

## **Brodhead School District Exceeds Expectations in Latest State Report Cards**

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Brodhead School District received a rating of “Exceeds Expectations” on the State report card scores. As part of Wisconsin’s push to a State-wide accountability system for school districts, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has released the 2016-17 school report cards for all schools in the State. The scores evaluate not only the effectiveness of the school district, but also hold schools accountable for ensuring students receive the education and skills necessary to be successful in a career or post-secondary institution.

The accountability index score is based on the school’s performance in four priority areas:

- Student achievement in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics on State tests
- Student growth measured by improvements in achievement
- Closing gaps in performance between specific student groups (i.e. economically disadvantaged students, English learners, or students with disabilities)
- On-track/postsecondary readiness, including graduation or attendance rates, ELA and Math achievement

In addition, the school report card displays the school’s performance on three areas of student engagement, including State test participation rates in ELA and Mathematics, absenteeism and dropout rates.

Based on performance in the above areas, schools are given one of five ratings—from *Significantly Exceeds Expectations* to *Fails to Meet Expectations*. Brodhead received an overall District score of 73.2, “Exceeds Expectations” according to the report card. For the second year in a row Albrecht Elementary School was rated as “Exceeds Expectations” with a 78.6 score. The Middle School and High School scored a 67.5, “Meets Expectations”.

As a District, we use the DPI Accountability Report Card along with internal District assessments and grade/classroom assessments to measure the success of our students. Our staff has worked extremely hard to develop the foundations of a strong academic program. We continue to develop professional learning communities to dissect our data and make evidence-based decisions regarding our student’s education. We are proud of the education our students are receiving and we will continue our work towards continuous improvement throughout the District.

For additional information regarding the schools’ report card, visit the DPI website at <http://reportcards.dpi.wi.gov/>.