

Norton Creek Elementary School
St Charles CUSD 303
West Chicago, ILLINOIS



ILLINOIS
SCHOOL
REPORT
CARD

GRADES : PK 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/ Pacific Islander	Native American	Multi racial /Ethnic	Low- Income Rate	Limited- English- Proficient Rate	High Sch. Dropout Rate	Chronic Truancy Rate	Mobility Rate	Attendance Rate	Total Enrollment
School	81.0	0.9	3.3	12.0	0.2	2.6	2.4	8.9		0.0	1.8	96.0	574
District	83.8	1.3	7.3	4.6	0.4	2.6	7.7	3.6		0.2	6.6	95.0	13,809
State	53.3	19.1	20.8	4.1	0.2	2.5	42.9	8.0		3.7	13.5	93.7	2,070,125

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.

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.

INSTRUCTIONAL SETTING

PARENTAL CONTACT*		STUDENT-TO-STAFF RATIOS			
	Percent	Pupil- Teacher Elementary	Pupil- Teacher Secondary	Pupil- Certified Staff	Pupil- Administrator
School	100.0	--	--	--	--
District	98.5	18.4	16.9	13.3	242.7
State	96.7	18.4	18.0	13.3	201.8

* 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	22.0	22.8	23.8	24.3	27.3	21.3				
District	22.9	23.8	24.3	23.9	24.3	25.1				
State	20.5	20.9	21.3	21.8	22.2	22.6				

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	59			30			145			30		

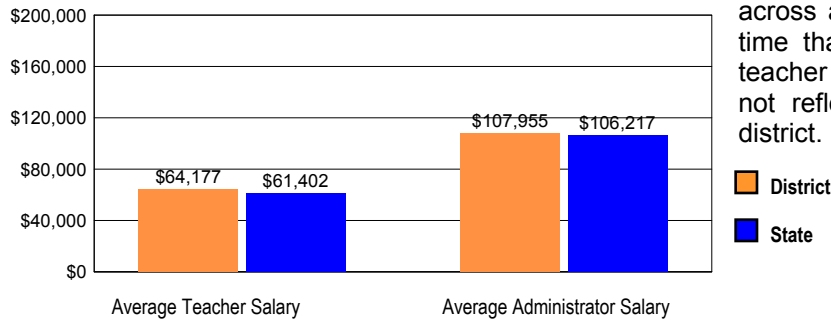
TEACHER INFORMATION (Full-Time Equivalents)								
	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Native American	Male	Female	Total Number
District	97.3	0.4	1.6	0.6	0.1	23.9	76.1	871
State	85.1	8.3	5.0	1.4	0.2	22.9	77.1	133,017

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	11.5	30.5	69.5	0.5	0.3
State	12.5	44.1	55.8	0.6	1.2

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

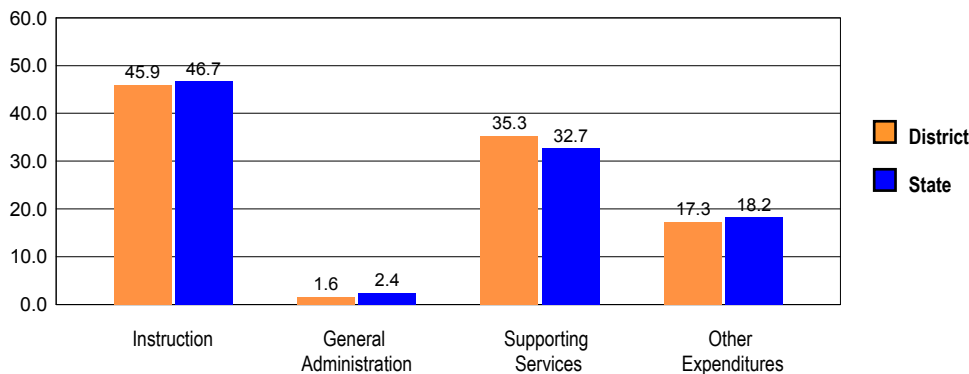
SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCES

TEACHER/ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES (Full-Time Equivalents)



Salaries and counts of staff are summed across a district based on the percentage of time that each individual is employed as a teacher or an administrator and may or may not reflect the actual paid salaries for the district.

