

An Integrated School Improvement Plan for

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# I. Introduction and Background

## I.1 School Community

### Boundaries

The West Central School District consists of 298.7 square miles. The most distal points from north to south would be approximately 26 miles and from east to west about 18 miles. The western border of the school district is the Mississippi River. Townships (located in Henderson County) served by the West Central School District are Bald Bluff, Biggsville, Carman, Gladstone, Lomax, Media, Oquawka, Raritan, Rozetta, Stronghurst, and Terre Haute. Townships (located in Warren County) served by the West Central School District include Ellison, Point Pleasant and Tomkins. Blandinsville Township (located in McDonough County) is also served by the West Central School District.

### School History

West Central School District is a consolidated district approved by a large majority of voters in the November general elections of 2004. The district was formed by the consolidation of the former Southern School District #120 and the former Union School District #115 and became officially known as the West Central School District #235 on July 1, 2005. Pupil attendance centers were decided by the West Central School Board to be:

PreK - 5	Biggsville
6-8	Stronghurst
9-12	Biggsville

### School Transportation

All of the elementary students are transported by district school buses. Some of the students spend just over an hour each way to school. Four shuttle buses are utilized to transport students from campus to campus before and after school. Seatbelts and safety harnesses are utilized as needed.

### Facilities

West Central Elementary School was opened in the fall of 1991. It currently serves the students in grades Pre-K-5. West Central Elementary students share a common music room, art room and library with the high school. New lighting and a new parking lot were installed during the summer of 2006. Improvements in the ventilation system were made in the fall of 2006. A new phone system with phones in each classroom was installed in the fall of 2006 and again in the fall of 2018. The former science lab was divided into two classrooms during the summer of 2007. Wireless capability for technological equipment was added during the summer of 2010. During the 2014-2015 school year, a fiber optic line was installed which significantly increased our overall bandwidth and provided many additional options for wireless devices. Repairs were made to the roof of the gymnasium. The district has hooked up to a main water line project to improve the overall outlook for the facility and to improve the district's ability to control a fire if one should ever occur on campus due to the addition of a fire hydrant nearby. During the 2015-2016 school year, there were new boilers installed in the elementary school. Playground updates were also made, supported with funds from the PTC. During the 2016-2017 school year, a buzzer system was installed at the main entrance and all doors are locked throughout the school day. Some improvements have been made to the C-wing. The bathrooms have new flooring and updated equipment was installed within this area. The water fountains in C-wing were replaced as well. Wall fans were replaced in classrooms and added to the cafeteria. During the summer of 2017, security cameras were installed in the hallways and the outside perimeter of the building to access videos of each parking lot and each exit area. During the summer of 2018, new phones were installed along with new infrastructure wiring for internet service was replaced. The district replaced the copy machines, which eliminates the

need for printers throughout the building. New water fountains were installed in A-wing and B-wing in the elementary school. During the summer of 2019, the elementary school received a new roof and improvements were made in the office/lounge area with new carpet and a fresh coat of paint. The intercom system was repaired to enable the office to clearly communicate information within the building. During the summer of 2020, some improvements were made to the A-wing. The bathrooms have new flooring and updated equipment was installed within that area. Two water fountains were replaced with water bottle filling stations. In addition, the air conditioning unit was replaced in the elementary office. During the summer of 2021, new windows were installed in the elementary as well as new blinds. Repairs were also made to the front parking lots and the south lot was replaced. During the summer of 2022, the HVAC system installation process began in the West Central C.U.S.D. Additional work was completed during the summer of 2023. In addition, security was improved with the installation of extra cameras in the hallways and the key fob system was installed. Key fob usage has resulted in all doors being kept locked until students exit the building at the end of the day. During the fall of 2023, new access points were installed in the elementary. In addition, new flooring was installed in one kindergarten room, resulting in the removal of the carpet from that room. In the summer of 2024, all of the carpet was removed from the 3 pre-k classrooms and new flooring was installed. The following year, the carpet was removed from one kindergarten classroom and new flooring was installed. In the summer of 2025, new flooring and painting was done to two other Kindergarten classrooms, a 3rd grade classroom, and the nurse's office.

## **School Community**

Based on the 2025 Sixth Day Enrollment report, West Central Elementary School serves a total of 344 students. There are 173 male students and 171 female students. Pre-Kindergarten consists of 42 students, 46 Kindergarten students, 52 first graders, 53 second graders, 45 third graders, 63 fourth graders, and 43 fifth graders. The average classroom has 16 students. Sixty-two students have an individual education plan. The individual education plan includes direct instruction, speech, hearing, occupational therapy, and tutorial services. 61 of the 62 students receive speech services. 53 students receive instruction from special education classroom teachers or have modified instructional plans. According to the September report for the elementary (not including PK), 55% of our students qualify for free or reduced lunch. Students are served by 21 classroom teachers, four full-time special education teachers, and three title I teachers. Fine arts instruction includes one art teacher (shared with high school), two music instructors (one shared with the middle school and one shared with the high school and middle school), and three physical education instructors (one of these is shared with the high school). One librarian is shared district wide. One speech instructor serves district-wide. One school psychologist, a full-time school nurse, and a full-time nurse assistant serve the needs of the district. One part-time social worker, one full-time building counselor, and physical/occupational therapists as well as an autism specialist, an adaptive PE instructor and a hearing impaired teacher serve the needs of the district. There are 17 full-time paraprofessionals and four part-time Title I paraprofessionals. Full-time paraprofessionals serve as one-on-one aides, interventionists, regular education classroom aides, special education classroom aides, pre-kindergarten aides, or library aides. There are three full-time and one part-time custodian at the elementary. One maintenance position is shared within the district. The district's technology needs are managed by two full time employees. Administrative services are provided by two full-time administrators and two secretaries. Food services are provided by nine full-time cooks and three part-time cooks, which serve the needs of the entire district.

## **I.2 School Improvement Team**

School Improvement Team members are volunteers but a stipend is offered. Each member will be asked to serve a minimum of three years. Following the initial term, members may be replaced on a rotation schedule if others are willing to serve. New members will also be volunteers. All certified staff are encouraged to serve on either the SIP team or a sub-committee.

**Table 1: School Improvement Team**

<b>Team Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Length of service</b>	<b># of years on team</b>
Mrs. Kathy Lafary	Administrator	Team Member	Constant	13
Mr. Bryan Taylor	Administrator	Team Member	Constant	2
Mrs. Emily Klossing	2nd grade	Team Member	2009-2026	16
Mrs. Jessica Winters	5th grade	Team Member	2009-2026	16
Mrs. Julie Ricketts	Title I	Team Member	2010-2026	15
Ms. Laura Lewis	Title I	Team Member	2008-2011 2012-2026	16
Mrs. Kendrah Ruebush	School Counselor	Team Member	2023-2026	3
Mrs. Patricia Thompson	1st grade	Team Member	2021-2026	5
Mrs. Jenny Ford	Kindergarten	Team Member	2021-2026	5

Sub-committees organized to support the School Improvement Leadership Team during the 2025-2026 school year:

- Staff survey - SIP team members with staff input/comments
- Parent survey - SIP team members with staff inputs/comments
- Pre-K Family Nights- Mrs. Burrell, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Harden
- K-1 parent program - Mrs. Ricketts, Ms. Lewis, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Keating, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. McVey and K-1 teachers
- 2-3 parent program - Mrs. Ricketts, Ms. Lewis, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Keating and 2-3 teachers
- 4-5 parent program - Mrs. Ricketts, Ms. Lewis, Mrs. Kelly and 4-5 teachers
- School Kick-off/Open House - Mrs. Hand, Mrs. Gullberg, Mrs. Keating, Ms. Forquer, Mrs. McVey, Mrs. Mills, Miss Leshar, Mrs. Hennings, Mrs. Anderson, and Mrs. Michelle Johnson
- Homework Assistance/Tutoring - Staff will sign up in the fall and be approved by the board.
- Technology- Mrs. Anderson
- Response to Intervention Team- Mrs. Lafary, Ms. Lewis, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Ricketts, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Nelson
- Teacher Assistant Team- Mrs. Wolf (team leader), Mrs. Klossing, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Ruebush, Ms. Leshar

- PBIS Team- Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Taylor, Ms. Wallace, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Hennings, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Leshner, Mrs. Ruebush, Mrs. McVey, Mrs. Michelle Johnson and Miss Forquer
- PBIS Tier II- Mrs. Ruebush, Mrs. Winters, Mrs. Scott and Mr. Taylor
- SEL Hub - Mrs. Ruebush, Mrs. Scott, Ms. Wallace, Mrs. Winters, Mrs. Lafary, Mr. Taylor
- Bullying Committee- Mrs. Ruebush, Mrs. Lafary, Mr. Taylor
- District Evaluation Planning Committee- Mrs. Burrell, Mrs. Ricketts (\*denotes Joint Committee members)
- Comprehensive ELA Curriculum investigation- Mrs. Winters, Ms. Wallace, Mrs. Wolf, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Scott

## II. Data Collection, Organization and Trends

### II.1 Data Collection Methods

The school improvement team members surveyed staff in order to assess their attitudes on a number of school issues. Staff members were asked to complete the survey online during the 2025-2026 school year. Illinois At-A-Glance report card and the fall housing report were used to obtain data that had been reported to the state. STAR reading is used to assess instructional reading level in some grade levels. Exit outcomes for each grade level are used to guide instruction. IAR, the state assessment, is normally given in grades three, four, and five for math and ELA. Students in grade five also take the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA). Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, all students at the elementary (K-5) participate in MAP testing for both reading and math. MAP is administered in the fall, winter and spring.

**Table 2: Data Collection Methods**

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>TIME FRAME</b>	<b>TOTAL RESPONSE RATE</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>
<b>Parent Survey</b>	Parent	10/23/25-10/31/25	131	To survey parent attitudes
<b>Staff Survey</b>	Staff	Week of November 30	46	To survey staff attitudes
<b>Staff Observations</b>	Observations based on tables	March 13, 2026	EL Teachers & Paraprofessionals	To interpret data
<b>Documents</b>	School Report Cards Fall Housing Report IIRC website	Fall 2025	N/A	To compare school data
<b>Formal Assessments</b>	MAP IAR ISA	Fall/Winter/Spring Spring 2025 Spring 2025	100%	To assess academic progress

## II.2 School Based Assessment Data

Table 3a: MAP Assessment

### MAP Reading

#### MAP Reading

MAP Reading (WC/Norm Fall Mean RIT)	Fall 2021 (2 weeks of instruction)	Winter 2021 (20 weeks of instruction) (reports note Winter term 2022)	Spring 2022 (32 weeks of instruction)
Kindergarten 136.2/135.4	28/56 (50%)	21/57 (36.8%)	25/56 (44.6%)
1st grade 155/154.5	21/41 (51.2%)	15/40 (37.5%)	24/42 (57.1%)
2nd grade 163.3/171	17/55 (30.9%)	18/55 (32.7%)	19/56 (33.9%)
3rd grade 175/185.5	13/47 (27.7%)	18/47 (38.3%)	16/47 (34.0%)
4th grade 188.9/195.7	17/48 (35.4%)	17/48 (35.4%)	21/49 (42.9%)
5th grade 192/203.7	17/61 (27.9%)	18/63 (28.6%)	19/64 (29.7%)

Total Number and Percent of Students At or Above Norm Grade Level Mean RIT

#### MAP Reading

MAP Reading (WC/Norm Fall Mean RIT)	Fall 2022 (1 week of instruction)	Winter 2022 (20 weeks of instruction) (reports note Winter term 2023)	Spring 2023 (32 weeks of instruction)
Kindergarten 138.9/134.8	32/43 (74%)	22/43 (51%)	22/42 (52%)
1st grade 152.8/153.8	28/58 (48%)	18/59 (31%)	31/58 (53%)
2nd grade 173/170.3	24/44 (55%)	18/45 (40%)	22/46 (48%)
3rd grade	19/52 (37%)	17/54 (32%)	22/48 (46%)

175.1/184.9			
4th grade 184.7/195.2	15/48 (31%)	15/48 (31%)	15/49 (31%)
5th grade 197.6/203.3	19/50 (38%)	20/49 (41%)	21/47 (45%)

Total Number and Percent of Students At or Above Norm Grade Level Mean RIT

\*Does not include the students in grades 3-5 who take the K-2 MAP Assessment.

#### MAP Reading

MAP Reading (WC/Norm Fall Mean RIT)	Fall 2023 (1 week of instruction)	Winter 2023 (20 weeks of instruction)	Spring 2024 (32 weeks of instruction)
Kindergarten 140.5/134.8	40/50 (80%)	23/52 (44%)	27/51 (53%)
1st grade 154.8/153.8	22/41 (54%)	20/39 (51%)	20/37 (54%)
2nd grade 169/170.3	28/61 (46%)	29/59 (49%)	27/59 (46%)
3rd grade 185.2/184.9	26/46 (57%)	16/47 (34%)	19/46 (41%)
4th grade 187/195.2	19/61 (31%)	23/62 (37%)	23/63 (37%)
5th grade 197/203.3	21/52 (40%)	17/52 (33%)	20/51 (39%)

Total Number and Percent of Students At or Above Norm Grade Level Mean RIT

MAP Reading

MAP Reading (WC/Norm Fall Mean RIT)	Fall 2024 (1 week of instruction)	Winter 2024 (20 weeks of instruction)	Spring 2025 (32 weeks of instruction)
Kindergarten (138.9/134.8)	40/53 (76%)	27/55 (49%)	35/53 (66%)
1st grade (152.4/153.8)	30/54 (56%)	24/54 (44%)	36/55 (65%)
2nd grade (171.3/170.3)	20/39 (51%)	18/39 (46%)	26/40 (65%)
3rd grade (179/184.9)	23/60 (38%)	26/59 (44%)	33/63 (52%)
4th grade (193.8/195.2)	17/45 (38%)	21/43 (49%)	27/43 (63%)
5th grade (194.6/203.3)	24/66 (36%)	19/65 (29%)	29/65 (45%)

Total Number and Percent of Students At or Above Norm Grade Level Mean RIT

Map Reading

MAP Reading (WC/Norm Fall Mean RIT)	Fall 2025 (2 weeks of instruction)	Winter 2025 (17 weeks of instruction)	Spring 2026 (32 weeks of instruction)
Kindergarten (138.5/138.1)	27/47 (57%)	22/47 (47%)	
1st grade (151.9/155.4)	20/52 (38%)	27/53 (51%)	
2nd grade (170.7/170.1)	28/54 (52%)	32/54 (59%)	
3rd grade (178.9/184.7)	19/45 (42%)	24/46 (52%)	
4th grade (190.5/195.9)	28/63 (44%)	34/64 (53%)	
5th grade (206.3/203.7)	23/43 (53%)	27/46 (59%)	

Total Number and Percent of Students At or Above Norm Grade Level Mean RIT

**Observations for 2022-2023:**

- The percentage of K-3 students at or above norm grade level mean RIT in reading decreased from Fall 2022 to Winter 2023. Kindergarten decreased from 74% to 51%, 1st grade decreased from 48% to 31%, 2nd grade decreased from 55% to 40% and 3rd grade decreased from 37% to 32%.
- The percentage of 4th grade students at or above norm grade level mean RIT in reading stayed the same from Fall 2022 to Winter 2023 at 31%.
- The percentage of 5th grade students at or above norm grade level mean RIT in reading increased from 38% to 41% from Fall 2022 to Winter 2023.

**Observations for 2023-2024:**

- Kindergarten percentages go down from fall to winter every year except 2019, which stayed the same.
- The percentages in 2nd and 4th grade both increased in 2023-2024 when comparing the scores from the fall 2023 to winter 2023 data charts will say winter 2024).
- Three (K, 2nd, 4th) of the five classes increased from the spring of 2023 to the fall of 2023 when comparing the same group of students (example kindergarten students in spring 2023 compared to first grade students in fall of 2023).

**Observations for 2024-2025:**

- All grades except 3rd and 4th went down from fall to winter in 2024.
- 4th grade scores increased from fall to spring in 2023-2024.
- Kindergarten students in spring of 2024 increased as 1st grade students in the fall of '24 from 53% to 56%.

**Observations for 2025-2026:**

- All grades except for Kindergarten increased from fall to winter in 2025.
- In winter of 2025, Kindergarten through 5th had above 50% of students at or above norm grade level mean RIT.
- From fall of 2024 to spring of 2025, all grade levels besides Kindergarten increased the number of students at or above grade level mean RIT.
- As Kindergarteners in Spring of 2025 to 1st graders in Fall 2025, the percentage of students that were at or above norm grade level mean RIT dropped from 65% to 38%.
- As the test taking procedure becomes more independent from Fall to Winter 2025, the percentage of Kindergarteners that were at or above norm grade level mean RIT dropped from 57% to 47%.

**MAP Math**

MAP Math (WC/Norm Fall Mean RIT)	Fall 2021 (2 weeks of instruction)	Winter 2021 (20 weeks of instruction) (reports note Winter term 2022)	Spring 2022 (32 weeks of instruction)
Kindergarten 141.1/138.1	35/56 (62.5%)	24/57 (42.1%)	31/56 (55.4%)
1st grade 158.5/158.6	20/41 (48.8%)	22/40 (55%)	30/42 (71.4%)
2nd grade 169.7/173.8	23/55 (41.8%)	20/56 (35.7%)	35/56 (62.5%)
3rd grade 175.7/187.4	9/47 (19.1%)	7/47 (14.9%)	13/47 (27.7%)
4th grade 191.6/198.7	14/47 (29.8%)	12/48 (25%)	16/49 (32.7%)
5th grade 195.8/208.4	11/61 (18%)	7/63 (11.1%)	10/64 (15.6%)

Total Number and Percent of Students At or Above **Norm Grade Level Mean RIT**

**MAP Math**

MAP Math (WC/Norm Fall Mean RIT)	Fall 2022 (1 week of instruction)	Winter 2022 (20 weeks of instruction) (reports note Winter term 2023)	Spring 2023 (32 weeks of instruction)
Kindergarten 143.7/137.4	27/42 (64%)	21/43 (49%)	25/42 (60%)
1st grade 157.6/157.9	31/58 (53%)	25/59 (42%)	34/58 (59%)
2nd grade 177.8/173.1	28/44 (64%)	24/45 (53%)	36/46 (78%)
3rd grade 181.6/186.9	25/53 (47%)	14/54 (26%)	14/48 (29%)
4th grade 189/198.3	11/48 (23%)	8/48 (17%)	8/49 (16%)
5th grade 202/208.1	14/50 (28%)	8/49 (16%)	12/47 (26%)

Total Number and Percent of Students At or Above **Norm Grade Level Mean RIT**

\*Does not include the students in grades 3-5 who take the K-2 MAP Assessment.

**MAP Math**

MAP Math (WC/Norm Fall Mean RIT)	Fall 2023 (1 week of instruction)	Winter 2023 (20 weeks of instruction)	Spring 2024 (32 weeks of instruction)
Kindergarten 141.7/137.4	32/50 (64%)	30/52 (58%)	36/51 (71%)
1st grade 159.3/157.9	20/40 (50%)	18/39 (46%)	20/37 (54%)
2nd grade 172.5/173.1	28/61 (46%)	31/59 (53%)	39/59 (66%)
3rd grade 186.7/186.9	23/46 (50%)	18/47 (38%)	19/46 (41%)
4th grade 189.3/198.3	15/61 (25%)	15/62 (24%)	15/63 (24%)
5th grade 197.3/208.1	7/52 (14%)	14/53 (26%)	11/51 (22%)

Total Number and Percent of Students At or Above **Norm Grade Level Mean RIT**

**MAP Math**

MAP Math (WC/Norm Fall Mean RIT)	Fall 2024 (1 week of instruction)	Winter 2024 (20 weeks of instruction)	Spring 2025 (weeks of instruction)
Kindergarten (142.2/137.4)	32/53 (60%)	25/55 (46%)	34/53 (64%)
1st grade (155.6/157.9)	23/54 (43%)	24/54 (44%)	36/55 (65%)
2nd grade (175.1/173.1)	20/39 (51%)	21/39 (54%)	29/40 (73%)
3rd grade (180.2/186.9)	26/60 (43%)	19/63 (30%)	34/63 (54%)
4th grade (195.8/198.3)	16/45 (36%)	12/43 (28%)	21/43 (49%)
5th grade (197.6/208.1)	13/66 (20%)	12/65 (19%)	26/65 (40%)

Total Number and Percent of Students At or Above **Norm Grade Level Mean RIT**

MAP Math (WC/Norm Fall Mean RIT)	Fall 2025 (2 weeks of instruction)	Winter 2025 (17 weeks of instruction)	Spring 2026 (32 weeks of instruction)
Kindergarten (141.3/141.2)	27/47 (57%)	26/47 (55%)	
1st grade (154.8/159.3)	19/52 (37%)	18/53 (34%)	
2nd grade (172.8/172.9)	26/54 (48%)	32/54 (59%)	
3rd grade (180.6/184)	18/45 (40%)	24/46 (52%)	
4th grade (191.2/197)	20/63 (32%)	21/64 (33%)	
5th grade (204.3/206.2)	17/43 (40%)	20/46 (43%)	

Total Number and Percent of Students At or Above **Norm Grade Level Mean RIT**

**Observations for 2022-2023:**

- The percentage of K-5 students at or above norm grade level mean RIT in math decreased from Fall 2022 to Winter 2023. Kindergarten decreased from 64% to 49%, 1st grade 53% to 42%, 2nd grade 64% to 53%, 3rd grade 47% to 26%, 4th grade 23% to 17% and 5th grade from 28% to 16%.
- When comparing the 2021-22 Winter MAP Math data of the same students from the previous year, three grade levels decreased the percentage of students who reached norm grade level mean RIT, one grade level stayed the same and one increased as they had the previous year. 1st grade stayed the same as they had the previous year and 4th grade increased by 2 percentage points from the previous year.

**Observations for 2023-2024:**

- K-2 MAP assessments are read aloud to students whereas 3-5 assessments are read independently.
- From Fall 2023 to Winter 2023, the percentage of students who scored at or above norm grade level mean RIT went down in all grade levels except 2nd and 5th. Those grades increased from 46%-53% in second grade and fifth grade 14%-26% respectively.
- Scores from Spring 2023 to Fall of 2023 declined between 2% and 28% when comparing the same class of students (for example, Kindergarten in the spring compared to 1st grade in the fall) indicating a summer slide in math skills.

**Observations for 2024-2025:**

- In 2024-2025, all grades decreased from fall to winter except for 1st & 2nd.

**Observations for 2025-2026:**

- In grades 2 through 5, the total number and percentage of students at or above norm grade level mean RIT increased.
- From Fall 2025 to Spring 2025, all grade levels increased the total number and percentage of students at or above norm grade level mean RIT.
- The number and percentage of students at or above norm grade level mean RIT from Spring 2025 to Fall 2025 decreased in every grade level, indicating a summer slide in math skills.

