

Press Release

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As part of the state accountability system, The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has issued District and School report cards for public schools statewide. The school report card serves as one of the many measures the School District of Monroe uses in the continuous improvement process to create well-rounded students.

Each district and school receive an accountability rating calculated on four priority areas: student achievement in English language arts and mathematics, academic growth, targeted groups of students, and measures of postsecondary readiness, which includes graduation and attendance rates, third-grade English language arts achievement, and eighth-grade mathematics achievement. The priority area scores are aggregated into an overall accountability score, from 0 to 100. Based on its score, a school or district receives one of five rating categories, from *Fails to Meet Expectations* to *Significantly Exceeds Expectations*, as well as corresponding one to five stars.

The current school report card is primarily based on last year's performance during the 2021-22 school year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, DPI encourages caution when interpreting scores and ratings on the 2021-22 report cards.

As a district, we scored in the "meets expectations" category with a 63.1. This was an improvement from last year's score of 59.7. Individual school scores include: Monroe High School - "meets few expectations" with a 50.2, Monroe Middle School - "meeting expectations" with a 67.4, Parkside Elementary - "meeting expectations" with a 69.6, Northside Elementary School - "exceeds expectations" with a 80.7, and Abe Lincoln School - "significantly exceeds expectations" with a 83.8.

We have areas for growth and improvement in all of our buildings. Two areas where we need to improve are in our "growth" and "targeted group outcomes" scores, specifically with our growing number of English Language Learners, students with disabilities, and students from low economic status. There is great work happening across the district this year to address both categories and these sub-group of students. This work includes: narrowing our focus on what is "essential" for all students to learn in every course or subject, better aligning our curriculum vertically K-12, providing professional development to improve instruction, and making sure all buildings have the necessary systems and resources in place to help serve ALL students.

We have many things to celebrate across all buildings. Student achievement scores are above the state average in English language arts and mathematics. In the "on-track to graduation" category, the District scored above the state average for graduation rates, 3rd grade reading scores, and 8th grade math scores, which are all key indicators for postsecondary success.

It's also important to recognize the work that is happening in our schools outside of English language arts and mathematics. We are extremely proud of the opportunities we are providing for students to prepare them for their plans post-high school. At the high school level, students can gain dual credits for high school and college level courses, participate in advanced placement classes, and take part in work-based learning experiences like youth apprenticeships. With our new Launch program beginning this school year and an increased focus on providing relevant learning through career readiness work, we are excited about growing the number of students who will have skills to be successful in whatever college or career path they choose.

As a District, we will continue to do our best to make sure that our students are prepared to become valuable contributing members of our local and global community. We need the support and collaboration from our community, parents, teachers, and students to make Monroe a District that meets the needs of all. Your continued support of our schools is greatly appreciated.

The report cards can be accessed online here: <u>http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards</u>. The Report Cards are intended to help all schools and districts utilize data on specific measures to target improvement efforts to ensure students are ready for the next educational step – including the next grade level, graduation, college, and careers.

Click links below to download PDF versions of School District of Monroe report cards.

District Report Card Monroe High School Report Card Monroe Middle School Report Card Northside Elementary Parkside Elementary Abe Lincoln Elementary