



Weston SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Weston School District is committed to learning for all by empowering all students to reach their full potential in an ever-changing world. Weston's emphasis is on educating the whole child. Our students have many learning experiences and opportunities to get involved and engaged in and learn from. These experiences help prepare our students for an ever-changing world.

We have had a wonderful fall at Weston School District. We are excited about student growth, and student achievement. As a learning community, we are continually looking to improve student learning at Weston School District. The school report card is one resource we use to reflect on our strengths and areas for improvement.

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is required by state statute ([Wis. Stat. 115.385](#)) to generate a school report card and district report card for every publicly funded school and district in the state. The report cards are intended to help schools and districts use performance data to celebrate successes and improve their efforts to prepare students for their futures. These public report cards can be found online at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards>.

The current school report card is primarily based on last year's performance during the 2022-23 school year.

At the foundation of the report cards are four priority areas. Schools and districts receive a score for each priority area:

- Achievement - proficiency in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics on the annual state assessments
- Growth - year-to-year progress in ELA and math achievement
- Target Group Outcomes - outcomes for students with the lowest test scores: the Target Group.
- On-Track to Graduation - reliable predictors of how successfully students are progressing toward completing their K-12 education.

The priority area scores are aggregated into an overall accountability score, from 0 to 100. This score is displayed on the front page of the school or district report cards. It is important to note that the 0 to 100 accountability score is not a "percent correct" measurement. 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.

Accountability Rating Category	Accountability Score Range	
	Minimum	Maximum
Significantly Exceeds Expectations - ★★★★★	83	100
Exceeds Expectations - ★★★★☆	70	82.9
Meets Expectations - ★★★☆☆	58	69.9
Meets Few Expectations - ★★☆☆☆	48	57.9
Fails to Meet Expectations - ★☆☆☆☆	0	47.9

Here's some information we'd like to share with you about the overall results of Weston School District's report card:

Weston District: Meets Expectations. 60.6

Weston High School: Meets Few Expectations. 57.7

Weston Middle School: Exceeds Expectations. 75.4

Weston Elementary: Meets Few Expectations. 49.9

I want to share these results with you because they help illuminate some of our successes and help pinpoint areas of focus in the Weston School District. Weston has a lot to build on but there is a lot to work on as well. But as the DPI stresses, these report cards are just one source of information about our school. What we can tell from the most recent report card is that there is the need for continued growth, especially in the Target Growth outcome category as well as attendance. I assure you that growth is happening at Weston School District.

Weston School District will continue to invest in programs, curriculum, and above all people to keep growing our students and bring about greater achievement. Some of the following are things we are doing at Weston to continue to grow and improve achievement: CESA 6 Balanced Literacy initiative in the Elem.-currently in year three, Readers- Writers Workshop in grades 7-12, Amplify Science curriculum has been implemented, LETR's training in the Elementary, English and Math have done work in the standards covered in classes, the Handwriting Without Tears curriculum has been installed at the Elementary level. These are just a few of the things we are doing to improve all students at Weston. We are not sitting on our hands, we are constantly looking for ways to improve instruction and learning.

School and district report cards can be accessed online at <http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards> along with resources that explain the report cards. I have included the report card for Weston School District here as well. Our school report card is also posted on our website: www.weston.k12.wi.us

Weston School District thanks you for partnering with us as we continue to grow student achievement. We look forward to working with you to make 2023-24 a successful school year for your student! Eagle Pride!!

Sincerely,

Gary Syftestad, Superintendent/7-12 Principal