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West High School Report Card 2007-2008

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Mission Statement

Our Mission is to enhance each student's abilities by providing a quality education enriched by our diverse community.

Principal's Message:

The 2007-08 school year was a busy and exciting time at West High School. Students enrolled in science classes at West enjoyed classrooms that were renovated and air conditioned due to the generosity of voters who supported the Local Option Sales and Service Tax. The I-JAG (Iowa - Jobs for Americas Graduates) program started in the fall of 2007. Students in the program, under the direction of Mike Ross, raised over \$1000.00 for various social service agencies in the Quad Cities. In the spring, sixteen I-JAG students participated in the Career Development Conference in Des Moines and earned over 1/2 of the medals awarded that day; what a beginning! Our building was a hive of activity for students involved in athletics, vocal and instrumental music, theater, journalism, Student Senate and other clubs and organizations. Our students and staff proved once again that West is indeed the "best place to learn."

March 21, 2008	No. of Students	% of Enrollment
Student Enrollment	1961	
Students of Color	438	22.3%
Free & Reduced Price Lunch	841	42.9%

Special Programs & Services	Number	% of Enrollment
Special Education Enrollment	199	10.1
New Placements in Spec. Ed. & % of Special Ed. Enrollment	4	.2
Exited from Special Education & % of Special Ed. Enrollment	3	.15
English as a Second Language Enrollment & % of ESL Enrl.	61	3.1
New Placements in ESL & % of ESL Enrollment	7	.36
Exited from ESL & % of ESL Enrollment	9	.46
Students Identified and Served by Talented & Gifted	150	7.6
Advanced Placement Course Students (Enrollments)	208	10.6
Vocational Technical Course Students (Enrollments)	87	4.4

Discipline Data	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Suspensions *	313	402	427
Expulsions / Exclusions	0	0	0
Dropouts	80	97	51

**Includes any multiple suspensions per student*

Student Activities	Number	% of Enrollment
Co-curricular Participation	989	50.1

Student Recognitions	Number	\$ Value
Scholarships / Awards	102	1,842,380
Honors	263	

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Student Achievement Data

Grade 9	% Proficient						Analysis
	2005-2006		2006-2007		2007-2008		
	School	District	School	District	School	District	
Iowa Tests of Educ. Development Reading	57.2	52.7	57.2	57.1	56.1	52.3	Scores for 9th graders dropped in the area of reading and increased in both math and science. Generally speaking, our 9th graders scored above the district average.
Quantitative Thinking	59.0	54.3	54.2	54.4	55.5	56.1	
Science	60.6	58.1	59.5	57.9	60.0	58.3	

Grade 10	% Proficient						Analysis
	2005-2006		2006-2007		2007-2008		
	School	District	School	District	School	District	
Iowa Tests of Educ. Development Reading	55.6	53.8	61.9	59.3%	64.7	59.8	10th grades scores in the areas of reading and math increased. Science scores decreased slightly. Jamestown Reading will be used as an intervention for selected 10th graders not proficient in reading for the 2008-09 school year.
Quantitative Thinking	54.0	50.8	60.9	58.3%	61.1	57.9	
Science	62.0	59.8	65.6	63.3%	65.1	63.5	

Grade 11	% Proficient						Analysis
	2005-2006		2006-2007		2007-2008		
	School	District	School	District	School	District	
Iowa Tests of Educ. Development Reading	67.8	66.1	70.6	68.1%	69.6	68.3	Scores for 11 th graders dipped slightly in reading. Significant gains are noted in math (the highest in the district) and science. Jamestown Reading will be utilized as an intervention for specific 11 th graders not proficient in the area of reading during the next school year.
Quantitative Thinking	63.6	64.5	66.3	65.1%	72.3	70.6	
Science	64.2	66.1	67.0	68.3%	70.5	72.4	

ACT	Average Score						Analysis
	2005 Graduates		2006 Graduates		2007 Graduates		
	School	District	School	District	School	District	
Composite	21.3	20.8	20.5	20.6	20.5	20.5	Scores for WHS students were stable for 2007 graduates and matched the district average.

Our building has been designated as a School in Need of Assistance (SINA) by the Iowa Department of Education. This means that although our ITED scores may have improved overall, the scores did not improve enough among all groups of students to meet the mandated growth trajectories (AMOs or Annual Measurable Objectives) set by the Iowa Department of Education for 2007-2008.

Accomplishments:

Accomplishments of students at West High School were many and varied throughout the 2007-08 school year. 762 students took the Bigger, Faster, Stronger course in PE and made significant improvements in strength and agility. Mr. Bob Gill initiated training for students in archery and took a group of students to Des Moines to compete for the first time in the Iowa National Archery competition where they placed as high as 8th place. WHS Business Academy students contributed nearly 11,000 service learning hours to the Quad City Community. Highlights included a day long Income/Outcome presentation by the Davenport Noon Rotary Club, involvement with Junior Achievement and sponsoring a visit to WHS by Miss Iowa. Nineteen of the 99 students enrolled in Project Lead The Way pre-engineering coursework earned college credit for high school work done during the school year. The first place award winner for project design in the state of Iowa was Brooke Heisterkamp who won a \$500.00 scholarship for her shin guard design. A number of student welders placed in local and state competitions, including Matt Bennett, Tyler Kendall, Tanner Viren, Jake Brunning, Brian Keppy and Sean Rorick. The Beak 'n' Eye newspaper was published eight times with editor-in-chief Mark Schwenker. Journalism awards were won by Baylee Rees, Samantha Morrison and Emily Kroening. The National Forensic League team was anchored by seniors Lisa Brus, Veri Prisacari and Steven Neilsson. Outstanding performances were also turned in by underclassmen Justin Grubbs and Storm Miller. Lisa Brus received the State Champion Legislative Debate Award. The entire West High School Community enjoyed the fall production of the musical "Grease" and the play "The Comedy Musical Murder Mysteries of the 1940's" in the spring. Outstanding athletic season records were earned by our Wrestling team (2008 MAC Tournament Champs) and our Girls Basketball Team (second place in the MAC). In addition, first place sportsmanship recognition was awarded by MAC officials to our Football and Boys Basketball teams. Senior Erica Anderson earned 20th place at state golf competition. First team All State honors were earned by Lavione West in basketball and Jamie Davis in softball. Music concerts presented by our band and orchestra groups as well as our Show Choirs evidenced a high degree of talent and were well received by their respective audiences.