

Gifford School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have had a wonderful fall at Gifford School! We are excited about the relationships our students are forming with their teachers and classmates, the learning that is occurring and the social and emotional growth of our students. As a learning community, we are continually looking to improve student achievement in English Language Arts and Mathematics at our school. The school report card is one resource we use to reflect on our strengths and areas for improvement.

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is required by state statute ([Wis. Stat. 115.385](#)) to generate a school report card and district report card for every publicly funded school and district in the state. The report cards are intended to help schools and districts use performance data to celebrate successes and improve their efforts to prepare students for their futures. These public report cards can be found online at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards>.

The current **school report card is primarily based on last year's performance during the 2020-21 school year**. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, DPI encourages caution when interpreting scores and ratings on the 2020-21 report cards.

At the foundation of the report cards are four priority areas. Schools and districts receive a score for each priority area.

- **Achievement** - proficiency in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics on the annual state assessments
- **Growth** - year-to-year progress in ELA and math achievement
- **Target Group Outcomes** - outcomes for students with the lowest test scores: the Target Group.
- **On-Track to Graduation** - reliable predictors of how successfully students are progressing toward completing their K-12 education.

The priority area scores are aggregated into an overall accountability score, from 0 to 100. This score is displayed on the front page of the school or district report cards. It is important to note that the 0 to 100 accountability score is not a "percent correct" measurement. Based on its score, a school or district receives one of five rating categories, from *Fails to Meet Expectations* to *Significantly Exceeds Expectations*, as well as corresponding one to five stars.

Here's some information we'd like to share from Gifford's report card:

Gifford remained in the "Meets Expectations" category for the 2020-2021 School year with a score summary of 62.2. We showed a slight improvement in the Students with Disabilities category in the Achievement Priority area. In the Growth Priority area for English Language Arts the category Black or African American students showed a higher than average score.



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In order to increase the number of students on track to graduate and prepare them to be career and college ready, we will continue to focus efforts in the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics for all students.

I want to share these results with you because they help illuminate some of our successes and help pinpoint areas of focus at Gifford. But as DPI stresses, these report cards are just one source of information about our school. Here are some additional results that show we are moving in the right direction.

Score Summary

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, please use caution when interpreting scores and ratings. Careful review of the detailed data on all pages is encouraged. Also, see <https://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/resources>.



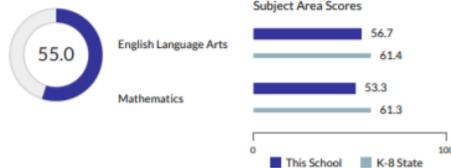
Meets Expectations
★★★

PRIORITY AREA WEIGHTS

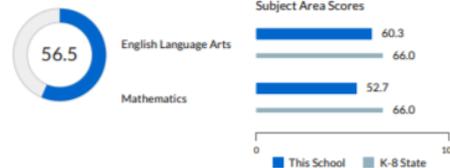


Priority Area Scores

ACHIEVEMENT



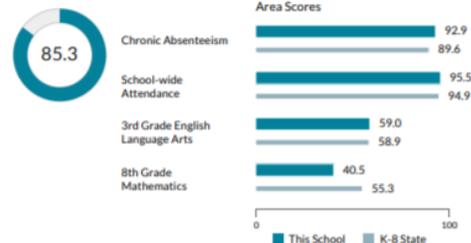
GROWTH



TARGET GROUP OUTCOMES



ON-TRACK TO GRADUATION



School and district report cards can be accessed online at <http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards> along with resources that explain the report cards. I have included the report card for the 2020/21 school year for Gifford here as well. Our school report card is also posted on our website: [Gifford](#)

Please let me know your thoughts and questions as they arise. I look forward to working with you to make 2021-22 a successful school year for your student!

Sincerely,

Sue Milder
Gifford Principal

Vision: Gifford Gators will achieve excellence by surpassing individual growth goals and contributing to our community.