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Missouri's Only All-Girls Public School
College Preparatory/STEM Focus

Dear Friends of Hawthorn,

Last spring, Hawthorn completed its second school year with a festive "Stepping Up" ceremony celebrating our 8th graders' move to high school. It was a moment to pause and reflect on the growth and successes our students experienced during their first two years at Hawthorn and for all of us who have shared their journey to reflect on the growth and successes of the school. Truly so much has happened since we decided not too long ago to open an all-girls college prep school in St. Louis, accessible to all.

In year two, we filled out our middle school program with 160 students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades. Hawthorn's school culture solidified as we institutionalized certain approaches to teaching, practices, routines and traditions. We were very proud of our student and teacher retention, and relationships among students, families, faculty and staff deepened and strengthened.

Hawthorn students made important gains in reading, math and science and their enthusiasm for learning continued to grow.

Use of technology throughout the learning environment supported a host of innovative and individualized teaching. Project-based learning helped bring the classroom and real-world together. Leadership opportunities abound at Hawthorn! From Student Council, to Student Ambassador, organizing a political protest to planning Morning Meeting – Hawthorn students led the way. Student voices continued to play an essential role in designing and growing the Hawthorn program.

Thank you for believing in Hawthorn's mission. We are committed to delivering a high quality educational experience that provides our students the academic and social foundations for future success. Your support enables us to do this.

Mary Stillman
Executive Director

WHAT ACTIVITIES DID HAWTHORN STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN DURING THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR?

Extracurricular Activities

Student Council
Yearbook
Basketball
Spoken Word Poetry
Chess
Robotics
Girls on the Run
Culinary Arts

Learning Excursions

Sheldon Theater
World Food Day
COCA
Washington University
St. Louis University
Harris Stowe
St. Louis Art Museum
Transportation Museum
Hidden Figures
Camp Wyman

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

Young Women's Leadership Network

Hawthorn affiliates with the Young Women's Leadership Network (YWLN) which supports five highly successful all-girls' public schools in New York City and thirteen affiliate schools around the country.

Washington University in St. Louis

Washington University serves as the sponsor for Hawthorn, holding the school accountable for meeting its performance goals and complying with all federal and state laws. In addition, the university is committed to supporting student academic achievement by connecting Hawthorn with university resources.

Faculty and staff
retention year 1 to year 2:

83%

Student retention
rate from year
1 to year 2:

83%

Average student
attendance rate:

92.2%

Student
demographics by race:

Hispanic **0.6%**
Black/African American **92.7%**
White **3.7%**
Two or more races **3.0%**



Hawthorn students are eligible to receive **free breakfast and lunch** under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) which is available to schools with a high percentage of families living in poverty.



ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT JULY 2016 - JUNE 2017

Integrity • Contribution • Support • Courage • Joy

2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR AT A GLANCE

- Results of the nationally normed NWEA standardized test showed:
 - 73% of Hawthorn students demonstrated growth in math
 - 67% of Hawthorn students demonstrated growth in science
 - 58% of Hawthorn students demonstrated growth in reading
- The number of students reading at a proficient or advanced level as measured by the Independent Reading Level Assessment doubled during the 2016-17 school year.
- Hawthorn's aggregate scores on the Missouri state test improved from our first to second year by 7% in Language Arts and 5% in math.

STEM-FOCUSED
EDUCATION



"You do not just learn out of a textbook in your seat - you get up, make connections, do projects and activities to get a better, deeper understanding of what you're learning and what is happening in our world."
Maggie T. - 8th grade



Hawthorn is committed to preparing students for success in college and the 21st century workforce through STEM-focused education. During the 2016-17 school year, middle school students completed semester-long courses in Intro to Engineering and Intro to Computer Science. They created their own websites, programmed robots, built electric circuits and solved design challenges using an engineering mindset.

Our science faculty worked with Washington University's Institute for School Partnership to create and deliver spiraled middle school science curriculum. Middle school students take two periods of math each day – grade level math and "math lab" – to reinforce fundamentals and apply math skills to real world problems.

