

Bell-Graham Elementary School
St Charles CUSD 303
St Charles, ILLINOIS



ILLINOIS
SCHOOL
REPORT
CARD

GRADES : K 1 2 3 4 5

State and federal laws require public school districts to release report cards to the public each year.

Starting in 2009, charter school information is included in district statistics.

STUDENTS

RACIAL/ETHNIC BACKGROUND AND OTHER INFORMATION

	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian /Pacific Islander	American Indian	Two or More Races	Percent Low-Income	Percent Limited-English-Proficient	Percent IEP	High Sch. Dropout Rate	Chronic Truancy Rate	Mobility Rate	Attendance Rate	Total Enrollment
School	84.9	1.1	6.5	4.1	0.0	0.7	2.7	3.2	0.7	17.2		0.0	5.7	96.5	557
District	81.5	1.5	9.9	5.0	0.0	0.4	1.7	13.1	3.5	14.0		0.8	6.4	96.1	13,672
State	51.0	18.0	23.6	4.2	0.1	0.3	2.8	49.0	9.4	13.6		8.6	13.1	94.4	2,066,692

Low-income students come from families receiving public aid; live in institutions for neglected or delinquent children; are supported in foster homes with public funds; or are eligible to receive free or reduced-price lunches.

IEP Students are those students eligible to receive special education services.

Limited-English-proficient students are those students eligible for transitional bilingual programs.

Mobility rate is based on the number of times students enroll in or leave a school during the school year.

Chronic truants are students who are absent from school without valid cause for 18 or more of the last 180 school days.

Total Enrollment is based on Home School.

INSTRUCTIONAL SETTING

PARENTAL CONTACT*	
	Percent
School	100.0
District	99.4
State	95.3

STUDENT-TO-STAFF RATIOS			
Pupil-Teacher Elementary	Pupil-Teacher Secondary	Pupil-Certified Staff	Pupil-Administrator
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18.8	17.6	13.3	270.7
18.9	18.8	13.7	205.0

* Parental contact includes parent-teacher conferences, parental visits to school, school visits to home, telephone conversations, and written correspondence.

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE (as of the first school day in May)										
Grades	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 - 12
School	21.7	25.0	23.3	23.8	26.8	26.8				
District	22.4	22.9	23.3	24.9	24.6	26.0				
State	20.9	21.2	21.5	22.0	22.4	22.8				

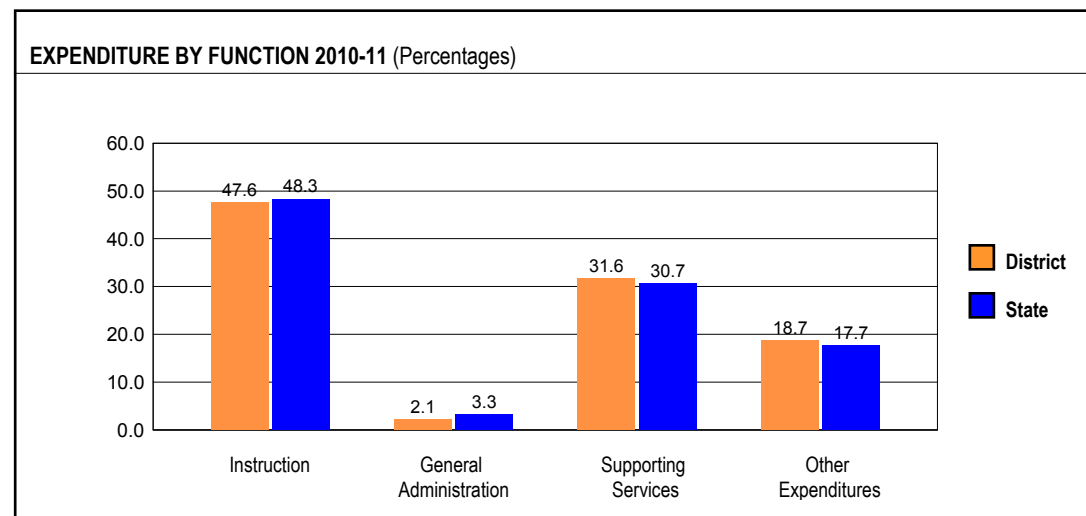
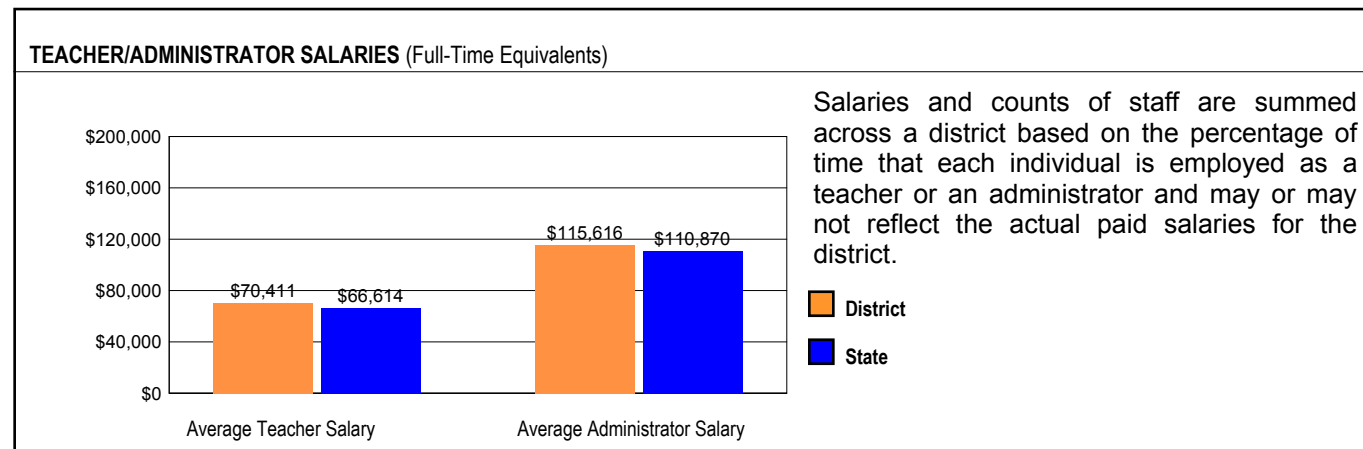
TIME DEVOTED TO TEACHING CORE SUBJECTS (Minutes Per Day)												
Grades	Mathematics			Science			English/Language Arts			Social Science		
	3	6	8	3	6	8	3	6	8	3	6	8
School	50			30			154			30		
District	50			30			154			30		
State	61			31			143			30		