EXPENDITURE BY FUNCTION 2007-08 (Percentages)



REVENUE BY SOURCE 2007-08				EXPENDITURE BY FUND 2007-08			
	District	District %	State %		District	District %	State %
Local Property Taxes	\$132,783,278	82.8	58.7	Education	\$110,935,197	72.8	71.5
Other Local Funding	\$8,885,649	5.5	6.3	Operations & Maintenance	\$14,752,389	9.7	8.6
General State Aid	\$4,858,790	3.0	18.6	Transportation	\$7,413,083	4.9	3.9
Other State Funding	\$10,222,521	6.4	9.0	Bond and Interest	\$15,475,629	10.2	6.3
Federal Funding	\$3,658,147	2.3	7.4	Rent	\$0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	\$160,408,385			Municipal Retirement/ Social Security	\$3,838,952	2.5	1.8
				Fire Prevention & Safety	\$0	0.0	0.9
				Site & Construction/ Capital Improvement	\$2,013	0.0	6.8
				TOTAL	\$152,417,263		

OTHER FINANCIAL INDICATORS				
	2006 Equalized Assessed Valuation per Pupil	2006 Total School Tax Rate per \$100	2007-08 Instructional Expenditure per Pupil	2007-08 Operating Expenditure per Pupil
District	\$248,517	4.21	\$5,709	\$10,953
State	**	**	\$6,103	\$10,417

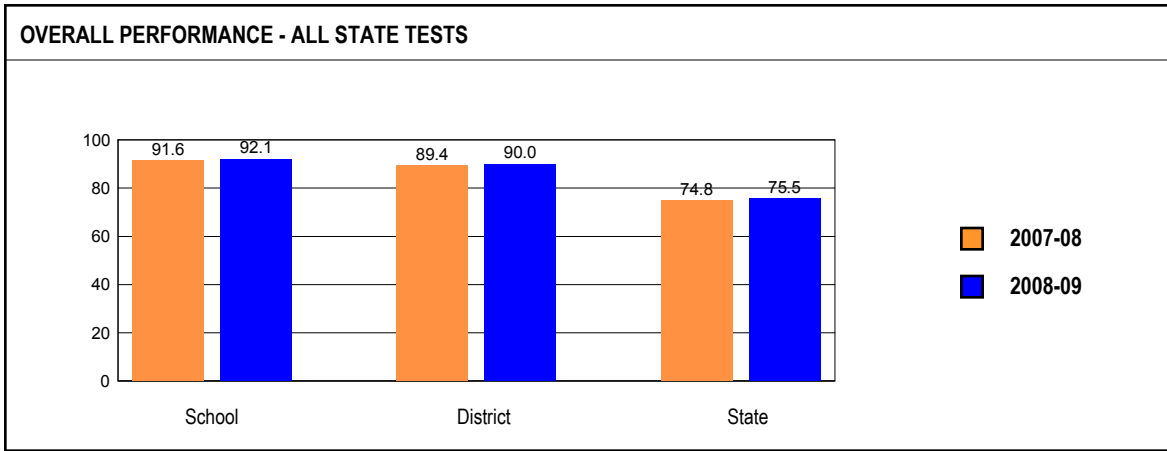
** Due to the way Illinois school districts are configured, state averages for equalized assessed valuation per pupil and total school tax rate per \$100 are not provided.
Equalized assessed valuation includes all computed property values upon which a district's local tax rate is calculated.
Total school 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

