



*First Central High School was built in 1861 as the city's original high school building and remained the only high school in the city until North High School was opened in 1893. First Central was renamed Commercial High School after the opening of South, East, and West High Schools, and remained in operation until 1924.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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## Department Description

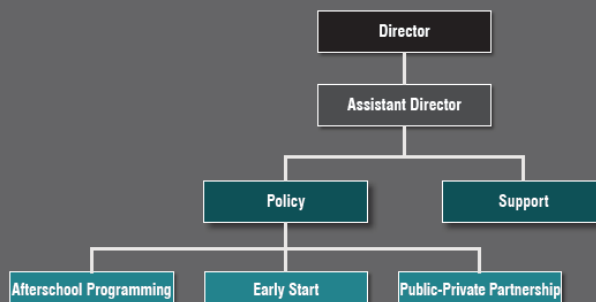
The Department of Education was created by Mayor Coleman in 2014 at the recommendation of the Columbus Education Commission. The department works closely with Columbus City Schools, local colleges and universities, preschools, community groups, businesses, and organizations devoted to education and workforce development.

In its first two years, the department greatly expanded pre-kindergarten services in Columbus, created a workforce development initiative in collaboration with Columbus State Community College and the Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corporation (COWIC) to rapidly train and employ unemployed and underemployed Columbus adults, helped to develop a new education non-profit, and worked with Columbus City Schools to improve educational outcomes.

## 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 recommendations of the Columbus Education Commission.

## Education



## Strategic Priorities for 2016

### Education

In 2016, the department plans to both expand the number of pre-k slots available to Columbus kids through Early Start Columbus and increase the quality of the programs in which Columbus kids attend. This expansion is aligned with the Mayor's goal of universal access to a high-quality pre-k education for every four-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.

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 plans to partner with Columbus City Schools, and other providers, to seek maximum participation in this program.

Fastpath will also continue in 2016. The department, in collaboration with Columbus State Community College and the Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corporation, will work to assist our unemployed and underemployed citizens learn a needed skill and find meaningful employment.

### Peak Performance

The department will continue to implement all of the recommendations of the Columbus Education Commission.

The development of FutureReady Columbus in 2015 was a specific recommendation of the Columbus Education Commission. In 2016, the department will continue to support the work and operations of the new education organization.

The department will continue to staff and manage the work of the Columbus Early Childhood Education Council, the Columbus Community Engagement Council, and the Columbus Public Policy, Leadership and Advocacy Council.

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

## 2016 BUDGET NOTES

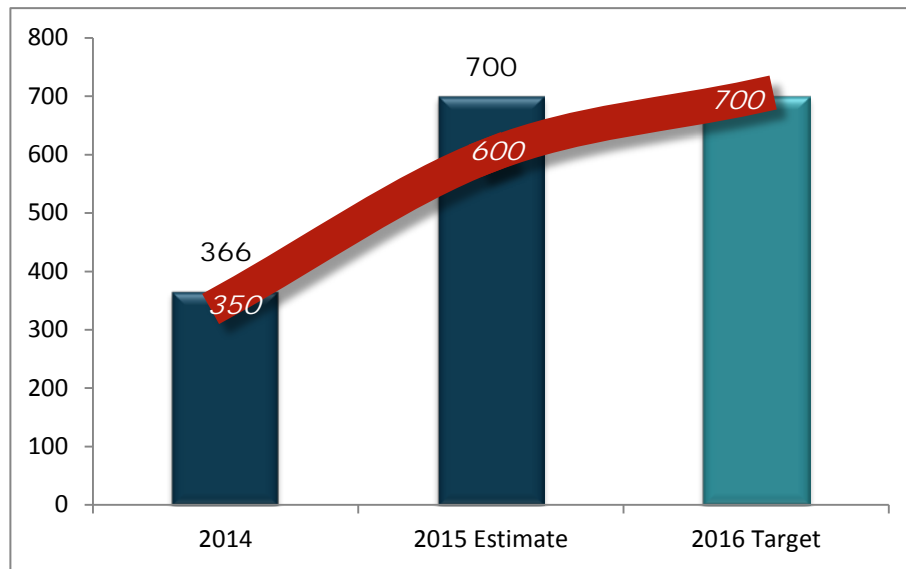
The Education budget includes funding for 4 full-time and 1 part-time regular employees. In addition:

