



THE INSIDE VIEW

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ON THE MAP TEST



MAP TESTING BEGINS APRIL 5

The Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) Grade-Level Assessments will begin in Riverview Gardens School District on Tuesday, April 5. The assessments evaluate students' progress toward the Missouri Learning Standards.

Setting high standards for all students is intended to help our scholars to grow into responsible and confident individuals and community members who can function to the best of their abilities. In addition, MAP Grade-Level tests are used to measure our scholars' academic progress and the impact of instruction on their learning. As educators, we want our scholars to be successful. Please know that you have put forth every effort to ensure that our scholars will do well during MAP Testing this school year. [MORE INFO](#)

RIVERVIEW GARDENS SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



IMPORTANT DATES

- 4/4 MAP TESTING WINDOW OPENS
- 4/5 ELECTION DAY
- 4/8 RED CARPET AWARDS
@ KOCH ELEMENTARY
- 4/9 RGSD CAREER FAIR - 10AM - 1PM
- 4/12 ROBOTICS COMPETITION
@ GIBSON - 3:50 PM
- 4/12 SAB MEETING - 7PM
- 4/15 SPRING HOLIDAY
DISTRICT CLOSED
- 4/29 RGSD DAY AT BUSCH STADIUM



Kara Johnson was named a Rosemary Zander Award recipient by SSD. The Rosemary Zander Award has long recognized the accomplishments of students receiving services or technical education courses from SSD. Since 1988, students have been honored for success in a variety of categories – academics, arts, athletics, communications, vocational training, employment, independent living skills, community service, and extracurricular activities.

Johnson is a member of the Riverview Gardens High School Drama and Debate Club. She was elected to serve as senior class officer/historian on the student council. She also joined the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Color Guard.

The Riverview Gardens School District Special Administrative Board approved updated COVID-19 Protocols at the March 8 meeting. In the updated protocols, masks are now optional, but strongly encouraged by the District. Due to a significant decrease in COVID-19 transmission numbers, and changes in guidance by the CDC and the St. Louis County Department of Public Health, masks are no longer mandated by Riverview Gardens School District in buildings and on District transportation.

The SAB and District Administration will continue to review face-covering requirements depending on various factors, including data and information such as COVID positivity rates at District buildings, community spread, etc.



College of Education

Teach Residency Alternative Certification Track (DESE MO Certification)

Earn your certificate while teaching.

The Teach Residency Alternative Certification program is designed for people who want to teach and become a certified teacher at the same time. Teacher candidates must have earned a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. In addition, candidates must secure and complete a full-time teaching position for two years in one accredited public, private or charter school in the St. Louis region. UMSL will provide the necessary coursework to earn teacher certification within the two years.

This online cohort-based program is offered in 2-year cycles, so it's essential that participants commit to the time and requirements of this program.

Program Benefits

- Interactive course designs geared to practicing teachers in the field
- Authentic, job-embedded learning
- Aligned to Missouri state certification requirements and assessments

UMSL cohorts begin each Fall!

If you have a bachelor's degree with at least 2.5 cumulative GPA, and wish to be considered for this program, please see the link, or scan the QR code to complete the questionnaire to determine eligibility.

coe.ums.edu/teachresidency

UMSL Education
University of Missouri - St. Louis

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) with Alternative Certification
Application Deadline: April 1 (Priority Deadline for a Fellowship: March 1)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

SLU's Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree with Alternative Certification is designed to enable non-education undergraduates with various content area degrees to seek teaching certification via an alternative route. Whether your bachelor's was in math, science or English, SLU's MAT program will allow you to:

- Complete courses towards your master's degree while earning a full-time teaching salary of \$38,000 or more starting in August with one of our partner districts.
- Have the pedagogical and research skills needed to positively impact students and your community.
- Upon completion of the program, earn Missouri teaching certification and one-on-one average \$1000 salary increase.

PROGRAM FORMAT

At SLU, we know the classroom is the best place to apply theory to practice.

- 31 required credit hours
- 32 for middle school certification
- Alternative certification available for middle and secondary teachers upon passage of required DESE assessments.
- Summer courses begin in June and prepare students to step into their own classrooms in August.
- One evening course per fall and spring semester to accommodate a teacher's schedule.
- Content-specific coaching that allows for real-time feedback on teaching methods and classroom management skills.

FUNDING YOUR MAT

With a competitive tuition rate of \$600 per credit hour and with fewer credits than the average MAT, you can obtain a high-quality degree for less than \$10,000 per year.

Through the SLU-St. Louis Public Schools (SLPS) STEM Teaching Fellows Program, MAT applicants meeting to SLPS teaching positions in math or science in grades 6-12 can qualify for full tuition scholarships.

All applicants are reviewed for scholarships at the time of admission.

POTENTIAL DISTRICT PARTNERS

- Ferguson/Florissant
- Jennings
- Maplewood
- Richmond Heights
- Normandy
- KIPP
- Pateville
- St. Louis
- University City
- St. Louis Public Schools

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Career Fair

- Teaching
- Administration
- Clerical
- Food Service
- Maintenance
- Security
- Technology
- Nursing
- Coaching
- Custodial

There is a New View on the Horizon!

Discover new career & growth opportunities

**Saturday, April 9, 2022
10AM-1PM**

**RGSD Administration Building
1370 Northumberland Dr.**



KASIA LANDA NAMED PRINCIPAL OF GLASGOW ELEMENTARY FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Riverview Gardens School District named Kasia Landa as principal at Glasgow Elementary for the 2022-2023 school year.

