



ACE State Summary – Missouri

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Key Academic Findings

- **The ACE-Missouri scholars' data is limited, as this program is relatively new and a small number of Missouri students have acquired scholarships.**
- **ACE scholars report higher attendance rates** – ACE scholars attend school 96% of the time, which is 12.1 points higher than the attendance rate of FRL-peers. 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** – 100% of ACE affiliated buildings' twelfth graders matriculated to college, which is 33.3 points higher than the college matriculation rate for Missouri public school students.

Key Findings from Parents

- **Academics and safety are driving factors for choice** – most ACE parents choose private schools due to the better academics (95.0%), the faith-based curriculum (87.5%), and the safer environment (77.5%).

ACE-affiliated Building Findings

- **Principals have more experience in school and in field** – the average level of experience of a principal at an ACE-affiliated school is 23 years, of which they spent 14 years at their current school. Missouri public school principals worked in this field is 7.1 years – nearly 16 years fewer than principals running school accepting ACE students.
- **ACE-affiliated schools are at 66.2% capacity** – 1813 seats at ACE-affiliated Missouri schools are empty – more than one-third of all seats at these schools.