

**STEPHEN MACK MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**ROCKTON SD 140**  
**ROCKTON, ILLINOIS**



**ILLINOIS**  
**SCHOOL**  
**REPORT**  
**CARD**

**GRADES : 6 7 8**

State and federal laws require public school districts to release report cards to the public each year.

**STUDENTS**

**RACIAL/ETHNIC BACKGROUND AND OTHER INFORMATION**

	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Native American	Multi racial /Ethnic	Low- Income Rate	Limited- English- Proficient Rate	High Sch. Dropout Rate	Chronic Truancy Rate	Mobility Rate	Attendance Rate	Total Enrollment
<b>School</b>	92.0	4.7	2.2	0.6	0.4	0.0	12.5	0.4		0.0	9.4	95.2	489
<b>District</b>	92.1	3.5	2.1	1.5	0.4	0.4	12.8	0.3		0.1	9.9	95.6	1,442
<b>State</b>	55.6	20.0	18.7	3.8	0.2	1.8	40.0	6.6		2.2	16.0	94.0	2,075,277

**Low-income** students come from families receiving public aid; live in institutions for neglected or delinquent children; are supported in foster homes with public funds; or are eligible to receive free or reduced-price lunches.

**Limited-English-proficient** students are those students eligible for transitional bilingual programs.

**Mobility rate** is based on the number of times students enroll in or leave a school during the school year.

**Chronic truants** are students who are absent from school without valid cause for 18 or more of the last 180 school days.

**INSTRUCTIONAL SETTING**

**PARENTAL CONTACT\***

	Percent
<b>School</b>	99.5
<b>District</b>	99.1
<b>State</b>	96.6

**STUDENT-TO-STAFF RATIOS**

	Pupil- Teacher Elementary	Pupil- Teacher Secondary	Pupil- Certified Staff	Pupil- Administrator
<b>School</b>	--	--	--	--
<b>District</b>	18.4		14.8	288.4
<b>State</b>	19.1		13.9	222.3

\* Parental contact includes parent-teacher conferences, parental visits to school, school visits to home, telephone conversations, and written correspondence.

**AVERAGE CLASS SIZE (as of the first school day in May)**

Grades	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 - 12
<b>School</b>							25.2	25.3	27.1	
<b>District</b>							25.2	25.3	27.1	
<b>State</b>							23.4	22.6	22.7	

**TIME DEVOTED TO TEACHING CORE SUBJECTS (Minutes Per Day)**

Grades	Mathematics			Science			English/Language Arts			Social Science		
	3	6	8	3	6	8	3	6	8	3	6	8
<b>School</b>		43	43		43	43		86	86		43	43
<b>District</b>		43	43		43	43		86	86		43	43
<b>State</b>		53	51		43	44		105	93		43	45

**TEACHER INFORMATION (Full-Time Equivalents)**

	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Native American	Male	Female	Total Number
District	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.0	84.0	88
State	84.9	9.2	4.6	1.2	0.2	23.1	76.9	126,996

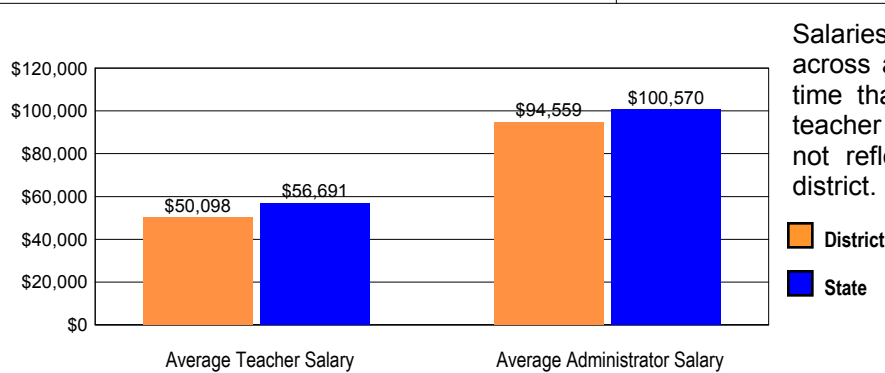
**TEACHER INFORMATION (Continued)**

	Average Teaching Experience (Years)	% of Teachers with Bachelor's Degrees	% of Teachers with Master's & Above	% of Teachers with Emergency or Provisional Credentials	% of Classes Not Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers
School	--	--	--	0.0	0.0
District	12.5	44.6	55.4	0.0	0.0
State	13.0	49.3	50.6	1.6	3.9

Some teacher/administrator data are not collected at the school level.