**Table 3b: MAP Assessment****Simple Growth (at least one point growth) from Fall 2022 to Winter 2022**

(Current Grade Placement 2022-2023)

*(NWEA recommends that scores for MAP Growth K-2 tests before July 24, 2020 should not be compared to scores obtained after that date.)*

<b>READING</b>			
Grade Level	Males	Females	Total
K	26/28 (93%)	11/14 (79%)	37/42 (88%)
1	27/31 (87%)	25/25 (100%)	52/56 (93%)
2	16/23 (70%)	20/21 (95%)	36/44 (82%)
3	28/37 (76%)	15/21 (71%)	43/58 (74%)
4	20/22 (91%)	24/26 (92%)	44/48 (92%)
5	15/22 (68%)	17/26 (65%)	32/48 (67%)
Total	132/163 (81%)	112/133 (84%)	244/296 (82%)

**Simple Growth (at least one point growth) from Fall 2023 to Winter 2023**

(Current Grade Placement 2023-2024)

*(NWEA recommends that scores for MAP Growth K-2 tests before July 24, 2020 should not be compared to scores obtained after that date.)*

<b>READING</b>			
Grade Level	Males	Females	Total
K	17/22 (77%)	25/28 (89%)	42/50 (84%)
1	24/25 (96%)	13/14 (93%)	37/39 (95%)
2	33/34 (97%)	21/24 (88%)	54/58 (93%)
3	18/26 (69%)	15/21 (71%)	33/47 (70%)
4	28/40 (70%)	15/23 (65%)	43/63 (68%)
5	15/23 (65%)	21/29 (72%)	36/52 (69%)
Total	135/170 (79%)	110/139 (79%)	245/309 (79%)

**Simple Growth (at least one point growth) from Fall 2024 to Winter 2024**

(Current Grade Placement 2024-2025)

<b>READING</b>			
Grade Level	Males	Females	Total
K	21/26 (81%)	22/25 (88%)	43/51 (84%)
1	22/22 (100%)	29/31 (94%)	51/53 (96%)
2	22/22 (100%)	11/13 (85%)	33/35 (94%)
3	32/35 (91%)	19/22 (86%)	51/57 (89%)
4	19/22 (86%)	19/21 (90%)	38/43 (88%)
5	24/43 (56%)	13/22 (59%)	37/65 (57%)
Total	140/170 (82%)	113/134 (84%)	253/304 (83%)

**Simple Growth (at least one point growth) from Fall 2025 to Winter 2025**  
(Current Grade Placement 2025-2026)

<b>READING</b>			
Grade Level	Males	Females	Total
K	15/16 (94%)	25/30 (83%)	40/46 (87%)
1	24/24 (100%)	22/24 (92%)	46/48 (96%)
2	20/22 (91%)	26/31 (84%)	46/53 (87%)
3	22/27 (81%)	13/18 (72%)	40/45 (78%)
4	28/35 (74%)	18/24 (75%)	46/59 (78%)
5	19/23 (83%)	13/20 (65%)	32/43 (74%)
Total	129/146 (88%)	118/138 (81%)	247/284 (87%)

**Simple Growth (at least one point growth) from Fall 2022 to Winter 2022**  
(Current Grade Placement 2022-2023)

<b>MATH</b>			
Grade Level	Males	Females	Total
K	25/28 (81%)	13/14 (93%)	38/42 (88%)
1	30/31 (97%)	25/25 (100%)	55/56 (98%)
2	19/23 (83%)	18/21 (86%)	37/44 (84%)
3	28/37 (76%)	17/21 (81%)	45/58 (78%)
4	21/22 (95%)	21/26 (81%)	42/48 (88%)
5	14/22 (64%)	19/26 (73%)	33/48 (69%)
Total	136/163 (83%)	113/138 (85%)	249/296 (84%)

**Simple Growth (at least one point growth) from Fall 2023 to Winter 2023**  
(Current Grade Placement 2023-2024)

<b>MATH</b>			
Grade Level	Males	Females	Total
K	20/22 (91%)	27/28 (96%)	47/50 (94%)
1	24/25 (96%)	14/14 (100%)	38/39 (97%)
2	32/34 (94%)	24/24 (100%)	56/58 (97%)
3	23/26 (88%)	17/21 (81%)	40/47 (85%)
4	34/40 (85%)	20/23 (87%)	54/63 (86%)
5	20/23 (87%)	29/30 (97%)	49/53 (92%)
Total	153/170 (90%)	131/140 (94%)	284/310 (92%)

**Simple Growth (at least one point growth) from Fall 2024 to Winter 2024**  
(Current Grade Placement 2024-2025)

<b>MATH</b>			
Grade Level	Males	Females	Total
K	24/26 (92%)	21/25 (84%)	45/51(88%)
1	20/22 (91%)	29/31 (94%)	49/53 (92%)
2	21/22 (95%)	13/13 (100%)	34/35 (97%)
3	31/34 (91%)	21/22 (95%)	52/56 (93%)
4	20/22 (91%)	19/21 (90%)	39/44 (89%)
5	31/43 (72%)	17/22 (77%)	48/65 (74%)
Total	147/169 (87%)	120/134 (90%)	267/304 (88%)

**Simple Growth (at least one point growth) from Fall 2025 to Winter 2025**  
(Current Grade Placement 2025-2026)

<b>MATH</b>			
Grade Level	Males	Females	Total
K	13/16 (81%)	27/30 (90%)	40/46 (87%)
1	24/24 (100%)	23/23 (100%)	47/47 (100%)
2	22/22 (100%)	31/31 (100%)	53/53 (100%)
3	23/27 (86%)	17/18 (94%)	40/45 (89%)
4	30/35 (86%)	20/24 (83%)	50/59 (85%)
5	20/23 (87%)	20/20 (100%)	40/43 (93%)
Total	130/141 (92%)	130/134 (97%)	260/275 (95%)

**Observations for 2022-2023:**

- In MAP Reading, from Fall 2022 to Winter 2022, 100% of 1st grade female students showed simple growth.
- According to MAP reading data, in 5th grade, 3 boys and 3 girls, 6 students in all, who scored at or above norm in the Fall dropped in the Winter. Had they not, 79% of 5th graders and 84% of all elementary students would have shown simple growth. (Data collected from grade level charts and are not included in this plan.)
- According to MAP math data, in 5th grade, 5 boys and 5 girls, 10 students in all, who scored at or above norm in the Fall dropped in the Winter. Had they not, 90% of 5th graders and 88% of all elementary students would have shown simple growth. (Data collected from grade level charts and are not included in this plan.)
- From Fall to Winter 2022, 82% of students (K-5), showed simple growth in MAP Reading.
- Compared to the 2021-2022 MAP Reading data of the same students, from Fall to Winter 2022-2023, three grade levels decreased the percentage of students who reached simple growth and two increased. This year's 1st graders increased with 93% of students showing simple growth while only 84% of the same students did as kindergarteners. This year's second graders decreased with 82% of students showing simple growth while 88% did in 1st grade. This year's third graders decreased the most, with only 74% showing simple growth compared to 93% while in 2nd grade. This year's fourth graders increased by 8 percentage points from their year as 3rd graders, from 84 to 92%. This year's fifth graders decreased with 67% of students showing simple growth, compared to 73% of the same students in 4th grade.
- From Fall to Winter 2022, 84% of all elementary students showed simple growth in MAP Math. This compares to 88% in MAP Math for Fall to Winter 2021 and 82% in Reading on MAP Fall to Winter 2022.
- Over the last four years, the total number of elementary students who showed simple growth in Math stayed relatively consistent with an average of 86%.
- From Fall to Winter 2022, the percentage of females attaining simple growth outperformed male students in Math in all grades except 4th grade.
- Compared to 2021-2022 MAP Math data of the same students, from Fall to Winter 2022-2023, four grade levels decreased the percentage of students who reached simple growth and one increased. This year's 1st graders increased with 98% of students showing simple growth while only 87% of the same students did as kindergarteners. This year's second graders decreased with 84% reaching simple growth compared to last year's 1st graders where 98% showed simple growth. Third graders in 2022-2023 had 78% attain simple growth from Fall to Winter while the same students in second grade last year had 94% show growth. Fourth graders decreased with 88% making simple growth while 91% of the same students showed growth in 3rd grade. Fifth graders in 2022-2023 MAP Math decreased to 69% of students showing simple growth when 80% of the same students showed growth the previous year.

**Observations for 2023-2024:**

- In reading, 95% of this year's 1st grade students achieved simple growth, while only 88% of those same students did in Kindergarten.
- In reading, the same percentage of students (93%) in 2nd grade demonstrated simple growth as did when they were in first grade.

- In reading, students in this year's 4th grade had 68% achieving simple growth compared to the same students in 3rd grade with an average of 74% and those same students in 2nd grade with 93%.
- In reading, 20% fewer female students achieved simple growth in 5th grade at 72% as compared to 92% of the same females in 4th grade and boys had 26% fewer achieving simple growth in 5th grade at 65% compared to 91% of the same males in 4th grade last year.
- In math, the 2nd grade females had 100% simple growth for two years in a row (first grade in 2022 and second grade in 2023).
- In math, in 4 out of 5 grades, there was an increase in the percentage of students who achieved simple growth from 2022 to 2023 when comparing the same students (example kindergarten students in 2022 was 88% whereas those same students in first grade in 2023 resulted in 97% meeting simple growth).
- Comparing the 2023 reading simple growth to 2023 math simple growth, the percentage of students in K-5 achieving simple growth on math was 2 to 23 percent higher than on reading.

**Observations for 2024-2025:**

- K-2 MAP assessments are read aloud to students whereas 3-5 assessments are read independently.
- In reading, 96% of 1st grade students made simple growth, while only 84% of the same students made simple growth in Kindergarten.
- In reading, the percentage of same students from 4th grade (2023) to 5th grade (2024) that met simple growth went from 68% to 57%.
- In reading, 83% of elementary students achieved simple growth in 2024-2025 compared to 79% in 2023-2024.
- In reading this year, 82% of males and 84% of females made simple growth from Fall of 2024 to Winter of 2024.
- In math, 87% of males and 90% of females made simple growth from the Fall of 2024 to the Winter of 2024.
- In math, the 2nd grade females have made 100% growth the last two years from Fall to Winter.
- The 5th grade class (2024) decreased in Math simple growth by 13% in males from 4th grade (2023) and by 10% in females from 4th grade (2023).
- In math, 4th grade females (2024) increased from 81% simple growth in 3rd grade (2023) to 90% as 4th graders (2024).

**Observations for 2025-2026:**

- K-2 MAP assessments are read aloud to students. In contrast, 3-5 assessments are read independently by the students.
- In Reading, Fall 2025 to Winter 2025, 87% of all students, K-5, achieved simple growth.
- In Reading, only 65% of female students showed simple growth in 5th grade from Fall of 2025 to Winter of 2025.
- In Math, Fall 2025 to Winter 2025, 95% of all students in K-5 achieved simple growth.
- In Math, Fall 2025 to Winter 2025, ALL first and second grade students made simple growth, 100%.
- In Math, 100% of female students in 5th grade made simple growth.

**Table 3c: MAP Assessment**

**Student Growth Projection**

**MAP ELA (Fall 2022 to Winter 2022) (NWEA data charts note Winter 2023 term)**  
**NWEA Map Growth Chart - Student Growth Summary Report**

Grade Level	Number of students who met projected growth/Number of students with a growth projection from fall 2022 to winter 2022 (chart says winter 2023)	Percentage of students who met projected growth from fall 2022 to winter 2022 (chart says winter 2023)
Kindergarten	21/42	50%
1st Grade	22/57	39%

2nd Grade	15/44	34%
3rd Grade	21/58	36%
4th Grade	28/47	60%
5th Grade	22/50	44%

**MAP ELA (Fall 2023 to Winter 2023) (NWEA data charts note Winter 2024 term)**  
**NWEA Map Growth Chart - Student Growth Summary Report**

Grade Level	Number of students who met projected growth/Number of students with a growth projection from fall 2023 to winter 2023 (chart says winter 2024)	Percentage of students who met projected growth from fall 2023 to winter 2023 (chart says winter 2024)
Kindergarten	14/50	28%
1st Grade	18/39	46%
2nd Grade	19/58	33%
3rd Grade	15/47	32%
4th Grade	28/63	44%
5th Grade	24/52	46%

**MAP ELA (Fall 2024 to Winter 2024) (NWEA data charts note Winter 2025 term)**

Grade Level	Number of students who met projected growth/Number of students with a growth projection from fall 2024 to winter 2024	Percentage of students who met projected growth from fall 2024 to winter 2024
Kindergarten	18/51	35%
1st Grade	20/53	38%
2nd Grade	9/38	24%
3rd Grade	32/58	55%
4th Grade	28/43	65%
5th Grade	26/65	40%

**MAP ELA (Fall 2025 to Winter 2025) (NWEA data charts note Winter 2026 term)**

Grade Level	Number of students who met projected growth/Number of students with a growth projection from fall 2025 to winter 2025	Percentage of students who met projected growth from fall 2025 to winter 2025
Kindergarten	22/46	48%
1st Grade	35/51	69%
2nd Grade	31/53	58%
3rd Grade	27/45	60%
4th Grade	33/62	53%
5th Grade	31/43	72%

**MAP Math (Fall 2022 to Winter 2022) (NWEA data charts note Winter 2023 term)**

## NWEA Map Growth Chart - Student Growth Summary Report

Grade Level	Number of students who met projected growth/Number of students with a growth projection from fall 2022 to winter 2022	Percentage of students who met projected growth from fall 2022 to winter 2022
Kindergarten	12/41	29%
1st Grade	22/57	39%
2nd Grade	16/44	36%
3rd Grade	21/59	36%
4th Grade	16/47	34%
5th Grade	13/50	26%

**MAP Math (Fall 2023 to Winter 2023) (NWEA data charts note Winter 2024 term)**

## NWEA Map Growth Chart - Student Growth Summary Report

Grade Level	Number of students who met projected growth/Number of students with a growth projection from fall 2023 to winter 2023	Percentage of students who met projected growth from fall 2023 to winter 2023
Kindergarten	18/50	36%
1st Grade	18/39	46%

2nd Grade	33/58	57%
3rd Grade	19/47	40%
4th Grade	23/63	37%
5th Grade	31/52	60%

**MAP Math (Fall 2024 to Winter 2024) (NWEA data charts note Winter 2025 term)**  
**NWEA Map Growth Chart - Student Growth Summary Report**

Grade Level	Number of students who met projected growth/Number of students with a growth projection from fall 2024 to winter 2024	Percentage of students who met projected growth from fall 2024 to winter 2024
Kindergarten	14/51	27%
1st Grade	27/53	51%
2nd Grade	21/38	55%
3rd Grade	27/58	47%
4th Grade	16/43	37%
5th Grade	25/65	38%

**MAP Math (Fall 2025 to Winter 2025) (NWEA data charts note Winter 2026 term)**  
**NWEA Map Growth Chart - Student Growth Summary Report**

Grade Level	Number of students who met projected growth/Number of students with a growth projection from fall 2025 to winter 2025	Percentage of students who met projected growth from fall 2025 to winter 2025
Kindergarten	23/46	50%
1st Grade	24/51	47%
2nd Grade	38/53	72%
3rd Grade	25/45	56%
4th Grade	26/62	42%
5th Grade	23/43	53%

**Observations for 2022-2023:**

- On MAP ELA, students in Kindergarten and 4th grade had 50% or more meet the projected growth from Fall 2022 to Winter 2022.
- The percentage of this year's 3rd and 4th graders who met ELA projected growth increased from the percentages of the same students last year when they were in 2nd and 3rd.
- Students in Kindergarten, 4th and 5th had a higher percentage of meeting projected growth in ELA than in Math.

- Except for this year's 1st graders, all grades had fewer percent of students who met the Math projected growth than the same students the year before.

**Observations for 2023-2024:**

students in 5th grade in 2023 grew 26% from the previous year in math (34% of students in 4th grade in 2022 compared to 60% of students in 5th grade in 2023).

- The students in 5th grade in 2023 went down 14% in ELA (60% of 4th grade students in 2022 compared to 46% of students in 5th grade in 2023).
- In math, all grade levels showed improvement in the percentage that met projected growth from winter 2022 to winter 2023 (when comparing the same students as they progress to the next grade level - kindergarten students in 2022 to first grade students in 2023 as well as when comparing the grade level with different students - kindergarten scores in 2022 to kindergarten scores in 2023).
- For the current 1st (46% in 2023, 50% in 2022) 2nd (33% in 2023, 39% in 2022), & 3rd (32% in 2023, 34% in 2022) grade students, the percentage of students who met projected growth has declined on the ELA MAP.

**Observations for 2024-2025:**

- From fall 2024 to Winter 2024 there are larger discrepancies between math and ELA for second grade (31%) and fourth grade (28%) than the other grades. In comparison, the following data is available for Kindergarten (8%), first grade (13%), third grade (8%), and fifth grade (2%).
- ELA fourth grade has the highest number of students (65%) who met the projected growth from fall 2024 to winter 2024.
- In four out of the six grade levels, less than half of the students met projected growth on ELA from Fall of 2024 to Winter of 2024 (Kindergarten 35%, first grade 38%, second grade 24% and fifth grade 40%).

**Observations for 2025-2026**

- In ELA from Fall 2025 to Winter 2025, 72% of 5th grade students met projected growth, the highest percentage of the six grade levels. Only 40% of 5th graders in 2024 met projected growth from Fall to Winter.
- In ELA, in 2025, 27 students or 60% of 3rd graders met projected growth. Only 9 or 24% of those same students met projected growth as a 2nd grader.
- In ELA, from Fall to Winter in 2025, 60% of elementary students met projected growth. That compares with only 43% of elementary students from Fall to Winter 2024.
- In Math, 2nd graders had the highest percentage of students meeting projected growth from Fall to Winter 2025 at 38 students or 72%.
- In Math, from Fall to Winter in 2025, 53% of students met projected growth. That compares with 43% of elementary students fro Fall to Winter 2024.

**Table 3d: IAR State Assessment**

**IAR Assessment Scores 2022-2023**

Illinois Assessment of Readiness

3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Scores – WC percentage is given first and state's percentage is listed second per performance distribution. Results have been obtained from the 2022-2023 Illinois Report Card.

	Did not yet meet	Partially met	Approached	Met	Exceeded	>= Level 4 Met or Exceeded Expectations
	WC%/State%	WC%/State%	WC%/State%	WC%/State%	WC%/State%	WC%/State%
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade ELA</b>	42/31	22/19	23/21	13/27	0/2	13/29
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Math</b>	32/20	23/24	28/24	15/27	2/6	17/33
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA</b>	29/19	35/21	26/25	10/28	0/7	10/35
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math</b>	39/20	33/26	20/27	8/25	0/3	8/28
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA</b>	14/17	29/21	35/27	22/32	0/3	22/35
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math</b>	28/21	37/29	28/25	8/22	0/4	8/26

## IAR Assessment Scores 2023-2024

### Illinois Assessment of Readiness

3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Scores – WC percentage is given first and state's percentage is listed second per performance distribution. Data gathered from School Report Card (2023-2024).

	Did not yet meet	Partially met	Approached	Met	Exceeded	>= Level 4 Met or Exceeded Expectations
	WC%/State%	WC%/State%	WC%/State%	WC%/State%	WC%/State%	WC%/State%
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade ELA</b>	22/29	37/19	26/21	15/28	0/3	15/31
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Math</b>	11/18	20/21	41/27	20/27	9/7	29/34
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA</b>	33/21	16/18	25/24	21/31	5/7	26/38
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math</b>	32/17	43/27	19/28	6/25	0/3	6/28
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA</b>	22/17	24/20	33/24	20/36	2/4	22/40
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math</b>	24/16	41/31	26/26	10/22	0/5	10/27

## IAR Assessment Scores 2024-2025

### Illinois Assessment of Readiness

3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Scores – WC percentage is given first and state's percentage is listed second per performance distribution. Data gathered from School Report Card (2024-2025). \*Beginning in 2025, Assessment scores were modified to the following categories: Below Proficient, Approaching Proficient, Proficient, and Above Proficient.

	Below Proficient	Approaching Proficient	Proficient	Above Proficient
	WC%/State%	WC%/State%	WC%/State%	WC%/State%
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade ELA</b>	22/14	48/39	20/35	10/12
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Math</b>	20/21	40/29	38/40	2/10
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA</b>	0/13	63/36	30/38	7/13
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math</b>	19/23	47/34	30/36	5/6
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA</b>	12/14	59/32	29/42	0/13
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math</b>	35/27	51/37	14/30	0/6

#### Observations of 2022-2023:

- In 2022, WC had zero percent (0) of their students earn a Level 5 - Exceeded Expectations rating in the area of ELA or Math.

- West Central scored below state average in both ELA and Math in grades 3-5 when comparing the percentage of students who earned a Level 5 (exceeded) or Level 4 (met) on the 2021-2022 IAR assessment.
- The percentage of third grade students in 2020-2021 who met or exceeded decreased when that same group of students tested in 4th grade by 13% in Math (19% met/exceeded in 2020-2021 and 6% met/exceeded in 4th grade in 2021-2022).
- The percentage of third grade students in 2020-2021 who met or exceeded increased when that same group of students tested in 4th grade by 4% in ELA (10% met/exceeded in 2020-2021 and 14% met/exceeded in 4th grade in 2021-2022).
- The percentage of fourth grade students in 2020-2021 who met or exceeded decreased when that same group of students tested in 5th grade by 2% in Math (7% met/exceeded in 2020-2021 and 5% met/exceeded in 4th grade in 2021-2022).
- The percentage of fourth grade students in 2020-2021 who met or exceeded increased when that same group of students tested in 5th grade by 6% in ELA (5% met/exceeded in 2020-2021 and 11% met/exceeded in 4th grade in 2021-2022).
- When comparing West Central averages to the state averages for Level 1 (did not yet meet), West Central averages are higher for grades 3-5 in both ELA and Math.

### **Observations of 2023-2024:**

- In 2023, WC had 2% of their students earn a level 5- Exceeded Expectations rating in 3rd grade Math.
- WC scored below state average in both ELA and Math in grades 3-5 when comparing the percentage of students who earned a level 5 (exceeded) or level 4 (met) on the 2022-2023 IAR assessment.
- The percentage of third grade students in 2022-2023 who met or exceeded stayed the same or decreased when that same group of students tested in 4th grade in both ELA and Math.
- The percentage of fourth grade students in 2021-2022 who met or exceeded increased when that same group of students tested in 5th grade by 2% in Math (6% met/exceeded in 2021-2022 and 8% met/exceeded in 5th grade in 2022-2023).
- The percentage of fourth grade students in 2021-2022 who met or exceeded increased when that same group of students tested in 5th grade by 8% in ELA (14% met/exceeded in 2021-2022 and 22% met/exceeded in 5th grade 2022-2023).
- When comparing WC averages to the state averages for Level 1 (did not yet meet), WC averages are higher

### **Observations of 2024-2025:**

- In 2024, WC had 9% of their students earn a level 5- Exceeded Expectations rating in 3rd grade Math, which exceeded the state average by 2%.
- In 2024, WC had 5% of their students earn a level 5- Exceeded Expectations rating in 4th grade ELA.
- In 2024, WC had 2% of their students earn a level 5-Exceeded Expectation rating in 5th grade ELA.
- When comparing WC averages to the state averages for level 1- did not yet meet, WC averages are lower in 3rd grade ELA and Math.
- When comparing WC averages to the state averages for level 1- did not yet meet, WC averages are higher in 4th grade ELA and Math.
- When comparing WC averages to the state averages for level 1- did not yet meet, WC averages are higher in 5th grade ELA and Math.