TEACHER INFORMATION (Full-Time Equivalents)											
	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/ Pacific islander	American Indian	Two or More Races	Unknown	Male	Female	Total Number
District	96.0	0.6	2.6	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.0	24.7	75.3	841
State	83.3	7.1	5.3	1.3	0.1	0.2	0.8	2.0	23.1	76.9	127,830

TEACHER INFORMATION (Continued)					
	Average Teaching Experience (Years)	% of Teachers with Bachelor's Degrees	% of Teachers with Master's & Above	% of Teachers with Emergency or Provisional Credentials	% of Classes Not Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers
School	--	--	--	0.0	0.0
District	12.3	26.4	73.6	0.1	0.0
State	12.9	37.8	61.7	0.6	0.7

Some teacher/administrator data are not collected at the school level.

SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCES



REVENUE BY SOURCE 2010-11				EXPENDITURE BY FUND 2010-11			
	District	District %	State %		District	District %	State %
Local Property Taxes	\$145,221,871	82.9	58.2	Education	\$124,935,515	72.0	73.7
Other Local Funding	\$8,533,416	4.9	5.1	Operations & Maintenance	\$15,297,073	8.8	5.9
General State Aid	\$5,281,241	3.0	17.1	Transportation	\$7,771,108	4.5	3.8
Other State Funding	\$9,980,989	5.7	9.5	Debt Service	\$17,828,835	10.3	7.4
Federal Funding	\$6,188,375	3.5	10.1	Tort	\$1,818,042	1.0	1.2
TOTAL	\$175,205,892			Municipal Retirement/ Social Security	\$4,293,691	2.5	2.0
				Fire Prevention & Safety	\$1,528,418	0.9	0.8
				Capital Projects	\$0	0.0	5.1
				TOTAL	\$173,472,682		

OTHER FINANCIAL INDICATORS				
	2009 Equalized Assessed Valuation per Pupil	2009 Total School Tax Rate per \$100	2010-11 Instructional Expenditure per Pupil	2010-11 Operating Expenditure per Pupil
District	\$273,678	4.16	\$6,647	\$11,780
State	**	**	\$6,824	\$11,664

** Due to the way Illinois school districts are configured, state averages for equalized assessed valuation per pupil and total school tax rate per \$100 are not provided.

Equalized assessed valuation includes all computed property values upon which a district's local tax rate is calculated.

Total school tax rate is a district's total tax rate as it appears on local property tax bills.

