided by the department will allow 100 four- and five-year-olds to receive critical core academic competencies in math and literacy, with supporting physical and motor development.

Department Mission

To enable all Columbus children to succeed in its vibrant and growing economy and to develop into a highly-skilled, creative, entrepreneurial workforce that will propel economic growth in the 21st century. The department will leverage the resources of the entire community to meet these goals.

Budget Summary				
Division	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Budget	2021 Proposed
General Fund	5,349,282	6,506,688	6,661,910	6,594,143
Department Total	\$ 5,349,282	\$ 6,506,688	\$ 6,661,910	\$ 6,594,143

Education



Strategic Priorities for 2021

Birth to Five and Education



Neighborhoods



Provide another 1,000 Columbus children the opportunity to attend a high-quality pre-kindergarten education through the Early Start Columbus program.

Examine and implement strategies to expand the number of children served through Early Start Columbus.

Increase the quality of the pre-kindergarten programs in which Columbus children attend.

Develop a Birth to Five development and education strategy in collaboration with Future Ready Columbus and other community partners.

Serve as a non-voting member of the Columbus Board of Education and serve as a liaison between the Mayor and the Board.

Serve as a member of the Early Childhood Advisory Committee.

Economic Development and Affordable Housing



Support local, small business, and nonprofit organizations with \$4.7 million in early learning grants.

Public Health



Develop a health and behavioral health driver as part of the birth to five strategic plan in collaboration with Future Ready Columbus and Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Work with Nationwide Children's Hospital to implement a full-service medical and dental clinic in the Hilltop Early Learning Center.

Work with and fund Partnership4Success, an initiative to increase the social and emotional health and development of Columbus children.

Fund and support approximately 110 pre-kindergarten children at the Linden Park Neighborhood Early Childhood Education Center.

Develop the Hilltop Early Learning Center that, when completed, will provide a high-quality early education to approximately 240 Hilltop children.

Collaborate with the Crane Center at the Ohio State University to expand the Summer Success Program to children in the Linden and Hilltop neighborhoods.

Provide life-changing, quality early education to children in Columbus opportunity neighborhoods.

Provide important funding to after school providers that assist children specifically from disadvantaged communities such as Linden, Milo Grogan, Near East, Franklinton, and the Hilltop.

Diversity and Inclusion



Commit to remaining one of the most diverse departments in the City of Columbus.

Provide millions of Early Start Columbus funding to minority and female-owned businesses.



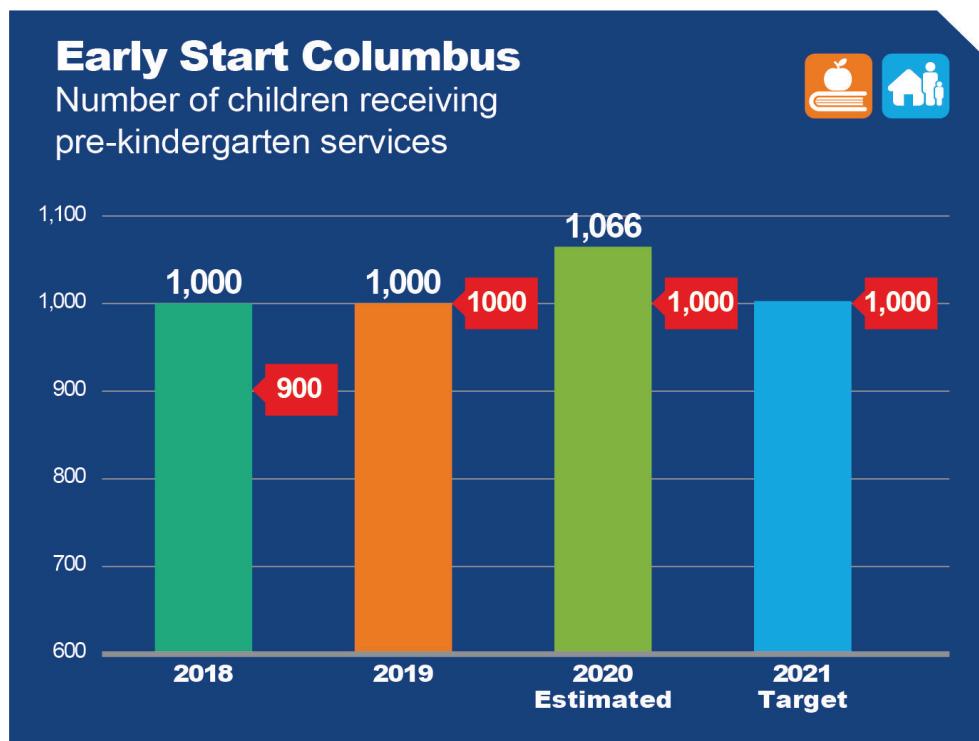
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2021 BUDGET NOTES

As one of the Mayor's strategic priorities (Birth to Five and Education), the Department of Education's budget of \$6.6 million includes funding for four full-time regular employees. In addition:

- A total of \$5,568,075 is allocated for the Early Start Columbus Initiative. This community-wide effort's focus is preparing four-year-old children for kindergarten by expanding access to high-quality pre-kindergarten opportunities and by working with local providers to improve the quality of early childhood educational programming. This year's proposed appropriation is targeted to serve 1,000 children.
- The department's Early Start budget includes \$400,000 in support of Future Ready Columbus, the public-private partnership established to develop a birth to five strategic plan for Columbus and Franklin County.
- 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 the city's children to utilize after the school bell rings.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE



Financial Summary by Area of Expense									
Division	2018 Actual		2019 Actual		2020 Budget		2020 Projected		2021 Proposed
Education									
General Fund									
Personnel	\$ 526,971	\$ 446,816	\$ 541,897	\$ 324,161	\$ 564,487				
Materials & Supplies	10,565	463	7,500	1,000	9,500				
Services	4,811,746	6,049,409	6,112,513	7,246,165	6,020,156				
Transfer	-	10,000	-	-	-				
General Fund Subtotal	5,349,282	6,506,688	6,661,910	7,571,326	6,594,143				
Department Total	\$ 5,349,282	\$ 6,506,688	\$ 6,661,910	\$ 7,571,326	\$ 6,594,143				

Department Personnel Summary								
Fund	2018 Actual		2019 Actual		2020 Budget		2021 Proposed	
	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT
General Fund								
Education	4	0	2	0	4	0	4	0
Total	4	0	2	0	4	0	4	0

Operating Budget by Program						
Program	2020 Budgeted		2020 FTEs		2021 Proposed	2021 FTEs
Administration	\$ 638,195	4	\$ 635,490	4		
Early Start	5,629,325	0	5,568,075	0		
After-school Grants	389,819	0	389,819	0		
Internal Services	4,571	0	759	0		
Department Total	\$ 6,661,910	4	\$ 6,594,143	4		





2021 PROGRAM GUIDE

ADMINISTRATION

To increase the overall educational attainment in the City of Columbus and to support the recommendations of the Columbus Education Commission.

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.