Landa is an accomplished educator with experience in curriculum development and implementation. She is skilled at analyzing data and identifying instructional strategies to improve the quality of instruction.

Landa has served as interim principal at Glasgow since January. She previously served as an instructional coach at Glasgow from 2017 until her appointment as interim principal in January 2022. Landa also served as a classroom teacher in the District from 2014-2017.

"Kasia Landa has proven to be a gifted and effective educational leader during her time as the interim principal at Glasgow," said Joylynn Pruitt-Adams, Ed.D., superintendent of schools. "I look forward to seeing and supporting her growth, as well as the growth of the scholars and staff at Glasgow as she leads into the 2022-2023 school year."



RGSD @ Busch Stadium



The RGHS Color Guard will present the colors at the St. Louis Cardinals game on April 29 vs the Arizona Diamondbacks. Tickets are available for purchase in Section 228 for only \$20. For tickets, call Senior Chief Hernandez at (314) 869-4700.

DOMINIC LENOIR NAMED PRINCIPAL OF DANFORTH ELEMENTARY FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Riverview Gardens School District named Dominic LeNoir as the new principal at Danforth Elementary for the 2022-2023 school year.

LeNoir is a highly skilled and student focused educational leader who is driven to create an environment of student engagement and ownership of learning.

"Dominic LeNoir is a talented and committed educational leader who will help us reach the new view on the horizon at Danforth Elementary," said Joylynn Pruitt-Adams, Ed.D., superintendent of schools. "I am confident that Mr.



LeNoir will make a positive impact at the elementary level."

LeNoir currently serves as the principal at Westview Middle School. He has held that position since 2018. LeNoir previously served as an assistant principal at Riverview Gardens High School.

MOLINE TRAILBLAZERS HONORED

Lakiya Bell-LeSueur was honored in Jefferson City for her artwork. Her artwork will hang in the Senate hallway gallery from March 2022 - Feb. 2023.

Bell-LeSueur is pictured below with Senator Angela Mosley at a ceremony in Jefferson City.



Jaidon Bradley and Kadidiatou Guisse were celebrated with a special recognition at the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra's Picture the Music performance.

Picture the Music invites students in grades K-6 to discover an orchestral work and respond with paintings or drawings that express creative thought and emotion.



CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHOLARS VISIT THE GENTLE BARN

Central Middle School Teen Connect scholars recently took a field trip to The Gentle Barn. The Gentle Barn is a non-profit agency that rescues animals that have been neglected or abused and provides them with the love and care that they need to live their best lives.

"These animals are important because they demonstrate resilience and strength in the face of adversity," said Amber Medley, CMS Teen Connect teacher. "Central Middle scholars benefit from hearing their stories and from spending time with them and bonding."

Photos by Amber Medley





TEACHERS OF THE YEAR (2021-2022)



**CETINA BANKS
Koch**



**PARISS BARNES
DANFORTH**



**PAMELA BARSH
MOLINE**



**LADWAN EXSON-
PEETE
MO-ECAC**



**BYRON FRY
LEWIS & CLARK**



**MELISSA GRIFFON
GIBSON**



**STEPHANIE
HAWKINS-FOREST
WESTVIEW MIDDLE**



**MEGAN HOLZUM
GLASGOW**

CONTINUED

2021-2022 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR



**CHERMOAN
LINDSEY-JONES
CENTRAL MIDDLE**



**JENNIFER
ROBERTSON
RG HIGH SCHOOL**



**LESHIA SAMS
HIGHLAND**



**CYNTHIA SIMS
MEADOWS**



**CANDACE THOMAS
LEMASTERS**


CONGRATULATIONS


Riverview Gardens School District would like to recognize all of our talented and distinguished 2021-2022 Teachers of the Year!

Teachers are nominated by their peers and demonstrate an exemplary commitment to the profession of education.

RGSD HOSTS MSBA REGION 7 SPRING MEETING @ CENTRAL MIDDLE

Riverview Gardens School District was Given the honor of hosting the Missouri School Board Association's Region 7 Spring Meeting on Monday, March 28 at Central Middle School.

According to the MSBA, the turnout of 135 registered individuals was the largest number in 15 years. It was also the first time for an MSBA Regional Meeting that the MSBA did not receive a single cancellation.



Presentations sharing district practices were made by Riverview Gardens School District, St. Louis Public Schools and Ritenour School District.

RGSD scholars also played a key role in the meeting. Riverview Gardens High School's NJROTC Color Guard presented the colors at the event. The Gentlemen of Vision gave a rousing step performance. Also Riverview Gardens High School scholar Kellyn Lenard performed a musical selection to kick off the evening.



MORROW-REEL NAMED MSBA REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Special Administrative Board President Veronica Morrow-Reel was elected to serve as the Regional Executive Committee Chair for Region 7 at the Spring Meeting. Morrow-Reel was unanimously approved by the attendees at the March 28 event.

The Missouri School Boards' Association (MSBA) is a private, not-for profit organization that helps local school boards ensure that all students succeed. MSBA serves as the unified voice of school board members throughout the state and provides board member training, comprehensive policy support, legal assistance, superintendent search guidance, and other services designed to allow school boards to put maximum resources in the classroom. Region 7 represents the 45 public school districts located in St. Louis City, St. Louis County, St. Charles County and Jefferson County.