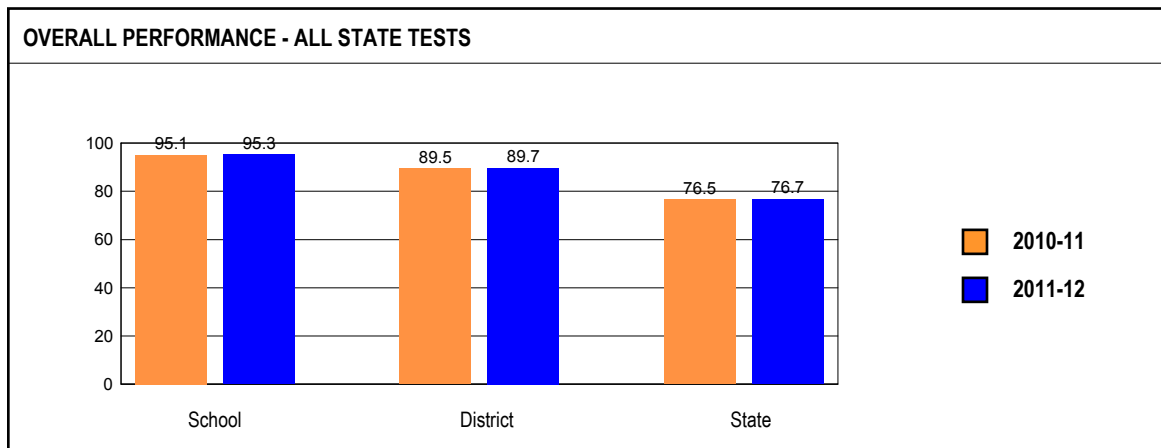
Instructional expenditure per pupil includes the direct costs of teaching pupils or the interaction between teachers and pupils.

Operating expenditure per pupil includes the gross operating cost of a school district excluding summer school, adult education, bond principal retired, and capital expenditures.

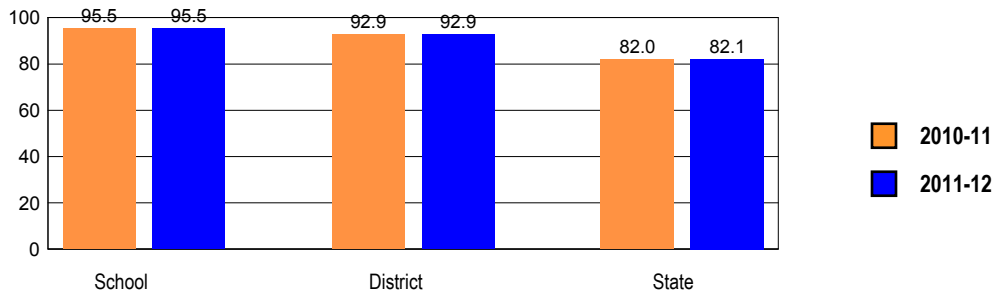
ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

OVERALL STUDENT PERFORMANCE

These charts present the overall percentages of state test scores categorized as meeting or exceeding the Illinois Learning Standards for your school, district, and the state. They represent your school's performance in reading, mathematics, and science.

