

**NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL
NORTHWESTERN C U SCH DIST 2
PALMYRA, ILLINOIS**



**ILLINOIS
SCHOOL
REPORT
CARD**

GRADES : 9 10 11 12

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

STUDENTS

RACIAL/ETHNIC BACKGROUND AND OTHER INFORMATION												
	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Native American	Low- Income Rate	Limited- English- Proficient Rate	High Sch. Dropout Rate	Chronic Truancy Rate	Mobility Rate	Attendance Rate	Total Enrollment
School	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.5	0.0	5.4	0.0	37.3	93.1	130
District	98.3	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.2	34.8	0.0	5.4	0.3	27.4	94.2	405
State	58.6	20.7	17.0	3.6	0.2	37.9	6.3	4.9	1.9	16.4	94.0	2,044,539

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

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

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

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

INSTRUCTIONAL SETTING

PARENTAL CONTACT*		AVERAGE CLASS SIZE (as of the first school day in May)						STAFF-TO-STUDENT RATIOS			
	Percent	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 3	Grade 6	Grade 8	High School	Pupil- Teacher Elementary	Pupil- Teacher Secondary	Pupil- Certified Staff	Pupil- Administrator
School	90.0						17.6	—	—	—	—
District	94.9						17.6	13.1	12.4	9.6	151.7
State	95.9						17.6	18.4	18.2	13.8	221.1

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

TEACHER INFORMATION (Full-Time Equivalents)								
	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Native American	Male	Female	Total Number
District	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.0	77.0	37
State	84.6	10.2	4.1	1.0	0.1	23.4	76.6	129,068

TEACHER INFORMATION (Continued)

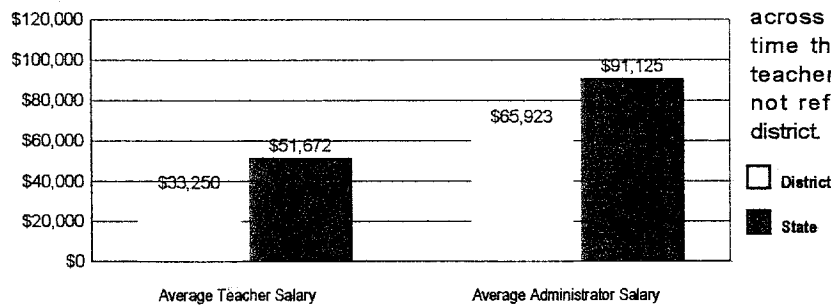
	Average Teaching Experience (Years)	% of Teachers with Bachelor's Degrees	% of Teachers with Master's & Above	% of Teachers with Emergency or Provisional Credentials	% of Classes Not Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers *
School	—	—	—	0.0	0.0
District	14.7	85.4	14.6	0.0	0.0
State	13.9	53.9	46.0	2.5	2.1

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

* Data based on No Child Left Behind (NCLB) definition.

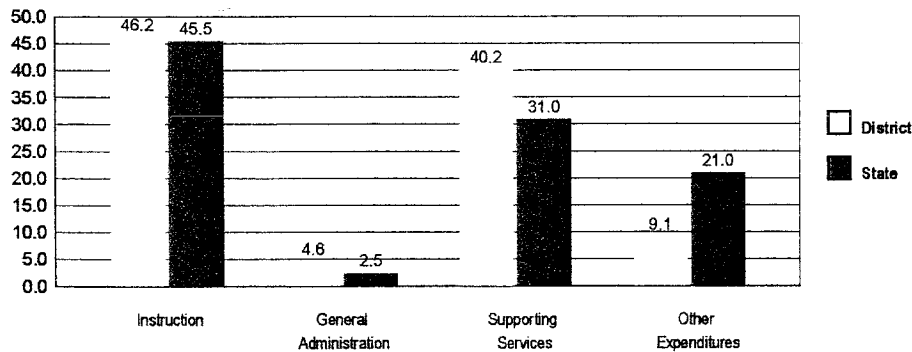
SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCES

TEACHER/ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES (Full-Time Equivalents)



