



COMMUNITY REPORT 2018-2019



summit schools
brilliant beginnings, bright futures

connected to
community.



Dear Friends of Summit Schools,

We are excited to share another outstanding year at Summit Schools in this Community Report. Our school continues to transform lives, not only within our school walls, but in the greater Cedar Rapids area as well. In addition to our own student body, we have extended our tutoring services to over 100 additional students, and opened our doors to an additional 200+ students for our summer programming. Our educational impact in our community is something that we are extremely proud of and wish to celebrate! This important work is possible because of our excellent faculty and the leadership of our Board of Trustees.

I am incredibly proud of the many accomplishments of our students in the classroom and within the community. For over 20 years our students have excelled because of our high expectations, our multi-sensory approach to teaching and learning, and our attention to the individual needs and gifts of each child. Families select Summit Schools for their children because they value personalized education, an educational approach that aims to customize learning for each student's strengths, needs, skills, and interests.

We are grateful to the many donors who enrich our community, and we thank you for your continued generosity and support. Because of you, we are provided with the opportunity to continue in our mission to empower each student to exceed their academic, social, and emotional goals to ensure a lifetime of success and personal fulfillment.

Thank you again for working in partnership with Summit Schools. We look forward to many more years of educational impact within our growing Cedar Rapids community.



with gratitude,
paul g. pressler,
head of schools



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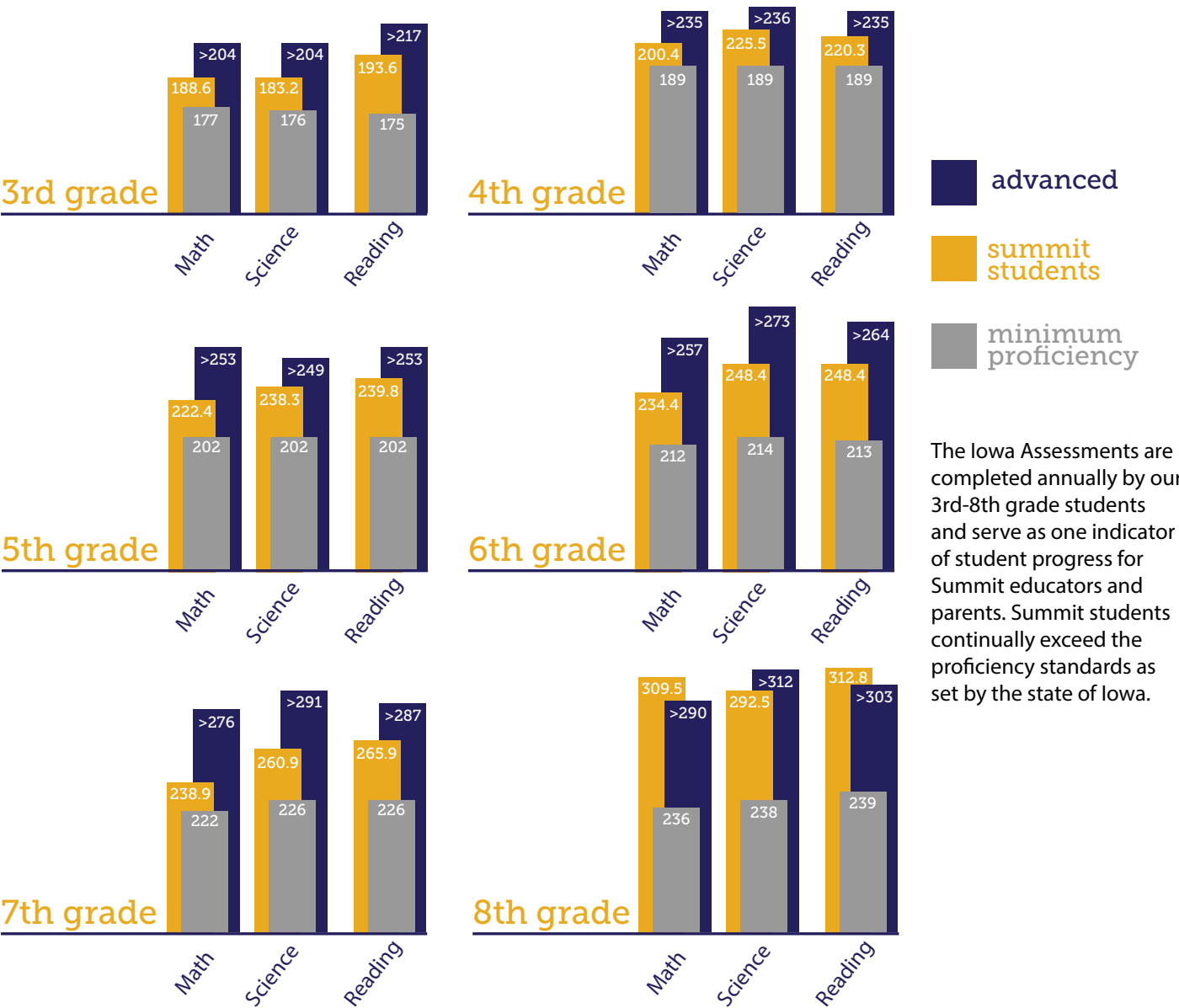
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iowa assessments



