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Community Report

ANNUAL FACTS & FIGURES
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Our remarkable success depends on support of community

Superintendent’s message

We are pleased to present the latest edition of the Hamilton School District Community Report. This annual publication reflects our commitment to transparency and accountability by providing an overview of the District's academic performance, enrollment trends and responsible use of taxpayer resources.

The accomplishments highlighted in this report are a direct result of the dedication and hard work of our students, staff and families. From academic achievement to responsible management of taxpayer resources, the Community Report showcases the many ways our District continues to grow and succeed.

While this showcases many measurable outcomes, it cannot fully capture the strong partnerships and support that make these achievements possible. We are grateful for the ongoing commitment of our families and community members.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we are helping to provide each child, every opportunity for success.



Paul Mielke, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Hamilton School Board

- Brian Schneider – President
Menomonee Falls - term expires 2027
- Rachel Ziemer – Vice President
At-large - term expires 2028
- John Castillo – Treasurer
Butler - term expires 2027
- Dawn Van Aacken – Clerk
Lisbon - term expires 2027
- Tom Seiler
At large - term expires 2029
- Ashlie Schaffner
Sussex - term expires 2028
- Jay Jones
Lannon - term expires 2029

Information about the Hamilton School Board, its meetings and meeting highlights are posted on the district website at www.hamilton.k12.wi.us/district/school-board.

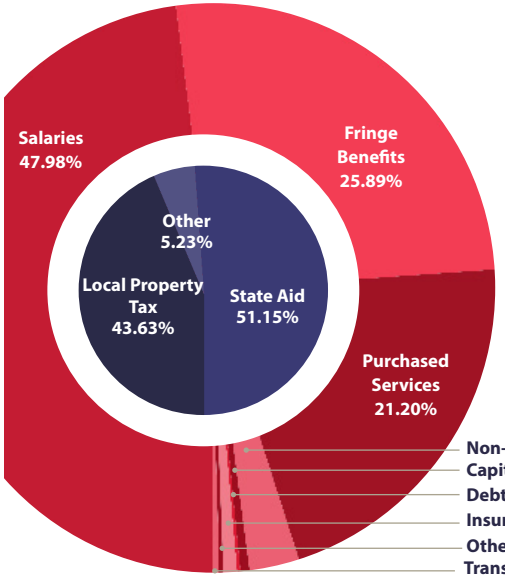
Our mission

Hamilton School District – in partnership with a diverse community – ensures maximum achievement for each student through a respectful and engaging learning environment, a rigorous, relevant curriculum and highly qualified, caring staff

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION: The Hamilton School District will not deny any person admission to any public school or deny any person participation in, deny any person the benefits of, or discriminate against any person in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil services, recreational or other program or activity because of a person's sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other reason prohibited by state or federal laws or regulations. The Hamilton School District prohibits staff, students and volunteers from discriminating against or harassing others based on the characteristics described above. The Hamilton School District is an equal opportunity employer and complies with all state and federal laws regarding non-discrimination in employment practices.

Making the most of your tax dollars

Financial facts & figures



2024-25 district budget

- EXPENSES
- REVENUES

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Know your school district

Municipal apportionment of district levy	
Sussex	37.05%
Menomonee Falls	34.41%
Lisbon	17.32%
Butler	4.44%
Pewaukee	3.43%
Lannon	3.34%
Brookfield	0.01%

Personnel levels	
Licensed instruction	57.53%
Aides/Support/Others	39.63%
Administration	2.84%

Highly qualified staff	
Staff teaching in areas of certification	100%
Teachers with master's degree	67%

Student demographics	
White	73.0%
Asian	12.4%
Hispanic or Latino	6.3%
2+ Races	4.4%
Black or African American	3.5%
American Indian, Alaskan	0.3%
Hawaiian, Pacific Islander	0.1%
Economically disadvantaged	12.4%
Disabled	10.7%
English language learner	1.4%

Staff-pupil ratios	District	State
Licensed instruction	1:15	1:12
Aides/Support/Others	1:26	1:20
Administration	1:320	1:176

Graduation plans		District
4-year college/univ	75.2%	
Employment, other	13.8%	
Voc tech college	10.2%	
Military	0.8%	

