



STATE ISSUES SCHOOL REPORT CARDS, GRAFTON SCHOOLS

“Exceeds Expectations”

On November 17, 2016 the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) issued School Report Cards for all public schools in Wisconsin. The School Report Card provides clarity on how well our schools help children learn and graduate ready for college and career. The Report Cards are just one part of a statewide accountability system, reflected in Wisconsin’s approved ESEA Flexibility Request, which is an ambitious education reform package that sets higher expectations for students, educators, and schools.

The current **School Report Card, based on the 2015-16 school year**, looks a bit different than in the past due to changes required by the legislature. The overall idea for how report cards work is the same. At the foundation of the report cards are four priority areas. Schools and districts receive a score for each priority area:

- **Student Achievement** proficiency in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics on state assessments
- **Student Growth** measured by year-to-year improvements in achievement
 - **Closing Gaps** in performance between specific student groups (comparing English language learners, low-income students, students with disabilities, and members of a racial or an ethnic group with their peers).
 - **On-Track and Postsecondary Readiness** is a measurement using reliable predictors of high school graduation and potential post high school success.

Schools and districts are also evaluated on their level of student engagement – test participation rates, chronic absenteeism rates, and dropout rates when applicable. Based on its score, a school or district receives one of five rating categories, from *Fails to Meet Expectations* to *Significantly Exceeds Expectations*, as well as one to five stars. **The School District of Grafton is pleased to report that all Grafton schools have exceeded or significantly exceeded state expectations. Of all K-12 CESA1 (southeast Wisconsin) school districts, Grafton ranked 14 of 32.**

DPI has produced two versions of each Report Card: a quick one-pager labeled “School Report Card” and lengthier, detailed version labeled, “School Report Card Detail.” Both versions can be accessed online at <http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards> along with resources that explain the report cards. You can find Grafton’s District Report Card and each Grafton School Report Card on the GSD website at <http://www.grafton.k12.wi.us>.