We integrate technology throughout our curriculum and all Hawthorn students use ChromeBooks daily. We know that no two students are alike and technology tools help differentiate instruction and engage students in a variety of approaches to learning. Innovative programs like IXL, Accelerated Reader, Flocabulary, Newsela, Brain Pop and Kahoot! provide interactive platforms.



Hawthorn Leadership School for Girls provides a safe, nurturing and stimulating environment that enables young women from diverse backgrounds to achieve academic success in a college preparatory program and to become leaders in their communities and professions.

Hawthorn is the only all-girls public school in the state of Missouri. All girls living in the City of St. Louis are eligible to attend Hawthorn. Hawthorn opened in 2015 with 6th and 7th grades and adds a new grade level each year until fully enrolled with 6th – 12th grades. The 2016-17 school year was Hawthorn's second school year with 160 students in grades 6, 7 and 8.

A charter public school, Hawthorn is sponsored by Washington University. Hawthorn is an affiliate of the Young Women's Leadership Network, a high performing group of public all-girls middle and high schools.

Hawthorn does not discriminate in its educational programs or activities on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, disability, income level, religious affiliation, proficiency in the English language or athletic ability, religion, sex, or national origin.



In our second year, we decided that anything we do twice becomes a tradition. Thus, our Summer Bridge Cardboard Carnival, Founders Day Celebration, VIP (Very Important Person) Breakfast, Cool Women/ Hot Jobs career fair and many other events are now established as part of the Hawthorn culture.

This was also a year of firsts. We celebrated our 8th grade students' completion of middle school at our first Stepping Up Ceremony. We honored those who were sticking with Hawthorn for high school at our first Signing Day.

At Hawthorn, we empower our students to not only be leaders in the classroom, but also in their communities. 7th graders launched the WE Schools program through their Advisories where they identified issues in their community and took action. All 8th graders completed a "capstone" community service project with the guidance and support of their World Wide Technology mentors. Projects included planning a food drive for Operation Food Search, planting trees on Hawthorn's lawn, implementing an anti-bullying campaign, and fundraising to purchase a salad bar for our cafeteria.

WE ARE
HAWTHORN



"Hawthorn is a school for leaders - talented, unique, educated females. It's a place for learning and for dreams to come true.... All girls means not being judged. Be yourself. You can be brave." Daria A. - 6th grade.



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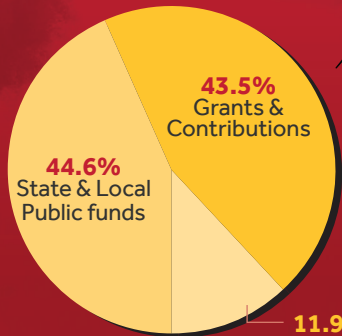
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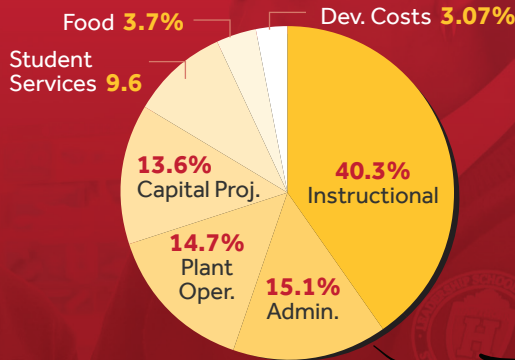
FY 2017 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



SUPPORT & REVENUE

Grants and Contributions \$1,462,814
State and Local Public Funds \$1,499,018
Federal Program Funds \$400,277

Total Revenue \$ 3,362,109



EXPENSES

Instructional \$1,194,326
Student Support Services \$ 285,126
Administration \$ 448,286
Food \$ 108,773
Plant Operations \$ 436,279
Development Costs \$88,282
Capital Projects \$ 403,032

Total Expenses \$ 2,964,104

Operating Surplus \$398,005