Other statistics	District	State
Attendance	95.3%	92.6%
Graduation	98.6%	92.6%
Absenteeism	5.9%	17.3%
Dropout	0.2%	1.1%
Suspension	3.3%	10.1%

Due to rounding, sums do not always equal 100.
Source: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
School District Performance Report and WISEdash

Total spending per pupil

DISTRICT	TOTAL \$
Pewaukee	\$19,887
Menomonee Falls	\$19,462
State K-12 Average	\$18,310
Kettle Moraine	\$17,847
Oconomowoc Area	\$17,619
Mukwonago	\$16,636
New Berlin	\$16,612
Waukesha	\$16,306
Muskego-Norway	\$16,068
Elmbrook	\$15,749
Hamilton	\$15,687

Source: WISEdash. Actual total spending for 2023-24. Total spending captures nearly all of a school district's spending including instruction, pupil staff support, operations and administration, transportation, facilities and food and community service. Listed are K-12 school districts in Waukesha County.

Note that single-year comparisons between districts may be misleading if any of the districts in question incurred an unusual expense in any given year.

Comparison of area school districts’ financials

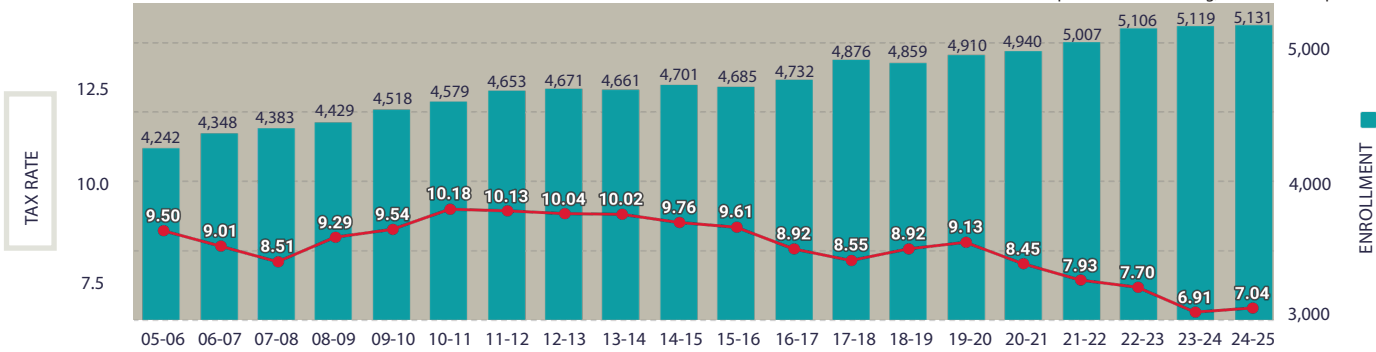
This table compares southeastern Wisconsin CESA #1 K-12 school districts in various categories. Cost per student is total actual expenses. State aid does not include categorical aid. Enrollments are full-time equivalencies, not actual number of students.