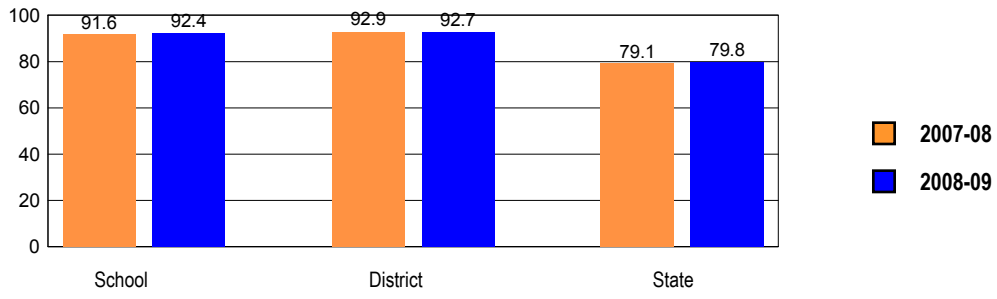
OVERALL STUDENT PERFORMANCE

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.

The 2007-08 school year was the first time that Limited English Proficient (LEP) students took the ISAT or PSAE (with accommodations) instead of the IMAGE test. Therefore, any comparisons with prior year's achievement levels for LEP students should be made with appropriate caution.

