

ACADEMIC PROGRESS – LAKEWOOD LOCAL SCHOOLS – AUGUST 2011

STATE REPORT CARD PERFORMANCE

In 1998 the State of Ohio began reporting school districts' performance on State Report Cards. Although the content of the Report Card has been in a constant state of flux, the report card shares districts' progress in meeting standards set forth by the State of Ohio and Federal Government. Traditionally, the state had required that students in grades 4, 6, 9 and 12 take tests in the areas of Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Citizenship, and Science. Due to recent changes, achievement tests are now administered in reading and math in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and in 10th. (The OGT's, Ohio Graduation Tests, start in 10th grade.) Writing, Science, and Social Studies tests are given in some grades but not all. Temporarily, Social Studies and Writing tests have been suspended by the Ohio Department of Education in grades 3-8 due to monetary restrictions.

The State reports "standards met" yearly for each public school district in Ohio. To meet the requirements of a standard or indicator, 75% of the students taking a test must pass. Attendance and graduation rates are used as 2 additional standards. Driven by federal requirements of the "*No Child Left Behind Act*" and monetary restraints, the State is constantly modifying what standards and the number to be measured. The number of standards has changed from 27 to 22, to 18, to 25, to 30, and presently stands at 26.

Starting with the 2008 Report Card the State added a measure called "Value Added". With the Value Added Rating, a district rating may improve one level if the district exceeds expected gains for two consecutive years. Districts are rewarded when students meet more than "typical" progress for two years in reading and math. VA is measured starting in 4th grade and continues through 8th.

When the State Report Card was first introduced in 1998, Lakewood's performance was poor. Over the next few years, the Lakewood staff established a systematic focus on Academic Improvement. The efforts proved fruitful as Lakewood's scores on the state mandated tests began to rise. In 2002, Lakewood was named, "*Ohio's Most Improved District*" for the 2001-2002 school year. District academic goals have been focusing on reading (improving literacy) and math ever since.

The number of standards met over the years are listed below. The current Lakewood District Report card may be found by going to The Ohio Department of Education's web page at: www.ode.state.oh.us.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Standards Met</u>	<u>District Designation</u>	<u>Adequate Yearly Progress</u>
1999	Met 7 of 18 standards	Academic Watch	Not Measured
2000	Met 8 of 27 standards	Academic Emergency	Not Measured
2001	Met 19 of 27 standards	Continuous Improvement	Not Measured
2002	Met 14 of 22 standards	Continuous Improvement	Not Measured
2002-03	Met 15 of 22 standards	Continuous Improvement	AYP-Not Met
2003-04	Met 11 of 18 standards	Effective	AYP-Not Met
2004-05	Met 15 of 23 standards	Effective	Met AYP
2005-06	Met 19 of 25 standards	Effective	Met AYP
2006-07	Met 24 of 30 standards	Effective	AYP-Not Met
2007-08	Met 22 of 30 standards	EXCELLENT	AYP-Not Met
2008-09	Met 24 of 30 standards	EXCELLENT	AYP-Not Met
2009-10	Met 21 of 26 standards	EXCELLENT	AYP-Not Met
2010-11	Met 23 of 26 standards	Effective	AYP-Not Met

SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Lakewood Local Schools earned an “**Excellent**” Rating on the 2008, 2009, and 2010 State Report Cards (07-08, 08-09, and 09-10 school years). This is the top rating that a school district may obtain in the State of Ohio with the exception of a perfect report card (Excellent With Distinction). It should be noted that Lakewood has exceeded expected gains for three consecutive years in the areas of math and reading for grades four through eight. The State’s Value Added Rating Measure determines this.

Academic gains and successes are due to very focused goals and processes that have been implemented in the district. Buy in from the top down, including the Board of Education, Administrative and teaching staff, were essential for this progress. Specific items such as:

- Implementing the Ohio Improvement Process (OIP) to identify areas for improvement district wide
- Pulling staff together for year long curriculum studies focusing on aligning teaching outcomes to specific state content standards. A district wide focus on consistency and sustainability is key to our recent success
- Aligning the district grades in order to place all K-2 and 3-5 students and staff in their own buildings as grade band units
- Implementing quality benchmark assessments focusing on reading comprehension and mathematics to inform instruction and monitor student progress toward performing at grade level
- Aligning all administrative and building goals and evaluations to the district’s OIP plan

PERFORMANCE INDEX

The *Performance Index*, (PI), is a measure that rewards the achievement of every student, not just those who score proficient or higher. Districts earn points based on how well each student does on all tested subjects in grades 3-8 and the 10th grade Ohio Graduation Tests. All tests have five levels of performance: advanced-1.2 pts, accelerated-1.1 pts, proficient-1.0 pts, basic-0.6 pts, and limited-0.3 pts. The percentage of students scoring at each performance level is calculated and then multiplied by the point value assigned to that performance level. Lakewood’s Performance Index has shown a marked improvement from 2007 on.

Four-Year Trend: 07-08 - 94.7 08-09 – 94.6 09-10 - 96.3 **10-11 – 96.8**

GRADUATION RATE

It is important to note that *Graduation Rates* are always one year behind when they are listed on the Local Report Cards. The rates and years listed below reflect the “**actual**” year of graduation and the rates. The State minimum graduation standard is 90%. This minimum must be achieved in order to meet the State Indicator. Lakewood has recorded very significant gains in the graduation rate over the past seven years.

02-03 92.9%	03-04 96.3%	04-05 89.3%	
05-06 87.6%	06-07 91.2%	07-08 96.1%	08-09 98.8%

Most Recent Graduation Rate For 09-10 = 99.4%