



Grant Community High School District 124

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Dear Grant Families,

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) released our 2019 School Report Card today. The Report Card shows how well our school is progressing on a wide range of educational goals. We are pleased to report that Grant Community High School received a designation of *Commendable*.

The designation is a descriptor of how well our school is meeting the needs of all students, based on the following measures of performance:

Measures of Academic Performance and Growth (75%)

1. English Language Arts Proficiency
2. Math Proficiency
3. Science Proficiency
4. Graduation Rate
5. English Learner Progress to Proficiency

Measures of School Quality/Student Success (25%)

1. Chronic Absenteeism
2. 9th-Graders on Track to Graduate (6.25%)
3. Climate Survey
4. *College and Career Readiness (implementation of indicator delayed)*
5. *Fine Arts (implementation of indicator delayed)*

The School Report Card may be found at www.illinoisreportcard.com. While we are proud of the quality of services provided to students and the hard work of our staff who help students to achieve at high levels, we continue to seek ways to further increase student learning. The district is in the second year of a partnership with District Management Group, an educational consulting firm, to review current systems and structures with the goal to strengthen and expand best-practice supports for student learning.

As mentioned previously, we received a *Commendable* designation. Here is a brief description of the four possible School Designations:

School Designations			
<i>Exemplary</i>	<i>Commendable</i>	<i>Underperforming</i>	<i>Lowest-Performing</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance in the top 10% of all schools • High schools with graduation rate higher than 67% • No underperforming student groups at or below the “all students” group in the lowest-performing 5% of all schools • Eligible to apply to serve as an IL-EMPOWER Learning Partner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance not in the top 10% of all schools • High schools with graduation rate higher than 67% • No underperforming student groups at or below the “all students” group in the lowest-performing 5% of all schools • Eligible to apply to serve as an IL-EMPOWER Learning Partner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One or more student groups underperforming at or below the “all students” group in the lowest-performing 5% of all schools; groups must have at least 20 students in at least three indicators • Completes a Work Plan for School Improvement and provided targeted support through IL-EMPOWER process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the lowest-performing 5% of Title I eligible schools statewide • High schools with graduation rate at or below 67% • Completes a Work Plan for School Improvement and provided comprehensive support through IL-EMPOWER process

We are very proud of the collective efforts of faculty, staff, students and parents to make learning a priority here at Grant Community High School. We also feel strongly the positive culture and climate we seek to foster is essential in creating the type of learning experience we want for our students. Here are a few highlights from the Report Card we'd like to share with you:

- 94% student attendance
- 89% of freshman are on track to graduate on time
- 90% graduation rate
- 78% of students enroll in college
- 425 students took early college coursework while at Grant
- 1,077 college credits earned through successful AP tests
- 20 average class size

We will continue to focus our efforts on our goal of improving student achievement and look forward to sharing more positive results with you as the year progresses.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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