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### **School District of Clayton is the 24th Mosaic Ambassador School District**

St. Louis Mosaic Project is pleased to announce the School District of Clayton as the 24th Mosaic Ambassador School District. School District of Clayton is a high-performing public school district with approximately 2,700 students, in which 95% of the teachers hold a master's degree or higher. With 24 Advanced Placement courses available, the district prides itself in generating 99% graduation rate and placing 95% of the high school seniors to two or four year colleges. The district spends \$18,843 per student annually, allowing a broad range of academic and extra programming. Individual differences and the contributions of a diverse student body and staff are highly valued throughout their school district.

There are six schools in the district: Ralph M. Captain Elementary, Glenridge Elementary, Meramec Elementary, Wydown Middle School, Clayton High School, and the Family Center. The School District of Clayton is committed to inspiring each of its students to love learning and embrace challenge within a rich and rigorous academic culture. With inclusiveness built in as one of the core values of the district, the school culture at the School District of Clayton prioritizes teaching through culturally responsible and inclusive pedagogy and curriculum so that each child can equitably access rich and inclusive learning.

Clayton School District offers curriculums that provide insights into multinational interests, such as the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Seal of Biliteracy that is awarded to seniors who qualify. All three elementary schools in the District provide the English Language Learner(ELL) program with outreach, and Glenridge Elementary School hosts monthly international coffees for the ELL learning community. The schools in the Clayton School District display murals or national flags that represent the international families in the school district community. Moreover, the International Family Program includes holiday celebrations, parent education and support programs, a Cultural Guide to American Schools and volunteer opportunities. International parents are able to address unique needs and find directions for adapting to the U.S. school system on the district's website.

Throughout the district, there are a number of staff who are foreign born or who speak a second language, and international families are often featured in the school newsletters. Clayton School District ensures their welcoming effort by working with community partners such as the International Institute. As a Mosaic Ambassador School District, Clayton School District will share Mosaic materials with their staff and families so that the services such as Professional Connector and the International Spouse Program can be used to assist incoming international families.

### **About St. Louis Mosaic Project**

The St. Louis Mosaic Project was launched in 2012 in response to an economic impact report, outlining St. Louis to be lagging in immigrant growth as well as highlighting the economic benefits of increasing its foreign-born population. The Mosaic Project is a regional initiative that is professionally managed by St. Louis Economic Development Partnership, World Trade Center St. Louis and a 32-member committee. Its goal is to transform St. Louis into the fastest growing major metropolitan area for immigration by 2025, to add 25,000 more foreign-born to the region from 2016-2025 and to promote regional prosperity through immigration and innovation. Learn more at [www.stlmosaicproject.org](http://www.stlmosaicproject.org)