

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

Where Learning is Walkable



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Vision

Where boundless learning is walkable

Purpose Statement

City Schoolhouse works to strengthen children and families by empowering them through active and individualized education, fostering a love of learning, and renewing their community through its people.

HEAD OF SCHOOL MESSAGE



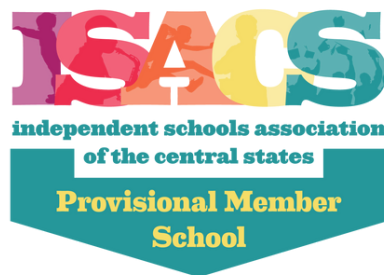
Change brings great joy but also the need to adapt. This year was a year of “firsts.” It was our first year in a new facility and new location. It was the first year of our community garden. It was our first year of IOWA assessments and daily tracking of IXL and Khan data. It marked the first year of a new career for some and a new position for others. Some of our students experienced the Children’s Business Fair for the first time. We tried new food from the around the world, much of which for the first time. And the list goes on.

One important area that was not a first, was not a change, was the commitment that our students had to learning, our teachers had to the students, and our community had to seeing positive change. Many new students came through our doors, all with different experiences and needs that required attention. Our students, parents, guardians, teachers, community members all have a special story to tell. City Schoolhouse looks a little different than other schools. And that is why we love it. Normal is failing, left behind, overlooked, bullied, and uninspired. Who wants to be normal? We certainly do not. We try to be many things, but normal and ordinary are not two of them. We believe that the light from our Schoolhouse goes out to cause our neighborhood to shine brighter now than it did a year ago.

RYAN JEFFERS
Head of School



ACCREDITATION AND ASSOCIATIONS



As a school, City Schoolhouse strives to be an active contributor to our local community in order to deliver the best possible teaching and learning opportunities for our students. To assist with these goals, City Schoolhouse works with a range of partner organizations, such as Southeast Christian Church and Kosair Charities, who provide a variety of services that support our position as an independent school, enhance our offerings, or complement our community engagement.

City Schoolhouse has been awarded provisional accreditation by the Independent Schools of the Central States (ISACS). ISACS is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and provides City Schoolhouse with a highly regarded accreditation that is renowned across the country.

City Schoolhouse is a neighborhood private school where students come to learn academic, social, and practical life skills. Class sizes range from 10-15 students with two teachers. We teach in developmental age groups, and our teaching is inspired by successful Montessori teaching techniques as well as other best practices for hands-on learning.

We incorporate day-to-day practical living skills that our students often do not learn at home in our daily curriculum. We want all our students to be in a place where, despite their circumstances, they are treasured – a place where they know they are created for a purpose.



SCHOOL MODEL

We are unique because we are not just there for the student, but also for their family and community. We bring the families into the class and allow them learning and growing opportunities as well. We are teaching our students the importance of kindness, respect, and responsibility to themselves and their neighbors that is lost on so many of us today.





APPROACH TO LEARNING

We use a whole-child approach — many children need auxiliary services to help them be successful students and members of society. These physical and psychological barriers can limit success as we nurture “boundless” learners. To help with that, we provide therapeutic services in the areas of speech, occupational, physical, and mental health therapy.

Over time, the ripple effects of bringing people together to develop these individuals, the buildings around them, and the neighborhoods they fill, can bring light to an entire city for generations.