### **Observations of 2025-2026**

- In 2025, zero (0) percent of 5th grade students were rated above proficient.
- The majority of WC students are based in the Approaching Proficient category.
- 4th grade students saw a major improvement from 2024 in the Met/Proficient area in both ELA and Math.
- The closest category WC students are with State percentages is in the proficient category.
- 24 students were rated above proficient compared to 16 in 2024 (Exceeded Expectations)
- 4th grade had 0 below proficient in ELA.
- Third grade had highest percent of Above Proficient in ELA.
- West Central percentage is lower than state percentage in both proficient and above proficient in both ELA and Math.
- All grade levels were above state percentage for approaching proficient.

Table 3e: Illinois Science Assessment

(Data received from [irc.isbe.net](http://irc.isbe.net) or Report Card and is reported as % proficient, which includes both proficient and exemplary scores)

Year	All	Male	Female	IEP 2022 CWD 2024	Low Income
2022 WC % (State %)	50% (50.7%)	48.5% (50.9%)	51.7% (50.5%)	10% (21.4%)	38.9% (33.3%)
2023 WC % (State %)	54.9% (52.4%)	73.9% (52.5%)	39.3% (52.3%)	No data available for groups of less than 10 students	45.2% (35.4%)
2024 WC% (State %)	53% (52.6%)	50% (52.8%)	55.5% (52.5%)	7.7% (29.9%)	43.7% (36.3%)
2025 WC% (State %)	41.5% (43%)	41.9% (43.7%)	40.9% (42.2%)	6.3% (12.8%)	30.8% (26.5%)

**Observations on 2022-2023:**

- The percentage of West Central students who were reported to be proficient (including proficient and exemplary) on the 2022 test was 50% whereas the state average was 50.7%.
- The percentage of male students who earned a proficient score was 48.5%. The percentage of female students who earned a proficient score was 51.7%, which was 1.2% higher than the state average.
- The percentage of students with IEP's who earned a proficient score was 10%, which was 11.4% lower than the state average of 21.4%.
- The percentage of students identified as low income who scored a proficient score was 38.9%, which was 5.6% higher than the state average of 33.3%.

**Observations on 2023-2024:**

- The percentage of West Central students who were reported to be proficient (including proficient and exemplary) on the 2023 test was 54.9% and the state average was 52.4% resulting in WC showing a 2.5% higher average than the state average.
- The percentage of male students who earned a proficient score was 73.9% while the state average was 52.5% on the 2023 test.
- The percentage of female students who earned a proficient score was 39.3% while the state average was 52.3%, a decrease from 2022 of 12.4% (not comparing the same students).
- The percentage of students identified as low income who scored proficient was 45.2%, which was 9.8% higher than state average.
- The percentage of male students who scored proficient has increased each year since 2021 (33.4% in 2021, 48.5% in 2022, and 73.9% in 2023).

**Observations on 2024-2025:**

- Low income students exceeded the state average for the past 3 years (2022- 5.6% higher, 2023- 9.8% higher, 2024- 7.4% higher).
- In 2023 and 2024, the percentage of 5th grade students (in the all category) exceeded the state average (WC/State) (2023 - WC was 54.9% compared to state average of 52.4% and 2024 - WC was 53% compared to state average of 52.6%.)
- Female students exceeded the state average by 3 percentage points in 2024.
- Male students were 2.8 percentage points below the state average in 2024.
- There is a 22.2 percentage point difference between the state average and WC average of IEP students, which is the biggest difference in all categories.

**Observations on 2025-2026:**

- Low income students exceeded the state average for the past 4 years (2022- 5.6% higher, 2023- 9.8% higher, 2024- 7.4% higher, 2025- 4.3%).
- Low income students are the only category to exceed the state average in 2025 (by 4.3%).
- The percentage of overall students who were proficient in 2024 decreased from 53% to 41.5% in 2025.
- The percentage of male students who were proficient in 2024 decreased from 50% to 41.9% in 2025.

- The percentage of female students who were proficient in 2024 decreased from 55.5% to 52.5% in 2025.
- The percentage of low income students who were proficient in 2024 decreased from 43.7% to 30.8% in 2025.
- The percentage of IEP students who were proficient in 2024 decreased from 7.7% to 6.3% in 2025.

## Overall Assessment Observations

### Observations of 2021-2022:

On the IAR, West Central Elementary scored below state average in both ELA and Math in all tested grade levels based on the percentage of WC students who earned a meets/exceeds rating compared to the percentage of students at the state level who earned a meets/exceeds rating. The Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) results indicate that 50% of our students were proficient on the 2022 test compared to the percentage of students at the state level who were proficient, which was 50.7%.

### Observations of 2022-2023:

On the IAR, West Central Elementary scored below state average in both ELA and Math in all tested grade levels based on the percentage of WC students who earned a meets/exceeds rating compared to the percentage of students at the state level who earned a meets/exceeds rating on the 2022-2023 IAR. The Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) results indicate that 54.9% of our students were proficient on the 2023 test compared to the percentage of students at the state level who were proficient, which was 52.4%.

### Observations of 2024-2025:

On the IAR, West Central Elementary scored below state average in both ELA and Math in all tested grade levels based on the percentage of WC students who earned a meets/exceeds rating compared to the percentage of students at the state level who earned a meets/exceeds rating on the 2023-2024 IAR. The Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) results indicate that 53% of our students were proficient on the 2024 test compared to the percentage of students at the state level who were proficient, which was 52.6%.

### Observations of 2025-2026:

On the IAR, West Central Elementary scored below state average in both ELA and Math in all tested grade levels based on the percentage of WC students who earned a Proficient/Above Proficient rating on the 2024-2025 IAR. The Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) results indicate that 42% of our students were proficient on the 2025 test compared to the percentage of students at the state level who were proficient, which was 40%.

## II.3 Demographic Data

Table 4a: General School Data

### Provided by School Report Card

(Data released after 10-31-2025 and information includes students enrolled as of October of that school year.)

	22-23		23-24		24-25		25-26	
	#	%	#	%	#	WC% State%	#	WC% State%
<b>Enrollment/ Attendance (K-5)</b>	313	94.8%	305	93.6%	318	94.5% 91.6%	321	94.7% (91.8)
<b>*Truancy Rate</b>		4.1%	61	22%	47	17.1% (25.7)	49	17.8% (19.8)
<b>**Chronic Absenteeism</b>		9.3%		16.8%		13.8% (26.3)	47	14.5% (25.4)
<b>Students with IEP's</b>	54	17.3%	35	11.5%	52	16.4% (16%)	61	19% (16.3)
<b>Students with Disabilities</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	56	17.6% (20.3)	69	21.5% (20.3)

English Learners	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Mobility Rate		7.3%		6.3%		7% (7.9%)		8.1% (7.3)
Low Income Rate	174	55.6%	178	58.4%	182	57.2% (49.8)	173	53.9% (49.7)
White	291	93%	287	94.1%	297	93.4%	300	93.5%
Black	~N/A		~N/A	~N/A	~N/A	~N/A	~N/A	~N/A
Hispanic	~N/A		~N/A	~N/A	10	3.1%	12	3.7%
American Indian	~N/A		~N/A	~N/A	~N/A	~N/A	~N/A	~N/A
Two or More Races	10	3.2%	~N/A	~N/A	~N/A	~N/A	~N/A	~N/A

~ Groups of less than 10 are not reported on the Illinois Report Card. District data is available for some but school data is not available.

\*\*Chronic Absenteeism - Percentage of students who miss 10% or more of school days per year with or without a valid excuse.

### Observations for 2021-2022:

- Enrollment continues to trend down over the last four years, decreasing by 8 students in the 2020-2021 school year compared to 2019-2020.
- Overall, our enrollment has decreased by 37 students since the 2016-2017 school report card data was collected.
- The Homeless rate has decreased from 2% in 2019-2020 to 1.3% in 2020-2021.
- The Low Income rate has decreased a total of 2.4% based on the data that shows 58% in 2019-2020 and 55.6% in 2020-2021 with the highest low income rate being 62% in 2016-2017. Meals are free to all students at this time, which has decreased the need to complete the paperwork to receive these benefits.
- Chronic absenteeism has decreased each year (with the exception of the 2019-2020 school year) from 16% in 2017-2018 to 9% in 2018-2019, and 6.6% in 2020-2021.
- The Mobility rate is the highest it has been since the 2016-2017 school year, which was 8%. The current mobility rate is 7.5% compared to 5% in both 2018-2019 and the 2019-2020.
- Our percentage of students with IEP's has fluctuated slightly from 13% in 2018-2019 to 12% in 2019-2020 to 12.5% in 2020-2021.

### Observations for 2022-2023:

- Our overall enrollment has increased by 9 students from the 2020-2021 school year (304 students) to the 2021-2022 school year (313 students).
- Our percentage of students with IEP's has increased 4.8% from the 2020-2021 school year (38 students) to the 2021-2022 school year (54 students).
- Our low income rate of 55.6% has remained the same the last two years.
- Our truancy rate decreased from 6.6% in 2020-2021 to 4.1% in 2021-2022. This is the lowest percentage since 2017-2018 (excluding 2019-2020).
- Our chronic absenteeism rate has increased 3.2% from the previous year (6.1% in 2020-2021 to 9.3% in 2021-2022).

### Observations for 2023-2024:

- The truancy rate has increased every year except 2021-2022. Most significantly, the truancy rate increased from 4.1% in 2021-2022 to 22% in 2022-2023.
- Chronic absenteeism has increased every year and took its biggest leap in 2023-2024 resulting in an increase of 7.5%.
- The percentage of students with IEPs fell 5.8% from 17.3% in 2021-2022 to 11.5% in 2022-2023.
- The low Income rate increased by 2.8% as evidenced by the data showing a rate of 55.6% in 2021-2022 to 58.4% in 2022-2023. This rate is the highest it has been in the past four years.

### Observations for 2024-2025:

- Truancy decreased nearly 5% from 22% in the 22-23 year to 17.1% in the 23-24 year.
- Chronic absenteeism went down 3% from the 22-23 year at 16.8% to 13.8% in 23-24.
- West Central has a lower chronic absenteeism rate at 13.8% than the state at 26.3%.
- West Central has a lower truancy rate at 17.1% than the state at 25.7%.
- The actual number of low income students (not necessarily percent) has increased every year since 20-21.
- West Central's percentage of low income students at 57.2%, is higher than the state average of low income students which is 49.8%.

### Observations for 2025-2026:

- Our overall enrollment has increased by 3 students from the 2023-2024 school year (318 students) to the 2024-2025 school year (321 students).
- Students with IEPs increased by 9 students from the 2023-2024 school year (52 students) to the 2024-2025 school year (61 students).

- Students with disabilities have increased by 13 students from the 2023-2024 school year (56 students) to the 2024-2025 school year (69 students).
- The actual number of low income students (not necessarily percent) has decreased for the first time since 21-22.
- At 8.1%, the mobility rate is higher than it has been in four years. It is higher than the state average at 7.3%.
- The low income percentage has decreased from the previous year but, at 53.9%, is higher than the state at 49.7%.

**Table 4b: General School Data**

**Provided by School Report Card**  
(Data released after October 31st of the current year)  
**Chronic Absenteeism by Demographics**

Chronic Absenteeism refers to the percentage of students who miss 10% or more of school days per year either with or without a valid excuse.

*Chronic Absenteeism by Group	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25
All	9.3%	16.8%	13.8%	14.5%
White	9.6%	16.9%	14.4%	14.1%
Low Income	13.6%	24.6%	20.1%	21.6%
Students with Disabilities	24.3%	~N/A	25.4%	24.6%
Students with IEPs	26.5%	~N/A	25.5%	24.6%
Male	10.6%	16.3%	13.9%	10.7%
Female	7.9%	17.4%	13.6%	19.3%

**Observations for 2022-2023:**

- The chronic absenteeism rate for students with IEP's increased from 13% in 2020-2021 to 26.5% in 2021-2022, which is more than double from the previous year.
- The chronic absenteeism rate for low income students increased from 9% in 2020-2021 to 13.6% in 2021-2022.
- The absenteeism rate for males has increased from 6% in 2020-2021 to 10.6% in 2021-2022. It is higher than the female rate of absenteeism, which is 7.9% in 2021-2022.

**Observations for 2023-2024:**

- The percentage of all students with chronic absenteeism has increased each year (2019 to 2023) with 2023 being the highest jump from 9.3% in 2021-2022 to 16.8% in 2022-2023, showing an overall increase of 7.5%.
- The percentage of chronic absenteeism has increased steadily in the low income category with 2022-2023 seeing the worst and most significant increase of all the years with an increase of 11% (from 13.6% in 2021-2022 to 24.6% in 2022-2023).
- The percentage of chronic absenteeism in females increased from 7.9% in 2021-2022 to 17.4% in 2022-2023, which is a 9.5% increase from 2021-2022 to 2022-2023.

**Observations for 2024-2025:**

- Chronic Absenteeism is reported at a higher percentage for students in the categories of low income, disabilities, and IEPs than any other categories in 20-21 through 23-24.
- All categories have decreased except the Students with disabilities category, which increased by 1.1% in 23-24. In this particular category, no data is available for the 22-23 school year so the comparison is the 21-22 school year.
- Overall Chronic Absenteeism has decreased from 22-23 to 23-24 in the "all students" category..

**Observations for 2025-2026:**

- The chronic absenteeism rate for female students increased from 13.6% in 23-24 to 19.3% in 24-25
- Chronic Absenteeism is reported at a higher percentage for students in the categories of low income, disabilities, and IEPs than any other categories in 21-22 through 24-25.
- The chronic absenteeism rate for male students decreased from 13.9% in 23-24 to 10.7% in 24-25

Table 5: Enrollment Data

**Fall Housing Report (Data collected on the 6th Day of Enrollment)  
2025 Data includes students enrolled as of 10/1/2025**

	2021-2022		2022-2023		2023-2024		2024-2025		2025-2026	
Grade Levels in School	PK-5		PK-5		PK-5		PK-5		PK-5	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>School Pop.</b>	369		361		374		371		344	
<b>Male</b>	200	54.2%	196	54.3%	198	52.9	200	53.9%	173	50.3%
<b>Female</b>	169	45.8%	165	45.7%	176	47.1	171	46.1%	171	49.7%
<b>PK</b>	54	14.6%	53	14.7%	54	14.4	50	13.5%	42	12.2%
<b>Grade K</b>	60	16.3%	43	11.9%	50	13.4	53	14.3%	46	13.4%
<b>Grade 1</b>	41	11.1%	61	16.9%	41	11.0	54	14.6%	52	15.1%
<b>Grade 2</b>	55	14.9%	44	12.2%	64	17.1	41	11.0%	53	15.4%
<b>Grade 3</b>	49	13.3%	58	16.1%	47	12.6	62	16.7%	45	13.1%
<b>Grade 4</b>	48	13.0%	50	13.9%	63	16.8	44	11.9%	63	18.3%
<b>Grade 5</b>	62	16.8%	52	14.4%	55	14.7	67	18.1%	43	12.5%

**Observations for 2021-2022:**

- The overall school population increased by seven students, which is the first increase in enrollment in at least four years.
- There have been more males than females in the total population since 2017-2018.
- The current first grade class is the smallest class with 41 total students in the 2021-2022 school year and the enrollment has decreased from last year when the enrollment was 48 students in 2020-2021. However, there were four students who were retained this year to complete a second year of kindergarten.
- Our total enrollment increased by seven students during the 2021-2022 school year by adding six male students and one female student.
- The overall population is 369 students with 54.2% being male and 45.8% being female.
- The number of students enrolled in PK has decreased the last two years from 59 students in 2019-2020 to 56 students in 2020-2021 to 54 students in 2021-2022.
- Our percentage of male students has been above 50% since the 2017-2018 collection period.
- The enrollment from Kindergarten to first decreased by seven students, from second to third decreased by one student whereas all other grade transitions increased by at least one student.

**Observations for 2022-2023:**

- The overall school population decreased by eight students from the previous year.
- There have been more males than females in the total population since the 2018-2019 school year. The total population is 361 students with 54.3% being male and 45.7% being female.
- The number of students is 361, which is the lowest number of students in the last five years.
- The number of students enrolled in PK has decreased the past few years from 59 in 2019-2020 to 56 in 2020-2021 to 54 in 2021-2022 to 53 in 2022-2023. Additional students often join the program later in the school year.

**Observations of 2023-2024:**

- The total number of students in grades PK-5th grade has increased by 13 students from the previous year.
- The total enrollment is at its highest since 2019-2020.
- There are still more male students than females. In 2023-2024, the data shows 52.9% males compared to 47.1% females.
- First grade is the smallest class with 41 students, while 2nd grade is the largest with 64 students.
- The number of PK students increased by 1 student from the previous year data according to the Fall Housing Report.
- The current fourth and fifth grade classes each gained five students this year.

**Observations of 2024-2025:**

- The number of male students continues to be higher than the number of female students.
- The current fifth grade class is the largest with 67 students.
- The current second grade class is the smallest with 41 students.

- The total school population has fluctuated between 361 and 374 students for the last five years.

**Observations of 2025-2026:**

- The overall school population decreased by 27 students from the previous year.
- PK is the smallest class with 42 students while the 4th grade is the largest class with 63 students.
- The gap between males and females is only 2 students; there are 173 male students and 171 female students.
- The overall school population of 344 is the lowest number of students in the last 5 years.
- Female population has remained steady with male population decreasing.

**Table 6a: Special Education Student Subgroup Enrollment**

\*Students with IEPs; Data provided by the school psychologist based on Embrace enrollment as of January 15th 2026. Students may receive services in more than one area but each student is identified by their primary eligibility criteria only except for Speech/Language numbers. This number does not include the students being served within an out of district program but these numbers are recorded in a separate category. However, it does include PK students. Students with 504 Plans are listed separately. Speech/Language numbers include both primary and secondary eligibility to show the number of students receiving services from the SLP.

	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
	#	#	#	#
<b>Total Special Education*</b>	49	61	62	62
<b>Intellectual Disability</b>	1	1	0	0
<b>Speech or Language Imp</b> (includes primary/secondary elig.)	38	39 (12 primary)	44 (12 primary)	61 (8 primary)
<b>Visual Impairment</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Emotional Disability</b>	1	1	0	2
<b>Orthopedic</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Other Health Impairment</b>	2	5	7	7
<b>Specific Learning Disability</b>	14	22	22	18
<b>Autism</b>	6	10	9	10
<b>Development Delay</b>	10	9	9	13
<b>Deaf/Blindness</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Hearing Impairment</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Multiple Disabilities</b>	X	1	3	3
<b>504 Plan</b>	5	4	6	8
<b>Out of District</b>	4	2	2	2

\*Since 12/31/24, 6 additional students have been found eligible for IEPs. One additional student has received a 504 plan.

**Observations for 2022-2023:**

- The number of students receiving speech and language services has increased from 20 in 2021-2022 to 38 in 2022-2023. These numbers do not include the students who are receiving speech services online with Lewis University (5 students).
- The number of students who have a 504 Plan has increased from 3 in 2021-2022 to 5 in 2022-2023.
- The total number for special education has decreased slightly from 51 in 2021-2022 to 49 in 2022-2023.

**Observations 2023-2024:**

- The number of students served out-of-district decreased from 6 in 2020-2021 to 2 in 2023-2024.
- From 2019-2020 to 2023-2024, the number of students identified as on the autism spectrum has increased from 1 student to 10 students.
- The number of students receiving speech and language services has increased from 20 in 2021-2022 to 38 in 2022-2023 to 39 in 2023-2024.
- The total number of students receiving Special Education services has risen twelve students from 49 in 2022-2023 to 61 in 2023-2024.

- There are 22 students identified as having Specific Learning Disabilities, the largest amount in the last 5 years.

**Observations 2024-2025:**

- The number of students served out-of-district remained constant at 2 in 2023-2024 to 2024-2025.
- The number of students with Individualized Education Plans has risen from 47 in 2020-2021 to 62 in 2024-2025.
- A new category in 2023-2024, the number of students identified as Multiple Disabilities rose from 1 in 2023-2024 to 3 in 2024-2025.
- The number of students served out-of-district has stayed relatively low since 2021-2022, with either 2, 3 or 4 students each year.
- The number of students with a 504 plan has risen to its largest number in the last 5 years with 6 in 2024-2025.
- The number of students identified as having a Specific Learning Disability remained constant at 22 students from the 2023-2024 school year to the 2024-2025 school year. However, this is an increase of 8 students when comparing the number of students identified (14) in 2022-2023.
- Since 2020-2021 (21 students), Speech or Language numbers have more than doubled (44 students in 2024-2025).
- Six more students have been found eligible for I.E.P.s since January of this year making the total number of students 68. (This data is not available in this plan due to the date for the data chart being December 31 for comparison purposes each year.)

**Observations 2025-2026:**

- Eight students have a 504 plan, the highest number in the last 4 years.
- The total number of special education students has remained the same in the last two years.
- Eighteen students are identified as having a specific learning disability, down from 22 the previous year, while thirteen students have been identified as developmentally delayed, up from nine the previous year.
- Two students are being served out of district.
- Speech and Language impairment is at its highest in the last four years, with 61 students being serviced.
- Fifteen students with IEPs moved to the middle school, yet the total number of SPED students is still 62.

**Table 6b: Special Education Student Grade Level Enrollment**

Grade Level during the 2022-2023 school year.	Number of students with IEPs being served in the special education classrooms. These numbers do not include a primary eligibility of Speech/Language.	Number of students with IEPs being served outside the district in specialized programs.
Pre-K	2	0
Kindergarten	3	0
1st Grade	6	0
2nd Grade	1	0
3rd Grade	9	0
4th Grade	13	2
5th Grade	3	1

Grade Level during the 2023-2024 school year.	Number of students with IEPs being served in the special education classrooms. These numbers do not include a primary eligibility of Speech/Language.	Number of students with IEPs being served outside the district in specialized programs.
Pre-K	7	0
Kindergarten	1	0
1st Grade	3	1
2nd Grade	10	0
3rd Grade	2	0
4th Grade	15	0
5th Grade	11	1

Grade Level during the 2024-2025 school year.	Number of students with IEPs being served in the special education classrooms. These numbers do not include a primary eligibility of Speech/Language.	Number of students with IEPs being served outside the district in specialized programs.
Pre-K	4	0
Kindergarten	6	0
1st Grade	2	0
2nd Grade	9	2
3rd Grade	11	0
4th Grade	3	0
5th Grade	15	0

Grade Level during the 2025-2026 school year.	Number of students with IEPs being served in the special education classrooms. These numbers do not include a primary eligibility of Speech/Language.	Number of students with IEPs being served outside the district in specialized programs.
Pre-K	8	0
Kindergarten	3	1
1st Grade	8	0
2nd Grade	4	0
3rd Grade	12	1
4th Grade	14	0
5th Grade	5	0

**Observations for 2022-2023:**

- The number of 1st grade students in 2020-2021 receiving special education was 2. This increased to 6 in 2021-2022, which increased to 9 in 2022-2023.
- The number of 2nd grade students in 2020-2021 receiving special education was 6. This increased to 8 in 2021-2022, which increased to 13 in 2022-2023.
- The number of students receiving services in PK has decreased from 5 in 2021-2022 to 2 in 2022-2023.