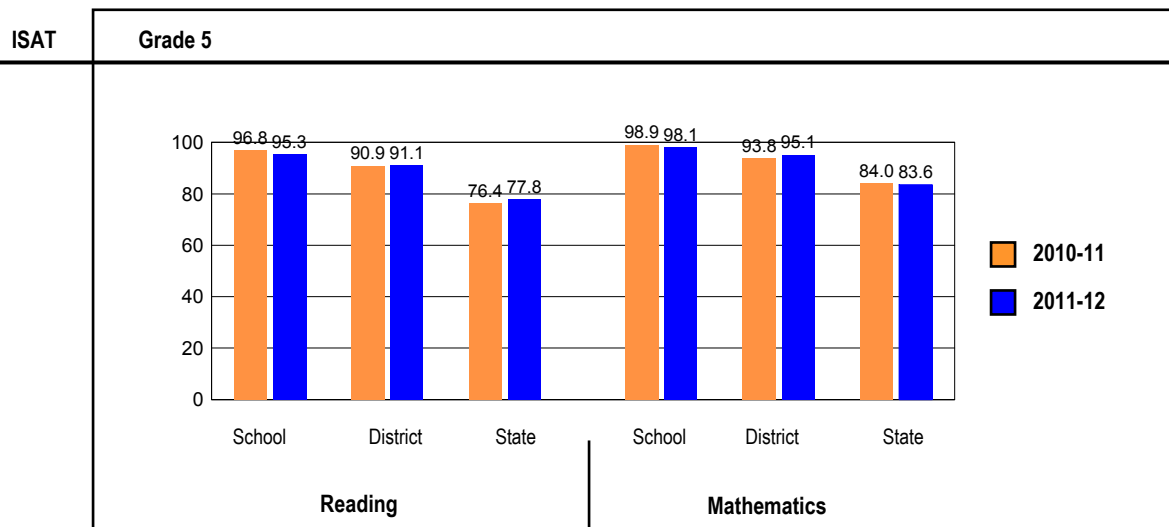
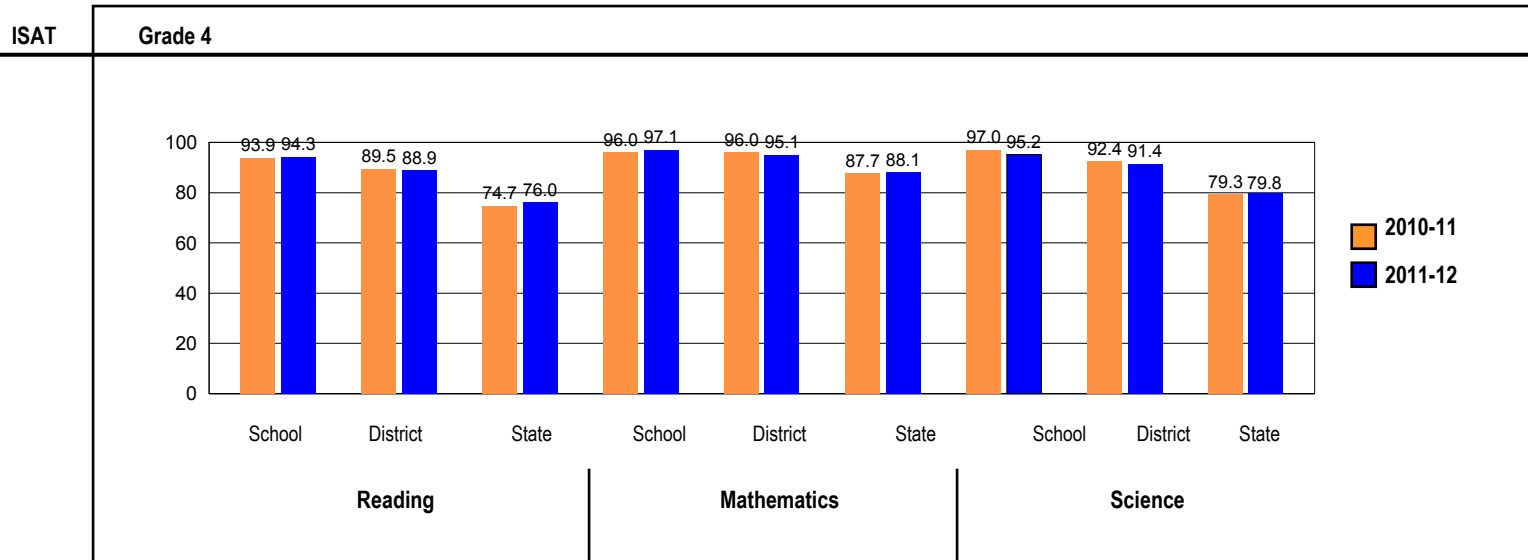
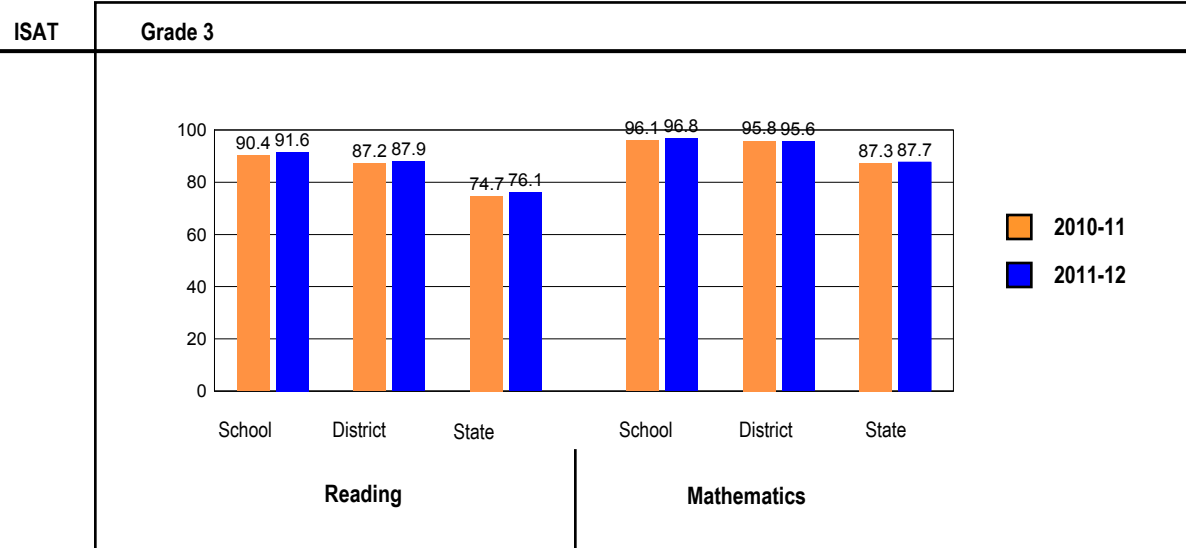


OVERALL ILLINOIS STANDARDS ACHIEVEMENT TEST (ISAT) PERFORMANCE



ISAT PERFORMANCE

These charts provide information on attainment of the Illinois Learning Standards. They show the percents of student scores meeting or exceeding Standards for the grades and subjects tested on ISAT.