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

EXPENDITURE BY FUNCTION 2001-02 (Percentages)

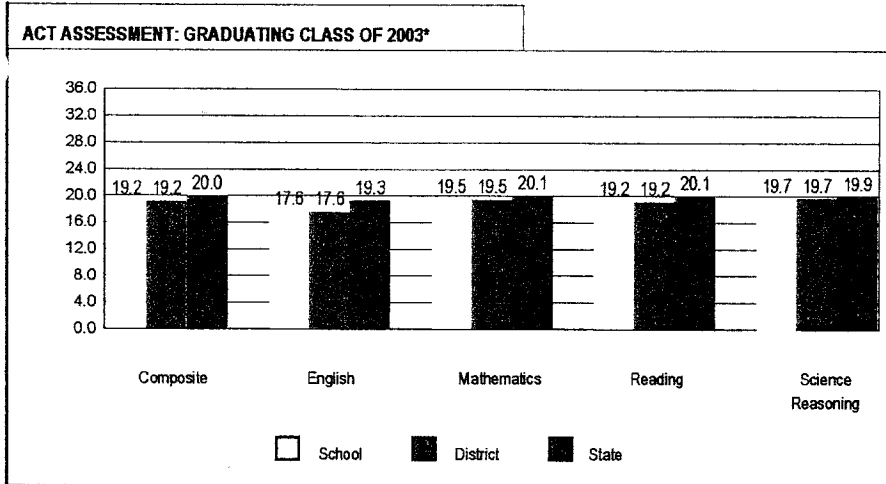


REVENUE BY SOURCE 2001-02				EXPENDITURE BY FUND 2001-02			
	District	District %	State %		District	District %	State %
Local Property Taxes	\$1,143,769	33.0	55.4	Education	\$2,706,746	74.7	69.7
Other Local Funding	\$237,625	6.9	6.1	Operations & Maintenance	\$307,036	8.5	8.9
General State Aid	\$1,289,362	37.2	18.7	Transportation	\$265,746	7.3	3.4
Other State Funding	\$375,268	10.8	12.5	Bond and Interest			5.7
Federal Funding	\$420,870	12.1	7.3	Rent			0.0
TOTAL	\$3,466,894			Municipal Retirement/ Social Security	\$90,279	2.5	1.5
				Fire Prevention & Safety	\$253,258	7.0	1.0
				Site & Construction/ Capital Improvement			9.8
				TOTAL	\$3,623,065		

OTHER FINANCIAL INDICATORS				
	2000 Equalized Assessed Valuation per Pupil	2000 Total School Tax Rate per \$100	2001-02 Instructional Expenditure per Pupil	2001-02 Operating Expenditure per Pupil
District	\$72,052	4.01	\$4,367	\$7,682
State	**	**	\$4,842	\$8,181

** Due to the way Illinois school districts are configured, state averages for equalized assessed valuation per pupil and total school tax rate per \$100 are not provided. Equalized assessed valuation includes all computed property values upon which a district's local tax rate is calculated. Total school tax rate is a district's total tax rate as it appears on local property tax bills. Instructional expenditure per pupil includes the direct costs of teaching pupils or the interaction between teachers and pupils. Operating expenditure per pupil includes the gross operating cost of a school district excluding summer school, adult education, bond principal retired, and capital expenditures.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE



ACT TEST TAKERS		
	Number	% Class
School	33	100.0
District	33	100.0
State	117,197	93.0

