

Williams Intermediate School Report Card 2008- 2009

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Mission Statement

The mission of Williams Intermediate is to engage all students in fair and equitable educational experiences within a positive and safe environment creating life-long learners.

Principal's Message:

The Williams Intermediate School Report Card is designed to provide those interested with useful information concerning many different aspects of our building. The building continues to be a popular choice for families seeking a well-rounded educational experience for their middle school aged children. Students from elementary attendance centers throughout the city elect to attend Williams to continue their schooling. The building is home to the district ESL program where students of many different nationalities can receive the support they need to make significant academic progress.

Williams students will enjoy the new activities and fine arts space that is scheduled to be completed early in 2010. As Williams is the largest intermediate attendance center in the Davenport Community School District, the new addition will provide much needed additional space for our students. If you would like a tour of our facility or have additional questions we will be happy to assist you at your convenience. You may contact the school office between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at 563-391-6550.

March 20, 2009	No. of Students	% of Enrollment
Student Enrollment	714	
Students of Color	302	42.3%
Free & Reduced Price Lunch	424	59.4%

Special Programs & Services	No.	% of Enrollment
Special Education Enrollment	74	10.3
New Placements in Spec. Ed. & % of Special Ed. Enrollment	2	2.7
Exited from Special Education & % of Special Ed. Enrollment	3	4%
English as a Second Language Enrollment & % of ESL Enrl.	72	10.8
New Placements in ESL & % of ESL Enrollment	10	13.8
Exited from ESL & % of ESL Enrollment	5	6.9
Students Identified and Served by Talented & Gifted	131	18.1

Discipline Data	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Suspensions *	242	289	266
Expulsions / Exclusions	0	0	0

** Includes any multiple suspensions per student*

Student Activities	Number	% of Enrollment
Co-curricular Participation	340	48

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Student Achievement Data

Grade 6	% Proficient						Analysis
	2006-2007		2007-2008		2008-2009		
	School	District	School	District	School	District	
Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) Reading	62.2	56.7	69.3	60.8	59.1	56.3	Although additional reading support was added to the building for the 2008-2009 school year, sixth grade reading scores fell from the previous year. Scores in all content areas continued to remain above district averages.
Math	70.8	64.9	70.4	67.2	62.9	59.5	
Science	64.5	62.0	72.1	69.9	63.8	58.9	

Grade 7	% Proficient						Analysis
	2006-2007		2007-2008		2008-2009		
	School	District	School	District	School	District	
Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) Reading	54.5	60.6	59.2	59.2	64.3	63.3	Assessment results in all content areas tested showed gains in all three areas. Building scores remained solidly above district averages with significant gains noted in both reading and science.
Math	76.9	68.1	71.8	67.7	75.3	67.3	
Science	71.5	70.4	74.8	71.6	81.7	72.8	

Grade 8	% Proficient						Analysis
	2006-2007		2007-2008		2008-2009		
	School	District	School	District	School	District	
Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) Reading	61.4	60.4	61.0	61.8	61.0	65.2	Assessment results were mixed across the three content areas tested. Science scores improved significantly over the previous year. Improvements in the areas of reading and math are expected for 2009-2010.
Math	66.3	61.9	63.4	64.1	61.8	64.7	
Science	74.9	69.1	71.1	71.0	78.3	77.4	

Our building has been designated as a School in Need of Assistance (SINA) by the Iowa Department of Education. This means that although our ITBS 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 2008-2009.

Accomplishments:

The students at Williams enjoyed academic success in various content areas and grade levels. In addition to their successes in the classroom, the students enjoyed many outstanding fine arts and athletic experiences throughout the school year. In several content areas and grade levels, student achievement reached some of the highest levels in several years. Much work remains to be done to assist all children in meeting their educational goals. During the 2009 - 2010 school year staffing will be adjusted to provide additional support in some reading and mathematics classrooms to struggling students. Staff may also teach more sections in select content areas effectively lowering the class sizes in those areas. The building Talented and Gifted Program enjoyed extraordinary success with over one hundred and thirty students participating. Participating TAG students placed high in local and regional competitions including a state championship in LEGO robotics. Other honors included several students being selected to display their work at the state Invention Convention.

Large numbers of students in grades six through eighth participated in a variety of fine arts related activities. Select student art work was displayed locally at the district administrative service center and Northpark Mall as well as regionally at state competition in Des Moines. Our vocal music department performed locally for the Iowa Stories event and the Show Choir Show Off and regionally at the Music in the Parks competition in Chicago. The Show Choir also hosted a dessert show during the spring semester. The bands participated in the district band spectacular, the Davenport Halloween parade, large group festival, solofest and the Jazz Band Invitational during the school year. The 7th and 8th grade bands participated in the Adventureland Festival of Bands in Des Moines. Our band program also garnered several honors including placing 5 students on the prestigious SIEBA band which performed in Iowa City. A member of our eighth grade band was selected to participate in the All Iowa Honor Band which performed at the IBA state conference. The Williams Orchestra participated in district events including large group and solofest as well as the string festival. They were invited to perform at the district Iowa Stories event as well as the Adams Elementary Ice Cream Social. Students in the orchestra were selected to perform in the Cedar Rapids Honor Orchestra and currently participate in the Quad City String Ensemble and the Quad City Youth Symphony.

The Williams athletic programs again enjoyed successful seasons winning or sharing city championships in football, wrestling, basketball and track. Teams enjoyed large numbers of students participating to the extent to which coaches were added to provide additional instruction in the fundamentals of each sport.