PERFORMANCE ON STATE ASSESSMENTS

Federal law requires that student achievement results for reading, mathematics, and science for schools providing Title I services be reported to the general public.

The Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) is administered to students in grades 3 through 8. The Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE) is administered to students in grade 11. The Illinois Alternate Assessment (IAA) is administered to students with disabilities whose Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) indicate that participation in the ISAT or PSAE would not be appropriate.

Students with disabilities have an IEP (No Child Left Behind Act). An IEP is a written plan for a child with a disability who is eligible to receive special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Reading and Mathematics are tested in grades 3 through 8 and 11. Science is tested in grades 4, 7, and 11.

In order to protect students' identities, test data for groups of fewer than ten students are not reported.

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS NOT TESTED IN STATE TESTING PROGRAMS FOR READING															
		Gender			Racial/Ethnic Background							LEP	Migrant	Students with Disabilities	Economically Disadvantaged
		All	Male	Female	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian /Pacific islander	American Indian	Two or More Races				
School	*Enrollment	307	162	145	271	3	18	6	0	1	8	2	0	54	9
	Reading	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0							0.0	
District	*Enrollment	7,563	3,959	3,604	6,217	115	720	356	1	26	128	221	0	1,062	949
	Reading	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0
State	*Enrollment	1,072,304	548,690	523,352	547,900	192,977	251,440	45,188	977	3,177	29,968	75,031	261	146,113	531,157
	Reading	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	2.3	0.9	0.5

* Enrollment as reported during the testing windows for grades 3 - 8 and 11.

Number of LEP Students who have attended schools in the U.S. for less than 12 months and are not assessed on the State's reading/language arts test: 0

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS NOT TESTED IN STATE TESTING PROGRAMS FOR MATHEMATICS															
		Gender			Racial/Ethnic Background							LEP	Migrant	Students with Disabilities	Economically Disadvantaged
		All	Male	Female	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	American Indian	Two or More Races				
School	*Enrollment	307	162	145	271	3	18	6	0	1	8	2	0	54	9
	Mathematics	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0							0.0	
District	*Enrollment	7,564	3,960	3,604	6,217	115	721	356	1	26	128	222	0	1,062	950
	Mathematics	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0
State	*Enrollment	1,073,764	549,462	524,040	548,234	193,064	252,013	45,638	983	3,180	29,975	76,502	271	146,133	532,214
	Mathematics	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	1.1	0.9	0.5

* Enrollment as reported during the testing windows for grades 3 - 8 and 11.

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS NOT TESTED IN STATE TESTING PROGRAMS FOR SCIENCE															
		Gender			Racial/Ethnic Background							LEP	Migrant	Students with Disabilities	Economically Disadvantaged
		All	Male	Female	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	American Indian	Two or More Races				
School	*Enrollment	105	54	51	90	2	8	2	0	0	3	2	0	20	4
	Science	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0									0.0	
District	*Enrollment	3,212	1,674	1,538	2,661	40	303	147	0	14	47	69	0	426	384
	Science	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.5	0.3
State	*Enrollment	456,721	232,992	223,651	237,912	81,780	103,594	19,211	393	1,359	12,254	25,859	107	61,941	217,988
	Science	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.5	1.4	0.7	0.3	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.6	1.0

* Enrollment as reported during the testing windows for grades 4, 7, and 11.

ILLINOIS STANDARDS ACHIEVEMENT TEST (ISAT)

The following tables show the percentages of student scores in each of four performance levels. These levels were established with the help of Illinois educators who teach the grade levels and learning areas tested. Due to rounding, the sum of the percentages in the four performance levels may not always equal 100.

- Level 1 -- Academic Warning - Student work demonstrates limited knowledge and skills in the subject. Because of major gaps in learning, students apply knowledge and skills ineffectively.
- Level 2 -- Below Standards - Student work demonstrates basic knowledge and skills in the subject. However, because of gaps in learning, students apply knowledge and skills in limited ways.
- Level 3 -- Meets Standards - Student work demonstrates proficient knowledge and skills in the subject. Students effectively apply knowledge and skills to solve problems.
- Level 4 -- Exceeds Standards - Student work demonstrates advanced knowledge and skills in the subject. Students creatively apply knowledge and skills to solve problems and evaluate the results.

