



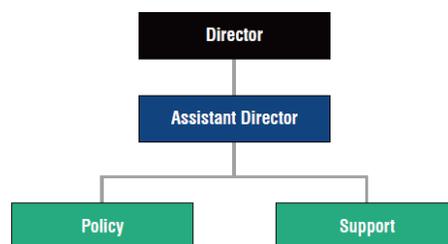
Department Description

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 five years, the department greatly expanded pre-kindergarten services in Columbus, serving 4,000 children since 2014. In addition to funding early learning programs for children, the department developed two new initiatives to increase the quality of existing 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. Programs developed collaboratively with Columbus State Community College and Action for Children provide an accelerated path for child care workers to participate in a Child Development Associate (CDA) program. Since the programs were created, the department has provided the opportunity for 250 early learning teachers to participate in CDA training.

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.



Strategic Priorities for 2019



Early Childhood and Education

Look for opportunities to expand the number of pre-kindergarten slots available to Columbus children and increase the quality of the programs in which Columbus children attend. Expanding the number of slots corresponds with the Mayor's goal of universal access to a high-quality pre-kindergarten education for every 4-year old in Columbus.

Ensure that the programs are high-quality, contracting with third-party organizations to assess both the progress of the children enrolled in the program and the program itself. These assessments will provide the information needed for the department and providers to make accurate data-informed decisions.

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

Advance the city-state preschool expansion program, which supplements state half-day pre-kindergarten funds with city funds to create full-day slots. The department will also require providers to "braid" other funding sources with city funds. This strategy allows the department to better manage city funds while providing a more appropriate level of funding to providers. Using this strategy, the department has doubled the number of children served in previous years.

Provide a safe environment for children to learn after the school day ends. The department will provide mini-grants to after-school providers in priority neighborhoods.

Collaborate with community partners, including Columbus City Schools, Columbus State Community College, *FutureReady* Columbus, Action For Children, the OSU Crane Center for Early Childhood Research and Policy, and Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services to advance the Mayor's goals.



Operational Efficiencies

Work to improve the quality of education and increase the number of children prepared to succeed in America's Opportunity City.

Braid city funds with other available funding sources, and require that they be applied as "last dollar funding" for most effective and efficient funding so that the department will be able to serve more children with the same level of funding.

Utilize a network of additional partners to add to the capacity of the work it performs.

Collaborate with partners to share data and information, communications systems to get out our message, and material and personnel support. Partners include Columbus City Schools, Columbus State Community College, Action For Children, and Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services.

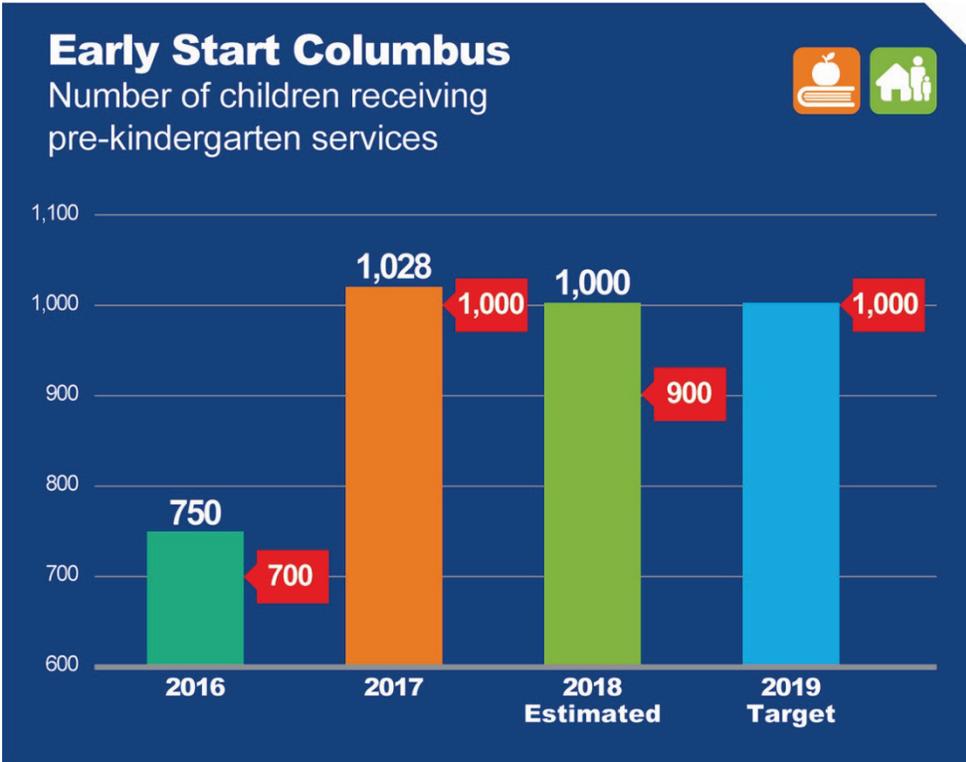
2019 BUDGET NOTES

The Education budget includes funding for four full-time regular employees. In addition:

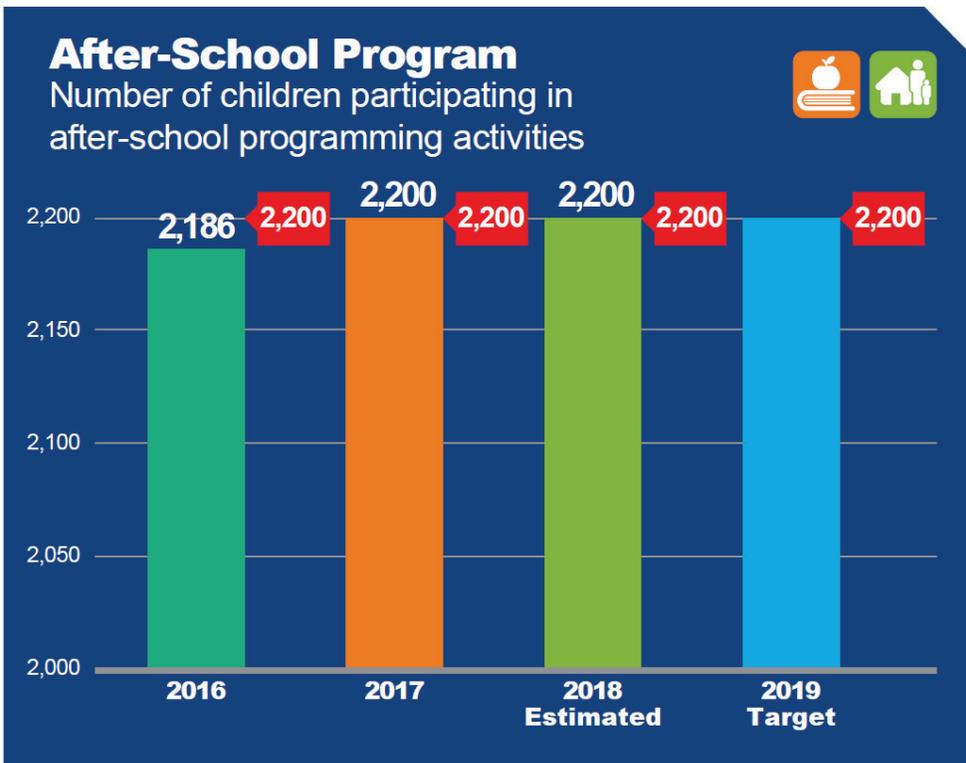
- A total of \$4,731,325 is budgeted for the Early Start Columbus Initiative. This community-wide effort is aimed at preparing 4-year old children for kindergarten by expanding access to high quality pre-kindergarten opportunities and by working with local providers to improve the quality of early childhood educational programming. This year's appropriation is an increase from 2018, as the prior year included a one-time adjustment to align expenses to the budget year rather than the school year. The 2018 appropriation included funding for three quarterly payments to program providers (for the 2018-2019 school year). The 2019 budget reflects the return of funding for four quarterly payments (the final payment of the 2018-2019 school year and the first three payments of the 2019-2020 school year). These moneys are braided with state and federal funding to maximize city resources and to increase the number of children served.
- The department's budget includes \$400,000 in support of FutureReady, the public-private partnership established to implement the recommendations of the Columbus Education Commission.
- 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.



PERFORMANCE MEASURES



During the 2018-2019 school year, all pre-kindergarten providers with whom the department partners hold a 4- or 5-star Step Up To Quality rating, which is optimal for children. The higher the star rating, the higher the potential cost. Using the “last dollar” approach, the city strives to maximize the number of children who can be served.



The After-School Grant Program offers children a safe extracurricular environment to enhance their education. In 2019, we expect 2,200 children to benefit from this program.

Department Financial Summary by Area of Expense					
Fund	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Budget	2018 Projected	2019 Proposed
General Fund					
Personnel	\$ 451,361	\$ 469,933	\$ 524,503	\$ 529,076	\$ 539,442
Materials & Supplies	2,500	6,000	9,435	3,739	7,500
Services	5,672,255	5,731,296	3,978,756	4,813,567	5,985,944
General Fund Subtotal	6,126,116	6,207,228	4,512,694	5,346,382	6,532,886
Department Total	\$ 6,126,116	\$ 6,207,228	\$ 4,512,694	\$ 5,346,382	\$ 6,532,886

Department Personnel Summary					
Fund	FT/PT	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Budgeted	2019 Proposed
General Fund					
Education	FT	4	4	4	4
Total		4	4	4	4

Operating Budget by Program					
Program	2018 Budgeted	2018 FTEs	2019 Proposed	2019 FTEs	
Administration	\$ 572,796	4	\$ 575,937	4	
Early Start	3,548,494	0	5,565,960	0	
After-school Grants	389,819	0	389,819	0	
Internal Services	1,585	0	1,170	0	
Department Total	\$ 4,512,694	4	\$ 6,532,886	4	



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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.
