



ACE State Summary – Missouri

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Key Academic Findings

- **ACE Missouri data are limited** because the program is still new and the number of scholarship recipients is relatively small.
- **ACE scholars report higher attendance rates** – ACE scholars attend school 96 percent of the time, which is 12.1 percentage points higher than the attendance rate of their FRL-peers in public schools. Research has shown students have stronger academic performances when they attend school more frequently.
- **ACE schools report higher college matriculation rates than the state of Missouri** – One hundred percent of ACE affiliated schools' twelfth graders matriculated to college, which is 33.3 percentage points higher than the college matriculation rate for Missouri public school students.

Key Findings from Parents

- **Academics, faith, and safety drive parental choice** – Most ACE parents choose private schools due to better academics (95.0 percent), faith-based curriculum (87.5 percent), and safety (77.5 percent).

ACE Partner School Findings

- **Principals have more experience in education** – The average level of experience of a principal at an ACE partner school is 23 years, including 14 years at their current school. Missouri public school principals have an average of 7.1 years experience.
- **ACE partner schools are at 66.2 percent capacity** – ACE partner schools in Missouri have a combined 1,813 empty seats.