Grade 3**Grade 3 - All**

Levels	Reading				Mathematics			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
School	0.0	8.4	42.1	49.5	0.0	3.2	23.2	73.7
District	2.3	9.8	45.5	42.4	0.5	3.9	35.7	59.9
State	5.2	18.7	46.1	29.9	2.9	9.3	45.2	42.5

Grade 3 - Gender

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	
Male	School	0.0	5.9	45.1	49.0	0.0	0.0	19.6	80.4
	District	2.5	12.3	46.5	38.7	0.7	3.9	35.0	60.4
	State	6.4	20.8	46.1	26.7	3.2	9.3	44.0	43.5
Female	School	0.0	11.4	38.6	50.0	0.0	6.8	27.3	65.9
	District	2.0	6.8	44.3	46.9	0.2	3.9	36.6	59.2
	State	3.9	16.6	46.2	33.3	2.6	9.4	46.6	41.4

Grade 3 - Racial/Ethnic Background

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	
White	School	0.0	6.9	41.4	51.7	0.0	2.3	23.0	74.7
	District	1.9	7.7	44.8	45.5	0.4	2.3	33.9	63.5
	State	2.5	11.7	45.9	39.9	1.1	4.6	39.2	55.0
Black	School	0.0	26.3	57.9	15.8	0.0	15.8	63.2	21.1
	District	9.3	28.3	46.9	15.4	7.1	17.9	53.8	21.2
	State								
Hispanic	School	7.1	24.2	46.5	22.2	1.0	15.2	50.5	33.3
	District	8.3	28.0	47.6	16.1	3.8	13.8	54.7	27.7
	State								
Asian	School	0.0	5.9	49.0	45.1	2.0	2.0	31.4	64.7
	District	2.0	7.4	36.7	53.9	1.0	3.0	25.1	70.8
	State								
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	School	3.4	7.4	45.9	43.2	2.0	3.4	37.8	56.8
	District								
	State								
American Indian	School	3.9	24.8	45.1	26.2	2.0	12.3	51.0	34.8
	District								
	State								
Two or More Races	School	0.0	7.1	50.0	42.9	0.0	0.0	14.3	85.7
	District	3.7	15.0	46.7	34.6	2.0	7.9	44.0	46.1
	State								

Grade 3 - Students with Disabilities

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	
IEP	School	0.0	41.2	41.2	17.6	0.0	5.9	52.9	41.2
	District	9.7	34.0	38.9	17.4	2.8	12.5	53.5	31.3
	State	21.1	37.1	31.6	10.3	9.9	21.0	48.6	20.5
Non-IEP	School	0.0	1.3	42.3	56.4	0.0	2.6	16.7	80.8
	District	1.0	5.8	46.6	46.5	0.1	2.5	32.8	64.6
	State	3.0	16.2	48.2	32.7	1.9	7.7	44.8	45.6

Grade 4**Grade 4 - All**

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				Science			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
School	0.0	5.7	34.3	60.0	0.0	2.9	32.4	64.8	0.0	4.8	64.8	30.5
District	0.4	10.8	42.9	45.9	0.3	4.6	44.6	50.5	0.5	8.1	65.6	25.8
State	1.0	23.0	47.1	28.9	1.2	10.7	57.1	31.0	2.6	17.6	59.7	20.1

Grade 4 - Gender

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				Science				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	
Male	School	0.0	9.3	38.9	51.9	0.0	3.7	38.9	57.4	0.0	5.6	61.1	33.3
	District	0.2	13.5	45.3	41.0	0.2	5.3	44.4	50.2	0.8	7.7	62.7	28.8
	State	1.3	26.7	46.8	25.2	1.5	11.4	56.0	31.1	2.9	17.4	57.4	22.3
Female	School	0.0	2.0	29.4	68.6	0.0	2.0	25.5	72.5	0.0	3.9	68.6	27.5
	District	0.6	7.7	40.3	51.3	0.4	3.9	44.8	50.9	0.2	8.6	68.6	22.6
	State	0.6	19.2	47.4	32.8	0.9	9.9	58.4	30.8	2.3	17.9	62.0	17.8

Grade 4 - Racial/Ethnic Background

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				Science				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	
White	School	0.0	4.4	33.3	62.2	0.0	3.3	30.0	66.7	0.0	4.4	62.2	33.3
	District	0.1	8.5	42.2	49.2	0.1	2.6	43.3	54.0	0.2	6.4	65.5	27.9
	State	0.5	14.3	46.9	38.3	0.6	6.0	53.6	39.8	1.0	9.6	61.2	28.2
Black	School	0.0	46.2	38.5	15.4	0.0	38.5	46.2	15.4	7.7	23.1	61.5	7.7
	District	2.0	39.0	45.6	13.5	3.0	20.9	61.8	14.3	6.1	33.8	54.1	6.0
	State												
Hispanic	School												
	District	2.8	25.9	48.1	23.1	0.9	16.7	58.3	24.1	1.9	21.3	66.7	10.2
	State	1.3	32.3	50.0	16.4	1.4	14.5	64.7	19.4	3.8	24.6	61.8	9.9
Asian	School												
	District	0.0	6.4	44.7	48.9	0.0	2.1	42.6	55.3	0.0	4.3	68.1	27.7
	State	0.4	9.1	38.2	52.3	0.6	3.3	35.9	60.2	1.4	7.3	52.6	38.7
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	School												
	District												
	State	0.8	14.4	48.8	36.0	0.0	6.3	50.0	43.8	0.8	13.4	58.3	27.6
American Indian	School												
	District												
	State	1.0	25.5	51.6	22.0	1.4	10.5	64.2	23.9	3.3	21.5	60.4	14.8
Two or More Races	School												
	District	0.0	6.7	33.3	60.0	0.0	6.7	20.0	73.3	0.0	6.7	53.3	40.0
	State	0.6	19.4	46.7	33.3	0.8	9.1	55.8	34.3	1.9	15.1	58.6	24.4