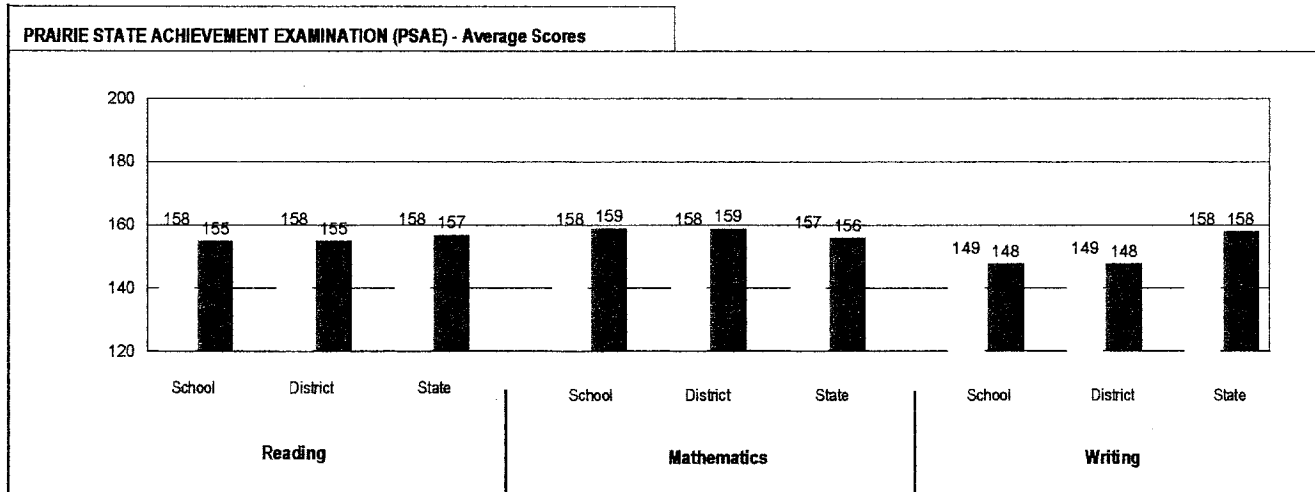
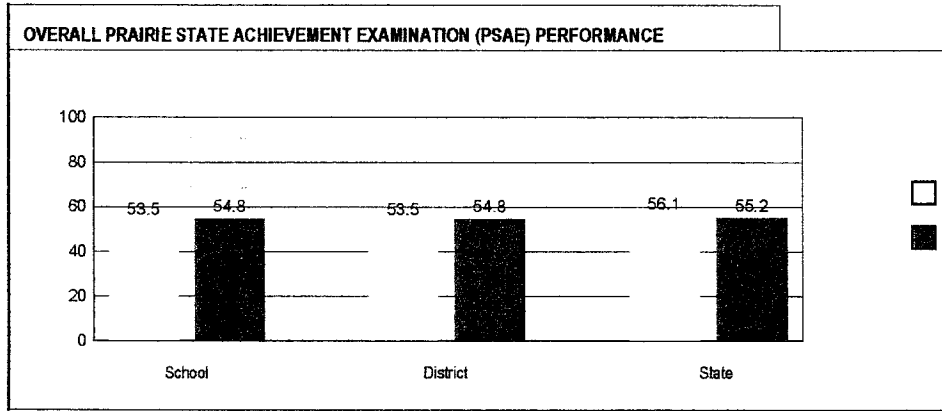
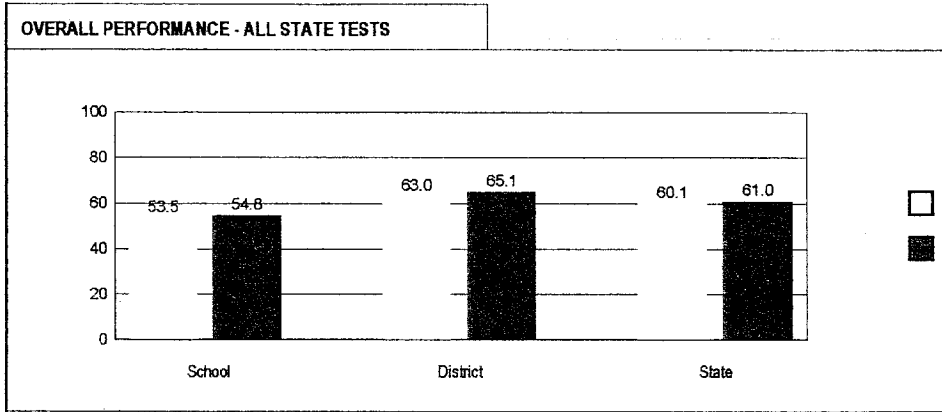
* Includes graduating students' most recent ACT Assessment scores from an ACT national test date or PSAE testing. State averages for ACT data are based on regular public schools and do not include private and special purpose schools.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE

	Gender			Race / Ethnicity					LEP	Migrant	Students with Disabilities	Economically Disadvantaged
	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American				
School	84.6	81.8	88.2	83.8		100.0	100.0					100.0
District	84.6	81.8	88.2	83.8		100.0	100.0					100.0
State	86.0	83.8	88.3	91.0	73.3	75.5	92.5	77.8	64.5	63.3	71.5	69.9

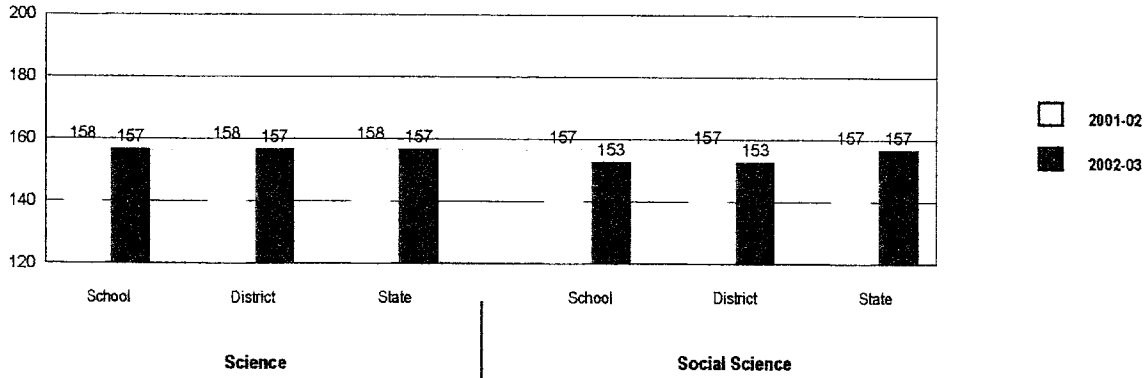
OVERALL STUDENT PERFORMANCE

These charts present the overall percentages of state test scores categorized as meeting or exceeding the Illinois Learning Standards for your school, district, and the state. These performance measures include only those test scores for the grades and subjects included in your school.



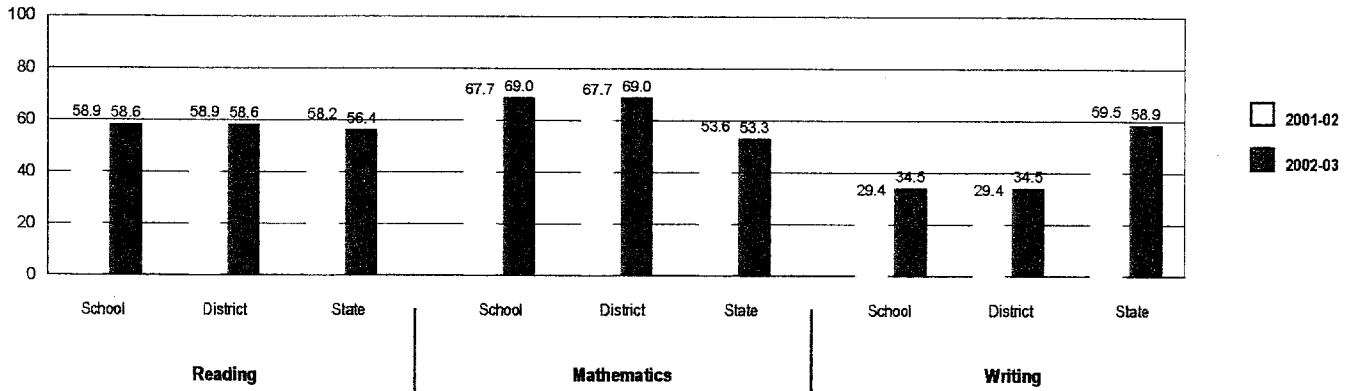
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PRAIRIE STATE ACHIEVEMENT EXAMINATION (PSAE) - Average Scores