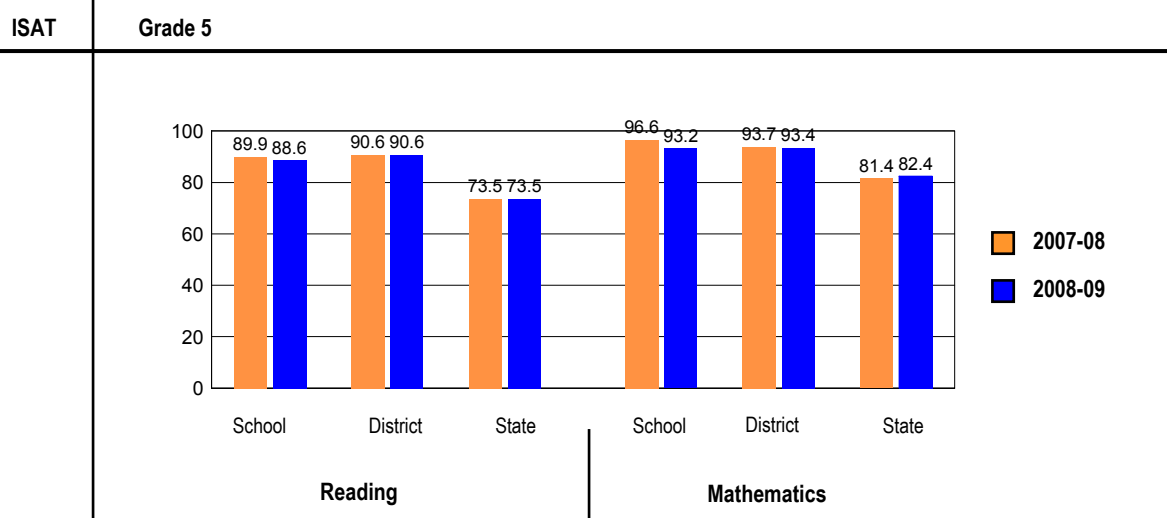
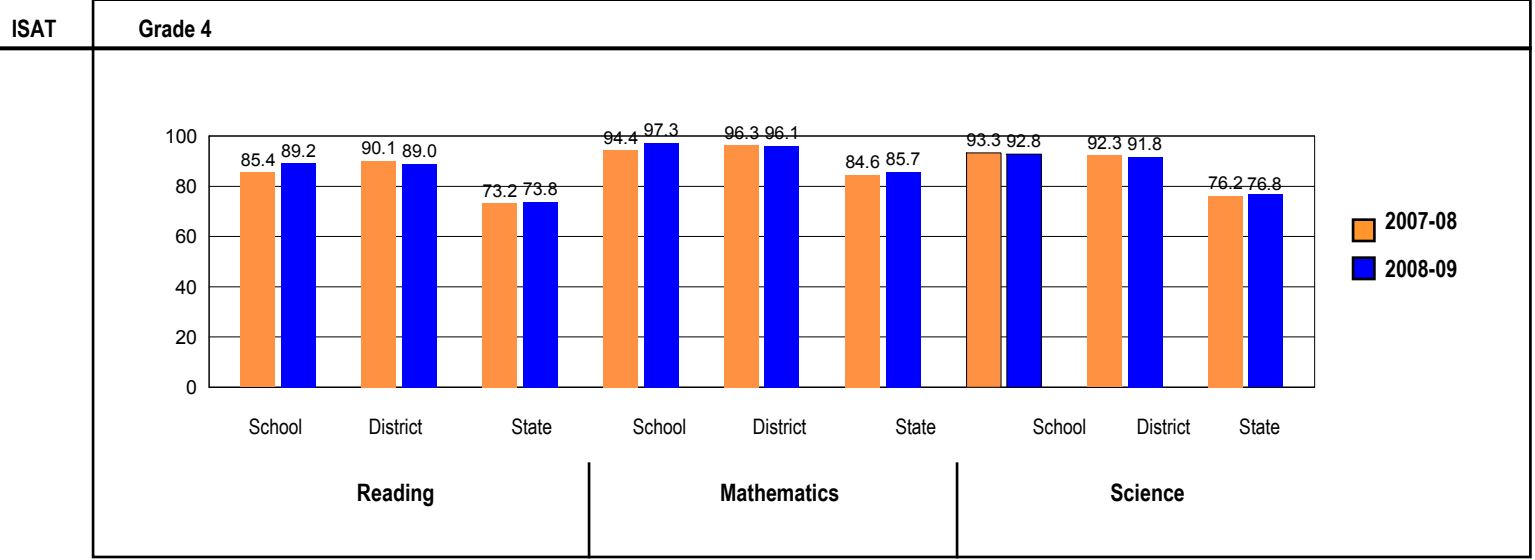
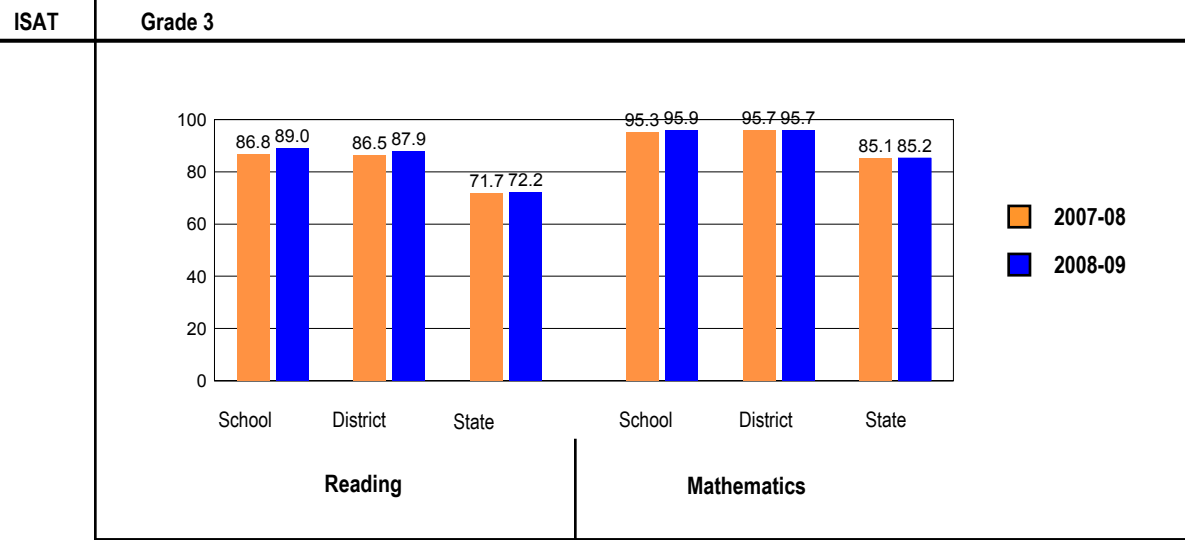