Grade 4 - Students with Disabilities

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				Science				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	
IEP	School	0.0	30.0	55.0	15.0	0.0	15.0	60.0	25.0	0.0	20.0	75.0	5.0
	District	1.9	35.0	46.9	16.3	1.3	18.1	58.8	21.9	1.9	21.4	66.7	10.1
	State	5.3	55.8	30.7	8.2	6.1	29.7	53.2	11.0	7.7	34.4	49.9	8.1
Non-IEP	School	0.0	0.0	29.4	70.6	0.0	0.0	25.9	74.1	0.0	1.2	62.4	36.5
	District	0.1	6.3	42.2	51.4	0.1	2.1	41.9	55.9	0.2	5.7	65.4	28.7
	State	0.3	18.2	49.5	32.0	0.5	7.9	57.7	33.9	1.9	15.2	61.1	21.8

Grade 5**Grade 5 - All**

Levels	Reading				Mathematics			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
School	0.0	4.7	28.3	67.0	0.0	1.9	48.6	49.5
District	0.0	8.9	41.9	49.2	0.1	4.9	61.3	33.8
State	0.2	22.0	47.2	30.6	0.6	15.7	65.9	17.7

Grade 5 - Gender

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	
Male	School	0.0	7.1	35.7	57.1	0.0	1.8	52.7	45.5
	District	0.0	10.9	46.2	42.9	0.2	5.0	59.9	34.9
	State	0.2	25.5	47.4	26.9	0.8	16.8	64.3	18.1
Female	School	0.0	2.0	20.0	78.0	0.0	2.0	44.0	54.0
	District	0.0	6.8	37.6	55.6	0.0	4.7	62.6	32.7
	State	0.1	18.4	47.0	34.5	0.5	14.6	67.6	17.2

Grade 5 - Racial/Ethnic Background

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	
White	School	0.0	5.3	28.7	66.0	0.0	2.2	47.3	50.5
	District	0.0	7.5	41.0	51.5	0.1	4.7	60.9	34.3
	State	0.1	12.7	46.3	41.0	0.3	9.1	66.6	24.0
Black	School								
	District	0.0	10.0	80.0	10.0	0.0	10.0	80.0	10.0
	State	0.4	38.1	48.0	13.5	1.5	30.3	63.1	5.1
Hispanic	School								
	District	0.0	22.7	51.5	25.8	0.0	7.2	73.2	19.6
	State	0.2	32.5	49.8	17.5	0.8	21.0	69.6	8.6
Asian	School								
	District	0.0	5.6	33.3	61.1	0.0	3.7	37.0	59.3
	State	0.1	9.2	39.1	51.7	0.3	5.3	49.5	44.9
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	School								
	District								
	State	0.0	12.6	50.5	36.9	0.0	9.1	69.1	21.8
American Indian	School								
	District								
	State	0.2	26.3	53.8	19.6	0.5	20.6	67.2	11.7
Two or More Races	School								
	District	0.0	12.5	37.5	50.0	0.0	0.0	75.0	25.0
	State	0.2	16.5	46.9	36.4	0.5	13.1	64.9	21.4

Grade 5 - Students with Disabilities

Levels		Reading				Mathematics			
		1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
IEP	School	0.0	25.0	50.0	25.0	0.0	6.3	75.0	18.8
	District	0.0	33.7	46.2	20.1	0.6	21.2	66.5	11.8
	State	0.9	60.2	31.5	7.3	3.2	42.7	49.4	4.7
Non-IEP	School	0.0	1.1	24.4	74.4	0.0	1.1	43.8	55.1
	District	0.0	4.2	41.1	54.7	0.0	1.8	60.3	38.0
	State	0.1	16.5	49.5	34.0	0.3	11.8	68.3	19.6

2012 ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS (AYP) STATUS REPORT

Is this school making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)?	No	Has this school been identified for School Improvement according to the AYP specifications of the federal No Child Left Behind Act?	No
Is this school making AYP in Reading?	No	2012-13 Federal Improvement Status	
Is this school making AYP in Mathematics?	Yes	2012-13 State Improvement Status	