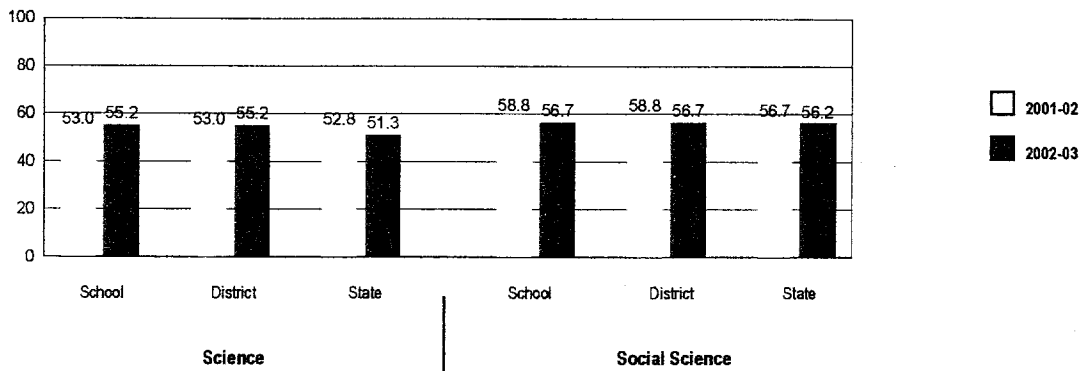
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PERFORMANCE ON STATE ASSESSMENTS

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

The Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) is administered to students in grades 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8. The Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE) is administered to students in grade 11. The Illinois Measure of Annual Growth in English (IMAGE) is administered to students in state-approved transitional bilingual programs. The Illinois Alternate Assessment (IAA) is administered to students with disabilities whose Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) indicate that participation in the ISAT or PSAE would not be appropriate.

Students with disabilities have an IEP or Section 504 Plan. An IEP is a written plan for a child with a disability who is eligible to receive special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. A Section 504 Plan is developed to provide reasonable accommodations for a child who meets the definition of a qualified person with a disability under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Schools with grade 2 as the highest grade in the school use a state-adopted test in reading and mathematics to meet this requirement.

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

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS NOT TESTED IN STATE TESTING PROGRAMS													
		Gender			Racial/Ethnic Background					LEP	Migrant	Students with Disabilities	Economically Disadvantaged
		All	Male	Female	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian / Pacific Islander	Native American				
School	*Enrollment	32	17	15	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	7
	Reading	6.3	0.0	13.3	6.3								
	Mathematics	6.3	0.0	13.3	6.3								
District	*Enrollment	102	38	64	101	1	0	0	0	0	0	41	36
	Reading	0.0	0.0	18.8	0.0							24.4	75.0
	Mathematics	0.0	0.0	18.8	0.0							24.4	75.0
State	*Enrollment	616,170	313,399	302,581	366,187	127,748	97,933	21,960	936	35,949	310	82,419	234,696
	Reading	0.4	0.4	0.5	1.4	2.6	2.0	1.2	0.0	4.1	0.0	0.0	10.4
	Mathematics	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.5	2.8	2.2	1.3	0.0	4.7	0.0	0.0	10.6

* Enrollment on the first day of state testing.

PRAIRIE STATE ACHIEVEMENT EXAMINATION (PSAE)

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

Level 1 -- Academic Warning - Student work demonstrates limited knowledge and skills in the subject. Because of major gaps in learning, students apply knowledge and skills ineffectively.

Level 2 -- Below Standards - Student work demonstrates basic knowledge and skills in the subject. However, because of gaps in learning, students apply knowledge and skills in limited ways.

Level 3 -- Meets Standards - Student work demonstrates proficient knowledge and skills in the subject. Students effectively apply knowledge and skills to solve problems.

Level 4 -- Exceeds Standards - Student work demonstrates advanced knowledge and skills in the subject. Students creatively apply knowledge and skills to solve problems and evaluate the results.