#### **Observations for 2023-2024:**

- There are 26 students receiving special education services in grades 4 and 5 combined within the district. This is three more than Pre-K through 3rd grade students combined.
- There are 15 fourth grade students with IEPs being served within the district. Through the years, this number has increased from 2 in 1st grade to 6 students in 2nd, to 9 in 3rd grade to 15 in 4th.
- There are 51 students being served for special needs both in and out-of-district. That is an increase of 10 to 11 students compared to the 3 years preceding (41 students in 2020-2021, 41 students in 2021-2022, and 40 students in 2022-2023).
- Only 2 students are served out-of-district, compared to 7 students in 2020-2021.
- The number of PK students with an IEP is the highest in four years with a total of seven students during the 2023-2024 school year. Previous data points include two students in 2022-2023, five students in 2021-2022 and four students in 2020-2021.

#### **Observations for 2024-2025:**

- The number of students served out-of-district has stayed relatively low since 2021-2022, with either 2 or 3 students each year.
- The population of students with Individualized Education Plans increased from 38 in 2021-2022 to 50 in 2024-2025.
- Fifth grade students in 2024-2025 numbers 15, the largest class in the elementary.
- In 2023-2024, there were 3 students in 1st grade with Individualized Education Plans. The next year that number jumped to 9 with 9 students having Individualized Education Plans in 2nd grade in 2024-2025.
- There are 52 students being served for special needs both in and out-of-district. That is an increase of 10 or more students compared to the 4 years preceding (41 students in 2021-2022, 40 students in 2022-2023, and 51 students in 2023-2024).

#### **Observations for 2025-2026:**

- The amount of students served out-of-district has remained relatively low since 2021-2022, with only 2 this year.
- Pre-K has more IEP students this year than they have had in the last four years, with eight students identified.
- There are 26 3rd and 4th graders identified with IEPs. The other four grade levels have 28 combined.
- Second grade is at its lowest for the past several years for students with IEPs, with only four students identified.

## **Demographic Comparison and Trends**

### **~Based on data from Table 5 - Enrollment Data (Fall Housing Report)**

The enrollment for 2021-2022 is 369 students, including Pre-K. When comparing enrollment using the previous data collection model, there are seven more students from the previous year. There are 21 classrooms, including Pre-K and the average class size is 18 students. All grade levels have three sections each.

The enrollment for 2022-2023 is 361 students, including Pre-K. When comparing enrollment using the previous data collection model, there are eight fewer students from the previous year. There are 21 classrooms, including Pre-K and the average class size is 17. All grade levels have three sections each.

The enrollment for 2023-2024 is 374 students, including Pre-K. When comparing enrollment using the previous data collection model, there are thirteen more students from the previous year. There are 21 classrooms, including Pre-K and the average class size is 18. All grade levels have three sections each.

The enrollment for 2024-2025 is 371 students, including Pre-K. When comparing enrollment using the previous data collection model, there are three less students from the previous year. There are 21 classrooms, including Pre-K and the average class size is 18 students. All grade levels have three sections each.

The enrollment for 2025-2026 is 344 students, including Pre-K. When comparing enrollment using the previous data collection model, there are 27 less students from the previous year. There are 21 classrooms, including Pre-K and the average class size is 16 students. All grade levels have three sections each.

## II.4 Program Data

Table 7: Educator Data

	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
<b>Total Full Time Classroom Teachers</b>	32	30*	31**	31**	31*
<b>Average Years Teaching</b>	12.78	13.5	13.6	15	14
<b># Teachers New to Building</b>	3	1	2	3	1
<b># First Year Teachers</b>	0	1	2	1	2
<b># with B. A. Degree</b>	32	30	31	31	31
<b># with M.A. &amp; Above</b>	10	11	10	10	9
<b># with Emergency or Provisional Certificates</b>	1	1	1	0	0
<b># Teachers Working Out of Field</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>% Caucasian Teachers</b>	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%
<b># Male Teachers</b>	4	3	3	4	4
<b># Female Teachers</b>	28	27	28	27	27
<b># Full-time Paraprofessionals</b>	13	14	14	14	16
<b># Part-time Paraprofessionals</b>	6	6	6	6	4
<b># Total Counselors</b>	.45	.45	1	1	1
<b># Total Librarians</b>	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5
<b># Total Social Workers/Psychologist</b>	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55
<b># Total Other Staff</b>	6	5	5	6	8
<b># Speech Pathologist</b>	.85	.72	.80	.89	.79
<b># National Board Certified Teacher</b>	4	4	4	4	2

- Out-of-field means that a teacher is teaching a class for which he/she has no certification in academic major or endorsement with sufficient credit hours in the content area taught.
- Social Worker, psychologist, librarian and speech pathologist are shared with the rest of the district.
- \* Does not include one full-time teacher in the Retiree Return to Work program and one full-time substitute teacher working under a sub license.
- \*\*Does not include one full-time substitute teacher working under a substitute teacher license.

### Observations 2021-2022:

- We have a district counselor available to our students approximately 0.45 this year.
- There are no first year teachers in our building although we have three new teachers in our building.
- The average years of teaching has increased each year since 2017-2018 (11.6 years) to 2021-2022 (12.78 years).
- As of the 2021-2022 school year, we still have 4 teachers who have earned National Board recognition.
- We have four male teachers working with elementary students.
- We have added two full time paraprofessionals this year.
- In the 2021-2022 school year, 31% of our thirty-two teachers hold a master's degree.

### Observations 2022-2023:

- There is one first year teacher in the building.
- We have added one full time paraprofessional this year.

- The number of male teachers has decreased by one for the 2022-2023 school year.
- The average number of years of teaching continues to increase slightly each year.
- As of March 1, 2023, the Title Department is fully staffed with three full time reading teachers and six part time paraprofessionals.

**Observations 2023-2024:**

- There has been an increase of counselors from .45 to 1 full time counselor.
- The number of full and part-time paraprofessionals has stayed steady from 2022-2023 to 2023-2024.
- The number of National Board Certified teachers has remained the same since 2019-2020.
- The number of teachers with a Masters decreased from 11 to 10 in 2023-2024.
- A full time counselor has allowed counseling services to increase from 43 students in 2022-2023 to 84 students in 2023-2024. (See also Chart 9A)
- The average years of teaching has increased slightly each year since 2019.
- There is one first year teacher in the building for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Observations 2024-2025:**

- The number of years of experience increased 1.4 years from 2023-2024 to 2024-2025
- In the 2024-2025 school year, there are no emergency or provisional certificates at the elementary level.
- The number of paraprofessionals has stayed the same for 3 years.
- We have added one male teacher to the staff this year.
- We have three new teachers in the building for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Observations 2025-2026:**

- The average years of teaching declined with two retiring teachers at the end of last year. Additionally, two national board certified teachers retired.
- There are four male teachers in the building but only two are fully dedicated to the elementary.
- One more teacher received her Masters this year putting the number back up to 10.
- The number of full-time paraprofessionals rose from 14 to 16.

**Table 8: Student Discipline Data**

Number of Referrals Per Grade Level Who Have Received 1 or More Referrals (Bus and School)

	S1 21-22	S2 21-22	Year 21-22	S1 22-23	S2 22-23	Year 22-23	S1 23-24	S2 23-24	Year 23-24	S1 24-25	S2 24-25	Year 24-25
Kind	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	3
1 <sup>st</sup> grade	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	7	8
2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	5	13	18	10	19	29	0	3	3	0	3	3
4 <sup>th</sup> grade	0	9	9	6	12	18	6	10	16	3	2	5
5 <sup>th</sup> grade	15	14	29	6	7	13	8	10	18	23	13	36
Total Referrals	23	41	64	22	39	61	14	24	38	30	27	57

\*Some students exhibiting significant behaviors throughout the day are not issued written referrals. A Google form is used to record the behaviors during the school day to enable staff to better track the data. This may cause a discrepancy in the total referral count each year.

**Types of Behavior as Reported on All Referrals (Bus and School)**

	S1 21-22	S2 21-22	Year 21-22	S1 22-23	S2 22-23	Year 22-23	S1 23-24	S2 23-24	Year 23-24	S1 24-25	S2 24-25	Year 24-25
Disruption	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	3	1	7	8
Aggression	11	15	26	11	17	28	4	8	12	12	15	27
Fighting	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disrespect/ Insubordination/ Non-compliance	2	10	12	7	11	18	6	7	13	12	1	13
Harassment /Bullying	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inapp. Language	6	8	14	4	7	11	2	4	6	3	3	6
Property damage/ Vandalism	1	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	1	1	1	2
Other	3	2	5	0	1	1	0	3	3	1	0	1
Total	23	41	64	22	39	61	14	24	38	30	27	57

“Other” includes: technology violation, possession of inappropriate material and lying, cheating and stealing.

### Suspensions

	S1 21-22	S2 21-22	Year 21-22	S1 22-23	S2 22-23	Year 22-23	S1 23-24	S2 23-24	Year 23-24	S1 24-25	S2 24-25	Year 24-25
OSS	5 days	0 days	5 days	0 days	5 days	5 days	0	0	0	0	1	1
ISS	5 days	1.5 days	6.5 days	1.5 days	3.5 days	5 days	0.5	1	1.5	0	2	2
Bus	7.5 days	3.5 days	11 days	10 days	0 days	10 days	2 days	5 days	7 days	4	12	16

### Locations with the Most Significant Referral Data (Recorded as Number of Referrals)

	S1 21-22	S2 21-22	Year 21-22 Total # 64	S1 22-23	S2 22-23	Year 22-23 Total # 61	S1 23-24	S2 23-24	Year 23-24 Total # 38	S1 24-25	S2 24-25	Year 24-25 Total # 57
Bus	7 (11%)	9 (14%)	16 (25%)	7 12%	4 7%	11 18%	1	4	5 13%	12 21%	5 9%	17 30%
Classroom (Includes PE)	11 (17%)	18 (28%)	29 (45%)	6 10%	24 39%	30 49%	8	12	20 53%	14 25%	17 30%	31 54%
Hallway	1 (2%)	2 (3%)	3 (5%)	0 0%	1 2%	1 2%	2	0	2 5%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
Recess Area	3 (5%)	12 (19%)	15 (23%)	9 15%	7 12%	16 26%	2	6	8 21%	7 12%	1 2%	8 14%
Cafeteria	N/A	N/A	NA	0 0%	1 2%	1 2%	1	2	3 8%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
Restroom	1 (2%)	0 (0%)	1 (2%)	0 0%	2 3%	2 3%	0	0	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
Total Referrals in Top 5 Locations (total # includes these locations only)	23	41	64	22	39	61	14	24	38	33	23	56

\*Classroom data includes P.E. class. The Recess Area is defined as indoor recess (in the gymnasium) and outdoor recess (on the playground).

#### Observations in 2021-2022:

- There were a total of 39 referrals during the 2020-2021 school year, which is the lowest number of referrals in the last four years.
- Aggression is consistently one of the highest areas of behavior noted on referrals.
- There is a 7% increase in the percentage of referrals issued in the classroom setting, which was 65% in 2019-2020 to 72% in 2020-2021.
- There was a decrease of 82 total referrals from 2019-2020 to 2020-2021.
- Of the total referrals, 93% of them took place in the classroom or on the bus.
- There were 1.5 days of ISS in 2020-2021 whereas there were 6.5 days of ISS in 2019-2020.
- There were 0.5 days of OSS in 2020-2021 whereas there were 6 days of OSS in 2019-2020.
- There were 0 bus suspensions in 2020-2021 and 2 days in 2019-2020.

#### Observations in 2022-2023:

- There has been an increase of suspensions in the last year. Out of school went from .5 days to 5 days, in-school went from 1.5 days to 6.5 days, and bus suspensions went from 0 days to 11 days.
- There has also been an increase in referrals. Recess went from 0 to 15, bus from 8 to 16, and restroom from 0 to 1.

- Referrals are increasing again since Covid, but still only half of what they were in 2019-2020.
- Aggression referrals increased from 19 in the 2020-2021 school year to 26 in the 2021-2022 school year and inappropriate language increased from 6 to 14 in those same years.

**Observations in 2023-2024:**

- The total number of referrals decreased from 64 in the 2021-2022 school year to 61 in the 2022-2023 school year.
- The most referrals (126 total referrals) were during the 2019-2020 school year with 72 incidents involving aggression.
- The third grade class in 2022-2023 had the most referrals that year with a total of 29 referrals, which was 48% of the total referrals for the elementary.

**Observations in 2024-2025:**

- Aggression has been the most common reason for referral, except for the 23-24 school year when it was disrespect/insubordination/non-compliance.
- Disrespect/insubordination/non-compliance in previous years has been the second most common reason for referral.
- Based on the data, there are consistently more referrals during the second semester of the year than the first semester.
- During the 2023-2024 school year, 53% of the referrals occurred in the classroom. The second most frequent location was recess area with 21%.

**Observations in 2025-2026:**

- Aggression accounted for almost half of the entire referrals for 2024-2025, with 27 out of 57 total referrals.
- Disrespect/insubordination/non-compliance made up the second largest number of referrals in 2024-2025, with 13 out of 57 or 23%.
- There were 16 bus suspensions in 24-25. Twelve of them were in the second semester.
- There were only 1 OSS and 2 ISS in 2024-2025, both occurring in the second semester.
- The classroom location, which includes PE, had the majority of referrals with 31 or 54% of total.
- Referrals on the bus were the second highest percentage, with 17 or 30%.
- In 2024-2025, there were 67 referrals. That is 19 more than the previous year.

**Table 9a: Students Participating in Support Programs**

Number of students participating in support programs divided into male/female groups and total numbers.

2021-2022	K (M/F)	1 (M/F)	2 (M/F)	3 (M/F)	4 (M/F)	5 (M/F)	Total (M/F)
<b>CICO</b> Check in-Check out	0/0 (0)	0/0 (0)	4/0 (4)	2/1 (3)	4/0 (4)	3/1 (4)	15 (13/2)
<b>TAT</b> Teacher Assistant Team	2/0 (2)	0/0 (0)	0/0 (0)	0/0 (0)	0/0 (0)	0/1 (1)	3 (2/1)
<b>RtI</b> Response to Intervention	6/6 (12)	4/2 (6)	9/4 (13)	1/3 (4)	3/3 (6)	0/0 (0)	41 (23/18)
<b>Counseling</b>	2/1 (3)	3/1 (4)	4/2 (6)	4/0 (4)	6/2 (8)	8/4 (12)	38 (27/11)

\*Data collected as of 3/1/2022 for the 2021-2022 school year.

2022-2023	K (M/F)	1 (M/F)	2 (M/F)	3 (M/F)	4 (M/F)	5 (M/F)	Total (M/F)
<b>CICO</b> Check in-Check out	1/0 (1)	0/0 (0)	0/0 (0)	6/0 (6)	5/1 (6)	5/0 (5)	18 (17/1)
<b>TAT</b> Teacher Assistant Team	0/0 (0)	0/0 (0)	0/0 (0)	0/0 (0)	1/0 (1)	0/0 (0)	1 (1/0)
<b>RtI</b> Response to Intervention	2/6 (8)	6/2 (8)	4/3 (7)	6/1 (7)	2/1 (3)	0/0 (0)	33 (20/13)
<b>Counseling</b>	4/2 (6)	2/1 (3)	1/0 (1)	6/5 (11)	5/6 (11)	6/5 (11)	24/19 (43)

\*Data collected as of 3/1/2023 for the 2022-2023 school year. These numbers do not include PK.

2023-2024	K (M/F)	1 (M/F)	2 (M/F)	3 (M/F)	4 (M/F)	5 (M/F)	Total (M/F)
<b>CICO</b> Check in-Check out	2/0 (2)	0/0 (0)	2/1 (3)	1/1 (2)	7/0 (7)	3/0 (3)	17 (15/2)
<b>TAT</b> Teacher Assistant Team	2/0 (2)	0/0 (0)	0/0 (0)	0/0 (0)	1/0 (1)	1/0 (1)	4 (4/0)
<b>RtI</b> Response to Intervention	3/3 (6)	4/4 (8)	5/4 (9)	0/1 (1)	0/0 (0)	0/0 (0)	24 (12/12)
<b>Counseling</b>	4/2 (6)	2/3 (5)	1/5 (6)	3/9 (12)	13/6 (19)	13/23 (36)	84 (36/48)

\*Data collected as of 3/1/2024 for the 2023-2024 school year. These numbers do not include PK.

2024-2025	K (M/F)	1 (M/F)	2 (M/F)	3 (M/F)	4 (M/F)	5 (M/F)	Total (M/F)
<b>CICO</b> Check in-Check out	2/0 (2)	2/0 (2)	3/0 (3)	0/1 (1)	1/0 (1)	5/1 (6)	15 (13/2)
<b>TAT</b> Teacher Assistant Team	1/0 (1)	1/0 (1)	1/0 (1)	0/0 (0)	0/0 (0)	3/0 (3)	6 (6/0)
<b>RtI</b> Response to Intervention	6/4 (10)	3/4 (7)	3/5 (8)	1/2 (3)	1/1 (2)	0/0 (0)	30 (14/16)
<b>Counseling</b>	3/0 (3)	4/7 (11)	3/1 (4)	3/3 (6)	2/0 (2)	4/4 (8)	49 (30/19)

\*Data collected as of 3/1/2025 for the 2024-2025 school year.

2025-2026	K (M/F)	1 (M/F)	2 (M/F)	3 (M/F)	4 (M/F)	5 (M/F)	Total (M/F)
<b>CICO</b> Check in-Check out	0/0 (0)	2/0 (2)	1/2 (3)	2/1 (3)	0/1 (1)	0/0 (0)	9 (5/4)
<b>TAT</b> Teacher Assistant Team	0/0 (0)	1/0 (1)	1/0 (1)	1/0 (1)	0/0 (0)	0/0 (0)	3 (3 /0)
<b>RtI</b> Response to Intervention	2/6 (8)	5/6 (11)	3/6 (9)	3/5 (8)	1/2 (3)	3/1 (4)	43 (17/26)
<b>Counseling</b>	4/5(9)	3/ 4(7)	3/5(8)	3/ 5(8)	7/8 (16)	4/3 (7)	24/30 (54)

\*Data collected as of 3/1/2026 for the 2025-2026 school year.

**Observations in 2022-2023: (Counseling data was collected differently from 2021-2022 to 2022-2023, which makes it difficult to compare their numbers.)**

- The number of students participating in TAT decreased from 3 during the 2021-2022 school year to 1 during the 2022-2023 school year.
- More males than females are receiving support from RtI, CICO, TAT, and Counseling during the 2021-2022 and the 2022-2023 school year.
- Some students are seeking counseling outside the school district and these numbers are not included in the chart.
- The number of students participating in CICO has increased by 3 students from the previous year (from 15 in 2021-2022 to 18 in 2022-2023). Prior to that, only 9 students participated in the CICO program in the 2020-2021 school year.

**Observations in 2023-2024:**

- More males than females are involved in the CICO and TAT programs.
- The number of students in TAT (1 in 2022-2023 to 4 in 2023-2024) & counseling (43 in 2022-2023 to 84 in 2023-2024) has increased.
- The number of students receiving Tier 3 RTI services has decreased from 41 in 2021-2022 to 33 in 2022-2023 to 24 in 2023-2024.
- There are many 5th graders receiving counseling (36/84 students are in 5th grade).
- The number of students in 4th grade participating in CICO in 2022-2023 (6 students) decreased by 50% when those same students were in 5th grade (3 students in 2023-2024).

**Observations in 2024-2025:**

- More males than females are in the CICO and TAT programs.
- The number of students in TAT in 2024-2025 has increased by 2 students.
- The number of students receiving Tier 3 RTI services has increased by 6 students, with 2 more females than males.
- There is one less student in CICO in the 5th grade than was in their 4th grade year.
- The number of students in CICO is two less than the previous year.
- The number of male students in CICO have decreased by two, while the amount of females has stayed the same.
- CICO numbers are lower than last two years. TAT has increased. (Is this because of students moving to the next tier? CICO→TAT)
- The number of students receiving counseling services has decreased by 35 students as it went from 84 students receiving counseling in 2023-2024 to 49 students in 2024-2025.
- TAT referrals are all boys.
- There are more girls than boys in RTI in 2024-2025.

**Observations in 2025-2026:**

- \*There are 43 students in Response to Interventions, the highest number in the last five years.
- \* There are nine more females than males in the Rtl process this year.
- \* Fourth grade has the highest number of students receiving counseling services this year.
- \*There are no females receiving TAT services this year.
- \*The total number of students in CICO is 9 compared to 15 in the 2024-2025 school year.

Table 9b: Counseling Services

	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Top 3 reasons for referral	SEL Anger Anxiety	SEL Family and Anxiety Friendship	SEL Anger Focus	SEL Family Executive Functioning
Counseling Groups	Girls Drama, Divorce/Family Changes, 4/5th Social Skills, Study Skills	Girls Drama, 4/5th Social Skills, PK-K Transition, 5-MS Transition	PK-K Transition, 5-MS Transition, Anger Management, Family Changes, Girls Drama, Kindness Club	Girls Drama, Social Group, Kindness Club, Transitions
Class Lessons	Erin's Law, Zones of Regulation, SEL, Academic Success, Intro	Second Step, Erin's Law, Zones of Regulation, Bullying Prevention	Second Step, Bullying Prevention, Erin's Law, Zones of Regulation, Academic Success	Spot Lessons, Executive Functioning, Second Step, Erin's Law, and Empathy
Number of Referrals	24 (M) / 19 (F) - 43	36 (M) / 48 (F) - 84	30 (M) / 19 (F) - 49	24 (M) / 30 (F) - (54)

### **Observations in 2022-2023: (data is provided as of March 1, 2023)**

- In the 2021-2022 school year, 25.6% of the referrals were made by parents.
- In the 2022-2023 school year, the top three reasons for referrals (district-wide) were SEL, anger and anxiety.
- Of the 477 responses for the grade level of student receiving support, 22.2% of those were provided to the students in grade five.
- When comparing the number of responses for referrals, there was a significant increase as evidenced by 54 responses (reason for social emotional and academic) in the 2021-2022 school year compared to 337 responses in the 2022-2023 school year.
- The number of elementary students receiving counseling support increased from 43 during the 2021-2022 school year to 289 (48.9% of the 591 responses) during the 2022-2023 school year. It should be noted that the total number of responses has significantly increased as well.