District	Enrollment	Average income	Cost per pupil	Property value per pupil	Mil rate	Pupil-teacher ratio	Local levy	State aid
Brown Deer	1,874	\$58,011	\$16,917	\$696,335	8.59	12.48	25.82%	62.86%
Cedarburg	3,052	\$118,069	\$16,397	\$1,115,440	6.50	14.11	39.56%	44.63%
Cudahy	2,347	\$57,000	\$18,331	\$647,337	6.74	11.03	23.99%	57.85%
Elmbrook	8,092	\$142,815	\$15,749	\$1,321,929	6.50	13.35	59.51%	27.61%
Franklin	4,524	\$95,458	\$16,661	\$904,197	7.94	13.78	37.92%	47.56%
Germantown	4,025	\$99,211	\$19,885	\$1,144,780	8.21	13.60	47.65%	40.80%
Grafton	2,125	\$96,286	\$17,326	\$1,085,846	7.42	13.45	41.62%	42.70%
Greendale	2,493	\$80,275	\$19,417	\$670,704	8.29	11.78	22.58%	59.80%
Greenfield	3,605	\$62,887	\$16,223	\$731,199	7.64	11.61	24.50%	55.67%
Hamilton	5,351	\$102,685	\$15,687	\$931,320	6.91	14.68	39.81%	48.41%
Kenosha	19,673	\$68,777	\$16,646	\$672,667	5.62	11.80	22.18%	56.64%
Kettle Moraine	3,417	\$118,526	\$17,847	\$1,432,729	7.22	12.71	50.60%	26.92%
Menomonee Falls	4,044	\$94,539	\$19,462	\$1,250,764	6.91	13.11	52.96%	33.98%
Mequon	3,545	\$182,008	\$17,306	\$1,747,990	6.81	12.46	73.56%	12.47%
Milwaukee	68,954	\$53,693	\$24,619	\$546,489	7.94	14.11	17.53%	47.24%
Mukwonago	4,812	\$94,988	\$16,636	\$984,582	6.20	13.28	30.50%	50.55%
Muskego-Norway	4,797	\$103,831	\$16,068	\$978,950	5.99	13.39	34.29%	50.46%
New Berlin	4,492	\$98,608	\$16,612	\$1,467,691	5.87	13.74	58.27%	25.70%
North Ozaukee	781	\$85,440	\$16,454	\$1,055,500	8.35	12.53	24.40%	32.47%
Oak Creek	6,356	\$79,250	\$16,263	\$843,062	8.06	14.11	25.23%	56.06%
Oconomowoc	5,439	\$113,577	\$17,619	\$1,436,208	6.09	11.95	60.02%	23.75%
Pewaukee	2,769	\$123,170	\$19,887	\$1,237,478	6.85	14.23	56.70%	26.83%
Port Wash/Sauk	2,617	\$77,239	\$16,070	\$847,660	7.21	12.48	32.32%	56.39%
Racine	21,113	\$65,503	\$17,170	\$594,451	8.22	10.24	22.99%	59.33%
Saint Francis	811	\$65,870	\$23,385	\$892,545	10.47	12.57	31.02%	33.58%
Shorewood	1,710	\$126,554	\$19,814	\$1,129,330	12.35	12.62	50.56%	30.22%
South Milwaukee	2,832	\$58,316	\$17,947	\$570,547	7.95	11.42	15.63%	57.51%
Waukesha	11,971	\$87,895	\$16,306	\$1,099,885	5.64	12.44	36.90%	45.10%
Wauwatosa	6,174	\$103,021	\$17,927	\$1,399,039	6.68	11.07	46.60%	33.08%
West Allis	8,328	\$57,562	\$15,816	\$730,341	6.69	11.14	24.86%	53.66%
Whitefish Bay	2,783	\$204,433	\$14,921	\$1,027,685	5.96	13.45	43.52%	45.70%
Whitnall	2,154	\$79,992	\$16,942	\$975,453	7.15	12.20	32.97%	44.34%

Sources: Wisconsin Policy Forum, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction WISEdash, Wisconsin Department of Revenue. Data from 2023-24 school year. Average income, local levy and state aid from 2023 calendar year.

20-year trends: Tax rates & enrollments

Tax rate is local property taxes paid per \$1,000 of equalized property value for school purposes. Enrollment is head count of all students the district is responsible for educating, not full-time equivalency.



Each Child, Every Opportunity for Success

Living our commitment to students

Hamilton School District achievements are a testament to the commitment parents, staff and community have to the children of our community. In this district, we live our motto, “Each Child, Every Opportunity for Success.” Please take time to review data on one source of pride — our academic achievement.

HIGHLIGHTS: Wisconsin Forward Exam results

Hamilton School District students scored well on the 2024-25 Wisconsin Forward Exam, topping the statewide average by 26-28 percentage points and outperforming most Waukesha County school districts.

- Compared to the state average, Hamilton scores were:
- 26.9 percentage points higher in mathematics;
 - 26.4 points higher in science;
 - 27.4 points higher in social studies; and
 - 26.6 points higher in English-language arts.

Among Waukesha County’s 10 K-12 school districts, Hamilton was the top performer in science and social studies. Hamilton ranked second in the county for English-language arts and third for mathematics.

