

West Ridge Families,

We have had a wonderful fall at West Ridge IB World School! We are excited about the upcoming future endeavors with the merger of West Ridge, Jefferson and Starbuck. As a learning community, we are continually looking to improve at establishing a strong early literacy and math foundation for our students at West Ridge. 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. DPI encourages caution when interpreting scores and ratings. Multiple years of data impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic are used throughout the report card.

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
- **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 and is not aligned with traditional 0-100 grading scales. 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 our school/district report card:

Our school achieved "Meets Expectations" with an overall score of 59.3! Our growth scores in ELA were recorded at a score of 66 which is the same as the state average. Also, our growth scores in Math were recorded at a scores of 64.1 which is just a shade below the state average of 66. Our overall growth score of 65.1 is the same or higher than 44.5% of K-5 schools in the state.

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/district. But as DPI stresses, these report cards are just one source of information about our school.

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 West Ridge IB World School here as well. Our school report card is also posted on our website: <https://rusd.org/schools/west-ridge-elementary>

I appreciate everything you do for our students and am honored to serve all of you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George", written in a cursive style.

Principal George

“Empowering students to achieve academic and social success.”