

# Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District

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## News Release

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### MCPASD Soars to Highest State Rating, Reflecting Growth and Excellence Across Schools

**Middleton, WI, Nov. 11, 2025** —The Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District (MCPASD) has reached a major milestone, earning the highest possible state rating, *Significantly Exceeds Expectations*, for the first time on the 2024–25 Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) [school report cards](#).

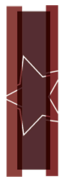
MCPASD achieved an overall score of 84.4, a significant increase from last year's 78.6, when the District was rated *Exceeds Expectations*. The improvement reflects continued academic growth, a strong commitment to instructional excellence, and collaborative efforts to ensure that every student has access to high-quality learning opportunities.

Several schools across the District saw notable gains. Park Elementary School made an exceptional 10-point jump from *Exceeds Expectations* to *Significantly Exceeds Expectations*. West Middleton Elementary School, Glacier Creek Middle School, and Middleton High School also moved up to the state's top category after several years of steady growth.

Elm Lawn Elementary School and Pope Farm Elementary School maintained their *Significantly Exceeds Expectations* ratings, continuing their long-standing record of excellence. Sunset Ridge Elementary School, Northside Elementary School, and Kromrey Middle School all remained in the *Exceeds Expectations* category, reflecting consistent high performance and ongoing student growth. Clark Street Community School demonstrated strong improvement, rising from *Meets Expectations* to *Exceeds Expectations*, and Sauk Trail Elementary School continued to make steady progress toward its goals while maintaining a *Meets Expectations* rating.

The District's [2024–25 DPI report card results](#) are as follows:

- **District Overall:** *Significantly Exceeds Expectations*
- **Park Elementary:** *Significantly Exceeds Expectations*
- **West Middleton Elementary:** *Significantly Exceeds Expectations*
- **Glacier Creek Middle School:** *Significantly Exceeds Expectations*
- **Middleton High School:** *Significantly Exceeds Expectations*
- **Elm Lawn Elementary:** *Significantly Exceeds Expectations*
- **Pope Farm Elementary:** *Significantly Exceeds Expectations*
- **Sunset Ridge Elementary:** *Exceeds Expectations*
- **Northside Elementary:** *Exceeds Expectations*
- **Kromrey Middle School:** *Exceeds Expectations*
- **Clark Street Community School:** *Exceeds Expectations*
- **Sauk Trail Elementary:** *Meets Expectations*



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Superintendent Dr. Dana Monogue praised the collective efforts behind these achievements.

“This recognition is the result of the dedication and passion of our students, staff, and families,” said Monogue. “It also reflects the incredible support we receive from our community, which continuously champions public education and our mission to help every student succeed. Earning the state’s highest rating reflects our District’s commitment to excellence and our focus on continuous improvement. We’re incredibly proud of how far we’ve come and even more excited about what’s ahead.”

The DPI report cards measure performance across four priority areas: achievement, growth, target group outcomes, and on-track to graduation. MCPASD’s upward trajectory demonstrates the impact of its Engage. Empower. Evolve. vision and A Cardinal’s Journey framework, which emphasize academic excellence, inclusivity, and innovation at every level.

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Dr. Jan Chynoweth highlighted the intentional focus on student growth and high-quality instruction across the District.

“These results are a testament to the hard work of our educators and the strong instructional practices happening in every classroom,” said Chynoweth. “Our staff continue to innovate, collaborate, and adapt to meet the needs of every learner. I’m so proud of the way our schools have come together to ensure that all students are learning at high levels.”

### **About Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District**

The Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District (MCPASD) serves 7,126 students across 12 schools in Middleton, Cross Plains, and surrounding communities. For many years, MCPASD has been recognized by Niche as one of the highest-rated school districts in the state, a reflection of its commitment to academic excellence, student support, and community partnerships.

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