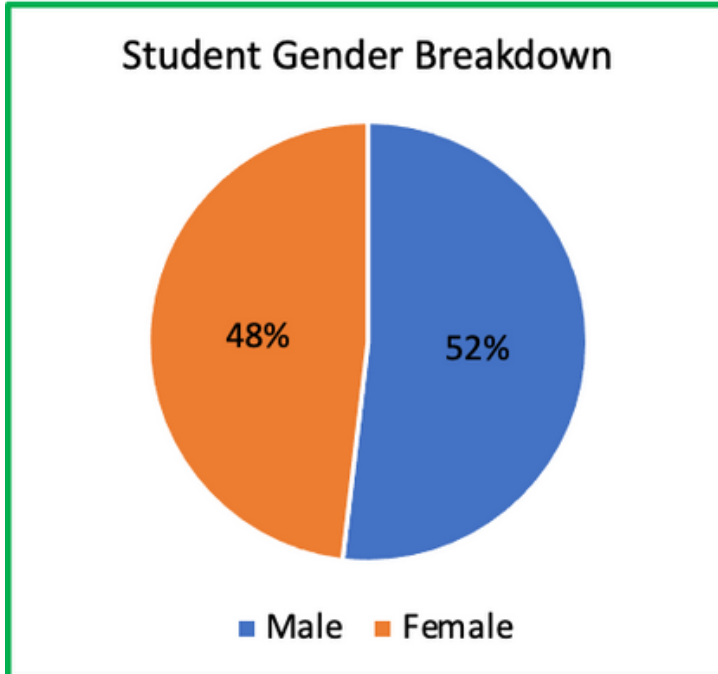
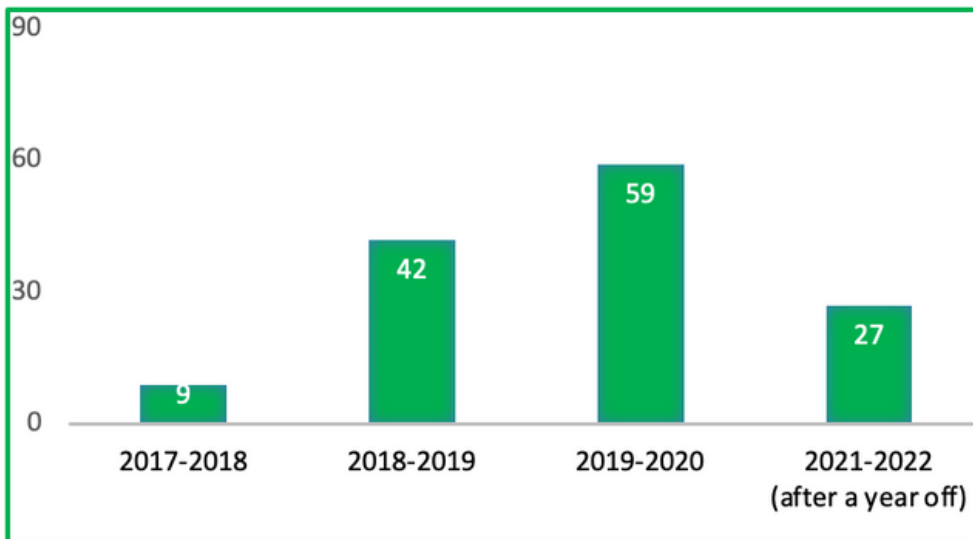
Cost: We are a "pay-what-you-can" school what you can not pay in treasure, you contribute in time or talent to support the school community.



STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



Yearly Enrollment



% of Teachers Certified



At City Schoolhouse, we believe that one of our greatest assets is our staff. They are vital to ensuring a high-quality education for our students. Teachers at City Schoolhouse are more than just educators; they are also our students' mentors.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Our parents are the glue that holds us all together. The school relies on parents to volunteer in areas of teaching, custodial, marketing, cooking, and more.

The parent is a child's biggest influence and most important teacher. We provide bi-monthly parent trainings and family events to grow and encourage our moms and dads.



VOLUNTEERS

Each class day requires at least 3-4 volunteers. Some of these are parents while others are community members. Volunteers serve as special presenters, subject experts, field trip guides, and so much more!



EARLY CHILDHOOD HIGHLIGHTS



Our goal is to provide a rich learning environment that engages students and sparks their learning interests through hands-on learning experiences. We believe that learning can come naturally when students have their interests encouraged and are not rushed to have their time to explore.



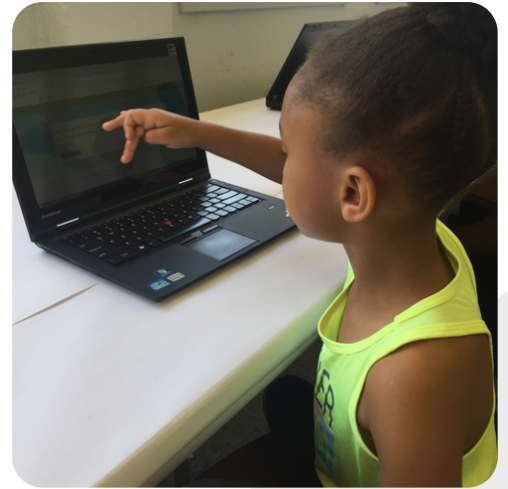
Students are provided two hours of uninterrupted station time, where the teacher works as a facilitator encouraging and aiding students as they learn and explore the learning materials. Teachers monitor learning and observe as the student moves from introduction, to practicing, and finally to mastery over the information. If a student needs extra support, the teacher is available to provide assistance.



