



# Press Release

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**Title:** Exceeding the Bar: District Exceeds Expectations on State Report Card

The School District of Monroe is proud to announce that we've reached an exciting new milestone: achieving an **"Exceeds Expectations"** rating in the latest state report card! Even more impressively, all five of our schools showed overall score improvements, with three elementary schools earning a 5-star rating of "Significantly Exceeds Expectations," and both the middle school and high school advancing to the next rating scale category. This outstanding achievement reflects the hard work, dedication, and collaboration of our students, educators, families, and community who continuously strive for excellence.

The most recent State Report Card, officially released by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction today, is an integral part of the state accountability system. These comprehensive report cards encompass data across multiple indicators over the last three school years within four Priority Areas: Achievement, Growth, Target Group Outcomes, and On-track to Graduation. Districts and individual schools receive scores on a 0-100 scale in these priority areas, which are then combined to form an overall accountability score ranging from 0 to 100. It is important to clarify that this accountability score does not represent a "percent correct" measurement. Instead, it is an aggregate of four priority areas that are weighted based on demographics and school size. Based on this score, schools or districts are assigned one of five rating categories, ranging from Fails to Meet Expectations to Significantly Exceeds Expectations, each corresponding to one to five stars.

DISTRICT/SCHOOL	REPORT CARD RATING	Star Rating
School District of Monroe	Exceeds Expectations	★★★★☆
Abraham Lincoln Elementary	Significantly Exceeds Expectations	★★★★★
Northside Elementary	Significantly Exceeds Expectations	★★★★★
Parkside Elementary	Significantly Exceeds Expectations	★★★★★
Monroe Middle School	Exceeds Expectations	★★★★☆
Monroe High School	Meets Expectations	★★★★☆☆

**District Report Card**

As a district, we achieved a score of **70.8**, earning an "Exceeds Expectations" rating—an improvement from last year's score of **66.6**. This marks the **fourth consecutive year** that we've increased our overall score, with particularly strong gains in **growth and target group outcomes**.

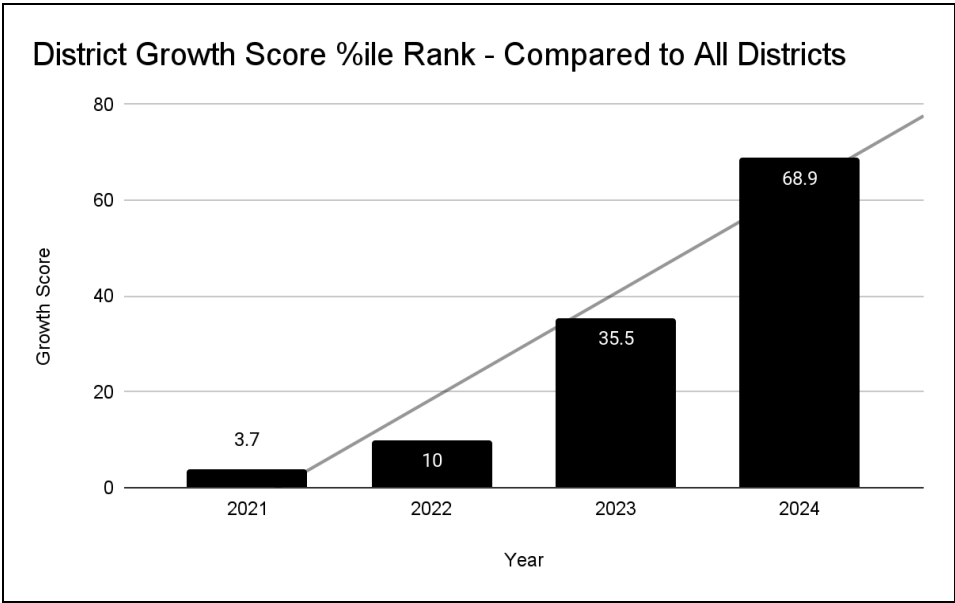
**The Formula for Success**

We are excited to celebrate the remarkable progress our district has achieved! While we have consistently outperformed the state average in student achievement, we identified areas where growth and target group outcomes could be even stronger. In response, over the past two years, we've focused on two key goals that have propelled our success.

Through the hard work of our staff and strategic allocation of resources, we've strengthened our Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) and expanded student support systems in all five schools. These enhancements have allowed us to provide targeted academic and social-emotional support precisely where it's needed, ensuring that more students receive the assistance they deserve.

Our educators have also embraced ongoing professional development, continuously refining their teaching strategies to align with best practices. By leveraging data-driven instruction, we can pinpoint student strengths and areas for growth, enabling us to offer personalized support that makes a real difference. Collaboration across all K-12 levels has ensured a consistent and unified curriculum, which has directly contributed to elevated student outcomes.

These focused efforts have resulted in significant improvements in growth and target group scores, affirming our commitment to creating an even more enriching educational experience for every student. Here's to continued success and the empowering growth of our district!





### **School Report Cards**

Each of the three elementary schools demonstrated overall score improvements. The growth of students during their time in our elementary schools is arguably the best in the state, with scores ranging from 93rd to the 99th percentile. The elementary school staff continue to serve as a leader in achievement, curriculum adoption, professional development, and collaborative systems aimed at meeting the needs of all students. The scores of Abraham Lincoln Elementary, Northside Elementary, and Parkside Elementary demonstrate that Monroe has three of the very best elementary schools in all of Wisconsin.

Monroe Middle School and Monroe High School both realized an improvement in overall scores that improved their ratings. MMS moved up to Exceeds Expectations, while MHS improved to reach Meets Expectations. While both of these schools have enjoyed good achievement scores over the years, they have needed to focus on improving overall student growth and improve the performance of their lowest achieving students. These schools have taken a focused systems approach to address the needs of their students while also focusing on improved instructional practices. As a result, these schools have realized incredible improvement that the District believes will continue in the years to come.

Todd Paradis, Director of Curriculum & Instruction stated, “we are incredibly proud to announce that the School District of Monroe has achieved an Exceeds Expectations rating on the Wisconsin School Report Card system. This accomplishment reflects the hard work, dedication, and commitment of our entire staff. Our team has gone above and beyond to support every student’s success, from adopting new curriculum and comprehensive professional development to strengthening systems, analyzing data, and maintaining a relentless focus on student engagement and instructional improvement. This achievement reflects the collective efforts of our educators, staff, and community who work tirelessly to make Monroe a great place to learn and grow for all students. Congratulations to everyone involved—this is a remarkable achievement and a proud moment for our district!”