The Forward Exam is a criterion-referenced assessment in which a standard is set and scores reflect the percentage of students who achieve at that level. Four categories of proficiency are minimal, basic, proficient and advanced. The tables to the right show the percentage of students who achieved at the proficient and advanced proficient levels.

Source: 2024-25 Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction WISEdash



Waukesha County K-12 Forward Exam Comparisons

Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	District
82.7 Elmbrook	77.6 Hamilton	77.3 Elmbrook	82.6 Elmbrook	79.6 Muskego	78.5 Hamilton	78.5 Elmbrook
81.5 Hamilton	77.3 Elmbrook	75.8 Mukwonago	80.1 Hamilton	77.4 Kettle Mor	76.7 New Berlin	78.2 Hamilton
79.6 Mukwonago	76.7 Muskego	75.2 Hamilton	80.1 Kettle Mor	77.2 Elmbrook	75.7 Muskego	75.3 Muskego
77.1 Pewaukee	74.4 Mukwonago	74.5 Kettle Mor	79.1 Muskego	76.7 Hamilton	75.6 Kettle Mor	74.6 Kettle Mor
76.9 Oconom	74.3 Oconom	73.6 Pewaukee	73.9 Mukwonago	72.7 Pewaukee	74.4 Pewaukee	74.5 Mukwonago
73.8 Muskego	74.1 Kettle Mor	73.0 New Berlin	73.3 Oconom	71.8 New Berlin	74.1 Mukwonago	72.7 New Berlin
71.7 New Berlin	71.6 New Berlin	71.2 Oconom	71.2 New Berlin	69.9 Oconom	73.3 Elmbrook	72.3 Pewaukee
64.2 Kettle Mor	65.4 Pewaukee	66.1 Muskego	71.1 Pewaukee	69.8 Mukwonago	61.4 Oconom	71.2 Oconom
61.9 Men Falls	60.4 Men Falls	62.9 Men Falls	60.7 Men Falls	64.3 Men Falls	56.2 Men Falls	61.1 Men Falls
58.8 Waukesha	60.2 Waukesha	56.8 Waukesha	54.6 Waukesha	58.6 Waukesha	53.9 Waukesha	57.1 Waukesha
51.2 State	51.2 State	50.2 State	52.5 State	52.2 State	52.1 State	51.6 State

Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	District
83.8 Elmbrook	81.4 Muskego	84.1 Elmbrook	85.0 Muskego	86.1 Pewaukee	87.7 Pewaukee	83.2 Muskego
80.9 Hamilton	80.4 Mukwonago	82.9 Muskego	82.2 Hamilton	85.4 Muskego	83.8 Muskego	80.6 Elmbrook
80.5 Pewaukee	79.2 Elmbrook	78.4 Hamilton	81.2 Elmbrook	81.9 Kettle Mor	82.8 New Berlin	79.7 Hamilton
80.2 Muskego	78.4 New Berlin	78.1 Oconom	78.6 Mukwonago	80.0 Oconom	81.4 Hamilton	78.4 Mukwonago
80.1 New Berlin	77.9 Hamilton	78.0 New Berlin	77.9 Oconom	79.5 Elmbrook	77.6 Mukwonago	78.3 New Berlin
79.9 Mukwonago	76.1 Oconom	74.7 Mukwonago	77.7 Pewaukee	79.3 Mukwonago	75.7 Elmbrook	78.0 Pewaukee
76.6 Oconom	71.3 Kettle Mor	74.1 Kettle Mor	77.4 Kettle Mor	77.6 Hamilton	73.5 Kettle Mor	76.5 Oconom
68.8 Waukesha	70.0 Men Falls	71.3 Pewaukee	75.8 New Berlin	74.5 New Berlin	71.3 Men Falls	74.3 Kettle Mor
67.8 Men Falls	65.4 Pewaukee	68.6 Men Falls	60.7 Men Falls	70.6 Men Falls	70.1 Oconom	68.1 Men Falls
66.3 Kettle Mor	64.9 Waukesha	59.0 Waukesha	54.0 Waukesha	62.2 Waukesha	51.9 Waukesha	60.0 Waukesha
54.2 State	53.1 State	51.8 State	52.0 State	54.2 State	51.4 State	52.8 State