OVERALL ILLINOIS STANDARDS ACHIEVEMENT TEST (ISAT) PERFORMANCE



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 AND MATHEMATICS														
		Gender			Racial/Ethnic Background						LEP	Migrant	Students with Disabilities	Economically Disadvantaged
		All	Male	Female	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American	Multi racial /Ethnic				
School	*Enrollment	274	137	137	222	2	11	38	0	1	30	0	51	9
	Reading	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0			0.0		0.0	
	Mathematics	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0			0.0		0.0	
District	*Enrollment	7,557	3,902	3,655	6,385	101	503	354	28	186	235	0	1,024	573
	Reading	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.1	0.0
	Mathematics	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.1	0.0
State	*Enrollment	1,073,392	548,452	524,651	574,717	203,366	215,934	43,962	1,676	32,799	72,638	258	152,593	473,876
	Reading	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.4	0.4
	Mathematics	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.4	0.4

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

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS NOT TESTED IN STATE TESTING PROGRAMS FOR SCIENCE ONLY														
		Gender			Racial/Ethnic Background						LEP	Migrant	Students with Disabilities	Economically Disadvantaged
		All	Male	Female	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American	Multi racial /Ethnic				
School	*Enrollment	111	54	57	88	0	7	16	0	0	14	0	18	3
	Science	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			0.0			0.0		0.0	
District	*Enrollment	3,262	1,663	1,599	2,811	32	210	140	9	60	80	0	406	237
	Science	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.2	0.0
State	*Enrollment	448,699	228,285	220,300	248,119	82,562	85,745	18,385	751	12,734	25,035	120	62,799	186,799
	Science	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.2	1.2	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.8	0.8

* 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	11.0	56.2	32.9	0.0	4.1	34.2	61.6
District	1.5	10.6	42.1	45.8	0.2	4.1	34.2	61.5
State	4.7	23.2	46.2	26.0	3.3	11.4	44.2	41.0

Grade 3 - Gender

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	
Male	School	0.0	6.9	55.2	37.9	0.0	0.0	24.1	75.9
	District	1.8	11.7	42.2	44.3	0.4	3.9	30.7	65.0
	State	6.0	25.4	45.4	23.2	3.7	11.3	42.4	42.6
Female	School	0.0	13.6	56.8	29.5	0.0	6.8	40.9	52.3
	District	1.2	9.5	42.0	47.3	0.0	4.3	37.9	57.8
	State	3.3	20.8	47.0	28.9	3.0	11.6	46.0	39.4

Grade 3 - Racial/Ethnic Background

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	
White	School	0.0	10.3	60.3	29.3	0.0	5.2	36.2	58.6
	District	1.0	7.7	40.9	50.4	0.1	2.8	31.2	65.9
	State	2.2	13.9	47.1	36.8	1.0	5.7	39.4	53.9
Black	School								
	District	0.0	42.1	47.4	10.5	0.0	15.8	63.2	21.1
	State	8.4	34.7	45.1	11.8	8.6	21.5	49.6	20.3
Hispanic	School								
	District	8.1	37.1	45.2	9.7	1.6	16.1	58.1	24.2
	State	7.8	37.3	44.9	10.0	4.7	17.6	53.0	24.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	School	0.0	18.2	36.4	45.5	0.0	0.0	27.3	72.7
	District	2.2	13.3	53.3	31.1	0.0	6.4	27.7	66.0
	State	1.3	11.0	45.3	42.4	0.9	3.6	29.1	66.4
Native American	School								
	District								
	State	3.8	19.1	50.0	27.1	1.3	10.9	45.8	42.0
Multiracial/Ethnic	School								
	District	2.6	12.8	43.6	41.0	0.0	5.1	51.3	43.6
	State	3.5	19.3	48.7	28.5	2.3	9.8	45.9	42.0