The results of the Iowa Assessments help teachers understand how students perform in key academic areas. Iowa Assessments also identify students' strengths and areas of potential growth, and monitors student performance over time.



the summit difference





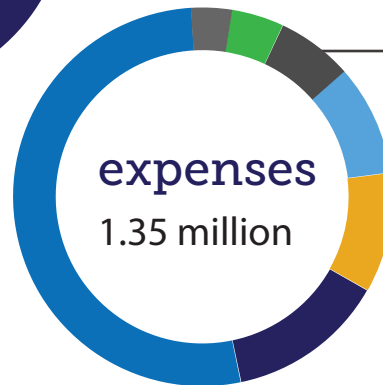
financials

- pre-k-8 tuition & fees
- auxiliary programs (summer camp, tutoring, LEC)
- scholarships & STO
- donations
- other income
- state funds & grants



tuition covers
44%
of school expenses

\$2,275
Average financial aid package



- wages & benefits
- long-term debts/liabilities
- facilities
- auxiliary programs (summer camp, tutoring, LEC)
- scholarships & financial aid
- materials & supplies
- technology



summit support

Summit is honored to have loyal and generous alumni, parents, and friends who give through their time and resources in a variety of ways. Thank you for your generosity.

Tuition alone does not provide the revenue needed to offer the excellent Summit education that is our school's tradition. Annual giving is the single most important source of non-tuition income for our school. Summit appreciates a gift of any size because strong voluntary support from parents demonstrates the confidence from those closest to the school. Foundations and corporations carefully consider this type of support when awarding grants.

change a life



Anonymous
Virginia Michalick

build a mind



Robert Becker & Diane Handler

shape the future



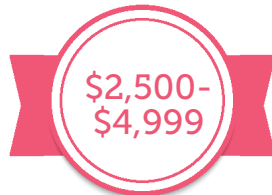
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Haroon & Paly Afridi
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learn

up to
\$499

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corporate gifts

Amazon Smile
Balster Pediatric Dentistry
Barnes & Noble
Box Tops for Education
City Laundering Co.
Cedar Rapids Bank & Trust
CR Signs
Fleck Sales
GreatAmerica Financial Services
Hansen's Dairy
Hills Bank & Trust
Hy-Vee Cash 4 Kids
Lifetouch National School Studios
Scholastic

endowments

Thayer Summit Teacher & Staff
Endowment Fund

matching gifts

Rockwell Collins Aerospace
US Bank

grants

US Bank
Allegra FootPRINT Fund





did you know?

Summit Schools is committed to preparing our students to work in an evolving, information-centered global community of the 21st century.

Summit's tutoring program is open to all children in the Cedar Rapids metro area. Each student has an individualized tutoring plan where the student sets his/her goals, schedule and setting (individual or group tutoring). Summit features tutors who are trained in the Orton-Gillingham reading method. Currently, Summit offers tutoring in reading, Orton-Gillingham, spelling, writing, basic math, algebra, geometry, homework help, study skills, music, and Spanish.

Tutoring schedules are separated into two programs: academic year, which runs from September-May, and summer, which run eight weeks throughout June and July.

If you are interested in tutoring, email Tutor Manager, Christina Anderson at

christina.anderson@summitschools.org

**Some Saturday morning sessions may be available.*





Thank you to our recent retirees for your contributions to the Summit community.

We wish you the best in your retirement!



laureen lanich

Laurene served as Summit's Administrator, overseeing the school's teachers and curriculum, and spearheading the school's strategic planning process. Laurene retired in June 2019 after 2 years with the school.



jane carlson

Long-time Summit accountant, Jane Carlson, retired in March 2019. Jane kept Summit on track financially for 7 years, and trained her successor, Catharine Johnson, for a few months before her departure.



pat akers

Pat has been with Summit since its inception in 1998, having taught previously at McLeod Academy and Linn Academy. She continues to tutor local students at Summit.



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