

Greater Clark County Schools 1:1



Greater Clark County Schools are making it happen!



WE ARE Greater Clark County Schools.

We are a southern Indiana school corporation serving almost 10,500 students along 30+ miles along the Ohio River. We serve 3 unique communities – Jeffersonville (urban), Charlestown (suburban), and New Washington (rural). Almost 60% of our families are defined as living in poverty.

OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES are wonderfully diverse. 36% of our families represent multiple cultures. There are 35 languages spoken in our homes.

OUR TEACHERS are the definition of dedicated professionals. 742 certified staff members devote a minimum of 135 hours annually to professional development. Technology integration is a key component of our Literacy, Numeracy, and CCR initiatives.

OUR PROMISING PRACTICE

We are in our 4th year of implementation of a 1:1 Chromebook project for students in grades 3-5. We provide the devices to almost 8,000 students. Our primary objective for initiating the project was the belief that knowledge is power. Levelling the playing field for impoverished students by providing ACCESS to knowledge for a high number of impoverished students has transformed the classroom learning environment.

OUR STEPS

In 2011, we began searching for an economically efficient way to increase our students' access to technology. Chromebooks were in their infancy, however the google platform facilitated an easy transfer to all other devices. The most rewarding experience came in July, 2012. We distributed just under 8,000 Chromebooks to students with their parents/guardians present. During the 2015-16 school year, we evaluated and renewed our commitment to the Google platform and provided new devices.

IN OUR OWN WORDS "What I really appreciate, as a parent is how my kids' teachers take time out of their evenings to call/text me and tell me about their accomplishments. Several times during this school year, I have received positive messages home about my children - and to me as a parent that means a lot. It is nice to send my children to school knowing that their teachers look for (and build) their strengths, and well as identifying their opportunities for learning. Over the course of this semester, I have really felt like their teachers and I are working as a team to help them be as successful as possible. School communication is awesome and I love how their teachers help me (as her parent) by providing detailed item analysis reports of their data as well as websites and resources that I can use to help support what they are teaching at school at home in the evenings. My kids come home every single day from school talking about how they love school. Yes, it is fun, but they are obviously learning A LOT. When I ask them what they have learned at school during that day, they ALWAYS have something to talk about...and that is a HUGE accomplishment for my kiddos." –GCC Parent

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