Grade 3 - Students with Disabilities

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	
IEP	School	0.0	36.4	63.6	0.0	0.0	9.1	36.4	54.5
	District	4.9	26.8	47.9	20.4	0.7	9.9	52.8	36.6
	State	17.0	41.2	31.8	10.0	10.4	23.4	44.8	21.4
Non-IEP	School	0.0	6.5	54.8	38.7	0.0	3.2	33.9	62.9
	District	0.9	7.9	41.1	50.0	0.1	3.1	31.1	65.6
	State	2.8	20.5	48.3	28.3	2.3	9.7	44.1	43.9

Grade 4**Grade 4 - All**

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				Science			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
School	0.9	9.9	36.9	52.3	1.8	0.9	37.8	59.5	1.8	5.4	65.8	27.0
District	0.6	10.4	38.1	50.9	0.5	3.5	41.9	54.2	0.8	7.4	60.4	31.3
State	1.4	24.8	45.9	27.9	1.1	13.1	58.2	27.6	3.1	20.1	59.2	17.6

Grade 4 - Gender

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				Science				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	
Male	School	0.0	13.0	37.0	50.0	1.9	1.9	37.0	59.3	1.9	3.7	66.7	27.8
	District	0.4	11.6	39.9	48.2	0.6	3.9	42.4	53.2	0.7	8.3	57.7	33.3
	State	1.8	27.8	44.9	25.4	1.4	13.6	56.5	28.5	3.4	19.9	57.0	19.6
Female	School	1.8	7.0	36.8	54.4	1.8	0.0	38.6	59.6	1.8	7.0	64.9	26.3
	District	0.8	9.2	36.2	53.8	0.4	3.1	41.4	55.2	1.0	6.5	63.3	29.3
	State	0.9	21.6	47.0	30.4	0.9	12.6	59.9	26.6	2.7	20.3	61.5	15.6

Grade 4 - Racial/Ethnic Background

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				Science				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	
White	School	1.1	8.0	40.9	50.0	1.1	1.1	39.8	58.0	1.1	5.7	64.8	28.4
	District	0.3	8.4	38.2	53.1	0.3	2.2	41.8	55.6	0.2	6.5	60.4	32.8
	State	0.6	15.0	46.3	38.1	0.5	6.8	54.8	38.0	0.8	9.8	62.7	26.6
Black	School	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	6.3	68.8	25.0
	District	3.0	41.2	44.4	11.5	2.8	26.2	61.5	9.5	7.8	39.1	49.5	3.6
	State												
Hispanic	School	2.7	40.5	36.5	20.3	2.7	20.3	54.1	23.0	9.6	20.5	57.5	12.3
	District	2.4	37.5	46.9	13.2	1.5	19.0	66.2	13.3	4.8	31.3	58.4	5.5
	State												
Asian/Pacific Islander	School	0.0	12.5	18.8	68.8	0.0	0.0	18.8	81.3	0.0	6.3	68.8	25.0
	District	0.0	4.7	37.2	58.1	0.0	2.2	17.8	80.0	0.0	4.4	64.4	31.1
	State	0.2	10.5	41.0	48.3	0.3	4.1	42.4	53.1	1.2	8.8	59.5	30.5
Native American	School												
	District												
	State	0.4	19.9	50.8	28.8	0.0	9.7	64.4	25.8	0.8	14.4	65.3	19.5
Multiracial/Ethnic	School												
	District	2.9	11.4	34.3	51.4	0.0	2.9	45.7	51.4	0.0	8.6	60.0	31.4
	State	1.0	22.5	48.1	28.5	0.7	12.5	60.2	26.5	2.4	17.1	63.1	17.5

Grade 4 - Limited-English-Proficient

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				Science			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
School	0.0	21.4	28.6	50.0	0.0	0.0	42.9	57.1	0.0	7.1	78.6	14.3
District	3.7	48.1	31.5	16.7	1.8	26.8	46.4	25.0	10.7	26.8	53.6	8.9
State	4.4	56.3	34.7	4.6	2.6	29.1	60.8	7.5	8.8	43.2	45.9	2.2