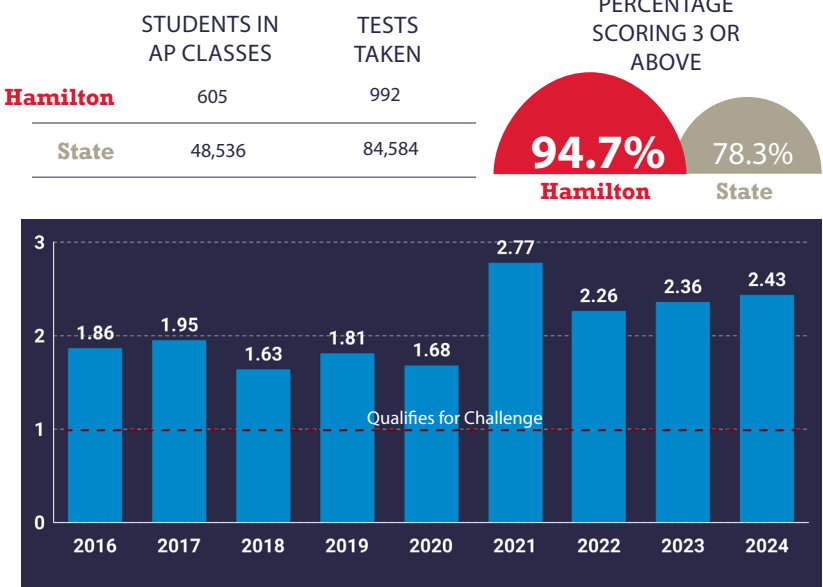
ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ARTS

MATHEMATICS

AP Exam pass rates

The College Board offers Advanced Placement testing to high school students. The University of Wisconsin System and other universities recognize credits earned in AP courses. The graph shows Hamilton’s Challenge Index – the number of AP exams given divided by seniors who graduate. Scores of 1.0 or higher make the Washington Post top high school ranking.

Source: 2024-25 Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction WISEdash



Wisconsin School Report Card

Hamilton’s performance is strong

The Hamilton School District’s achievement on the Wisconsin School Report Card once again was strong. Among Wisconsin’s 367 K-12 school districts, Hamilton was the seventh highest for its achievement score and 13th in overall accountability, placing our district in the top 2% of the state.

School Report Cards are based on four priority areas: student achievement in English-language arts and mathematics; student growth; target group outcomes for students with the lowest test scores; and measures that indicate if students are on track to graduate.

Of the four measures, Hamilton excelled most in the student achievement area. Among the 367 K-12 school districts in the state, Hamilton had the:

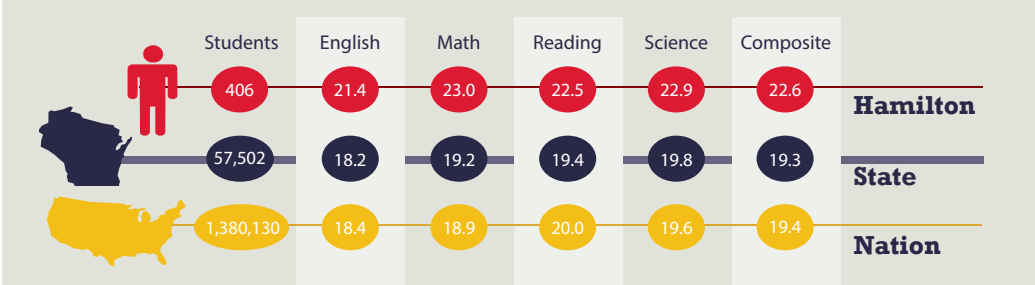
- eighth highest mathematics score; and
- seventh highest English-language arts results.

The overall accountability score places schools and districts in one of five categories: Significantly Exceeds Expectations, Exceeds Expectations, Meets Expectations, Meets Few Expectations and Fails to Meet Expectations. The Hamilton School District earned the top designation of Significantly Exceeds Expectations. Seven of the district’s schools - Lannon Elementary, Marcy Avenue Elementary, Marcy Elementary, Woodside Elementary, Silver Spring Intermediate and Templeton Middle - also earned the top designation of Significantly Exceeds Expectations. Hamilton High School was designated as Exceeds Expectations.



