

Palos School District

2008-2009 Areas of Success

Palos East Elementary School

The combined overall score for Palos East for reading, math and science on 2009 Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) was 94.5%. Specific score highlights include:

2009 ISAT Overall Score increased by .2% points over the 2008 score. In math, our students scores improved by 2.4 % points over the 2008 test scores.

Palos East Grade 3

- Over 92% of Palos East third grade students met or exceeded in reading, with over 48% exceeded the reading standards, an increase of 17% points
- Nearly 97% met or exceeded in math, with over 54% of students exceeded math standards

Palos East Grade 4

- Over 90% of Palos East fourth grade students met or exceeded in reading, with exceeds increasing by 2.2% points to 53% of fourth graders
- Nearly 99% met or exceeded in math, with 57% of fourth graders exceeding math standards
- Over 96% met or exceeded in science, with 39% of fourth graders exceeding

Palos East Grade 5

- Over 92% of Palos East fifth grade students met or exceeded in reading, improving .3% point over 2008, with our exceeds improved 9% points
- Nearly 95% met or exceeded in math, improving 5.8% points with the exceeds in mathematics increasing 7.3% points over 2008 scores, nearly 37% 5th graders exceeding standards

School-wide Accomplishments

- Added several extracurricular activities, including Reading Club, Film Club, and Wellness Council, allowing for 54% of students in 2nd – 5th grader to participate
- Due to the completion of the *Benchmarks of Quality Survey*, and the expansion of Tier I and Tier II supports, Palos East moved from Emerging to **Implementing Status**
- Students raised and donated monies to various groups including: Animal Welfare League, Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund, Step Up for Kids benefitting Children's Memorial Hospital
- Students collected and shared art work and holiday items with local veterans, school supplies with the Palos Township, gently used books with Hope Children's Hospital, and aluminum cans to support Together We Cope
- Worked to create uniform web pages and keep them current
- Integrate the Fine Arts Festival to include music, art, and movement
- 5th grade received Honorable Mention in the Adopt-A-Pilot program, with a successful electronics recycling drive and Go Green! bags
- 5th grade won first Place in the Study Island commercial contest, which allowed us use of clickers and monies!
- 4th grade raised monies at their annual bake sale, allowing for the purchase of AirLiner Wireless SmartBoard Tablets
- Increased our interventions for students reading support; Rise and Shine Reading, Lunch Bunch, Jolly Phonics, Heggerty Phonemic Awareness

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Palos South Middle School

The combined overall score for Palos South for reading, math and science on 2009 Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) was 94.8%. Specific score highlights include:

Palos South Grade 6

- 96.7% of students met or exceeded Illinois State Standards in math, an increase of 2.2% from the previous year.
- 94.8% of students met or exceeded Illinois State Standards in reading, an increase of 0.3% from the previous year.

Palos South Grade 7

- 94.2% of students met or exceeded Illinois State Standards in math, an increase of .5% from the previous year.
- 95.5% of students met or exceeded Illinois State Standards in reading, an increase of 1.8% from the previous year.

Palos South Grade 8

- 93.2% of students met or exceeded Illinois State Standards in math.
- 97% of students met or exceeded Illinois State Standards in reading.

School-wide Accomplishments

- Successfully implemented a new elective program including a new Applied Technology Lab, zero hour PE and Spanish, and Study Skills classes. Students now receive a more varied elective experience.
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports quarterly incentives for celebrating student behavior.
- Implemented a new online grade book with student and parent home access.
- PE computerized fitness scores. Each student received a fitness report card.
- 7th and 8th grade bands took 1st place at IGSMA contest.
- Drama production was moved to Stagg.

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Palos West Elementary School

The combined overall score for Palos West for reading, math and science on 2009 Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) was 94.6%. Specific score highlights include:

Palos West Grade 3

- 98% of Palos West third grade students met or exceeded Illinois State Standards in math; 62% of our students exceeded state standards in math
- 89% met or exceeded Illinois State Standards in reading; 47% of our students exceeded state standards in reading

Palos West Grade 4

- 99% of all Palos West fourth grade students met or exceeded Illinois State Standards in math; 59% of our students exceeded state standards in math
- 92% met or exceeded Illinois State Standards in reading; 43% of our students exceeded state standards in reading
- 95% met or exceeded Illinois State Standards in science

Palos East Grade 5

- 96% of all Palos West fifth grade students met or exceeded Illinois State Standards in math
- 93% met or exceeded Illinois State Standards in reading; 50% of our students exceeded state standards in reading

School-wide Accomplishments

- Implemented Universal Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports Program (PBIS) to recognize and celebrate Palos PRIDE. Received recognition as a fully “Emerging” level of Implementation
- Implemented an Incentive –Based Math Facts Program for all students in grades 1-5
- Expanded Service Learning Opportunities by working with The Palos Township Food Pantry, The Alliance for the Children, and The Share Your Soles Foundation. Fostered student leadership through service learning