Grade 4 - Students with Disabilities

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				Science				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	
IEP	School	5.6	33.3	44.4	16.7	11.1	0.0	61.1	27.8	11.1	11.1	61.1	16.7
	District	2.3	37.2	34.9	25.6	1.7	11.6	57.6	29.1	1.8	23.4	56.1	18.7
	State	6.2	53.3	30.7	9.7	4.8	31.2	52.0	12.0	8.2	34.3	49.3	8.2
Non-IEP	School	0.0	5.4	35.5	59.1	0.0	1.1	33.3	65.6	0.0	4.3	66.7	29.0
	District	0.2	5.3	38.7	55.8	0.2	1.9	38.9	59.0	0.7	4.4	61.3	33.7
	State	0.6	20.3	48.3	30.7	0.6	10.3	59.1	30.0	2.3	17.9	60.7	19.1

Grade 5**Grade 5 - All**

Levels	Reading				Mathematics			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
School	0.0	11.4	50.0	38.6	0.0	6.8	53.4	39.8
District	0.1	9.3	44.2	46.3	0.2	6.4	57.7	35.7
State	0.4	26.0	47.6	25.9	0.3	17.3	66.2	16.3

Grade 5 - Gender

Levels		Reading				Mathematics			
		1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Male	School	0.0	5.7	50.9	43.4	0.0	3.8	50.9	45.3
	District	0.2	9.9	45.3	44.6	0.2	6.1	54.3	39.4
	State	0.6	29.2	46.5	23.7	0.3	18.3	64.2	17.1
Female	School	0.0	20.0	48.6	31.4	0.0	11.4	57.1	31.4
	District	0.0	8.7	43.1	48.3	0.2	6.7	61.6	31.5
	State	0.2	22.7	48.8	28.3	0.2	16.2	68.2	15.4

Grade 5 - Racial/Ethnic Background

Levels		Reading				Mathematics			
		1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
White	School	0.0	13.5	45.9	40.5	0.0	8.1	54.1	37.8
	District	0.1	6.6	45.1	48.2	0.1	4.5	58.2	37.2
	State	0.2	15.6	48.8	35.4	0.1	9.6	67.9	22.4
Black	School								
	District	0.0	20.0	46.7	33.3	6.7	6.7	86.7	0.0
	State	1.0	43.4	44.4	11.2	0.7	33.6	60.9	4.7
Hispanic	School								
	District	0.0	39.4	38.0	22.5	0.0	29.7	59.5	10.8
	State	0.6	39.6	47.8	12.1	0.3	24.2	68.3	7.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	School	0.0	0.0	63.6	36.4	0.0	0.0	36.4	63.6
	District	0.0	13.5	30.8	55.8	0.0	7.7	38.5	53.8
	State	0.2	11.9	44.5	43.4	0.1	5.8	54.6	39.4
Native American	School								
	District								
	State	0.0	21.0	53.3	25.7	0.9	14.2	70.6	14.2
Multiracial/Ethnic	School								
	District	0.0	12.1	51.5	36.4	0.0	6.1	51.5	42.4
	State	0.4	23.3	49.7	26.7	0.3	16.3	68.5	14.9

Grade 5 - Students with Disabilities

Levels		Reading				Mathematics			
		1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
IEP	School	0.0	50.0	35.0	15.0	0.0	30.0	55.0	15.0
	District	0.6	33.9	46.3	19.2	0.6	25.6	61.7	12.2
	State	2.3	60.1	29.9	7.7	1.4	43.7	49.9	5.0
Non-IEP	School	0.0	0.0	54.4	45.6	0.0	0.0	52.9	47.1
	District	0.0	4.6	43.8	51.5	0.1	2.7	57.0	40.2
	State	0.1	20.6	50.4	28.8	0.1	13.1	68.7	18.0

2009 ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS (AYP) Status Report

Is this school making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)?	Yes	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?	Yes	2009-10 Federal Improvement Status	
Is this school making AYP in Mathematics?	Yes	2009-10 State Improvement Status	