As students progress, those ready for higher learning are provided opportunities to begin working through their monthly projects and beginning passport stamps during the afternoon.

LOWER & MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- Both Lower and Middle School students must work throughout the year to become proficient in all areas of school to earn learning badges. IXL and Khan Academy play a huge role in showing us where students are and what skills they can learn next.



- Mentoring is a crucial aspect of our mentoring program. Middle School students serve as learning buddies for our younger students by helping them learn to read, with their math, and how to be mature and wise members of society.



- Students spend at least 60 minutes per day outside exploring and playing on our seven acres of land behind the school. Team sports and nature walks are among several of the students' favorite ways to spend time outside.



PRESENTERS

Presenters have shared about:

- Korea
- Chinese Tea Ceremony
- Graphic Design
- Bluegrass Instruments
- Reptiles
- Cello
- Art
- Soccer
- Making Pottery
- Knitting
- Starting a Business



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Each Spring, students participate in several community outreach events. They plant a community garden, pick up trash around the community, and help organize community game nights and dinners.

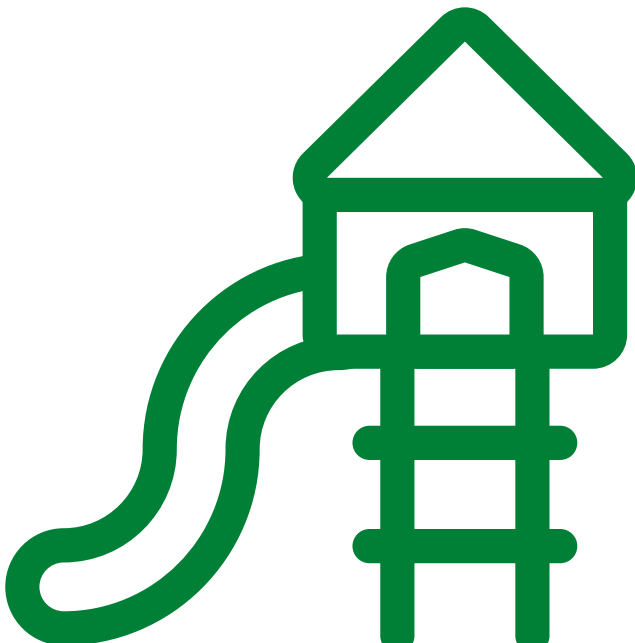




LUNCH AND PLAY

Talented parents are everywhere! City Schoolhouse has partnered with one parent who is also a caterer and owns her own food truck. She has committed to prepare and cook all lunches for students five days a week. University of Louisville sous chefs receive volunteer hours toward their degree as they help prepare meals in exchange for receiving volunteer hours toward their degree.

We love to play at City Schoolhouse! Each student gets at least 60 minutes of fresh air daily. No matter the weather, we believe that students should have at least an hour of physical activity outside of the building. In a time when many students desire their electronics more than the nature around them, it is crucial to instill a love and appreciation of God's creation.



EVENTS



Give for Good 2020!

Nonprofits across Louisville celebrated Give For Good Louisville on September 17, 2021. Each donation directly funded student scholarships. To celebrate the day, students and staff planted a community garden. Three plots, containing a total of 45 vegetables, were planted. Students will see how the process begins and the work that goes into making a farm-to-table product. City Schoolhouse was able to fundraise \$10,585 to fully fund two student scholarships!



Family Dinner & Movie Night

In the fall, families and staff enjoyed a night of food and fun with popcorn, drinks, pumpkin painting, face painting, and games. After dinner, everyone watched *The Prince of Egypt* on the large projector. This was a fun way to celebrate fall with friends!



