



Dear Parents and Guardians,

November 14, 2019

The Nicolet School District is thrilled to share that Nicolet qualified for the highest ranking on the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) 2018-2019 School Report Card, **Significantly Exceeds Expectations**. Nicolet scored 85.6, considerably outscoring state averages, with an increase of 4.1 points from the prior report card.

The Wisconsin DPI generates a School Report Card and District Report Card for every publicly funded school and district in the state based on the prior school year. Learn more about the DPI School Report Card at <https://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards>.

Here's how Nicolet ranked according to the State's four priority areas:

- **Student Achievement**, measured by proficiency in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics, scored 82.9 which is up from 80 points last year.
- **School Growth**, measured by year-to-year progress in ELA and math achievement, scored 87.9 and significantly outscored the state average of 66.
- **Closing Gaps** is a metric that shows the school's progress towards closing performance gaps between specific student groups (English learners, low-income students, students with disabilities, and members of a racial or an ethnic group) with their peers increased almost 5 points, from 75 to 79.7.
- **On-Track and Postsecondary Readiness** score uses reliable predictors to evaluate student preparedness for the next grade level, graduation, college and careers. Nicolet scored 97 out of 100.

Nicolet's new ranking is extremely positive feedback for our learning community. It underscores that Nicolet is Significantly Exceeding Expectations in these areas and more, especially considering that Nicolet's score has continued to rise each year – this year from Exceeds Expectations to Significantly Exceeds Expectations.

I am particularly proud of Nicolet's progress towards closing achievement gaps. Over the past six years, Nicolet staff has made equity and access a priority and have implemented several curriculum enhancements to help all students reach their academic potential. Although we recognize there is still work to be done, this report card emphasizes that our efforts are working.

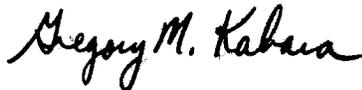
The School Report Card is just one source of data that we use to reflect on our strengths and areas for improvement as a school. Here are some additional results that show how Nicolet is moving in the right direction:

- 315 students completed 697 Advanced Placement Exams.
- 84.7% of our students participating in College Board Advanced Placement Exams. achieved a passing score (Up from 79.7%).
- Class of 2019 - ACT Composite Score 23.2.
- Students completed 158 dual credit courses.
- Students participated in exchange programs with France, Spain, Germany, and Israel.
- 78% of Nicolet students participated in co-curricular activities.
- 95% of all Freshman are on track for graduation.

As we celebrate being a school that Significantly Exceeds Expectations, I want to thank our outstanding teachers, parents, and students for their hard work and dedication to academic achievement and the Nicolet community.

Please know that we are continually evaluating and looking to improve the student experience and accelerate achievement for every student at Nicolet. I look forward to working with you to make 2019-20 a successful school year for your child! As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any thoughts and questions as they arise.

Your partner in education,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregory M. Kabara". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'G' and 'K'.

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