Grade 11**Grade 11 - All**

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				Writing				Science				Social Science			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
School	6.9	34.5	58.6	0.0	3.4	27.6	65.5	3.4	13.8	51.7	34.5	0.0	6.9	37.9	48.3	6.9	6.7	36.7	46.7	10.0
District	6.9	34.5	58.6	0.0	3.4	27.6	65.5	3.4	13.8	51.7	34.5	0.0	6.9	37.9	48.3	6.9	6.7	36.7	46.7	10.0
State	7.5	36.1	44.8	11.6	9.5	37.2	46.6	6.7	6.3	34.8	49.5	9.4	10.7	38.0	40.0	11.3	8.0	35.8	41.7	14.5

Grade 11 - Gender

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				Writing				Science				Social Science				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	
Male	School	11.8	47.1	41.2	0.0	5.9	23.5	64.7	5.9	23.5	52.9	23.5	0.0	11.8	35.3	41.2	11.8	11.8	29.4	41.2	17.6
	District	11.8	47.1	41.2	0.0	5.9	23.5	64.7	5.9	23.5	52.9	23.5	0.0	11.8	35.3	41.2	11.8	11.8	29.4	41.2	17.6
	State	9.9	37.3	42.1	10.7	9.5	34.5	47.8	8.3	8.8	38.5	45.3	7.5	11.0	34.6	40.2	14.1	8.6	31.3	41.8	18.3
Female	School	0.0	16.7	83.3	0.0	0.0	33.3	66.7	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	41.7	58.3	0.0	0.0	46.2	53.8	0.0
	District	0.0	16.7	83.3	0.0	0.0	33.3	66.7	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	41.7	58.3	0.0	0.0	46.2	53.8	0.0
	State	5.1	34.9	47.5	12.5	9.6	39.7	45.5	5.2	3.9	31.3	53.6	11.3	10.4	41.3	39.7	8.6	7.5	40.1	41.6	10.9

Grade 11 - Racial/Ethnic Background

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				Writing				Science				Social Science				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	
White	School	6.9	34.5	58.6	0.0	3.4	27.6	65.5	3.4	13.8	51.7	34.5	0.0	6.9	37.9	48.3	6.9	6.7	36.7	46.7	10.0
	District	6.9	34.5	58.6	0.0	3.4	27.6	65.5	3.4	13.8	51.7	34.5	0.0	6.9	37.9	48.3	6.9	6.7	36.7	46.7	10.0
	State	5.4	29.9	50.1	14.6	5.8	31.6	54.5	8.2	4.2	28.0	56.1	11.7	6.0	32.5	47.1	14.4	5.1	29.6	47.1	18.2
Black	State	13.7	55.2	29.0	2.2	23.8	55.7	20.1	0.4	13.0	56.2	29.5	1.3	27.7	54.9	16.3	1.0	19.7	55.5	22.5	2.2
Hispanic	State	13.1	52.5	31.3	3.0	16.3	54.3	28.4	1.1	11.9	53.9	32.2	2.0	20.2	54.0	23.5	2.3	12.7	52.2	30.9	4.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	State	4.5	30.3	48.6	16.5	4.1	22.3	55.6	18.1	2.8	24.7	54.4	18.1	5.1	29.3	46.8	18.7	2.9	28.2	46.5	22.3
Native American	State	10.5	37.9	43.0	8.6	12.9	38.2	46.5	2.4	8.2	33.8	50.1	7.9	12.1	37.4	44.1	6.5	10.5	36.8	42.9	9.7

ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS (AYP) INFORMATION

Is this School making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)?	No
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Has this school been identified for School Improvement according to the AYP specifications of the federal No Child Left Behind Act?	No
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	Percent Tested on State Tests				Percent Meeting/Exceeding Standards *						Other Indicators			
	Reading		Mathematics		Reading			Mathematics			Attendance Rate		Graduation Rate	
	%	Met AYP	%	Met AYP	%	Safe Harbor Target **	Met AYP	%	Safe Harbor Target **	Met AYP	%	Met AYP	%	Met AYP
State AYP Minimum Target	95.0		95.0		40.0			40.0			88.0		65.0	
All	93.8	No	93.8	No	60.7		Yes	71.4		Yes			84.6	Yes
White														
Black														
Hispanic														
Asian/Pacific Islander														
Native American														
LEP														
Students with Disabilities														
Economically Disadvantaged														