### **Observations in 2023-2024: (data is provided as of March 1, 2024)**

- In the 2023-2024 school year, the top three reasons for referrals are: SEL 32%, Family 22%, and Anxiety 22%.
- “Anxiety” referrals have increased by 12% since the 2022-2023 school year.
- “Anger” referrals have decreased by 8% since the 2022-2023 school year.
- “Family” referrals have increased by 12% since the 2022-2023 school year.

### **Observations in 2024-2025 (data is provided as of March 1, 2025)**

- SEL is the largest reason for referral.
- Anxiety decreased from 63 referrals to 20 from the previous year.
- Anger increased from 28 referrals to 85 from the previous year.
- Focus is the largest reason for (academic) referral (10), followed by executive function (7).
- Overall referrals have decreased from 280 to 233 when comparing the current year to the previous year.

### **Observations in 2025-2026 (data is provided as of March 1, 2026)**

- In 2025-2026, more females (30) than males (24) were referred. This fluctuates from year to year.
- Fifty-four total referrals were made in 2025-2026. This number is an increase of five over the previous year.
- Fifty-four total referrals were made in 2025-2026. This number is a decrease of 30 over the 2023-2024 school year.
- The topics of the lessons and groups are determined yearly by a needs assessment.

## **Curriculum Implementation Data**

**Language Arts and Reading Curriculum:** West Central Elementary has shifted from a balanced literacy approach for ELA to instruction that utilizes the tenets of Science of Reading. The systematic approach includes phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, comprehension and fluency. Each grade level has a dedicated Self-Selected Reading time daily. All grade levels have identified essential skills that correlate with the New Illinois State Standards that are focused on quarterly outcomes. Technology based resources, such as Reading A-Z, Raz-Kids, Lexia and IXL, are also used to reinforce skills and gather materials for classroom use. Renaissance Learning, which encompasses Accelerated Reader and Star Reading, are being used in grades K-5 when appropriate. The elementary (Kindergarten - Grade 3) has implemented a new curriculum called Really Great Reading. These lessons are designed to teach the subskills that lead to strong decoding and fluent reading. They focus on the instruction that makes a difference in decoding: direct, systematic, explicit, and multisensory phonemic awareness and phonics instruction. It focuses on teaching functional strategies rather than rules, which allows students to transfer knowledge gained at the single-word level to words in a larger text. In addition, Kindergarten uses Secret Stories and Guided Phonics by Tara West to supplement their instruction. Kindergarten and 1st Grade also use Michael Heggerty Curriculum for Phonemic Awareness instruction. Resources from UFLI (University of Florida Literacy Institute), Teachers Pay Teachers, Scholastic News are utilized by the teachers as supplemental resources. The special education teachers have received training in the Orton-Gillingham method of instruction and it is being utilized in the Special Education classrooms. In the last two years, Orton-Gillingham training has extended to Kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade teachers. Paraprofessionals have participated in a condensed professional development opportunity in OG training. Beginning in 2019-2020, MAP Assessments were given three times a year in grades K-5 in order to provide benchmark comparison data to inform instruction and intervention decisions for both ELA and Math. During the 2025-2026 school year, the elementary school (first - fifth grade) implemented a new reading curriculum called Amplify CKLA 3rd Edition. This core literacy

curriculum is designed to support all students in becoming successful readers and writers through explicit instruction based on the Science of Reading and Writing. This knowledge-rich instruction and high-quality texts deepens comprehension and connects learning over time.

**Math Curriculum:** All Grades K–5 implemented the enVision 2020 Common Core Math program during the 2021-2022 school year. EnVision 2020 Math integrates the New Illinois/Common Core Standards. The focus strands include: counting and cardinality, operations and algebraic thinking, number and operations in base ten, number and operations in fractions, measurement and data, and geometry. Supplemental materials are added as needed for extra practice throughout the grade levels. Grades K-5 use the online components to reinforce the skills being taught. Online math programs for practice such as IXL, Reflex Math, and Splash Math are being utilized in the elementary. Beginning in 2019-2020, MAP Assessments are given three times a year in grades K-5 in order to provide benchmark comparison data to inform instruction and intervention decisions for both ELA and Math.

**Social Studies Curriculum:** The elementary social studies curriculum is aligned to the new Illinois Social Science Standards. Grade levels use a variety of resources including: Time for Kids, Scholastic News, Teachers Pay Teachers, McGraw Hill text, “Let’s Find Out” magazine, and Junior Achievement. The lower grades are based on thematic units involving people or events in American History. Students also explore family life, job careers, and community roles. Beginning in the 2nd grade, the students begin to explore early American History, presidential biographies, and an introduction into state history. 4th grade focuses on Illinois History. 5th grade studies early American History and economics through the BizTown curriculum and simulation each fall.

**Science Curriculum:** The elementary science curriculum in grades K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> is based around thematic units. Supplemental materials are used for these units, including technology based resources. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades have Scott Foresman textbooks available for use as needed. K - 5<sup>th</sup> grades also use Scholastic News or Time for Kids as reference material. All grade levels are aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards and many are utilizing materials from Mystery Science, an online curriculum source.

**Writing Curriculum:** The purpose of the Writing curriculum is to provide students with the support needed to express themselves clearly and effectively to others. It is our belief that in order to accomplish this, students must be offered the following instructional opportunities: time to write each and every day, knowledge of and practice in the writing process, the teacher’s role is as a coach to the writer, and that skills are not taught in isolation but in the context of the written pieces. Samples of K - 12 writing were evaluated during the summer of 2009 and from this process a Writing curriculum for the elementary was established. Each grade has defined the writing expectations and aligned the expectations to the Illinois Learning Standards. Writing workshops were presented to the entire elementary staff to continue to aid in the advancement of the writing curriculum. Samples were then reviewed again in the Spring of 2010 with a few adjustments made to the curriculum. Instruction is provided to the students on ways to write in response to reading a selection. Due to staff turnover, this curriculum is no longer consistently used among the elementary. There is staff concern for the need for a new or revised writing curriculum. During the 24-25 school year, the staff implemented, “Scott Foresman Grammar and Writing Curriculum,” a free resource that was created for elementary grades 1-6 that utilizes weekly lessons on grammar and writing. This tool is a complimentary resource to initiate our curriculum exploration process. The new ELA curriculum, Amplify, incorporates many writing strategies and puts an emphasis on expressing responses in written form. In 2025-2026, many staff members participated in a well-received book study on incorporating writing into all subject areas.

**Title I Program:** The Title I program assists all grades in focusing on basic reading skills and comprehension strategies, standardized test preparation, Rtl interventions, individualized instructions and exit outcome performance. It also provides support and resources to strengthen the classroom instruction. Title does screening and diagnostic testing on a regular basis. The analysis of these tests provides focus for the teacher's instruction. In the morning, kindergarten Title I paraprofessionals are dedicated to one classroom where they assist the classroom teacher with everyday learning activities, as well as 1 on 1 and small group instruction. For first and second grade, the paraprofessionals and Title I teachers work with small groups for thirty to forty minutes. They assist in giving intensive small group instruction at the student's ability level focusing on the student's developing reading needs. The afternoon consists of the Title I teachers working with small groups of students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades on individualized instruction in Reading and Math with a focus on literacy skills. Many staff members have participated and are participating in classes and book studies related to the Science of Reading, as well as support and consultation from more experienced and knowledgeable staff. The Title group holds many events throughout the year giving parents an opportunity to participate. The family involvement activities include a K-1 program, a 2-3 program, and a 4-5 program. These activities alternate between math with a connection to literacy and literacy emphasis. Often STEM activities are included. The 4th/5th program focuses on Science or Social Studies themes and has recently included an Escape Room Adventure. The classroom teachers are also very involved and helpful with these. Other extra programs with Title involvement include: March Book Madness, Battle of the Books, Summer Reading Postcards, World Read Aloud Day and Family Reading Night. Since the 2022-2023 school year, and until this 25-25 school year, all Title teacher and support staff positions were fully staffed. Due to unforeseen circumstances, one Title teacher moved to a classroom as the regular education teacher and will return to Title in the 26-27 school year. One part-time paraprofessional moved, during the school year, into a full-time paraprofessional position in a special education classroom.

**Special Education:** The Special Education Department meets the needs of students with academic or behavioral disabilities. Students receive IEP's (Individual Education Plans) that are designed specifically for their individual needs. Their goals are aligned to the New Illinois State Standards (Common Core) or the Illinois Social/Emotional Learning Standards. Students are usually pulled for instruction in language arts, reading, math, and social skills. They also receive extra support in their general education classes through high school. Accommodations are put in place as needed based on each child's specific areas of concern. Students work in small groups or one-on-one. The special education classrooms each have one or more paraprofessionals that help work with the students. The Rtl process (Response to Intervention) was introduced during the 06-07 school year. This process is to help struggling learners through different research-based interventions that are matched to student needs. This progress is monitored continually. These interventions are to help prevent long-term academic failure. There are 3 Tiers to this process. Tier I is represented with the core instructional program in the general education classroom. Interventions can take place within the classroom in small groups. Tier 2 is designed for students who are not making adequate progress in Tier I. They need a more intensive program with targeted interventions. These interventions are provided by a trained paraprofessional or a certified teacher. Progress is monitored weekly and meetings are held every 3-4 weeks. Tier III is for students who do not respond to the interventions in Tier II and can become eligible for special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Additional testing may be needed to target the deficit skills area. Additional testing would be completed by the District school psychologist. Another team that is in place is the TAT or Teacher's Assistance Team. They work with students who are struggling with behavior or emotional concerns. They work with other teachers as mentors for these students. In 2009, our classrooms were equipped with interactive boards. We also have individual Chromebooks and document cameras. Overall, our special education program serves those students with both academic and behavior issues while providing extra support to those identified as at-risk through our Response to Intervention and Teacher Assistance teams. The EdMark reading curriculum is available for use in the special education classrooms. In addition, our special education students have access to the

Readable English curriculum in grade 5, as well as the Leveled Literacy Intervention materials, which is associated with the Fountas and Pinnell reading curriculum. In math, some of our students are utilizing the Touch Point Math curriculum. Related services are available through WCISEC, such as OT/PT, social worker, autism consultant, behavior consultant, and hearing impaired itinerant teacher. West Central also has a full time speech language pathologist. During the second semester of the 2024-2025 school year, a fourth special education teacher was added due to the increase in students with IEPs. In the 2025-2026 school year, we continue to have four special education teachers to meet the needs of our students.

**Physical Education:** The West Central Physical Education Program for elementary students is designed to develop the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor domains of students by providing a developmentally appropriate and sequentially progressive program. The program enables students to acquire the basic foundations of movement skills and strategies needed to participate in a variety of games and sports. Specific aspects of the program will aid in the development of higher fitness levels, thinking and problem solving, time, cooperation (sportsmanship) and decision-making as well as social-emotional skills. These activities help to prepare them for adult life and the world of work. P.E. classes meet daily for approximately 35 minutes as a grade level with two PE teachers providing instruction.

**Art Education:** The West Central Art Program for elementary students works toward meeting several different goals. One is that students should be able to observe, name, and describe the basic vocabulary in art. Another is that students should know about basic tools and media used in art. A goal is to learn about different artists and Art History styles. Perhaps the most visible goal is to learn skills and techniques through the production of art. To help attain these goals, art class has been given a 45 minute block of instructional time once a week.

**Band:** The goal of 5th grade band at WCES is to lay the foundation for students to participate in band for the rest of their lives. 5th graders start with instrument tryout day. Students are encouraged to select two instruments they would like to try. Ultimately, the participants get to select which instrument they would like to play for the entire year. Class starts in September with small group instruction. As their skill level progresses, students are grouped according to which instrument they play. The 5th grade band performs at two concerts during the school year. The first concert is in November/December and the second concert is in April/May. When concert time approaches, the ensemble will rehearse all together. On average, 5th grade band meets three times per week for thirty minutes a class.

**Music Education:** The main objective of the West Central Music program for elementary students is to create lifelong musicians by providing a developmentally appropriate curriculum from Kindergarten to Fifth grade. Students begin with the exploration of music through movement, vocal production, aural skills and instrumentation and progress to the foundation and construction of music. Basic theory aids the upper elementary grade levels in reading (music) staff notation and implementing said knowledge while playing instruments in the general music classroom and fifth grade band. Specific goals of the program aid in the development of other skills including reading, writing, mathematics, locomotor skills and self-discipline. In addition to music content, the elementary music program produces two concerts per school year. On average, elementary music students attend class for 40 minutes once a week. If music is unable to meet due to scheduling, arrangements are made to compensate for missed class time.

**Enrichment Program:** The West Central Elementary School provides an after school enrichment program one day a week for our academically-talented students. The goal of the program is to provide an appropriate program of enrichment focused on the integration of technology in multi-disciplinary units of study, the development of individual student interests, growth in higher-level thinking skills, and the

provision of an opportunity for interaction with other talented children in the district. This program began in Fall 2006. Approximately 20 students in the Grades 4th - 5th participate in this program.

**After School Tutoring Program:** The after school tutoring program was implemented in Fall 2006. This program is free to our elementary students and is funded by the district. Academic assistance is provided in a variety of subject areas. Students in grades 3-5 may attend the program if a teacher recommends them for the extra support. It meets twice a week for a one hour session. We currently have up to two supervisors for each session.

**Technology:** Students (and teachers) in grades kindergarten through fifth grade have Chromebooks (1:1 devices). Chromebooks are used daily in the classroom for instructional purposes, projects, online supplemental support, and special activities. Student Chromebooks remain at school. Students in grades K-5 have access to their own Google accounts. This allows them to easily connect to teacher provided websites as well as complete school work at home (if they have their own device). Students can also share documents with their teacher so they may provide feedback digitally. There are various apps/websites used throughout the elementary school. Kindergarten uses Starfall and SplashMath to do reading and math activities. IXL (grades 1-5) is utilized for individual support in both reading and math. Reflex (grades 2-5) is used for math supplementation at the elementary. The students have access to online components linked to the EnVision 2020 Common Core Math curriculum. Students in grades K-3 use Seesaw which allows for interactive lessons, digital portfolios, and two-way communication with parents/guardians. Google Classroom provides a similar experience for Grades 3-5. In addition, teachers can use Google Meet to hold virtual sessions with parents/guardians. Teachers have access to Securly, which allows them to manage students' Chromebooks virtually. Digital Citizenship and Computer Literacy are taught at each grade level appropriately. All general education and special education K-5 classrooms have an interactive display board. Some classrooms have document cameras and desktops as well.

**Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Structures:** West Central Elementary began using the Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports Program in 2011-2012. This program teaches all students the expectations in all settings of the school. Students can earn HEAT points for following these expectations. In addition, students can earn good behavior FISH for being an outstanding citizen and doing something exceptional. By setting forth clear social and behavioral expectations and recognizing positive behaviors, we are able to create a positive environment for learning. Tier 1 support is universal for all students. General interventions for all students include expectations and routines for school behaviors. Tier 2, which was added in 2014-2015, includes individualized interventions to help students at risk for social and/or behavioral concerns. This tier often includes the introduction of the Check-In/Check-Out (CICO) process. Tier 3 is further individualized interventions used to meet social and/or behavioral needs of students with more intense and/or persistent problems. This tier often introduces the student and their families to TAT (the Teacher Assistance Team). In 2018-2019, District #235 began the process of using trauma sensitive practices in classrooms. This professional development will continue to be offered in the future. For the 2019-2020 school year, Grade K-5 students were sorted into six groups called "Families." The purpose of the "Family" structure is to provide another avenue for building strong relationships at school, not only adult to student but also, student to student. "Families" also build a culture of community at school and a way for students to serve the school community as leaders and mentors. Students will remain in this family for their entire career at WCE. Also beginning in 2019-2020, the Second Step curriculum was implemented in grades K-5. Second Step is a program rooted in social-emotional learning that has a holistic approach intended to create a more empathetic society by providing education professionals, families, and the larger community with tools to enable them to take an active role in the social-emotional growth and safety of today's children. Along with CICO, Tier 2 services could involve group counseling based on the needs of the students and/or classroom SEL lessons from the school counselor. Tier 3 services would be 1:1 counseling, which could occur weekly at the beginning of this level of support. During the 2024-2025 school year, we implemented

an updated online version of 2nd Step and included all staff members during our weekly lessons.

**Counseling Services:** At West Central Elementary, counseling services are available to all students. Referral forms are available to both staff and parents. The counseling department offers the following services: one-on-one counseling, group counseling, consultation services, classroom lessons, staff support, and suggestions to outside agencies. The counseling department completes a one minute meeting with every elementary student to develop a rapport and possible caseload in the fall. In addition, the counseling department sends a needs survey for all staff to gauge what topics would be beneficial for students. Group topics include but are not limited to: social skills, anger management, divorce/family changes, girls club, drama, kindness club, transition groups, zones of regulation, and academic success. Also, the counseling department discusses Erin's Law and bullying with each student from PK-5th grade. Finally, the counseling department works closely with fellow staff members to help the whole child academically and behaviorally.

**Response to Intervention:** Response to Intervention (RtI) is an academic intervention program. It provides early interventions to children who are having difficulties learning. Students receive intensive research-based interventions in small group settings or one-on-one settings. Through frequent progress monitoring, teachers and parents are able to see the progress the students are making and the specific areas of difficulties that need to be targeted. During meetings, the RtI committee, classroom teacher, Title teacher and parents review the interventions and the progress being made. New goals are set every three to five weeks until a student either progresses out of the RtI program or an individualized education plan is created. During the 2023-2024 school year, we began having RtI parent meetings during the school day once a month for all students in the program.

**Library Services:** The elementary school library has approximately 13,458 books available to students. Accelerated Reader provides access to over 200,000 quizzes on books. We belong to the RAILS (Reaching Across Illinois Library System) of Burr Ridge, Illinois, that provides our students and staff with access to books found in other libraries through interlibrary loan. In 2023-2024 the library adopted Follett's Destiny Library Management Software that allows our library staff more control over collecting collection information and statistics for our libraries. It also allows our students and staff access to their library information, place books on hold, and view the catalog in a user friendly way. The library sponsored a book fair each semester this year, using Scholastic in the fall and Literati in the Spring. With the funds from the book fair, the library purchases materials for the school and teacher classroom libraries. Our school library has offered programs focusing around the Monarch & Bluestem Book Award Book Lists that are part of the Readers Choice reading programs provided and recognized by AISLE (Association of Illinois School Library Educators) which we are able to participate in by having an AISLE registered Librarian. West Central Elementary also works closely with the Henderson County Library to promote their summer reading program and utilizes their Book Mobile which stops once a week providing additional services to our school.

**2020-2021 Parent/School Compact:** The parent-school compact was included in the 20-21 student handbook. We have had a 100% parent signage acknowledging receipt of the student handbook.

**2021-2022 Parent/School Compact:** The parent-school compact was included in the 21-22 student handbook. We have had a 100% parent signage acknowledging receipt of the student handbook.

**2022-2023 Parent/School Compact:** The parent-school compact was included in the 22-23 -student handbook. We have had a 100% parent signage acknowledging receipt of the student handbook.

**2023-2024 Parent/School Compact:** The parent-school compact was included in the 23-24 student handbook. We have had a 100% parent signage acknowledging receipt of the student handbook.

**2024-2025 Parent/School Compact:** The parent-school compact was included in the 24-25

student handbook. We have had a 100% parent signage acknowledging receipt of the student handbook.

**2025-2026 Parent/School Compact:** The parent-school compact was included in the 25-26 student handbook. We have had 100% parent signage acknowledging receipt of the student handbook.

## Program Comparisons and Trends

**(2020-2021)** The restrictions implemented for the 2020-2021 school year have required some changes in our school for the health and safety of our students and staff. In order to minimize student contact outside of students' assigned classrooms, we have implemented a pick up and drop off routine, required everyone to wear masks all day as well as maintain six feet of physical distance when possible, eliminated sit and chat, and modified the special's schedules. The PBIS program was implemented in 2010. The school continues to reinforce positive student choices with Heat Points when school-wide expectations are followed. Although we are unable to meet in groups within our Family structure, we are continuing to celebrate character award winners as well as school-wide monthly point leaders. In order to address the social emotional needs of our students, the Second Step curriculum is taught during P.E. classes (Fall 2020). Low class size has been maintained with an average class size of 17 students. Teachers in grades PreK-3 are utilizing Seesaw and 4th-5th grade teachers are utilizing Google Classroom as an instructional tool for the purpose of remote learning. All students have Google accounts. Students have had the option of attending school in-person or as full remote from home. Each quarter, remote learners have the opportunity to return to in-person learning. Dismissal from in-person learning is at 12:15 p.m., with remote instruction in the afternoon. (Although students are not in class full day, they are provided full day instruction). Beginning March 22, 2021, the school day will be extended to 2:00 p.m. No additional remote learning will be provided for those students attending in-person due the clock hours being extended. The PERA committee meets on an annual basis to review the evaluation tool that includes student growth. The evaluation model was adapted this year to include Formative Feedback without the designation of ratings and student growth for tenured staff and those with a rating from a previous school district. Non-tenured, first year teacher evaluations were modified from three observations to two and also do not include student growth. Regarding curriculum, the EngageNY math program is in its fifth year of implementation. We are still utilizing the IXL program, along with Zearn and Reflex Math for supplemental activities. The first and second grade teachers have implemented the Fountas and Pinnell classroom component as their reading curriculum. The special education staff is providing services from the Leveled Literacy Intervention component of Fountas and Pinnell for grades K-5. In addition, the special education staff is using the Edmark Reading program with some students. The elementary teachers have adjusted their units to meet the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and many are using a program called Mystery Science as a reference tool. Staff continue to increase their familiarity with the new Illinois Social Science standards and are working to align their curriculum. Because of the restrictions for the 2020-21 school year, we are unable to implement the thirty minute school-wide Response to Intervention (RtI) block at each grade level. Staff continues to work hard to meet the needs of all students through classroom interventions and tutoring provided by staff during and after school. Several of the Title 1 staff including paraprofessionals are working within the K-2 classrooms. Interventions are being done by these staff members within the classroom, rather than as small pull out groups or individual sessions outside the classroom. These RtI interventions are done both in-person and virtually. To increase our ability to organize students into instructional groups based on data, we utilize MAP Growth Assessment information. All students participate in these growth measurements three times a year, beginning with the 2018 Fall benchmark period.

