



In The Process of Discovery

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have had a wonderful fall at Walden III! We are excited to see all of our seniors commence their journey as they make decisions regarding their future, the Walden Annual Food Drive and Feast, and continuing to make Walden III feel like home to all of our students. As a learning community, we are continually looking to evolve and adapt our instructional strategies for our students in our rapidly changing world. 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 2022-23 school year**. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, DPI encourages caution when interpreting scores and ratings on the 2022-23 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.

I want to share these results with you because they help illuminate some of our successes and help pinpoint areas of focus in our school. 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. Here is a link to the [US News article from 2023-24](#) recognizing Walden III as a nationally renowned school.

Walden III High School 2023-2024 Rankings

Walden III High School is ranked #1,418 in the [National Rankings](#). Schools are ranked on their performance on state-required tests, graduation and how well they prepare students for college. Read more about [how we rank the Best High Schools](#).

All Rankings

- #1,418 in National Rankings
- #39 in Wisconsin High Schools
- #1 in Racine, WI Metro Area High Schools
- #1 in Racine Unified School District High Schools

SCORECARD	91.98
Took at Least One AP® Exam	60%
Passed at Least One AP® Exam	19%
Mathematics Proficiency	40%
Reading Proficiency	60%
Science Proficiency	45%
Graduation Rate	100%

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. Our school report card is also posted on our website: www.rusd.org/walden-iii-6-12

Please let me know your thoughts and questions as they arise. I look forward to working with you to make 2023-24 a successful school year for our students!

Sincerely,

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