Dear Parent or Guardian,

Welcome to City High School! City High is a special place with a rich and distinguished history. Our students are incredible, talented young people. Our families are highly supportive, active, and involved. Our faculty and staff represent true excellence in education. Our alumni share a common bond, and continually rally around our beautiful school. Together, we are “The School That Leads!”

At City High, we share a common vision. Our school will be:

- A place of academic excellence that delivers a world-class education.
- A comprehensive high school with co-curricular activities that operate at an elite level in the great state of Iowa.
- A place where all students are connected to our school so that they feel important, valued, and that they belong.
- An institution with the highest code of ethics for students and staff; a place of deep respect and kindness.
- Strong school spirit. We are all part of something very special, and proud to be Little Hawks!

City High is proud to be ranked as one of “America’s Best High Schools” by Newsweek, The Washington Post, and US News and World Report.

At City High, we are a true school family. It’s great to be a City High Little Hawk!

John Bacon
City High Principal

Mission

With the help of parents and with partners in the business and university communities, City High strives to impart useful skills, cultural histories and democratic heritage while encouraging innovative and critical evaluation in a supportive environment.

Course Offerings

Art
Business
Drivers’ Education
Health
Family/Consumer Science
Industrial Technology
Language Arts
Mathematics
Performing Music
(Band, Orchestra, Chorus)
Science
Social Studies
Level I, II, III Special Education
World Languages
(French, German, Spanish)

Co-Curricular/Extracurricular

Activities: Drama, Thespians, Academic Clubs, Service Clubs, Model United Nations, National Honor Society, Quill and Scroll, Speech and Debate, Student Senate, Pep and Jazz Bands, Show Choir, Newspaper, Yearbook, and Social Issues Clubs

Sports: City High offers a full slate of all Class 4A/5A Iowa high school athletic activities.

Students Come From:

South East Junior High School

Additional Programs

Guidance and Counseling
Post-Secondary Enrollment Options
Advanced Placement Courses
Honors Courses

City High[lights]

Niche Ranking: #5 Public H.S. in Iowa
AP Scholars: 38
AP Scholars with Honor: 21
AP Scholars with Distinction: 17
Merit Scholars: 8 (2015)
State Championships: 58 since 1940

Newsweek Ranking: 3rd in Iowa (2014)
Named by Washington Post and US News & World Report to list of America’s Best High Schools
All-State Music Finalists: 25
Award-Winning Student Newspaper:
The Little Hawk (National Pacemaker)
**Student Performance**

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<th>School</th>
<th>Percentage of Students Proficient in Reading</th>
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<th>Percent of Students Reaching Projected Academic Growth in Reading</th>
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<tr>
<td>School</td>
<td>79.9%</td>
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<td>80.1%</td>
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<td>State</td>
<td>77.1%</td>
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Data based on Iowa Assessments of 9th through 11th grade students

**Quality Teachers**

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<th>School</th>
<th>Total Number of Classroom Teachers</th>
<th>Iowa Licensed Teachers</th>
<th>Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers</th>
<th>Teachers with Advanced Degrees</th>
<th>Teachers in Leadership Positions</th>
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<td>109</td>
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<td>81</td>
<td>23</td>
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<td>100%</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>681</td>
<td>307</td>
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**Student Diversity**

6.6% English Language Learners
12.7% Students receiving special education services
39.7% Low socioeconomic status students

**City High by the Numbers**

1,622 STUDENTS

6.6% Asian
12.7% Black
18.7% Hispanic
40.5% Multi-racial
7.6% Native American/Alaskan
1.9% Pacific Islander/Other
67.0% White

**City High West High Liberty High Tate High 1st Largest High School in the District**

**Student Population**

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<td>1,345</td>
<td>1,399</td>
<td>1,468</td>
<td>1,712</td>
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92.15% Average Daily Attendance
93.72% Graduation Rate

**Staff Diversity**

- Non-Minority
- Minority

Information based on voluntary data provided by employees

**School Personnel**

- Teachers
- Support Staff
- Administrators

Avg. Class Size: 27.6
Grades 9-12
2017-2018 District Snapshot

Iowa City Community School District

**Our Students**

- **14,198** students
- 8.9% English Language Learners
- 10.4% Students receiving special education services
- 37.4% Low socioeconomic status students

**Certified Enrollment**

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>13,671</td>
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**Student Diversity**

- Asian (6.1%)
- Black (19.2%)
- Hispanic (11.5%)
- Multi-racial (5.2%)
- Native American/Alaskan (<1%)
- Pacific Islander/Other (<1%)
- White (57.6%)

**Nearly 80 Languages Spoken**

**Our Schools & Staff**

- 17 Preschool Sites
- 20 Elementary Schools
- 3 Junior High Schools
- 3 High Schools
- 1 Alternative High School

- Des Moines
- Cedar Rapids
- Davenport
- Sioux City
- Iowa City
- Waterloo
- Dubuque
- Ankeny
- Council Bluffs
- West Des Moines

**District Size**

5th Largest School District in Iowa

133 Sq. Miles

**Classroom-Focused Priorities**

- 84% of annual district budget is spent on personnel costs.

**Salary/Benefit Costs**

- Teachers (74.9%)
- Support Staff (19.5%)
- Administrators (5.6%)

**More than:**

- 10,500 Meals Prepared & Served Every Day
- 5,000 Students Transported by Bus Every Day

**Staff Diversity**

- Non-Minority (87%)
- Minority (13%)

Information based on voluntary data provided by employees.

**Raising the Bar**

**Graduation Rates:**

- 89.0%
- 87.9%
- 90.4%
- 93.0%
- 93.6%

**Dropout Rate:** 1.6%

**2016-17 ACT Avg. Composite Scores**

- Nation: 21.0
- State: 21.9
- District: 25.0

**977 Students enrolled in AP courses**

**269 Students enrolled in Kirkwood Regional Center Academies**

**173 Students enrolled in PSEO and Alternative Concurrent Courses**

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