Source: Hamilton and state data from 2023-24 junior class April exam - Wisconsin Department of Public Information WISEdash

ACT Test results



Wisconsin School Report Cards

How Hamilton ranks among Waukesha County K-12s

Wisconsin public school districts and schools get a State Report Card that shows evidence of how well they are preparing students. One of five categories is assigned based on state assessments taken in the 2024-25 school year: Significantly Exceeds Expectations (84-100); Exceeds Expectations (71-83.9); Meets Expectations (60-70.9); Meets Few Expectations (49-59.9); and Fails to Meet Expectations (48.9 and below). These results are from the 2024-25 State Report Card.



Source: Wisconsin Department of Public Information WISEdash

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS							
	Overall score	Overall rating	Achvmnt score	Reading Writing	Math	Growth	Enroll-ment
Brookfield	98.1	Significantly Exceeds Expectations	98.2	96.4	100	92.6	641
Rolling Hills	97.2		96.5	93	100	93.5	455
Burleigh	96.6		95	91.3	98.7	98.2	927
Park Lawn	94.7		91.6	85.3	97.9	97.4	383
Marcy	94		98.5	97	99.9	85	488
Wales	93.9		89	85.4	92.5	100	333
Lannon	93.5		95.5	92.5	98.4	86.9	350
Maple Ave.	93		96.5	93	100	86.9	457
Poplar Creek	92.5		87.5	83.5	91.4	89.8	514
Rose Glen	92.5		90.7	82.5	98.8	89.8	490
Elmwood	91.9		90.4	84.1	96.7	83.1	567
Mill Valley	91.5		96.4	92.7	100	75.5	417
Eagleville	90.8		89	86.9	91	84.1	95
Section	89.8		96.8	93.5	100	62.2	438
Orchard Lane	89.5		83.1	78.2	87.9	88.8	453
Hillcrest	89.4		86.1	82.1	90	92.6	239
Summit	89.1		95.8	92.5	99.1	68.9	504
Bay Lane	88.9		89.8	84.7	94.9	79.3	912
Banting	88.8		73.1	67.4	78.8	98.2	486
Cushing	88.7		88.1	85.8	90.3	85	281
Towanda	88.5		94.2	89.4	99	70.8	533
Dixon	88	Exceeds Expectations	92.4	87	97.8	69.8	658
Big Bend	88		91.2	88.4	93.9	69.8	455
Swanson	87.6		92.9	87.5	98.3	74.6	778
Woodside	87.5		88.8	85.5	92	85	456
Meadowbrook	87.2		94.4	90.8	98.1	67.9	243
Lakeview	86.8		94.3	88.6	100	64.1	290
Ronald Reagan	86.1		92.4	87.4	97.4	59.4	669
Prairie View	84.5		87.4	83.8	91.1	67.9	417
Wauk STEM	84.3		89.2	83.1	95.3	79.3	580
Magee	83.9		84.6	83.6	85.6	74.6	255
Horizon	83.9	Meets Expectations	87.2	84.6	89.8	67.9	647
Kettle Moraine	83.3		81.9	80.3	83.6	80.3	137
Greenland	83.2		88.5	84.2	92.8	61.3	263
Dousman	81.8		73.6	70.8	76.3	86	311
Meadow View	81.8		89.4	87.7	91.1	57.5	548
Clarendon Ave.	80.4		85.7	82.4	88.9	62.2	511
Valley View	80.1		81.2	76.9	85.5	72.7	369
eAchieve	79.9		74.9	74.7	75.1	NA	111
Ixonia	77		80.9	75.5	86.2	52.7	256
Bethesda	76.4		77.7	72.5	82.9	74.6	401
Prairie	75.5	Meets Few	85.7	82.2	89.2	59.4	348
Riverside	75.1		78.7	72.8	84.6	62.2	455
Summit View	73.3		84.9	80.1	89.7	59.4	449
Hawthorne	66.8	Meets Few	48.6	50.6	46.6	66	321
Lowell	66.4		63.6	58.9	68.2	60.3	347
Hadfield	61.4		52.7	50.2	55.1	59.4	338
Heyer	57.5		64	62.6	65.4	46.1	328

