

# 2015- 2016 School District of Westfield Accountability and Educational Options Report

## Mission Statement

United for education excellence, the School District of Westfield combined communities, are dedicated to developing responsible citizens well-prepared for diverse future opportunities. We strive for each learner to reach his or her full potential through the combined efforts of students, families, school and communities modeling high standards and providing challenging educational, real-world experiences. In addition, it is our hope to develop lifelong learners. Each school in the district has a school improvement team that focuses on and develops activities to achieve the **following District Goals....**

### Preparing Students as 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners

### Safe and Supportive Schools

### Fiscal Responsibility

### Community Involvement

The District’s primary educational pathway and instructional program for students involves a progression from four-year-old kindergarten (early learning) through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, leading to a high school diploma.

The full version of the District’s most recent school and school district accountability report, as issued by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction under section 115.385 of the state statutes, can be accessed via the following page (and on the district website) <https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/sdpr/district-report> Select Westfield from the pull down menu.

### School District of Westfield Schools Latest DPI “Report Card” Score (2013- 2014)

Coloma Elementary	65.4 (Meets Expectations)
Oxford Elementary	70.4 (Meets Expectations)
Westfield Elementary	67.3 (Meets Expectations)
Westfield Area Middle School	68.5 (Meets Expectations)
Westfield Area High School	59.6 (Meets Few Expectations) *

*\*The score that Westfield Area High School initially earned on the state report card was 64.6, which would have put us in the category of “Meets Expectations.” Our goal for this report card was to achieve at the “Meets Expectations” level or higher. According to our student performance, this goal would have been accomplished. We did, however, encounter an unfortunate and unintentional error that lead to our school receiving a five-point deduction from the DPI, and it has negatively impacted our school report card.*

*The five-point reduction we received came from the category of “Test Participation.” Every school must have at least 95% test participation in the WKCE exams. Although 100% of our students participated in the exam, the unintentional error meant we had to invalidate 24 students’ WKCE Math exam, which meant that we technically did not have 95% participation. Unfortunately, because of this, DPI assessed a five-point penalty on our report card. This five-point penalty lowered our report card score to 59.6, which put our school in the category of “Meets Few Expectations.”*

The School District of Westfield also offers a wide range of educational programming

- Starting with early childhood programming for students who are at least three years old but not school-age.
- Elementary Spanish Programming
- Special Education for students with disabilities
- English language learners
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs
- At risk programs for students that are in danger of not graduating high school
- Summer school programming

Educational options for students who are enrolled in the School District of Westfield that involved part-time attendance at an educational institution other than a school of the School District of Westfield include the following:

- The Course Options Program, which provides opportunities to apply for approval to take up to two courses at a time at another educational institution. This option is subject to state and local eligibility requirements, including the limitation that the courses must satisfy a high school graduation requirement; and include certain District approved dual credit opportunities that the District offers in conjunction with a partner institution of higher education.
- The Youth Options Program, which provides opportunities to apply for approval to take courses at certain institutions of higher education; and is available only to students who are enrolled in the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Additional educational options for children who reside in the District that involved full-time enrollment/attendance at a school, program, or other educational institution that is not a school or instrumentality of the School District of Westfield include the following:
  - High school students meeting certain age and other eligibility requirements may be permitted to attend a technical college or certain other programs for the purpose of completing a program leading to the student's high school graduation or to a high school equivalency diploma.
  - Full-time open enrollment involving physical attendance in a public school of a nonresident school district or attendance through a virtual charter school that is associated with a nonresident school district.
  - Beginning in the 2016- 2017 school year, a child with a disability who meets the program's specific eligibility requirements may apply to attend an eligible, participating private school under a scholarship awarded through the state's "Special Needs Scholarship Program," as established under 115.7915 of the state statutes.
  - Enrollment in a private school of the family's choosing (at the family's own cost, as applicable).
  - There is one DPI recognized private school within the district's boundaries: Our Savior Learning Academy, Harrisville, WI, (Dawn Voss, 481 Hallman Street, Berlin, WI 54923)

Enrollment in a home-based private educational program as provided under state law. Educational options for children who reside in the School District of Westfield but who are enrolled in and attending a private school or home-based private educational program include the following:

- Such students have the opportunity to attend summer school classes/programs offered in the District.
- Private school students in the high school grades have the opportunity to apply for approval to take up to two courses per semester in a District school, pursuant to section 118.145 (4) of the state statutes.
- Students who are enrolled in a home-based private educational program have the opportunity to:

- Apply for approval to take up to two courses per semester in public schools as provided under section 118.53.
- Participate in District interscholastic athletics and other District extracurricular activities as provided under section 118.133.

For more information about any of the educational options listed in this notice please contact the District Office at 608-296-2107 or the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

### **Education of Homeless Children and Youths**

Children of homeless individuals and unaccompanied homeless youth (youth not in physical custody of parent/guardian) residing in the School District of Westfield shall have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education as provided to other children and youth that reside in the School District of Westfield. They shall be provided services comparable to services offered other children attending schools in the School District of Westfield, including transportation services, educational services for which the children/youths meet eligibility criteria (e.g, special education, Title 1 programming, gifted and talented programming), attend a separate school or program for homeless children and shall not be stigmatized by school personnel. Please contact School District of Westfield Homeless Liaison at (608)296-2141 ext. 1065 if you have questions or are in need of services.

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