

Hawthorn School District 73

Hawthorn Middle School North

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Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

As you may know, the State of Illinois released its newly updated Illinois School Report Card on October 31, 2018. This report card is aligned with our nation's federal education law, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). In order to assess each school's progress toward meeting ESSA goals, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) measures the performance of all students, as well as specific student subgroups, across a variety of academic and school quality indicators. This data is used to generate a school's composite score. Schools are ranked based on their composite scores, and this comparative ranking is a school's "official designation" for the school's report card.

This year, Middle School North has earned a Tier 1 designation. This means that our performance, as measured by the Illinois ESSA Plan has no underperforming student subgroups and is performing at the top 10% of the State of Illinois.

We value each of the measures included in the Illinois ESSA Plan, and will continue to use these scores to ensure the success of all students. We also recognize that this system weights PARCC assessment data more heavily than the other academic indicators. At Middle School North, we use a variety of measures to determine how well we are meeting the academic needs of our students. We also consider each student's progress in daily learning activities and projects, as well as classroom-based assessment measures to develop a more complete picture of our academic performance. In addition, we strongly value the development of the whole child. Our students' social and emotional growth, participation in athletics and other extracurricular programs, enrichment programs, fine and performing arts, student leadership opportunities, service-learning efforts, and other positive contributions to our school community are all essential components of our success at Middle School North.

Hawthorn Middle School North has been preparing for this new legislation (ESSA) for the past several years. To prepare, our learning community has focused on personalized learning, meeting the Illinois State Standards, providing a guaranteed and viable curriculum for ALL students, making data driven decisions to benefit ALL students, providing professional development experiences to our staff, enhancing professional learning communities, and meeting the social and emotional needs of our students.


At Hawthorn Middle North, we will continue to meet the needs of all students by reflecting and articulating our school improvement plan and facilitate the Hawthorn School District 73 Mission and Vision.

I want to thank the staff at Hawthorn Middle School North. As a team, many changes have been instilled into our learning community during the past several years. I thank our staff for their dedication and ensuring that ALL students are provided a guaranteed and viable curriculum.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. You are also welcome to visit our district website at www.hawthorn73.org/hawthorn-information/essa for additional information and resources to support your understanding of the Illinois ESSA Plan. We are looking forward to a successful year of growth and learning for ALL students at Middle School North!

Sincerely,


Robert J. Collins
Principal


Charly Trowbridge
Assistant Principal

Inspire all students to embrace learning in an ever-changing world.