SCHOOL DISTRICTS							
School	Overall score	Overall rating	Achvmnt score	Reading Writing	Math	Growth	Enroll-ment
Elmbrook	89	Significantly Exceeds Expectations	91.8	88	95.5	77.4	7845
New Berlin	88.6		87.3	83.2	91.4	78.4	4334
Muskego-Norway	86.5		92.2	86	98.4	71.7	4602
Hamilton	86.3		90.5	88	93	74.6	5131
Kettle Moraine	85.7		86.6	84.4	88.8	79.3	3326
Pewaukee	84.2	Exceeds Expectations	87.3	83.9	90.7	70.8	2907
Mukwonago	83.7		86.3	83.6	88.9	66	4835
Menomonee Falls	78.4		76.6	72	81.1	75.5	3876
Oconomowoc	77.6		83.2	78.5	87.8	60.3	4928
Waukesha	74.7		70.1	68.7	71.4	74.6	10167

MIDDLE SCHOOLS							
School	Overall score	Overall rating	Achvmnt score	Reading Writing	Math	Growth	Enroll-ment
Muskego Lakes	94.7	Significantly Exceeds Expectations	94.6	89.2	100	89.7	676
Templeton	90.8		94.3	89.9	98.6	82.2	766
Pilgrim Park	90.2		94.5	90.5	98.4	76.5	898
Kettle Moraine	89.1		91.8	86.7	96.8	81.2	726
Silver Spring	87.3		93.5	88.5	98.4	68.9	758
Park View	86.6	Exceeds Expectations	89.4	82.4	96.3	71.7	721
Wisconsin Hills	85.6		90.8	84.8	96.7	66	812
Asa Clark	85.3		91.7	84.9	98.5	69.8	623
Lake Denoon	80.1		92.6	85.2	100	54.6	673
Silver Lake	78.4		90.4	84	96.7	56.5	633
Les Paul	78.2	Meets Expectations	78.6	76	81.2	77.4	547
Nature Hill	76.8		83.1	75.5	90.6	59.4	750
North	72.8		76.1	69.2	82.9	59.4	804
Horning	66.5		58.3	56.1	60.4	67	534
Butler	64.3		71.8	70.6	73	56.5	786

HIGH SCHOOLS							
School	Overall score	Overall rating	Achvmnt score	Reading Writing	Math	Growth	Enroll-ment
KM Health Sci	97.4	Significantly Exceeds Expectations	100	100	100	84.9	176
Wauk Engin Prep	90.2		92.6	87.6	97.6	86.9	144
NB Eisenhower	88.8		89.9	86.1	93.7	74.6	1095
Brook Central	88.4		88.1	86.8	89.3	86	1215
KM Global School	86.7		88.6	89.4	87.7	73.6	71
New Berlin	86.4	Exceeds Expectations	82.4	79.6	85.3	79.3	1036
Arrowhead	86.4		89.1	86.7	91.5	75.5	1950
Brook East	84.8		87.8	85.9	89.7	71.7	1374
Menomonee Falls	82.7		74.1	72.2	76	93.6	1261
Wauk Hlth Acad	82.3		73	73.5	72.4	84.1	112
Muskego	82	Meets Expectations	86.8	83.6	89.9	67	1634
KM Arts & Perf	81.6		85.9	97.1	74.8	67.9	114
Pewaukee	81.6		82.4	82.3	82.6	73.6	889
Waukesha West	79.3		71.2	74.9	67.5	87.9	1167
Hamilton	78.2		83.2	84	82.4	69.8	1577
Kettle Moraine	77.3	Meets Expectations	79.4	77.7	81.1	67.9	869
Mukwonago	74.3		77.3	78.9	75.7	56.5	1604
Waukesha North	74.1		57.8	59.7	55.8	80.3	911
Oconomowoc	72.4		74.9	72.6	77.2	62.2	1591
Waukesha South	70		47.7	47.8	47.5	73.6	833
eAchieve Acad	64.4		51.5	60.3	41.8	59.4	639