- A total of \$4,731,325 is budgeted for the Early Start Initiative, an initiative aimed at preparing children for kindergarten.
- The Fast Path Program will continue without additional funding in 2016 by utilizing carryover funding from the prior year. The program is designed to identify and connect at-risk, underemployed, and unemployed adults to technical skills and employability training that will prepare them for the workplace.
- 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

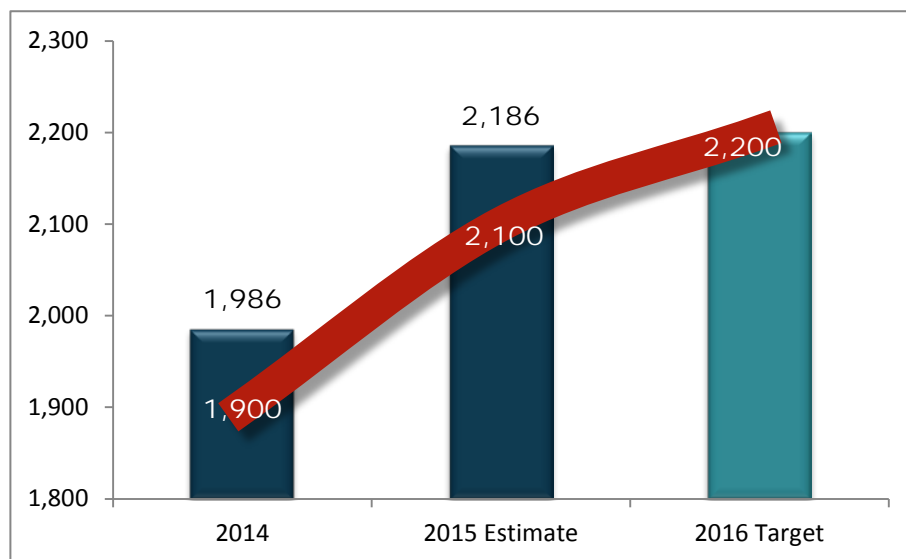
Number of children receiving pre-kindergarten services



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 2016, the goal will be to serve 700 children.

### After-school Grant Program

Number of children participating in after-school programming activities



In 2015, the After-school Grant program provided 2,186 kids with a safe environment to continue their education at the end of the school day. In 2016, the goal will be to provide services to 2,200 children.

Department Financial Summary by Area of Expense					
Fund	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	2015 Projected	2016 Proposed
<b>General Fund</b>					
Personnel	\$ -	\$ 224,654	\$ 516,372	\$ 480,658	\$ 502,912
Materials & Supplies	-	1,228	7,500	2,500	6,000
Services	-	5,117,740	5,621,525	4,970,165	5,798,417
General Fund Subtotal	-	5,343,621	6,145,397	5,453,323	6,307,329
Department Total	\$ -	\$ 5,343,621	\$ 6,145,397	\$ 5,453,323	\$ 6,307,329

Department Personnel Summary					
Fund	FT/PT	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Budgeted	2016 Budgeted
<b>General Fund</b>					
Education	FT	0	4	4	4
	PT	0	0	1	1
	Total	0	4	5	5

Operating Budget by Program		
Program	2016 Proposed	2016 FTEs
Administration	\$ 1,186,185	4
Early Start	4,731,325	0
After-school Grants	389,819	0
Department Total	\$ 6,307,329	4

*The programs above and the program descriptions on the following page represent those that will be used in the city's new accounting system which will go live January 1, 2016. As such, no history of financial or personnel data by program is included in this document for prior years.*



# 2016 PROGRAM GUIDE

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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 develop 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.