	Percent Tested on State Tests				Percent Meeting/Exceeding Standards *						Other Indicators			
	Reading		Mathematics		Reading			Mathematics			Attendance Rate		5-YEAR Graduation Rate	
	%	Met AYP	%	Met AYP	%	Safe Harbor Target **	Met AYP	%	Safe Harbor Target **	Met AYP	%	Met AYP	%	Met AYP
State AYP Minimum Target	95.0		95.0		85.0			85.0			91.0		82.0	
All	100.0	Yes	100.0	Yes	93.3		Yes	96.8		Yes	96.5	Yes		
White	100.0	Yes	100.0	Yes	94.1		Yes	97.2		Yes				
Black														
Hispanic														
Asian														
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander														
American Indian														
Two or More Races														
LEP														
Students with Disabilities	100.0	Yes	100.0	Yes	66.7	78.4	No	88.2		Yes	95.8			
Economically Disadvantaged														

Four Conditions Are Required For Making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP):

1. At least 95% tested in reading and mathematics for every student group. If the current year participation rate is less than 95%, this condition may be met if the average of the current and preceding year rates is at least 95%, or if the average of the current and two preceding years is at least 95%. Only actual participation rates are printed. If the participation rate printed is less than 95% and yet this school makes AYP, it means that the 95% condition was met by averaging.
2. At least 85% meeting/exceeding standards in reading and mathematics for every group. For any group with less than 85% meeting/exceeding standards, a 95% confidence interval was applied. Subgroups may meet this condition through Safe Harbor provisions. ***
3. At least 91% attendance rate for non-high schools and at least 82% graduation rate for high schools.

* Includes only students enrolled as of 05/01/2011.

** Safe Harbor Targets of 85% or above are not printed.

*** Subgroups with fewer than 45 students are not reported. Safe Harbor only applies to subgroups of 45 or more. In order for Safe Harbor to apply, a subgroup must decrease by 10% the percentage of scores that did not meet state standards from the previous year plus meet the other indicators (attendance rate for non-high schools and graduation rate for high schools) for the subgroup. For subgroups that do not meet their Safe Harbor Targets, a 75% confidence interval is applied. Safe Harbor allows schools an alternate method to meet subgroup minimum targets on achievement.

Bell-Graham Elementary School Improvement Plan for 2012-2013

The mission at Bell-Graham School is to foster a reflective and joyful learning community where students respect diversity and use their hearts and minds to positively impact the world and set the course for their life long journeys. Through a process of collaborative problem-solving, the Bell-Graham teacher learn together to improve the performance of each student. This “School Report Card” has been compiled by the Illinois State Board of Education as a means by which school districts communicate local and statewide information to the public. The No Child Left behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) requires states to establish annual achievement targets which are used to calculate Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). The purpose of this “School Report Card” is to communicate the school’s and district’s performance under the annual targets. Our goal is to provide all students an education that helps them both academically and emotionally.

Findings for the Improvement Plan

The School Improvement process at Bell-Graham begins with an analysis of all available data. From individual student to grade level and district assessments, areas are identified for further professional development and targeted growth. The Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) measures student performance against a fixed set of learning standards developed by the State of Illinois. This past spring, ISAT tests were given to our third, fourth, and fifth grade students. The federal law “No Child Left Behind” requires that all schools meet or exceed set standards; this year’s target was 85% of all students meeting or exceeding on ISAT. At grade three, 92% of our students met or exceeded standards in reading and 97% in math. At grade four, 94% of our students met or exceeded standards in reading and 97% in math. Fourth grade students also took the science tests with 95% of students meeting or exceeding standards. At fifth grade, 95% of our students met or exceeded standards in reading and 98% of our students met or exceeded standards in math. Based on the 2012 ISAT results for special education in the area of reading, Bell-Graham did not make AYP.

Student performance will be utilized to determine progress towards state as well as the updated Common Core standards. Teachers continually assess student work both through classroom and grade level assessments which informs their decisions about instruction. The teaching staff at Bell-Graham works in Professional Learning Communities to identify areas for further improvement and enrichment.

Goals for the Current Year

The Bell-Graham Building Leadership Team analyzed the data to determine strengths and areas of improvement. Based on their work, the Bell-Graham School Improvement Plan was developed to focus on the following goals:

- Creating a positive learning environment for all stake holders :
 - Implement problem-solving teams at grade and building levels
 - Continued bully prevention work
 - Implement Social-Emotional Learning Standards at all grade levels to support successful collaboration, problem-solving and critical thinking necessary for college/career readiness
- Increase communication regarding the work of the learners at Bell-Graham
- Gain knowledge of evidence based instructional practices to maximize each students learning and ensure they are prepared for their next level of educational experience
 - Support critical thinking and cognitive engagement of students through knowledge of Common Core standards and the integration of technology
 - Ongoing review and analysis of data structures connected to student learning
 - Focus professional learning on outcomes for achievement of all Bell-Graham learners

Professional development is imbedded in every aspect of the Bell-Graham learning community. Professional Learning Communities target areas for both grade level and building growth. The goal areas outlined above are the focus of School Improvement and Institute day activities. Data collection and planned time to review and analyze this information are built into the calendar at both the grade and building level. This information is utilized to ensure students are receiving the supports and services necessary to maximize their learning.

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