

McHENRY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 156



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Dear District 156 Families,

Yesterday, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) released the 2018 Illinois Report Card at www.illinoisreportcard.com. McHenry High School East and West Campuses both made the list of commendable schools announced by the Illinois State Board of Education, the second-highest rating as part of the annual report cards on public schools that measure progress toward preparing students for college and career goals.

ESSA Designations	
McHenry High School - East Campus	Commendable
McHenry High School - West Campus	Commendable

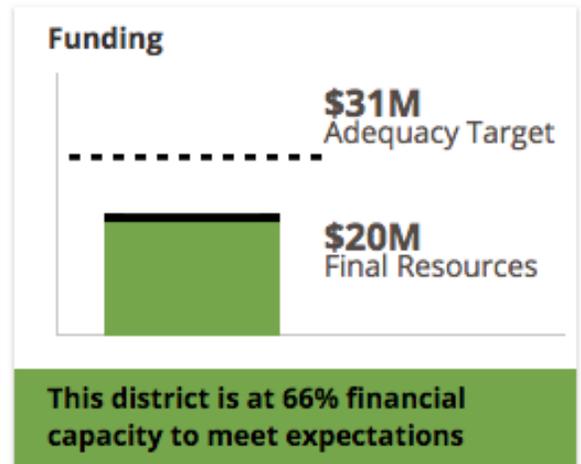
This year's state report card represents a shift away from looking solely at test scores and instead looking at several factors to determine whether schools are preparing students to succeed. This follows the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) signed in 2015. ESSA establishes four levels of school designations: exemplary, commendable, underperforming, and lowest-performing. Schools that are designated as under or lowest-performing will be able to seek assistance in the school improvement process and will have extra funding attached to these additional requirements. For more information about ESSA and the new state accountability system click the [What is ESSA Fact Sheet](#) on our district website.

The 2018 Illinois Report Card also shows each district's Evidence-Based Funding (EBF) tier and amount of state funding received. The state overhauled its primary funding formula in 2017 to send more state funding to the districts in the greatest financial need. A district's percentage of adequacy compares its actual funding to what the EBF statute defines as full funding for that specific district. Tier 1 districts have the lowest state funding compared to what they need and Tier 4 districts have full funding or more than full funding.

In 2017-2018 District 156 was assigned a Tier 2 funding designation. According to the new Evidence Based Funding model, District 156 is considered to be one of the lowest state funded school districts at 66% below the fully funded adequacy target of 100%. In the current fiscal year (18-19) our Tier 2 level will drop to Tier 1 status. Despite the lower designation District 156 will receive less in state funding this year due to the state decreasing its overall contribution and allocation to districts.

District Financial Capacity to Meet Expectations = **66%**

For Evidence-Based Funding in FY 18, this district is assigned to **Tier 2.**



District 156 is committed to providing our students with a competitive and comprehensive educational experience that will allow them multiple options, opportunities, and ultimately success upon graduation from high school. We will continue to align our curriculum, programs, and course offerings with the new accountability system to ensure our students are making progress toward college and career readiness.

Respectfully,

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