

District 58 students show strong performance on ISATs

District 58 students have continued their consistently strong performance on the Illinois Standards Achievement Test, with more than 92 percent meeting or exceeding standards on the test administered this past spring, according to results recently released by the state.

The ISAT measures progress toward the achievement of the state standards. All students are tested in reading and math, and depending on their grade in school, they also are assessed in science (fourth and seventh grade) and writing (third, fifth, sixth and eighth grade).

The state has divided performance levels on the ISAT into four categories, and according to the No Child Left Behind Act, by 2014, all students' scores, including those in subgroups such as special education, must fall within the top two categories: Meets and Exceeds.

All 13 schools in District 58 met all of the requirements for Adequate Yearly Progress for 2008-09. Those requirements are that every student must be tested on the state tests, at least 70 percent of students overall and in each subgroup must score in the Meets and Exceeds categories in math and reading, and the attendance rate must exceed the state requirement of 90 percent. District 58's overall attendance rate for 2008-09 was 95.8 percent.

On the reading test, the percentage of students scoring in the Meets and Exceeds categories ranged from 88 to 94. Students' scores on the math test in the Meets and Exceeds categories on the ISAT ranged from 90 to 95 percent.

The ISAT scores in writing demonstrate strong levels of achievement. This year, 75 percent of third grade students scored in the Meets and Exceeds categories, as did 75 percent of fifth grade students and 88 percent of sixth grade students. In eighth grade, 78 percent of students scored in the two highest categories.

District 58 students' scores on the ISAT science test are consistent and stable, ranging from 91 to 94 percent in Meets and Exceeds for the past five years.

The results of the ISAT, as well as other standardized tests administered to District 58 students, including the nationally normed Stanford Achievement Test, were presented during a curriculum workshop Oct. 26. The district performed similarly well on the SAT, with 92 percent of students meeting or exceeding standards.

The state report cards for District 58 and each of its 13 schools have been posted on the district's Web site, www.dg58.org. To access the school report card page, *[please click here.](#)*