**(2021-2022)** The 2021-2022 school year saw a return to more normalcy, while still trying to minimize student contact outside of students' assigned classrooms for the majority of the year. We have continued the pick-up and drop-off routine, but have recently implemented allowing parents to drop off students in the building during a fifteen minute window. Sit and chat has not been re-implemented and masks were

still mandated inside the building for all students, staff, and visitors for part of the year. Physical education has returned to grade level involvement, as has lunch recess. Each teacher supervises his or her class for an additional 15 minute recess as well. The PBIS program, implemented in 2010, continues to reinforce positive student choices with Heat Points when school-wide expectations are followed. We returned this year to meeting in groups within our Family structure for monthly rewards and continue to celebrate school-wide monthly point leaders. In order to address the social-emotional needs of our students, the Second Step curriculum is taught in our classrooms. In addition, WC added a full time district-wide counselor to work with individual students and small groups. Low class size has been maintained with an average class size of 18 students. Teachers in grades PreK-3 are using Seesaw and 4th and 5th grade teachers are utilizing Google Classroom to extend lessons with technology. All students have Google accounts. In the 2021/22 school year, students returned to all in-person learning for the complete school day, from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The PERA committee continues to meet on an annual basis to review the evaluation tool that includes student growth. The evaluation model has returned to the pre-Covid model, including student growth. Regarding curriculum, the enVision 2020 Common Core Mathematics program was implemented this year in grades K through 5. We are still utilizing the IXL program, along with Reflex Math for supplemental activities. The first and second grade continue to implement the Fountas and Pinnell classroom component as their reading curriculum. The district library has increased their accessibility to the library and its resources for elementary students. The Special Education staff is providing services for the Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) component of Fountas and Pinnell with grades K-5. In addition, the Special Education staff is using the Edmark Reading program with some students. The elementary teachers meet the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), utilizing both text books and a program called Mystery Science as a reference tool. Staff continue to increase their familiarity with the new Illinois Social Science standards and are working to align their curriculum. We have not re-implemented the 30 minute school-wide Response to Intervention (RtI) block at each grade level. Staff continues to work hard to meet the needs of all students through classroom interventions and tutoring provided by staff during and after school. Title 1 paraprofessionals are providing interventions within the classroom and also as a pull-out program. One Title 1 teacher worked as a classroom teacher this year while two others worked with small groups both with the LLI program and with students daily in small groups and one-on-one to meet the RtI goals and to address individual needs. Title 1 staff also assist in the Kindergarten through 2nd grade classrooms. To increase our ability to organize students into instructional groups based on data and meet the individual needs of all students, we utilize MAP Growth Assessment information. All students participate in these growth measurements three times a year, beginning with the 2018 Fall benchmark period.

**(2022-2023)** The 2022-2023 school year saw a return to some procedures and programs that had been put on hold during the Covid years. We have continued the pick-up and drop-off routine and allow parents to bring their children in the building during a 15 minute window. Returning to Sit and Chat was discussed but the majority of staff members were not in favor of reimplementing it. Students in K-5 were welcomed back into the cafeteria for breakfast and all grade levels rotate in and out at lunch, a return to pre-Covid normalcy. Grades K-5 receive physical education daily by grade level and all classes receive a weekly 45 minute Art class and a weekly 30 minute Music class. All students have a 15 minute recess following lunch, either in the gym or outside, weather permitting. In addition, classroom teachers provide a 15 minute recess either in class or on the playground. The PBIS program, implemented in 2010, continues to reinforce positive student choices with Heat Points when school-wide expectations are followed and, within the Family structure, quarterly celebrations are held. In order to address the social-emotional needs of our students, the Second Step curriculum is taught in our classrooms. The elementary continues to utilize the district-wide counselor to work with individual students and small groups. Comparatively low class size has been maintained with an average class size of 17 students. Teachers in PreK-3 use Seesaw and 4th and 5th grade teachers continue to use Google Classroom to extend lessons with technology. While the PERA committee continues to meet on an annual basis to review the evaluation tool, the PERA committee, as well as the majority of the staff, opted to use Simple Growth as the

measurement for student growth. Regarding curriculum, the enVision 2020 Common Core Mathematics program was implemented in the 2021-2022 school year in grades K-5. The IXL program, as well as Reflex Math, are used for supplemental activities. Students have individualized IXL skill plans based on needs identified by MAP testing in both Math and ELA. While the first and second grade continue to implement the Fountas and Pinnell classroom component as their reading curriculum, there is a committee in place to explore different ELA curriculum, looking for integrated reading, writing, and Language Arts. The district library continues to increase their accessibility and to implement new ideas or programs. The Special Education department utilizes both LLI, or Leveled Literacy Intervention, a component of Fountas and Pinnell, Readable English and Edmark. The elementary teachers meet the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), using textbooks, trade books, and a program called Mystery Science as a reference tool. Staff continue to increase their familiarity with the Illinois Social Science standards and align their curriculum. Second grade has reimplemented the grade level 30 minute RtI block, but other grades have opted not to at this time. Title 1 paraprofessionals and two full-time and one part-time interventionists provide interventions within the classroom and as a pull-out program. The Title 1 department was fully staffed with three full time teachers and six part-time paraprofessionals. The Title 1 teachers worked with small groups both with the LLI program and with students daily in small groups and one-on-one to meet the RtI goals and to address individual needs. Title 1 staff also assist in the Kindergarten through 2nd grade classrooms. To increase our ability to organize students into instructional groups based on data and meet the individual needs of all students, we utilize MAP Growth Assessment information. All students participate in these growth measurements three times a year, beginning with the 2018 Fall benchmark period.

**(2023-2024)** The 2023-2024 school year saw a return to almost all procedures and programs that had been put on hold during the Covid years. We have continued the pick-up and drop-off routine and allow parents to bring their children in the building during a 15 minute window. Students in K-5 were welcomed back into the cafeteria for breakfast and all grade levels rotate in and out at lunch. Grades K-5 receive physical education daily by grade level and all classes receive a weekly 45 minute Art class and a weekly 30 minute Music class. All students have a 15 minute recess following lunch, either in the gym or outside, weather permitting. In addition, classroom teachers provide a 15 minute recess either in class or on the playground. The PBIS program, implemented in 2010, continues to reinforce positive student choices with Heat Points when school-wide expectations are followed and, within the Family structure, quarterly celebrations are held. In order to address the social-emotional needs of our students, the Second Step curriculum is taught in our classrooms. The elementary now has a counselor dedicated to the building and no longer has to share throughout the district. The counselor works with individual students, small groups, and whole class presentations. Comparatively low class size has been maintained with an average class size of 17 students. Teachers in PreK-3 use Seesaw and 4th and 5th grade teachers continue to use Google Classroom to extend lessons with technology. While the PERA committee continues to meet on an annual basis to review the evaluation tool, the PERA committee, as well as the majority of the staff, opted to use Simple Growth as the measurement for student growth. Regarding curriculum, the enVision 2020 Common Core Mathematics program was implemented in the 2021-2022 school year in grades K-5. The IXL program, as well as Reflex Math, are used for supplemental activities. Students have individualized IXL skill plans based on needs identified by MAP testing in both Math and ELA. While the second grade continues to implement the Fountas and Pinnell classroom component as their reading curriculum, they supplement with Science of Reading (SoR) curriculum and are working toward that shift. First grade uses a component of Fountas and Pinnell but is also heavily shifting to SoR instruction. The elementary in general still explores different ELA curriculum which will include SoR instruction. Finding an ELA curriculum that incorporates writing with our other needs has been challenging. The Special Education department utilizes both LLI, or Leveled Literacy Intervention, a component of Fountas and Pinnell, Readable English and Edmark. The elementary teachers meet the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), using textbooks, trade books, and a program called Mystery Science as a reference tool. Staff continue to increase their familiarity with the Illinois Social Science standards and align their curriculum. Second grade continues to implement the grade level 30 minute RtI block, but other grades

have opted not to at this time. Title 1 paraprofessionals and two full-time and one part-time interventionists provide interventions within the classroom and as a pull-out program. The Title 1 department was fully staffed with three full time teachers and six part-time paraprofessionals. The Title 1 teachers worked with small groups both with the SoR instruction and with students daily in small groups and one-on-one to meet the Rtl goals and to address individual needs. Title 1 staff also assist in the Kindergarten through 2nd grade classrooms. To increase our ability to organize students into instructional groups based on data and meet the individual needs of all students, we utilize MAP Growth Assessment information. All students participate in these growth measurements three times a year, beginning with the 2018 Fall benchmark period.

**(2024-2025)** By 2024-2025 school year, we have transitioned to all normal procedures and programs. We have continued the pick-up and drop-off routine and allow parents to bring their children in the building during a 15 minute window each morning. Students in K-5 eat breakfast in the cafeteria, while Pre-K students eat in their classrooms. Pre-K through fifth grade students rotate in and out of the cafeteria for lunch. Grades K-5 receive physical education daily by grade level and all classes receive a weekly 45 minute Art class and a weekly 40 minute Music class. All students have a 15 minute recess following lunch, either in the gym or outside, weather permitting. In addition, classroom teachers provide a 15 minute recess either in class or on the playground. The PBIS program, implemented in 2010, continues to reinforce positive student choices with Heat Points when school-wide expectations are followed and, within the Family structure, quarterly celebrations are held. In order to address the social-emotional needs of our students, the newly updated, online Second Step curriculum is being taught in our classrooms. For the second year, the elementary has a counselor dedicated to the building and no longer has to share throughout the district. The counselor works with individual students, small groups, and whole class presentations. Comparatively low class size has been maintained with an average class size of 18 students. Teachers in PreK-3 use Seesaw and 4th and 5th grade teachers continue to use Google Classroom to extend lessons with technology. While the PERA committee continues to meet on an annual basis to review the evaluation tool, the PERA committee, as well as the majority of the staff, opted to use Simple Growth as the measurement for student growth. Regarding curriculum, the enVision 2020 Common Core Mathematics program was implemented in the 2021-2022 school year in grades K-5. The IXL program, as well as Reflex Math, are used for supplemental activities. Students have individualized IXL skill plans based on needs identified by MAP testing in both Math and ELA. While the second grade continues to implement the Fountas and Pinnell classroom component as their reading curriculum, they supplement with Science of Reading (SoR) curriculum and are working toward that shift. First grade uses a component of Fountas and Pinnell but is also heavily shifting to SoR instruction. The elementary in general still explores different ELA curriculum which will include SoR instruction. That search has intensified in the 2024-2025 school year and the elementary is close to making a choice. Finding an ELA curriculum that incorporates writing with our other needs has been challenging. The Special Education department utilizes both LLI, or Leveled Literacy Intervention, a component of Fountas and Pinnell, Readable English and Edmark. The elementary teachers meet the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), using textbooks, trade books, and a program called Mystery Science as a reference tool. Staff continue to increase their familiarity with the Illinois Social Science standards and align their curriculum. Second grade continues to implement the grade level 30 minute Rtl block, but other grades have opted not to at this time. Title 1 paraprofessionals and two full-time interventionists provide interventions within the classroom and as a pull-out program. The Title 1 department was fully staffed with three full time teachers and five part-time and one full-time paraprofessionals. The Title 1 teachers worked with small groups both with the SoR instruction and with students daily in small groups and one-on-one to meet the Rtl goals and to address individual needs. Title 1 staff also assist in the Kindergarten through 2nd grade classrooms. The Title paraprofessionals working with Kindergarten spend the morning dedicated to one Kindergarten classroom. To increase our ability to organize students into instructional groups based on data and meet the individual needs of all students, we utilize MAP Growth Assessment information. All students participate in these growth measurements three times a year, beginning with the 2018 Fall benchmark period.

**(2025-2026)** By the 2024-2025 school year, we have transitioned to all normal procedures and programs. We have continued the pick-up and drop-off routine and allow parents to bring their children in the building during a 15 minute window each morning. Students in K-5 eat breakfast in the cafeteria, while Pre-K students eat in their classrooms. Pre-K through fifth grade students rotate in and out of the cafeteria for lunch. Grades K-5 receive physical education daily by grade level and all classes receive a weekly 45 minute Art class and a weekly 40 minute Music class. All students have a 15 minute recess following lunch, either in the gym or outside, weather permitting. In addition, classroom teachers provide a 15 minute recess either in class or on the playground. The PBIS program, implemented in 2010, continues to reinforce positive student choices with Heat Points when school-wide expectations are followed and, within the Family structure, quarterly celebrations are held. In order to address the social-emotional needs of our students, the newly updated, online Second Step curriculum is being taught in our classrooms. For the third year, the elementary has a counselor dedicated to the building and no longer has to share throughout the district. The counselor works with individual students, small groups, and whole class presentations. Comparatively low class size has been maintained with an average class size of 16 students. Teachers in PreK-3 use Seesaw and 4th and 5th grade teachers continue to use Google Classroom to extend lessons with technology. While the PERA committee continues to meet on an annual basis to review the evaluation tool, the PERA committee, as well as the majority of the staff, opted to use Simple Growth as the measurement for student growth. Regarding curriculum, the enVision 2020 Common Core Mathematics program was implemented in the 2021-2022 school year in grades K-5. The IXL program, as well as Reflex Math, are used for supplemental activities. Students have individualized IXL skill plans based on needs identified by MAP testing in both Math and ELA. Grades K-5 have implemented the Amplify reading curriculum, and all grade levels supplement with Science of Reading (SoR) curriculum. Kindergarten through second also use Really Great Reading, which is based in SoR. Finding an ELA curriculum that incorporates writing with our other needs has been challenging. The Special Education department utilizes Orton-Gillingham and UFLI ,while one Special Education classroom utilizes Edmark. The elementary teachers meet the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), using textbooks, trade books, and a program called Mystery Science as a reference tool. Staff continue to increase their familiarity with the Illinois Social Science standards and align their curriculum. Second grade continues to implement the grade level 30 minute Rtl block, but other grades have opted not to at this time. Title 1 paraprofessionals and two full-time interventionists provide interventions within the classroom and as a pull-out program. The Title 1 department was fully staffed with three full time teachers for half of the year and two full time teachers the second half. The five part-time and one full-time paraprofessionals was reduced to four part-time when one transferred to a full time paraprofessional position in a Special Education room. The Title 1 teachers worked with small groups both with the SoR instruction and with students daily in small groups and one-on-one to meet the Rtl goals and to address individual needs. Title 1 staff also assist in the Kindergarten through 2nd grade classrooms. The Title paraprofessionals working with Kindergarten spend the morning dedicated to one Kindergarten classroom. To increase our ability to organize students into instructional groups based on data and meet the individual needs of all students, we utilize MAP Growth Assessment information. All students participate in these growth measurements three times a year, beginning with the 2018 Fall benchmark period.

## II.5 Perception Data

### Table 10: Parent Survey

Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, parent surveys were completed online after the link was shared on either Seesaw or Google Classroom (teacher online platforms) as well as the link being provided on paper copies that were

sent home to families on the monthly newsletter and reminder sheets. Due to the number of district surveys that were completed during the 2024-2025 school year, the elementary parent survey was not given. During the 2025-2026 school year, parents were given the opportunity to complete the survey in-person when attending fall parent teacher conferences, as well as by scanning a QR code sent home on paper with students.

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b># of surveys completed</b>	85	142	157		133
<b>Do you have reliable access to the internet at home?</b>	95%	97%	97%		96%
<b>Total # of families in the elementary</b>	255 (33%)	257 (55%)	253 (62%)		245 (54%)
<b>Devices available with internet access for homework?</b>					
<i>Tablet</i>	74%	70%	66%		65%
<i>Phone</i>	79%	84%	88%		77%
<i>Computer</i>	72%	74%	82%		81%
<i>None</i>	2%	4%	0.6%		0.8%
<b>Most likely to attend the following events:</b>					
<i>Open House/School Kick Off/Locker Night</i>	88%				
<i>Music Concerts</i>	84%				
<i>K-1 Parent Program</i>	42%				
<i>2-3 Parent Program</i>	24%				
<i>4-5 Parent Program</i>	34%				
<i>Pre-K Family/Parent Night</i>	25%				
<i>PTC/Fall Festival</i>	73%				
<i>PTC meeting</i>	28%				
<b>Confident helping with math homework?</b>	NA	NA	NA		90%
<b>Confident helping with reading homework?</b>	98%	99%	96%		100%
<b>Do you feel our PBIS program has been effective ?</b>	93%	88%	87%		96%
<b>Child feel safe at school?</b>	99%	97%	98%		100%
<b>Aware that counseling services are available at the elementary?</b>			82%		92%
<b>Check Skyward for grades, etc.</b>	63%	70%	71%		81%
<b>Receive Connect-Ed Notifications (2021-2023) Finals site (2025)</b>	99%	97%	99%		98%
<b>Adequate opportunity for communication between you and the school district?</b>	92%	95%	94%		99%
<b>Adequate opportunity for communication between you and the elementary?</b>	98%	95%	98%		99%
<b>Adequate opportunity for communication between you and the classroom teacher?</b>	99%	95%	100%		99%
<b>Adequate opportunity to participate in making decisions?</b>	80%	NA	NA		NA
<b>Recommend WC to a parent looking for school?</b>	95%	95%	94%		98%
<b>WC providing adequate</b>	98%	95%	97%		99%

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**Observations 2021-2022:**

- The Parent Survey was completed online outside the school building during the 2020-2021 and the 2021-2022 school year due to some conferences being held virtually.
- Participation in completing the survey has gone down each year since 2019 when 73% of our families completed the survey whereas 51% completed the survey in 2020 and 33% completed it in 2021. Prior to 2019, over 70% of our families completed the survey each year within the data provided in this document.
- In 2021, 95% of our families who completed the survey noted that they have reliable access to the internet at home.
- Of the families who completed the survey, at least 92% feel there is adequate communication between them and the district (92%), them and the elementary (98%), as well as between them and the classroom teacher (99%).
- Parents who feel the PBIS program is effective increased from 86.6% in 2020 to 93% in 2021.
- In 2021, 95% of the parents who completed the survey would recommend WC to a parent looking for a school.
- In 2021, 98% of the parents who completed the survey feel that WC provides an adequate education for their child.
- In 2021, 99% of the parents who completed the survey noted that their child feels safe at school.
- In 2021, 80% (68 out of 85) of the parents surveyed feel they have adequate opportunities to participate in making decisions.

**Observations 2022-2023:**

- In 2022, 55% of families completed the survey, which is an increase from the previous year (33%) but is still down from the 2018 and 2019 school years where 71% and 73% of families participated.
- Parents' responses indicate that the effectiveness of the PBIS program has gone down (93% in 2021 to 88% in 2022).
- Parents who feel that there is adequate opportunity to communicate with the elementary (98% to 95%) and the classroom teacher (99% to 95%) have decreased slightly from the previous year. However, parents report an increase in the opportunity to communicate with the district (92% to 95%).
- In 2022, 70% of parents reported they check Skyward, which is an increase of 7% from the previous year (63% in 2021 to 70% in 2022).

**Observations 2023-2024:**

- In 2023 (62%), 7% more families completed the survey as compared to 2022 (55%).
- Parents' responses indicate that the effectiveness of the PBIS program has gone down 1% in 2023.
- Parents feel there is adequate opportunity for communicating with the classroom teachers (100%).
- 98% of parents who completed the 2023 survey feel that their child is safe at school.
- The percentage of parents who completed the survey has increased each year when it comes to checking Skyward (63% in 2021, 70% in 2022 and 71% in 2023).

**Observations 2024-2025:**

\*Due to the number of district surveys that were completed during the 2024-2025 school year, the elementary parent survey was not given. We will resume its administration in the 2025-2026 school year.

**Observations 2025-2026:**

- In 2025, 133 parent surveys were completed, out of 245 families in the district. That is down from 142 in 2022 and 157 in 2023. (No survey was given in 2024 due to district surveys.)
- In 2025, 99% of respondents said they have reliable internet at home. That number has been consistently high in the last few years.
- In 2025, 90% of respondents felt comfortable helping with Math homework.
- In 2025, 100% of respondents felt comfortable helping with Reading homework.
- The amount of respondents that felt our PBIS program has been effective has risen from 87% in 2023 to 98% in 2025.
- One hundred percent of respondents said their child felt safe at school.
- The amount of respondents that were aware there were counseling services available rose from 82% in 2023 to 92% in 2025.

- Of the respondents, 99% feel West Central is offering an adequate education for children.
- The amount of respondents that check grades in Skyward has risen over the past 5 years from 63% to 81%.

**Table 11: Staff Survey**

**2025-2026  
Staff Survey**

46 out of 65 surveys were returned and completed, including paraprofessionals, secretaries, teachers, janitors and cooks.