Family Thanksgiving Lunch

To celebrate and be thankful, nearly 50 family and friends came to our schoolhouse to celebrate Thanksgiving and join in community with us. The value of a family engaging with their child's learning and in their environment has a lasting impact!



Christmas Cooking Decorating

Our families came together to decorate Christmas cookies, make origami trees, and listen to student performances. 'Tis the season at our schoolhouse!



Family Game Night

While the winter winds blew, our families played some exciting rounds of board games and group games. We preceded game play with a dinner of homemade chili made by our very talented parents.



CHILDREN'S BUSINESS FAIR

Each year, City Schoolhouse hosts the Children's Business Fair. This is a time for children ages 7-18 to have the opportunity to launch their very own start-up business! They develop a brand, create a product or service, build a marketing strategy, and then open for customers at our one-day marketplace!

We had more booths, entrepreneurs, and visitors than in any previous year!

2019 Stats: 23 booths, 25 youth

2020 Stats: 18 booths, 20 youth

2022 Stats: 44 booths, 52 youth



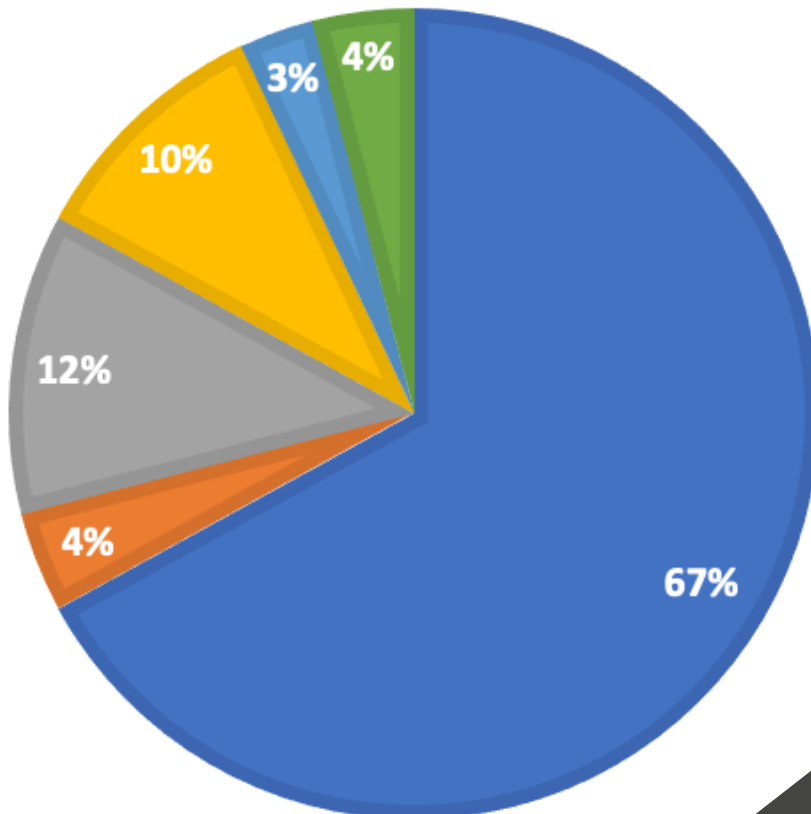
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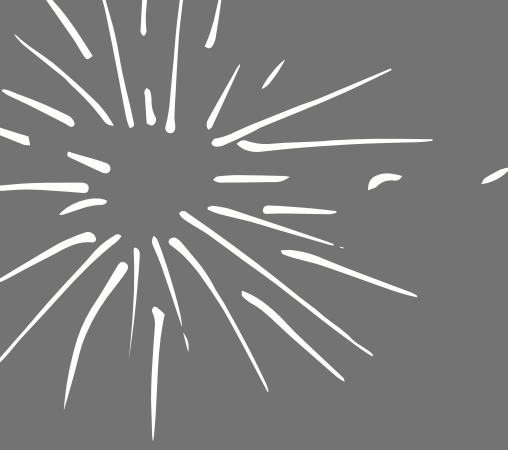


City Schoolhouse reinvests its resources directly toward our purpose to grow every student into individuals who learn, love, and lead.

WHERE DOES TUITION GO?

- Student Programming
- Meals
- Facilities
- Contingency
- Supplies & Activities
- Administration





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