

Nicolet Exceeds Expectations On School Report Card

Dear Nicolet families,

On November 21, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) released School Report Cards for every publicly funded school in the state. I am excited to let you know that Nicolet's score is 78.7 (out of 100), a rating of Exceeds Expectations. I congratulate our faculty, staff and students on this accolade.

This news is encouraging because Nicolet's score is continuing to rise year after year despite the fact that the Report Card has undergone modifications each year. The state report card also validates other metrics that show Nicolet is headed in the right direction, including the Class of 2017 ACT composite score of 23.0 (compared to the statewide composite of 20.5).

Over the last five years Nicolet implemented several curriculum enhancements to help all students reach their academic potential while also addressing the achievement gap. The recent metrics demonstrate the impact of these learning initiatives. A closer look at the Report Card shows a number of affirmative indicators, including:

 The data shows positive trends in closing gaps in graduation rate, English Language Arts (ELA) and math for African American students, low socioeconomic students and students with disabilities. The math gap is almost completely closed (Nicolet 16.6 compared to the state at 16.7).

- Nicolet outscored the state in overall student achievement, closing gaps and on track to post secondary readiness.
- Nicolet has no deductions for absenteeism or dropout rate.

DPI has produced two versions of each Report Card: a quick one-pager labeled "School Report Card" and lengthier, detailed version labeled, "School Report Card Detail." Both versions can be accessed online at https://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards along with resources that explain the Report cards.

Yours in education,

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