	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Does Not Apply</b>
<b>Parents have a variety of opportunities to become involved (i.e. volunteering, parent conferences, PTC, parent programs, etc).</b>	41%	59%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>District provided Professional Development generally offers beneficial information.</b>	24%	70%	9%	2%	0%	0%
<b>The school has security procedures that are consistently followed (i.e. volunteer sign-in, locked building, buzzer entry, etc).</b>	50%	48%	0%	2%	0%	0%
<b>PBIS has been effective in our school. (Tier 1-General Program)</b>	24%	50%	11%	4%	0%	11%
<b>PBIS has been effective in our school. (Tier 2-Check-in, check-out)</b>	17%	48%	13%	11%	0%	11%
<b>PBIS has been effective in our school. (Tier 3-TAT)</b>	9%	44%	30%	7%	0%	11%
<b>Individualized Rtl goals and strategies have been implemented effectively in K-2 classrooms.</b>	15%	41%	20%	0%	0%	26%
<b>Individualized Rtl goals and strategies have been implemented effectively in 3-5 classrooms.</b>	15%	30%	22%	0%	0%	33%
<b>Having a majority of the Rtl meetings within contractual hours has been a positive change for the elementary school.</b>	33%	30%	15%	0%	0%	22%
<b>Facilities are clean.</b>	24%	74%	4%	2%	0%	0%
<b>The school's furniture and equipment is in good working condition.</b>	4%	83%	7%	7%	0%	0%
<b>Accelerated Reader is a valuable component in the curriculum.</b>	30%	46%	7%	2%	0%	17%
<b>EnVision 2020 Common Core is a valuable component in the curriculum.</b>	13%	33%	15%	7%	0%	33%
<b>The school has a consistent writing program in place.</b>	0%	33%	30%	22%	2%	15%
<b>The library offers sufficient reading materials to meet the needs of the students.</b>	24%	65%	9%	0%	0%	4%
<b>My classroom library offers sufficient reading materials to meet the needs of the students.</b>	13%	63%	0%	4%	0%	20%
<b>There is good quality and frequency of communication between the elementary and parents.</b>	39%	61%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Second Step is a valuable addition to our curriculum.</b>	30%	54%	7%	2%	0%	7%

I feel knowledgeable about the Second Step curriculum and can use these strategies confidently with students.	20%	65%	7%	2%	0%	7%
Our reading instruction is meeting the needs of our K-2 students.	7%	46%	24%	0%	0%	24%
Our reading instruction is meeting the needs of our 3-5 students.	7%	35%	22%	0%	0%	37%
K-1 classrooms (students and teachers) have adequate access to appropriate technology.	20%	44%	9%	0%	0%	28%
2-3 classrooms (students and teachers) have adequate access to appropriate technology.	28%	39%	4%	0%	0%	28%
4-5 classrooms (students and teachers) have adequate access to appropriate technology.	30%	37%	7%	0%	0%	26%
All other classrooms (PE, Art, Music, Title, Special Education) have adequate access to appropriate technology.	22%	39%	20%	0%	0%	20%
Staff at the elementary work hard to build trusting relationships with students.	63%	37%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Our students have adequate opportunities to receive counseling services when needed.	41%	48%	9%	2%	0%	0%
Once we start a new program, we follow up to make improvements.	20%	52%	24%	4%	0%	0%
It is important to collaborate with other teachers to offer suggestions, plan activities, and share strategies to be used within the classroom.	54%	46%	0%	0%	0%	0%
I would recommend the elementary to parents seeking a place for their child.	54%	44%	2%	0%	0%	0%
I would take advantage of the opportunity to observe in a classroom of a coworker.	28%	48%	13%	0%	0%	11%
I think MAP data is valuable to my instruction. (K-1)	11%	22%	20%	4%	0%	44%
I think MAP data is valuable to my instruction. (2-3)	17%	15%	15%	0%	0%	52%
I think MAP data is valuable to my instruction. (4-5)	20%	22%	7%	2%	0%	50%

### 2024-2025

### Staff Survey

48 out of 65 surveys were returned and completed, including paraprofessionals, secretaries, teachers, janitors and cooks.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply
Parents have a variety of opportunities to become involved (i.e. volunteering, parent conferences, PTC, parent programs, etc).	33%	65%	2%	0%	0%	0%
District provided Professional Development generally offers beneficial information.	25%	71%	0%	2%	0%	2%
The school has security procedures that are consistently followed (i.e.	46%	52%	2%	0%	0%	0%

<b>volunteer sign-in, locked building, buzzer entry, etc).</b>						
<b>PBIS has been effective in our school. (Tier 1-General Program)</b>	17%	67%	8%	0%	0%	10%
<b>PBIS has been effective in our school. (Tier 2-Check-in, check-out)</b>	13%	60%	10%	4%	0%	13%
<b>PBIS has been effective in our school. (Tier 3-TAT)</b>	10%	52%	21%	2%	0%	15%
<b>Individualized Rtl goals and strategies have been implemented effectively in K-2 classrooms.</b>	13%	31%	23%	0%	0%	33%
<b>Individualized Rtl goals and strategies have been implemented effectively in 3-5 classrooms.</b>	10%	25%	25%	0%	0%	40%
<b>Having a majority of the Rtl meetings within contractual hours has been a positive change for the elementary school.</b>	27%	29%	17%	0%	0%	27%
<b>Facilities are clean.</b>	19%	79%	4%	0%	0%	2%
<b>The school's furniture and equipment is in good working condition.</b>	4%	52%	8%	33%	6%	0%
<b>Accelerated Reader is a valuable component in the curriculum.</b>	19%	54%	4%	2%	2%	19%
<b>EnVision 2020 Common Core is a valuable component in the curriculum.</b>	17%	27%	25%	4%	0%	29%
<b>The school has a consistent writing program in place.</b>	0%	17%	13%	44%	13%	19%
<b>The library offers sufficient reading materials to meet the needs of the students.</b>	27%	60%	6%	0%	0%	8%
<b>My classroom library offers sufficient reading materials to meet the needs of the students.</b>	19%	50%	4%	0%	0%	27%
<b>There is good quality and frequency of communication between the elementary and parents.</b>	29%	69%	4%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Second Step is a valuable addition to our curriculum.</b>	33%	56%	8%	0%	0%	2%
<b>I feel knowledgeable about the Second Step curriculum and can use these strategies confidently with students.</b>	23%	63%	10%	0%	0%	4%
<b>Our reading instruction is meeting the needs of our K-2 students.</b>	6%	38%	27%	6%	0%	25%
<b>Our reading instruction is meeting the needs of our 3-5 students.</b>	4%	19%	27%	15%	4%	33%
<b>K-1 classrooms (students and teachers) have adequate access to appropriate technology.</b>	29%	44%	8%	0%	0%	21%
<b>2-3 classrooms (students and teachers) have adequate access to appropriate technology.</b>	35%	42%	8%	0%	0%	15%
<b>4-5 classrooms (students and teachers) have adequate access to appropriate technology.</b>	31%	40%	8%	0%	0%	23%
<b>All other classrooms (PE, Art, Music, Title, Special Education) have adequate access to appropriate technology.</b>	19%	44%	21%	4%	0%	13%
<b>Staff at the elementary work hard to build trusting relationships with students.</b>	67%	33%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Our students have adequate opportunities to receive counseling services when needed.	25%	54%	17%	4%	0%	2%
Once we start a new program, we follow up to make improvements.	15%	60%	21%	4%	0%	0%
It is important to collaborate with other teachers to offer suggestions, plan activities, and share strategies to be used within the classroom.	56%	42%	0%	0%	0%	2%
I would recommend the elementary to parents seeking a place for their child.	48%	52%	0%	0%	0%	0%
I would take advantage of the opportunity to observe in a classroom of a coworker.	29%	56%	10%	0%	0%	4%
I think MAP data is valuable to my instruction. (K-1)	4%	23%	25%	6%	0%	42%
I think MAP data is valuable to my instruction. (2-3)	6%	23%	25%	4%	0%	44%
I think MAP data is valuable to my instruction. (4-5)	10%	27%	15%	0%	0%	50%

### 2023-2024 Staff Survey

61 out of 69 surveys were returned and completed, including paraprofessionals, secretaries, teachers, janitors and cooks.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply
Parents have a variety of opportunities to become involved. (i.e. volunteering, parent conferences, PTC, parent programs, etc)	31%	61%	3%	2%	2%	2%
District provided Professional Development generally offers beneficial information.	20%	66%	7%	0%	2%	7%
Family involvement activities are scheduled to allow working parents to participate.	13%	64%	15%	7%	0%	2%
The school has security procedures that are consistently followed (i.e. volunteer sign-in, locked building, buzzer entry, etc).	56%	36%	3%	3%	0%	2%
PBIS has been effective in our school. (Tier 1-General Program)	16%	46%	16%	8%	2%	12%
PBIS has been effective in our school. (Tier 2-Check-in, check-out)	13%	49%	15%	7%	2%	15%
PBIS has been effective in our school. (Tier 3-TAT)	5%	41%	30%	3%	0%	21%
Individualized Rtl goals and strategies have been implemented effectively in K-2 classrooms.	15%	34%	21%	2%	2%	26%
Individualized Rtl goals and strategies have been implemented effectively in 3-5 classrooms.	16%	28%	26%	2%	0%	28%
Having a majority of the Rtl meetings within contractual hours has been a positive change for the elementary.	28%	30%	15%	2%	0%	26%
Facilities are clean.	7%	74%	2%	15%	2%	2%

The school's furniture and equipment is in good working condition.	2%	74%	8%	13%	2%	2%
Accelerated Reader is a valuable component in the curriculum.	16%	48%	13%	5%	2%	16%
EnVision 2020 Common Core is a valuable component in the curriculum.	7%	26%	26%	8%	2%	31%
The school has a consistent writing program in place.	0%	5%	34%	28%	15%	18%
The library offers sufficient reading materials to meet the needs of the students.	28%	53%	8%	0%	0%	12%
My classroom library offers sufficient reading materials to meet the needs of the students.	15%	57%	3%	2%	0%	23%
There is good quality and frequency of communication between the elementary and parents.	43%	49%	5%	0%	0%	3%
I am familiar with strategies that could be implemented to maintain safety and learning in the school environment.	31%	57%	7%	5%	0%	0%
Second Step is a valuable addition to our curriculum.	18%	26%	34%	2%	2%	18%
I feel knowledgeable about the Second Step curriculum and can use these strategies confidently with students.	5%	31%	25%	13%	8%	18%
Our reading instruction is meeting the needs of our K-2 students.	2%	38%	25%	5%	2%	30%
Our reading instruction is meeting the needs of our 3-5 students.	2%	26%	33%	8%	3%	28%
Our science instruction is aligned to NGSS.	7%	23%	34%	0%	3%	33%
K-1 classrooms (students and teachers) have adequate access to appropriate technology.	18%	39%	16%	2%	0%	25%
2-3 classrooms (students and teachers) have adequate access to appropriate technology.	21%	43%	10%	2%	0%	25%
4-5 classrooms (students and teachers) have adequate access to appropriate technology.	28%	36%	8%	2%	0%	26%
All other classrooms (PE, Art, Music, Title, Special Education) have adequate access to appropriate technology.	7%	43%	23%	10%	0%	18%
Staff at the elementary work hard to build trusting relationships with parents.	49%	48%	2%	0%	0%	2%
Staff at the elementary work hard to build trusting relationships with students.	66%	33%	0%	0%	0%	2%
Our students have adequate opportunities to receive counseling services when needed.	30%	48%	13%	7%	0%	3%
Once we start a new program, we follow up to make improvements.	7%	57%	20%	10%	0%	7%
It is important to collaborate with other teachers to offer suggestions, plan activities, and share strategies to be used within the classroom.	66%	30%	0%	0%	0%	5%

<b>I would recommend the elementary to parents seeking a place for their child.</b>	56%	41%	2%	0%	0%	2%
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## 2022-2023 Staff Survey

49 out of 54 surveys were returned and completed, including paraprofessionals, secretaries, and teachers (Due to the unusual year, custodians, cooks and bus drivers were not surveyed.)

	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Does Not Apply</b>
<b>Parents have a variety of opportunities to become involved. (i.e. volunteering, parent conferences, PTC, etc)</b>	33%	62%	5%	0%	0%	0%
<b>District provided Professional Development generally provides beneficial information.</b>	29%	60%	9%	2%	0%	0%
<b>Family involvement activities are scheduled to allow working parents to participate.</b>	16%	64%	7%	12%	0%	2%
<b>The school has security procedures that are consistently followed (i.e. volunteer sign-in, locked building, name tags, buzzer entry, etc).</b>	38%	55%	2%	5%	0%	0%
<b>PBIS has been effective in our school. (Tier 1-General Program)</b>	9%	62%	10%	9%	0%	10%
<b>PBIS has been effective in our school. (Tier 2-Check-in, check-out)</b>	14%	47%	24%	2%	0%	14%
<b>PBIS has been effective in our school. (Tier 3-TAT)</b>	12%	40%	29%	5%	0%	16%
<b>Individualized Rtl goals and strategies have been implemented effectively in K-2 classrooms.</b>	21%	38%	21%	3%	0%	21%
<b>Individualized Rtl goals and strategies have been implemented effectively in 3-5 classrooms.</b>	14%	31%	26%	3%	0%	26%
<b>Facilities are clean.</b>	10%	67%	3%	16%	2%	2%
<b>The school's furniture and equipment is in good working condition.</b>	3%	81%	12%	3%	2%	0%
<b>Accelerated Reader is a valuable component in the curriculum.</b>	28%	40%	12%	5%	0%	16%
<b>EnVision 2020 Common Core is a valuable component in the curriculum.</b>	3%	36%	24%	10%	0%	28%
<b>The school has a consistent writing program in place.</b>	2%	12%	28%	36%	3%	21%
<b>The library offers sufficient reading materials to meet the needs of the students.</b>	31%	59%	3%	0%	0%	7%
<b>My classroom library offers sufficient reading materials to meet the needs of the students.</b>	21%	45%	7%	3%	0%	24%
<b>There is good quality and frequency of communication between the elementary and parents.</b>	36%	57%	5%	2%	0%	0%
<b>I am familiar with strategies that could be implemented to maintain</b>	29%	53%	10%	3%	0%	3%

<b>safety and learning in the school environment.</b>						
<b>Our reading instruction is meeting the needs of our K-2 students.</b>	7%	43%	21%	3%	2%	26%
<b>Our reading instruction is meeting the needs of our 3-5 students.</b>	3%	43%	28%	3%	0%	26%
<b>Our science instruction is aligned to NGSS.</b>	12%	29%	29%	0%	0%	29%
<b>Students in grades K-1 have adequate access to appropriate technology.</b>	14%	52%	14%	2%	0%	19%
<b>Students in grades 2-3 have adequate access to appropriate technology.</b>	22%	50%	5%	2%	0%	21%
<b>Students in grades 4-5 have adequate access to appropriate technology.</b>	24%	40%	9%	2%	0%	26%
<b>Staff at the elementary work hard to build trusting relationships with parents.</b>	43%	53%	2%	2%	0%	0%
<b>Staff at the elementary work hard to build trusting relationships with students.</b>	57%	40%	2%	2%	0%	0%
<b>Our students have adequate opportunities to receive counseling services when needed.</b>	24%	53%	16%	7%	0%	0%
<b>Once we start a new program, we follow up to make improvements.</b>	12%	50%	26%	5%	0%	9%
<b>It is important to collaborate with other teachers to offer suggestions, plan activities, and share strategies to be used within the classroom.</b>	66%	28%	5%	0%	0%	2%
<b>I would recommend the elementary to parents seeking a place for their child.</b>	55%	31%	9%	3%	0%	2%

### Observations from 2022-2023:

- In 2020-2021, 41.5% of staff agreed or strongly agreed that WC had adequate opportunities to receive counseling services. In comparison, 79% of the staff agreed or strongly agreed that we had adequate opportunities for counseling, which is higher. Currently, we had 77% of staff agree or strongly agree with this statement.
- A majority of our staff (95% agree or strongly agree) feel that parents have a variety of opportunities to become involved. This percentage has increased from 72% the previous year.
- In 2021-2022, 30% of staff agreed or strongly agreed that EnVision 2020 Common Core was a valuable component in the curriculum. This percentage increased to 39% during the 2022-2023 school year, which shows an increase in the number of staff feeling more confident with the new math curriculum.
- In 2021-2022, 45% of staff agreed or strongly agreed that our reading instruction was meeting the needs of our K-2 students. In 2022-2023, 50% of staff agree or or strongly agree with this statement.
- In 2022-2023, 39% of our staff disagree or strongly disagree that WC has a consistent writing program in place. In addition, there are only 14% that agree or strongly agree that we have a consistent writing program. This has been a consistent concern for at least three years.
- In 2022-2023, 77% of staff agree or strongly agree that our facilities are clean. In comparison, only 31% of staff either agreed or strongly agreed with this statement in 20212022.
- There was a 4% decrease (from 75% to 71%) in the number of staff who agreed or strongly agreed that our PBIS Tier 1 - General Program is effective.

### Observations from 2023-2024:

- 43% of staff disagree or strongly disagree that the school has a consistent writing program in place. In addition, only 5% of staff members agree or strongly agree that we have a consistent writing program in place at school.
- 21% of the staff disagree or strongly disagree that they feel knowledgeable about the Second Step curriculum and can use these strategies confidently with students. Whereas, only 36% agree or strongly agree that they are knowledgeable about the strategies included within the program. There are 43% that marked either not sure or does not apply.
- Only 44% of staff feel that Second Step is valuable.
- In 2019-2020 (pre-covid) 55% of the staff strongly agreed that parents have a variety of opportunities to be involved. That number has declined over the years to only 31% of staff.
- Only 2% of the staff disagree that having a majority of the RtI meetings within contractual hours has been a positive change for the elementary.
- 92% of the staff agree or strongly agree that there is good quality and frequency of communication between the school and parents.
- 97% of the staff agree or strongly agree that they would recommend the elementary to parents seeking a place for their child.
- The number of staff members who agree or strongly agree that the PBIS program has been effective has decreased over the last three years. Tier 1 decreased from 75% to 62%, Tier 2 decreased from 67% to 62%, and Tier 3 decreased from 57% to 46% in the number of staff who agreed or strongly agreed with the effectiveness of the program from the 2021-2022 school year until now.
- The number of staff who agree or strongly agree that individualized RtI goals and strategies have been implemented effectively decreased by 10% since last year for K-2 classrooms and decreased 1% for 3-5 classrooms.
- The number of staff who agree or strongly agree that our reading instruction is meeting the needs of our students decreased by 10% for K-2 classrooms and 18% for 3-5 classrooms since last year.
- The number of staff who agree or strongly agree that our science instruction is aligned to NGSS decreased for the fourth straight year from 46.4% in 2021-2022 to 30% in 2023-2024.
- There is a 9% decline in staff members agreeing or strongly agreeing that the library offers sufficient reading materials to meet the needs of the students (90% in 2022-2023 and 81% in 2023-2024).
- There is an 11% increase in agreement of recommending the elementary to parents seeking a place for their child (86% in 2022-2023 to 97% in 2023-2024).
- In 2023-2024, we saw an overall increase in the percentage of staff who agreed or strongly agreed in 10 categories on the staff survey.
- In 2023-2024, there were 8 categories that had 50% or higher where staff members were not sure of that category or it did not apply to them.

### **Observations from 2024-2025:**

- In 2024-2025, 84% of our staff surveyed feel like PBIS Tier 1 is effective, which has increased from 62% in 2023-2024.
- In 2024-2025, 73% of our staff surveyed feel like PBIS Tier 2 (CICO) is effective, which increased from 62% in 2023-2024.
- In 2024-2025, 62% of staff surveyed feel like PBIS Tier 3 (TAT) is effective, which has increased from 46% in 2023-2024.
- According to the staff survey, 86% either agree or strongly agree that they are knowledgeable about the Second Step curriculum and can use these strategies confidently with students. This percentage has increased from 36% either agreeing or strongly agreeing during the previous year.
- There are 100% of respondents that agree or strongly agree that the staff works hard to build trusting relationships with students.
- In 2024-2025, only 44% of the staff surveyed agree or strongly agree that enVision 2020 Common Core Math is a valuable component in the curriculum. This is a slight increase of 11% but still below 50%.
- The staff survey showed that 98% of our staff agrees or strongly agrees that it is important to collaborate with other teachers.
- The staff survey also shows that 85% of the participants would take advantage of the opportunity to observe a coworker in a classroom.
- The staff survey shows that 98% of the participants either agree or strongly agree that parents

have a variety of opportunities to become involved at the school.

### **Observations from 2025/2026:**

- The staff survey shows that 100% of staff agree that there are ample opportunities for parents to become involved.
- In 2025-2026, 74% of our staff surveyed feel like PBIS Tier 1 is effective, which has decreased from 84% in 2024-2025. Twenty-two percent answered not sure or does not apply.
- In 2025-2026, 65% of our staff surveyed feel like PBIS Tier 2 (CICO) is effective, which decreased from 73% in 2024-2025. Twenty-four percent answered not sure or does not apply.
- In 2024-2025, 53% of staff surveyed feel like PBIS Tier 3 (TAT) is effective, which has increased from 62% in 2024-2025. Forty-one percent answered not sure or does not apply.
- Only one staff member disagreed that Second Step is valuable and that he or she is not comfortable using the strategies.
- In 2025-2026, 46% of staff members surveyed agree or strongly agree that enVision 2020 Common Core Math is a valuable component in the curriculum. Forty-eight percent replied not sure and does not apply combined.
- In 2025-2026, the percentage of staff members that said furniture and equipment is in good working condition went up from 52% to 83%.
- The percentage of staff that disagreed with WCE having a strong writing curriculum in place decreased from 44% (2024-2025) to 22% (2025-2026).
- In 2025-2026, 56% of respondents said individualized Rtl goals and strategies have been implemented effectively in K-2 classrooms. Twenty percent were unsure and 26% said not applicable.
- In 2025-2026, 45% of respondents said individualized Rtl goals and strategies have been implemented effectively in 3-5 classrooms. Twenty-two percent were unsure and 33% said not applicable.
- The staff survey shows that 100% of staff agree that the elementary staff works hard to build trusting relationships with students.
- One hundred percent of our staff find it important to collaborate and share ideas with fellow staff members.
- In 2025-2026, 89% of respondents agree or strongly agree that our students have adequate opportunities to receive counseling services when needed.
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# 2026-2027

## III. 2026-2027 Problem Statements and Hypotheses

Table 12: Patterns of Strengths and Problems

Patterns of Strengths	Bullet Data Upon Which Conclusion is Drawn
1. 82% of our students had at least one parent/guardian participate in a parent/teacher conference in the Fall of 2025. We had 91% of our students attend the Back to School event in the Fall of 2025, an increase of 3% from the previous Fall.	Statistics gathered from sign in sheets provided by classroom teachers.
2. Of the 21 classrooms in the elementary, including the early childhood program, the class average is 16 students per classroom.	Table 5 - Enrollment Data from Fall Housing Report Program Comparisons and Trends SIP Day Discussion
3. A variety of Fine Arts programs are offered. This includes daily Physical Education, weekly lessons in Art and General Music, and 5th graders are allowed to participate in Band as an elective.	Curriculum Implementation Data SIP Day Discussion
4. There has been a slight decrease (18 students in 2022-2023 and 17 students in 2023-2024 and 15 students in 2024-2025, and 9 students in 2025-2026) in CICO students.	Table 9- Students Participating in Support Programs SIP Day Discussion
5. Additional programs are in place to supplement the individual needs of the students such as Rtl, CICO, Title, TAT, additional PBIS tiered supports, and online speech services from Lewis University and an additional SLP from Way to Grow.	Table 9- Students Participating in Support Programs Curriculum Implementation Data Table 7 - Educator Data SIP Day Discussion
6. The use of technology continues with additional online, supplemental programs available for student use. WC staff has tech support on a daily basis.	SIP Day Discussion Curriculum Implementation Data
7. There is an assistant principal available to assist with the number of disruptions to the instructional day. Regulation strategies are taught to those students who need extra support and additional tools such as the sensory path and the Chill Room are available to all students.	SIP Day Discussion Table 8 - Student Discipline Data
8. There is continued community support with outside organizations such as the Henderson County Library (Bookmobile/1000 Books Before Kindergarten/summer reading incentives), Erin's Law presentations, Dental programs (student presentations), FOCC, River Bend Food Bank, Ag	SIP Team Discussion

in the Classroom, Farm Bureau, Lion’s Club, University of Illinois Extension, BizTown, West Central Education Foundation, PTC, Courageous Smiles, Bikes for Books, and the Regional Office of Education.	
9. Sixteen full-time paraprofessionals and four part-time paraprofessionals are needed and utilized throughout the day. When needed, the replacement/addition of support staff occurs in a timely manner.	SIP Day Discussion Table 7 - Educator Data
10. Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, we have had a full time district nurse. During the second semester of the 2024-2025 school year, the district hired a health aide to assist with these duties.	Table 7 - Educator Data SIP Day Discussion
11. Students participate in transitional activities when moving from Pre-K to Kindergarten, 4th to 5th grade, and 5th to middle school.	SIP Team Discussion Table 9b - Counseling Services
12. MAP assessment is given district wide and data is being reviewed by staff.	SIP Team Discussion Program Comparisons and Trends Table 3A - MAP RIT Table 3B - MAP Simple Growth Table 3C - MAP Student Growth Projections
13. WCE has implemented an updated online version of the Second Step SEL curriculum.	SIP Day Discussion Program Comparisons and Trends Curriculum Implementation Data
14. Family structures were introduced during the 2019-2020 school year at the elementary. We continue to reintroduce several of our community building activities.	Program Comparisons and Trends Table 11 - Staff Survey SIP Day Discussion
15. Curriculums and interventions such as Readable English, Lexia, UFLI, Edmark, Orton Gillingham, and Really Great Reading are being utilized with our struggling students.	Program Comparisons and Trends
16. In math, at least 85% of students in grade K-5 grew by at least one point which showed simple growth on the MAP assessment. The majority of the teachers using the math curriculum are satisfied with the curriculum.	Table 3B - MAP Simple Growth SIP Day Discussion
17. In reading, at least 74% of students in grade K-5 grew by at least one point which showed simple growth on the MAP assessment.	Table 3B- MAP Simple Growth
18. There are 100% of respondents that agree or strongly agree that the staff works hard to build trusting relationships with students.	Table 11- Staff Survey
19. The staff survey shows that 87% of the participants feel that the furniture and equipment	SIP Day Discussion Table 11 - Staff Survey

is in good working condition, which is an increase of 31% from last year.	
20. We have nearly completely funded a completely new playground at the elementary, as well as a new structure for early childhood. This new playground will be safer, more interactive, and accessible for all of our diverse WC students!	SIP Day Discussion
21. We have six male staff members working with our elementary students in the 2025-2026 school year.	Table 7 - Educator Data
22. Second Step lessons for PBIS are a valuable addition to our curriculum according to 84% of our staff.	Staff Survey SIP Day Discussion
23. During the 2021-2022 school year, WC added a district counselor to increase our support for individual and small groups of students.	SIP Day Discussion Table 7 - Educator Data Table 9a - Students Participating in Support Programs
24. The elementary has increased their accessibility to the library and its resources. Updates have been made to the overall environment and the materials available to the students.	SIP Day Discussion Program Comparisons and Trends Curriculum Implementation Data
25. WC has a supportive staff, which includes their willingness to serve as mentors to their colleagues and to our students. Administration is also supportive to the staff.	SIP Day Discussion Table 9a - Students Participating in Support Programs Table 11 - Staff Survey
26. There are 98% respondents on our staff survey who agree or strongly agree that our facilities are clean, which is an increase from 81% two years ago.	Table 11 - Staff Survey
27. Our District provides regular opportunities for the staff to participate on a volunteer basis, with PD hours given, in PD sessions for our staff. One example would be regular Book Clubs. The superintendent gathers input from staff when determining the topics or when selecting the books. According to the staff survey, 94% of the participants either agree or strongly agree that the district provided PD generally offers beneficial information.	SIP Day Discussion Table 11 - Staff Survey
28. According to the staff survey, 84% either agree or strongly agree that they are knowledgeable about the Second Step curriculum and can use these strategies confidently with students.	Table 11 - Staff Survey SIP Day Discussion
29. 74% of our staff surveyed in 2025-2026 feel like PBIS Tier 1 is effective. 65% of our staff surveyed in 2025-2026 feel like PBIS Tier 2	Table 11 - Staff Survey SIP Day Discussion