Three Conditions Are Required For Making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

1. At least 95.0% Tested for Reading and Mathematics for the All Group and Subgroups
2. At least 40.0% Meeting/Exceeding Standards for Reading and Mathematics for the All Group, and at least 37.0% for all Subgroups to compensate for error in measurement for smaller subgroup sizes, or meet Safe Harbor requirements***
3. At least 88.0% Attendance Rate for Non-High Schools or at least 65.0% Graduation Rate for High Schools

* Includes only students enrolled as of 9/30/02.

** Safe Harbor Targets of 37% or above are not printed.

*** Subgroups with fewer than 40 students are not reported. Safe harbor only applies to subgroups. In order for safe harbor to apply, a subgroup must decrease by 10% the percentage of scores that did not meet state standards from the previous year plus meet the other indicators (attendance rate for non-high schools and graduation rate for high schools) for the subgroup. Safe harbor allows schools an alternate method to meet subgroup minimum targets on achievement.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
For
Northwestern Community Unit School District No. Two

School Improvement Plan for Advancing Academic Achievement

The State of Illinois requires that each school attendance center develop and implement a building based School Improvement Plan. This plan was developed through cooperative involvement of building staff, parents, and community representatives, and falls within the framework established at the district level to meet the criteria for the Quality Assurance Program as established by the Illinois State Board of Education.

District Plan

The Northwestern Community Unit School District, through participation of representative stakeholders, will provide a District School Improvement Plan Framework designed to maintain a general continuity of procedures, philosophy and service among all attendance centers to all students within the district.

Building Level Plan

The Primary Purpose of the building level plan is to provide the leadership of each school with a process to help guide their decision making regarding improvement and programs to their students. The underlying philosophy of that plan should be built on the following beliefs:

- All children can learn;
- All children must be served;
- The primary purpose of the school improvement process is to improve student performance;
- A school is an observably dynamic place where all can and will improve;
- High expectations are necessary to achieve a world class education; and determined and clearly communicated by the board of education, administration, teachers, students, parents and members of the community.

Each school will annually undergo a rigorous Internal Review self-analysis which will encourage staff, parents and the school community to reflect on the effectiveness of existing school policies and practices.

The Illinois State Board of Education will periodically (every 4 – 6 years) provide External Review for each school, which will involve a group of educators, parents and community members from outside the district who will work to develop a collective prospective on work of the school.

School Improvement Plan
For
Northwestern High School
2003-2004

As a result of the School Improvement Process and our Internal Review, we have found the following areas of accomplishment and success in Northwestern High School during the 2002-2003 school year:

- Improvement in scheduling student classes;
- Development of two computer labs;
- Addition of Vocational courses to the curriculum that are taught with increased technology usage;
- Refinement and improvement of the student discipline policy;
- Initiation of grade level assemblies to begin the school year;
- Commitment to advance the use of technology in the classrooms;
- Improved participation in district, regional, state and national staff development;
- Addition of new internet access to administration, computer labs and classrooms;
- Building improvements on the outside of the building including the installation of new windows on 50% of the building and 100% removal of asbestos in the window replacement area;
- Student attendance rate improvement;
- Intercom system installed for better communication throughout the building, as well as creating a safer environment for our students;
- New sound system installed around athletic field above the new grandstands; and
- Junior and Senior High Kitchen remodeled and brought up to code.

The following specific areas are targeted for improvement this year:

- Improve the opportunities for the use of technology in the curriculum;
- Improve communications with parents and the community;
- Increase career awareness and opportunities for students across the curriculum;
- Improve extracurricular facilities for students and the physical conditions of the buildings and grounds; and
- Install an outdoor sign near the athletic field identifying the Northwestern Wildcat Field.