	Percent Tested on State Tests				Percent Meeting/Exceeding Standards *						Other Indicators			
	Reading		Mathematics		Reading			Mathematics			Attendance Rate		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		70.0			70.0			90.0		78.0	
All	100.0	Yes	100.0	Yes	88.7		Yes	95.3		Yes	96.0	Yes		
White	100.0	Yes	100.0	Yes	88.7		Yes	94.6		Yes				
Black														
Hispanic														
Asian/Pacific Islander														
Native American														
Multiracial /Ethnic														
LEP														
Students with Disabilities	100.0	Yes	100.0	Yes	56.9	61.2	Yes	80.4		Yes	93.2			
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 70.0% meeting/exceeding standards in reading and mathematics for every group. For any group with less than 70.0% meeting/exceeding standards, a 95% confidence interval was applied. Subgroups may meet this condition through Safe Harbor provisions. ***
3. For schools not making AYP solely because the IEP group fails to have 70.0% meeting/exceeding standards, 14% may be added to this variable in accordance with the federal 2% flexibility provision.
4. At least 90% attendance rate for non-high schools and at least 78% graduation rate for high schools.

* Includes only students enrolled as of 05/01/2008.

** Safe Harbor Targets of 70.0% 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.

Norton Creek Elementary School Improvement Plan for 2009-2010

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) required 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 on the annual targets.

Our mission at Norton Creek is to build a community of learners. We collaborate to attain rigorous, attainable goals. Our environment is safe, respectful, inclusive, and joyful. We value and support risk taking and diverse thinking. We continue our work to bring our mission statement to life. This report is a summary of our findings upon which our School Improvement Plan is based and the goals for our school during the current year.

Findings for the Improvement Plan

The Building Leadership Team looked at a number of data sources to formulate our school improvement goals. We analyzed data from a variety of sources including the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT), Tungsten Benchmark Assessments, Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT), and other local assessments.

The following percentages of Norton Creek students met or exceeded standards on the ISAT state assessment in March 2009:

Grade Level	Reading	Mathematics
Grade 3	89%	96%
Grade 4	89%	97%
Grade 5	89%	93%

Goals for the Current Year

For the 2009-2010 school year, the Building Leadership Team determined that our major academic goals will be in the area of reading and writing.

Our reading goal states that 90% of Norton Creek students will meet or exceed on the ISAT reading assessment. We will meet this goal by maintaining and refining school wide structures that support students in daily, sustained reading at the student's independent reading level. Students will also set goals for improving their own reading based on their individual data and teacher feedback. Teachers will engage in job-embedded professional learning in the area of reading and work in collaborative teams to develop and implement a daily intervention and enrichment block to support student needs in literacy based on student data.

We will also work to increase the performance of our students in writing. At Norton Creek, 75% of our students will meet or exceed on the ISAT writing assessment. We will meet this goal by implementing school wide structures to support students in daily, sustained independent writing. Students will set goals for improving their own writing based on their individual data and teacher feedback. Teachers will receive professional learning on best practices in writing instruction in the areas of instructional strategies, assessment and goal-setting. Grade level collaborative teams will develop common pacing and assessment windows for specific writing indicators.

In addition, we plan to decrease the incidences of verbal and physical bullying by 10%. Students will be given specific strategies to increase awareness of verbal and physical bullying and consequences of bullying. Students will receive specific problem solving strategies to reduce verbal and physical bullying. The Social Decision Making and Problem Solving Committee along with the Peaceful Playground Leadership team will guide the staff in the implementation of SDMPS, Peaceful Playgrounds and anti-bullying initiatives.

Contact Information

Our Building Leadership Team would like to know what you think. Please e-mail your comments and ideas to the principal: Rachel.Overton@d303.org or write to Norton Creek Elementary School, 2033 Smith Road, West Chicago, IL, 60185-1039. Community Unit School District 303 has a web site at www.d303.org. Please log on to that site for additional information about our school and school district.