(CICO) is effective. 53% of staff surveyed in 2025-2026 feel like PBIS Tier 3 (TAT) is effective.	
30. The staff survey noted that 100% of the participants feel there is good quality and frequency of communication between the elementary school and their parents.	Table 11 - Staff Survey
31. All PreK classrooms are inclusive learning environments. All PreK teachers have obtained their special education certification.	SIP Day Discussion
32. There are continued updates being made to the building such as the new awning over the pick up/drop off lane.	SIP Day Discussion
33. According to the staff survey, 98% of the participants would recommend the elementary to parents seeking a place for their child. During the SIP Day discussion, it was noted by several staff members that the overall feel of the building is positive and staff take care of one another.	SIP Day Discussion Table 11 - Staff Survey
34. The truancy rate at the elementary school is 17.8%, which is lower than the overall state percentage of 19.8%.	SIP Day Discussion Table 4a - General School Data
35. The staff appreciates the continued support offered within the contract such as being able to take time off in quarter increments, increases in salary and reimbursement options for taking college courses.	SIP Day Discussion
36. Small class sizes are a strength at West Central Elementary School.	SIP Day Discussion
37. In 2025-2026, the percent of students who are at or above normal grade level RIT on the MAP Math assessment increased from fall to winter in grades 2-5.	Table 3A- MAP Math RIT
38. In 2025-2026, the percent of students who are at or above the norm grade level mean RIT on the MAP Reading assessment increased from fall to winter in 1-5th grade.	Table 3A- MAP Reading RIT
<b>Patterns of Problems</b>	<b>Bullet Data Upon Which Conclusion is Drawn</b>
1. Staff is concerned about continuing pd with Amplify. As of 2025-2026 school year, we have not had any training to date.	SIP Day Discussion Table 11 - Staff Survey
2. There is a continued need for additional updated technology in the elementary. The	SIP Day Discussion Curriculum Implementation Data

equipment being utilized within some classrooms by the teachers is becoming outdated and not meeting teacher expectations.	
4. There were 56 total referrals during the 2024-2025 school year, which is an increase of 18 from the previous year.	Table 8- Student Discipline Data
5. Staff recognizes the need for a trained counselor to meet the ever growing social emotional needs of our student population.	SIP Day Discussion Staff Survey Comments Needs Assessment
6. Less than 50% of the staff feel like Envision 2020 Common Core is a valuable component in the curriculum.	SIP Day Discussion Table 11 - Staff Survey
7. The data shows the number of students receiving Rtl services to be 41 in 2021-2022, 33 in 2022-2023, 24 in 2023-2024, and 30 in 2024-2025. This number has increased for the 2024-2025 school year as we currently have 43 receiving this support. It should be noted that some of the students who were receiving this support have been found eligible for an IEP. The staff recognizes the absence of the Rtl block the past two years.	Table 9- Students Participating in Support Programs SIP Day Discussion
8. Only 17% of our staff strongly agree or agree that we have a consistent writing program in place at the elementary. This is an increase of 15% from the previous year. The New K-5 Amplify has a strong writing component to it.	Table 11 - Staff Survey SIP Day Discussion
9. There are limited opportunities for teachers to observe another classroom, different lessons, or other teachers in the building. The staff survey showed that 100% of our staff agrees or strongly agrees that it is important to collaborate with other teachers. The staff survey also shows that 76% of the participants would take advantage of the opportunity to observe a coworker in a classroom.	SIP Day Discussion Table 11 - Staff Survey
13. Students at all levels would benefit from additional support. There is a growing number of students with complex needs entering the school system. The staff discussed the possibility of having a transitional kindergarten due to the changes at the state level that no longer allows a child with an IEP to continue in the PreK program if they are kindergarten age eligible.	SIP Day Discussion
14. Inability to fill all positions in a timely manner, including support staff and substitutes. This continues to be a struggle but the staff feels like we are doing a good job with recruiting and maintaining a full staff.	SIP Day Discussion School Community

<p>15. When comparing WC averages to the state averages for Level 1 (Below Proficient), WC averages were higher than the state average for ELA in 3rd and 5th grade, and higher than the state average in math in 5th grade, and only beat the state average by one in 3rd grade.</p>	<p>Table 3D - IAR State Assessment</p>
<p>16. WC scored below state average in both ELA and Math in grades 3-5 when comparing the percentage of students who earned a Level 3 (Proficient) or Level 4 (Above Proficient) on the 2024-2025 IAR Assessment.</p>	<p>Table 3D - IAR Assessment</p>
<p>17. There was a significant drop in the percentage of students on the MAP Math Assessment from the Spring 2025 scores to those same students in the Fall of 2025 for the next grade level who were at or above the norm grade level mean RIT score. For example, 37% of the first grade students met that criteria in the Fall of 2025 (compared to 64% of those same students in kindergarten in the Spring of 2025), which resulted in a 27% decrease in the number of students. 65% of 1st graders in Spring 2025 to 48% of 2nd graders in Fall of 2025 (17% decrease). 73% of 2nd graders in Spring 2025 to 40% of 3rd graders in Fall of 2025 (decrease of 33%). 54% of 3rd graders in Spring of 2025 to 32% of 4th graders in Fall of 2025 (decrease of 22%). 49% of 4th graders in Spring 2025 to 40% of 5th graders in Fall of 2025 (decrease of 9%).</p>	<p>Table 3A- MAP Math RIT</p>
<p>18. There was a significant drop in the percentage of students on the MAP Reading Assessment from the Spring 2025 scores to those same students in the Fall of 2025 for the next grade level who were at or above the norm grade level mean RIT score. For example, 38% of the first grade students met that criteria in the Fall of 2025 (compared to 66% of those same students in kindergarten in the Spring of 2025), which resulted in a 28% decrease in the number of students. 65% of 1st graders in Spring 2025 to 52% of 2nd graders in Fall of 2025 (13% decrease). 65% of 2nd graders in Spring 2025 to 42% of 3rd graders in Fall of 2025 (decrease of 23%). 52% of 3rd graders in Spring of 2025 to 44% of 4th graders in Fall of 2025 (decrease of 8%). 63% of 4th graders in Spring 2025 to 53% of 5th graders in Fall of 2025 (decrease of 10%).</p>	<p>Table 3A- MAP Reading RIT</p>
<p>19. At the end of the 2025-2026 school year, we have one Veteran teacher, one Veteran administrator, and one Veteran secretary retiring. This will affect many aspects of the building, including average years of teaching.</p>	<p>SIP Day Discussion</p>

20. The need for speech/language services is increasing at a steady rate. The number of students increased from 44 in 2024-2025 to 61 in 2025-2026.	SIP Day Discussion Table 6
21. In the past three years, disrespect/non-compliance has been the second most common reason for a referral. The top reason for a referral was physical aggression.	SIP Day Discussion Table 8: Student Discipline Data`
22. The average years of teaching experience has decreased for the first time in five years.	Table 7 - Educator Data

### IV. GOALS, STRATEGIES, INTEGRATED ACTION PLAN

Table 13: Improvement Goals

<p><b>Improvement Goal #1</b>  <b>The goal in 2026-2027 is that West Central Elementary staff will be given many opportunities to increase their overall understanding of literacy development and evidence-based instruction in reading while implementing our newly selected curriculum with fidelity.</b></p>
<p><b>Current Condition and Data Sources: According to the staff survey only 53% of staff reported that our reading instruction is meeting the needs of our K-2 students and 42% of staff reported that our reading instruction is meeting the needs of our 3-5 students. (To clarify, 0% disagree or strongly disagree that our K-2 instruction in meeting our needs as the remaining 48% either selected does not apply or not sure. For grade 3-5, 0% either marked disagree or strongly disagree leaving 59% selecting either does not apply or not sure.) (Note: All staff members, including paraprofessionals, secretaries, teachers, janitors and cooks are given the opportunity to complete the staff survey.)</b></p>
<p><b>Specific Action:</b>  <b>With guidance and support from administration, our staff will implement our Amplify CKLA curriculum with fidelity while continuing to learn more about the Science of Reading.</b></p>
<p><b>District Improvement Plan Alignment:</b>  <b>This goal aligns to the following indicators outlined on the district plan: Indicator 1.1: WC faculty and staff will engage in standards alignment at their respective grade levels and content areas. Indicator 1.2: WC faculty and staff will be provided with professional learning opportunities to implement research-based instructional practices that maximize student learning and engagement. Indicator 1.3: WC faculty and administration will review current and future instructional resources and curricula to ensure alignment to standards, research-based instructional practices, and efficiency in implementation. Indicator 1.4: WC faculty and staff will use assessments to measure the effectiveness of classroom instruction and to identify the support or enrichment needs of our students.</b></p>

<b>Specific Steps</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Person/Group Responsible</b>	<b>Cost and Funding Source</b>	<b>Evaluation</b>
Purchase curriculum materials and resources.	Purchased the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year.	Staff members implementing the curriculum	School Improvement Grant/Title Grant/School Funds - 3 year (2025-2028) approximately \$85,000 (PD included)	Materials and other resources will be given to staff for curriculum implementation.
The staff will participate in training sessions to assist with the implementation of the new curriculum.	2026-2027 school year	Staff members implementing the curriculum	School Improvement Grant/Title Grant/School Funds - 3 year (2025-2028) approximately \$85,000 (PD included)	Sign in sheets from each training session.
Orton-Gillingham Training	2026-2027 school year	Staff members implementing the curriculum	\$1350 per person per class	Sign in sheets from each training session.
The staff will participate in training sessions related to the Science of Reading.	2026-2027 school year	Staff members who have studied the SoR/ROE support	None	Presentations given to the staff.
Daily schedule for team collaboration time to ensure 35 minutes per week of collaboration per grade level team. Late start Monday teaming available.	Team meetings will be ongoing 2026-2027	Mr. Taylor & grade level teams	None	Meetings will be held weekly.
Support staff will participate in the Orton-Gillingham professional development sessions.	Spring 2026	All staff that support reading/ELA	\$1450	Complete training sessions
Staff will revisit priority standards as we work on horizontal and vertical alignment.	2026-2027 school year	Grade level staff members	None	Review list of priority standards at each grade level in ELA.
Staff will review assessment results and make adjustments to instructional practices as needed.	2026-2027 school year	Grade level staff members	None	Provide opportunities to review assessment results including district-wide assessments and ELA checkpoints.

**Improvement Goal #2**

During the 2026-2027 school year, West Central Elementary staff will review and revise their Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) to better meet the social emotional needs of their students and increase their overall success.

**Current Condition and Data Sources: Discipline Data, Staff Survey Results, SIP Day Discussion Data, Counseling Services and Students Participating in Support Programs.** According to the staff survey, 74% of the participants responded that they feel that PBIS has been effective in our school. In addition, 85% of the participants feel that Second Step is a valuable addition to our curriculum. The staff survey also showed that 100% of the participants feel that our staff at the elementary work hard to build trusting relationships with students.

**Specific Action**

Continue Family Structures/PBIS, parental involvement programs, SEL support from the counselor, and increase the staff's knowledge about the Second Step curriculum and their ability to use those strategies with confidence.

**District Improvement Plan Alignment:**

This goal aligns to the following indicators outlined on the current plan: Indicator 1.5: WC faculty and administration will work collaboratively to develop a district-wide plan for MTSS. As a result, each building will implement MTSS practices as appropriate for individualized student support and enrichment. Indicator 2.1: WC administration, faculty and staff within each building will establish opportunities to create a sense of belonging for students, staff and parents. Indicator 2.2: WC faculty and staff will teach SEL skills and vocabulary will be taught with a multi-tiered approach at every grade level, PK-12. Indicator 2.4: WC seeks to partner with organizations that provide in-person or virtual opportunities to meet the current mental health needs of students. Indicator 3.5: WC seeks to establish partnerships with local businesses and institutions of higher education to broaden career opportunities and pathways for students.

<b>Specific Steps</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Person/Group Responsible</b>	<b>Cost and Funding Source</b>	<b>Evaluation</b>
Host a school kick-off/Meet the Teacher night to relieve anxiety related to the start of the 2025-2026 school year. Teachers will have curriculum packets to hand out to the parents within 2 weeks of the start of school.	August 2026	Mrs. Hand, Mrs. Gullberg, Mrs. Keating, Ms. Forquer, Mrs. McVey, Mrs. Mills, Miss Leshner, Mrs. Hennings, Mrs. Anderson, and Mrs. Michelle Johnson	\$500 - Title Grant	Comparison of attendance data. 2022-86% (PK-5) 2023-86% (PK-5) 2024-88% (PK-5) 2025-91% (PK-5)
Distribute pamphlets containing information on school wide SEL structures to families.	August 2026	Staff	None	Comparison of parent/staff survey results.
Maintain the percentage of	October 2026	SIP Team members	None	Comparison of number

parents that fill out an elementary parent survey.				of surveys completed. (142-2022) (157-2023) Survey was not completed during the 24-25 school year. (133-2025)
Provide training opportunities (either online or in person) on SEL strategies or positive parenting skills for parents of students in grades K-5 that can be utilized at home during non-school time. For example, these could be added to the parent programs.	Ongoing throughout the 2026-2027 school year.	WCE staff; including the SEL Hub team members	None	Comparison of attendance data for each program.
Review and revise as necessary the PBIS positive behavior expectations, matrix and handbook expectations.	August 2026	Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Taylor, Ms. Wallace, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Hennings, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Leshler, Mrs. Ruebush, Mrs. McVey and Mrs. Michelle Johnson	None	Expectations will be distributed to all staff and reviewed with students in proper setting (Expectations Kick-Off).
In-service and continuing review for all elementary staff including teachers, paraprofessionals, cooks, and bus drivers on PBIS program/Family Structures.	August 2026	Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Taylor, Ms. Wallace, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Hennings, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Leshler, Mrs. Ruebush, Mrs. McVey and Mrs. Michelle Johnson	None	Brainstorming sessions
Implement family structures and meetings.	Monthly	Staff	\$1500 District Funds Title Grant	Comparison of data on staff surveys will be completed.
Continue to recognize students through positive behavior recognition, monthly Family meetings and quarterly HEAT celebrations.	Monthly - First Wednesday of every month September-May and quarterly	Staff	\$1500 District Funds	The number of students earning recognition will be charted.  Photos of recipients will be created and shared on the

	events			television in the hallway.
Continue to implement the updated online Second Step curriculum for the elementary.	2026-2027 school year	All staff	\$6000 Title Grant 3 year license purchased at the beginning of the 2024-2025 (Year three is the 26-27 school year)school year - no additional costs this year	Provide access to all staff (including training for all staff).
Revise the Google Classroom containing the monthly lessons for our Second Step curriculum as needed.	August 2026-May 2027	All staff	None	Review lessons being taught by each classroom using the online version.
Provide staff development to increase their knowledge of the Second Step curriculum, including the common vocabulary used when students are involved in a situation.	August 2026-May 2027	Mrs. Ruebush	None	Provide in-person training for the Second Step curriculum.
Monitor student discipline referrals.	Monthly	Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Ruebush and classroom teachers	None	End of year review of data comparisons.
Revisit behavioral guidelines for tiered programs.	August 2026-May 2027	Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Ruebush	None	Meeting completed.
Monitor progress of implementation and evaluate activities through students, staff, and parent surveys as well as discipline referral data collection sources detailing referral numbers and types.	May 2026	Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Ruebush	None	Data analysis of survey results and discipline referrals.
To offer a tutoring program to students. The program will serve approximately 5-15 students in grades 3-5. Focus will be on assisting students in reading, math, social studies and science. Student selection will be based on teacher referral and parent approval.	Sept. - May Two nights weekly based on information gathered from staff availability to cover sessions. 3:45-4:45 p.m.	*Will need to submit an updated list of names for board approval in the fall of 2026*	\$2640 (\$22/hr x's 2 teachers per evening x's 2 nights per week x's 30 weeks) District Funds	Quarter grades will be tracked.
Continue to employ a full time counselor at the elementary to provide individual and group counseling as well social skills training.	2026-2027 school year	Mr. Taylor	District Funds	End of year data review.

Provide extra assistance to those students who need additional behavioral and social/emotional support through TAT.	Monthly	Classroom teachers Mrs. Wolf, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Klossing, Mrs. Ruebush, Ms. Leshner	\$1,000 stipend for the TAT leader - District Funds	End of year data review for support programs.
Investigate possible community partnerships to assist our families as well as our students.	2026-2027 school year	Mrs. Ruebush, Mr. Taylor and staff	None	List of community partnerships
Investigate ways to connect students with individuals with whom they can build a positive relationship.	2026-2027 school year	All staff	None	Evaluate the number of students receiving support.

<p><b>Improvement Goal #3</b>  <b>The goal for the 2026-2027 school year is to explore the current level of implementation of the EnVision 2020 Common Core Math curriculum throughout the elementary.</b></p>				
<p><b>Current Condition and Data Sources: According to the staff survey, only 46% (21 staff members) of the staff surveyed either agreed or strongly agreed that the EnVision 2020 Common Core Math curriculum is a valuable component at the elementary. The survey results also showed that 7% (3 staff members) either disagreed or strongly disagreed that the curriculum is a valuable component. The other twenty-five staff members surveyed (47%) either said they were not sure or it did not apply to them. (Note: All staff members, including paraprofessionals, secretaries, teachers, janitors and cooks are given the opportunity to complete the staff survey.)</b></p>				
<p><b>Specific Action: Those staff members who implement the math curriculum in our elementary classrooms will participate in discussions about the implementation of the curriculum and ways to improve our math instruction.</b></p>				
<p><b>District Improvement Plan Alignment:</b>  <b>This goal aligns to the following indicators outlined on the district plan: Indicator 1.1: WC faculty and staff will engage in standards alignment at their respective grade levels and content areas. Indicator 1.3: WC faculty and administration will review current and future instructional resources and curricula to ensure alignment to standards, research-based instructional practices, and efficiency in implementation. Indicator 1.4: WC faculty and administration will use assessments to measure the effectiveness of classroom instruction and to identify the support or enrichment needs of our students.</b></p>				
<b>Specific Steps</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Person/Group Responsible</b>	<b>Cost and Funding Source</b>	<b>Evaluation</b>
Provide opportunities for the staff to reflect upon the extent to which we are using all of the components of the curriculum.	2026-2027 school year	Mr. Taylor and K-5 classroom teachers	None	Each grade level group will share a sample lesson outline and show the math program components that they are using with their students.
Discuss common vocabulary used in the program and	2026-2027	Mr. Taylor and K-5 classroom teachers	None	Each classroom will have the math word

ways to build our students' knowledge throughout the grade levels. (math word wall)				wall posted in their classrooms and will utilize them during instruction.
Purchase IXL to utilize when covering skills that have not been mastered.	Prior to the start of the 2026-2027 school year	Mrs. Ricketts and Mr. Taylor	Title Grant - \$5200	Review the usage report for the elementary.
Purchase Reflex Math to work on fact fluency in grades 2-5.	Prior to the start of the 2026-2027 school year	Mrs. Ricketts and Mr. Taylor	Title Grant - \$3000	Review the usage report for the elementary.
Staff will revisit priority standards as we work on horizontal and vertical alignment.	2026-2027 school year	Grade level staff members	None	Review list of priority standards at each grade level in Math.
Staff will review assessment results and make adjustments to instructional practices as needed.	2026-2027 school year	Grade level staff members	None	Provide opportunities to review assessment results including district-wide assessments and Math checkpoints.

## V. Reflection, Evaluation, Refinement

### V.1 School Improvement Team Meeting Schedule

- Will meet monthly on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month to discuss our progress.

### V.2 Monitoring

- To monitor the progress on our goals throughout the year. It includes a checklist to help us as we progress through the year. We will share the updates with our stakeholders during our annual meeting.

### V.3 Communication Plan

- School Improvement Plan will be available online, plus a flyer stating the school's strengths and goals.
- Regular conferences (one fall semester and one spring semester) with students, teachers, and adult family members organized around a review of student work and academic progress
- Monthly newsletters