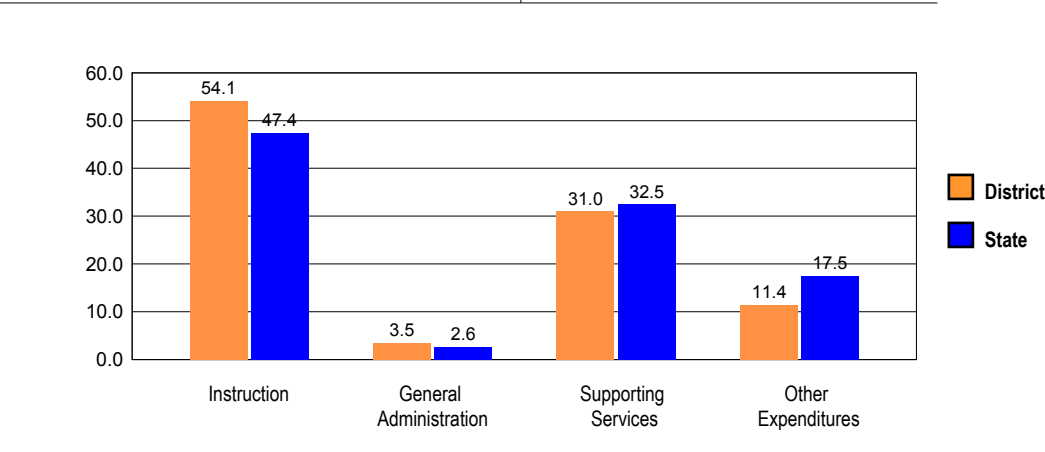
**SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCES**

**TEACHER/ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES (Full-Time Equivalents)**



Salaries and counts of staff are summed across a district based on the percentage of time that each individual is employed as a teacher or an administrator and may or may not reflect the actual paid salaries for the district.

**EXPENDITURE BY FUNCTION 2004-05 (Percentages)**



REVENUE BY SOURCE 2004-05				EXPENDITURE BY FUND 2004-05			
	District	District %	State %		District	District %	State %
Local Property Taxes	\$5,367,909	51.6	58.2	Education	\$7,690,864	74.7	72.2
Other Local Funding	\$1,058,071	10.2	5.1	Operations & Maintenance	\$933,587	9.1	8.4
General State Aid	\$2,713,852	26.1	18.5	Transportation	\$555,317	5.4	3.6
Other State Funding	\$1,098,225	10.6	10.1	Bond and Interest	\$807,803	7.8	6.6
Federal Funding	\$160,396	1.5	8.1	Rent	\$0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	\$10,398,453			Municipal Retirement/ Social Security	\$243,147	2.4	1.7
				Fire Prevention & Safety	\$64,273	0.6	1.1
				Site & Construction/ Capital Improvement	\$0	0.0	6.5
				TOTAL	\$10,294,991		

OTHER FINANCIAL INDICATORS				
	2003 Equalized Assessed Valuation per Pupil	2003 Total School Tax Rate per \$100	2004-05 Instructional Expenditure per Pupil	2004-05 Operating Expenditure per Pupil
District	\$116,917	3.42	\$4,219	\$6,824
State	**	**	\$5,366	\$9,099

\*\* Due to the way Illinois school districts are configured, state averages for equalized assessed valuation per pupil and total school tax rate per \$100 are not provided.

**Equalized assessed valuation** includes all computed property values upon which a district's local tax rate is calculated.

**Total school tax rate** is a district's total tax rate as it appears on local property tax bills.

**Instructional expenditure per pupil** includes the direct costs of teaching pupils or the interaction between teachers and pupils.

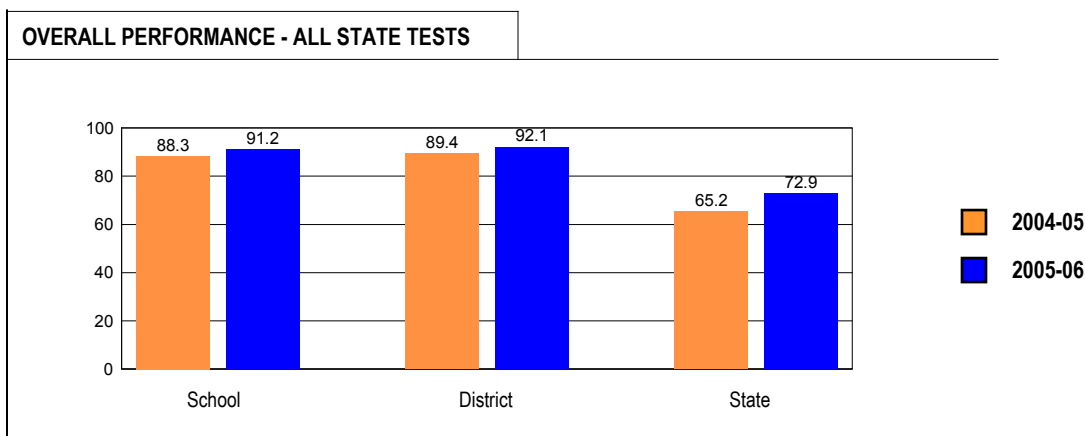
**Operating expenditure per pupil** includes the gross operating cost of a school district excluding summer school, adult education, bond principal retired, and capital expenditures.

## ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

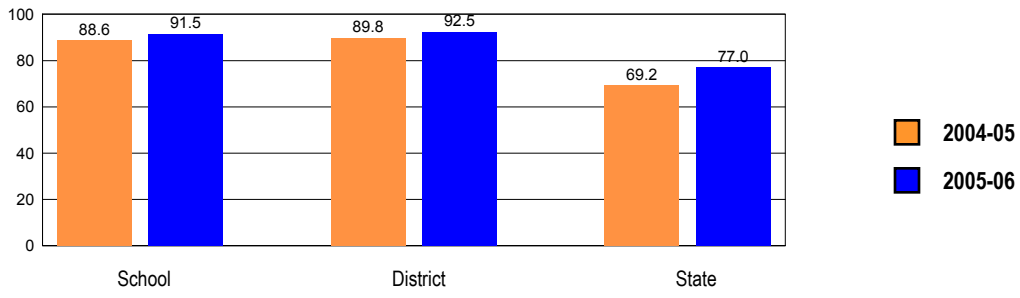
### OVERALL STUDENT PERFORMANCE

These charts present the overall percentages of state test scores categorized as meeting or exceeding the Illinois Learning Standards for your school, district, and the state. They represent your school's performance in reading, mathematics and science.

Caution: Data for 2004-05 should not be compared to data for 2005-06 because substantial changes were made to the state test in 2005-06 when testing in reading and mathematics was expanded to include all grades from grade 3 through grade 8. In 2004-05, such testing was limited only to selected grades. Although there were no changes in high school testing, data in high school report cards at the state level ( and also at the district level for unit districts) are not comparable between the two years because of changes in elementary school testing mentioned above.



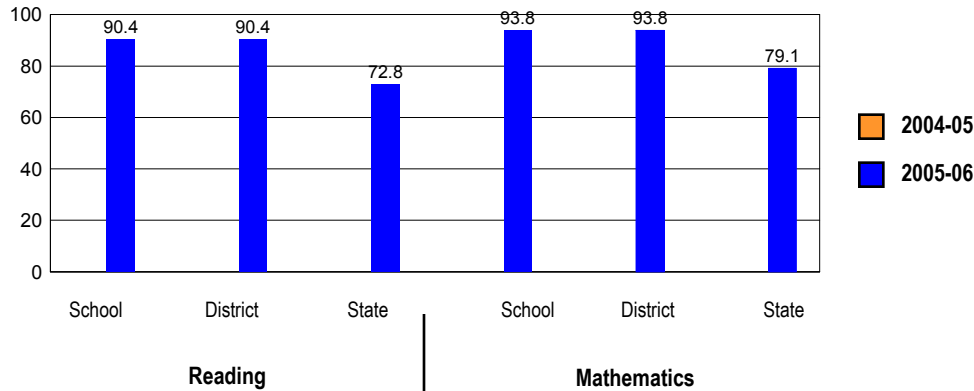
**OVERALL ILLINOIS STANDARDS ACHIEVEMENT TEST (ISAT) PERFORMANCE**



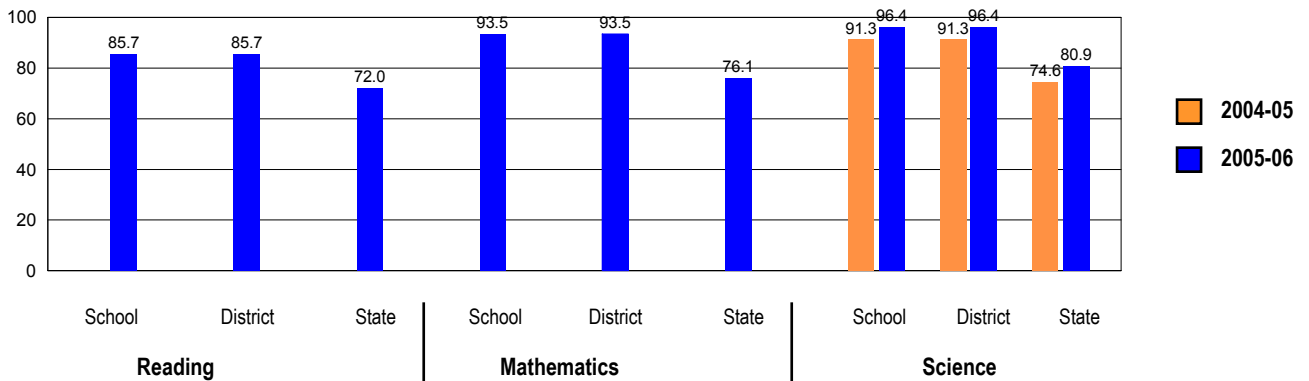
**ISAT PERFORMANCE**

These charts provide information on attainment of the Illinois Learning Standards. They show the percents of student scores meeting or exceeding Standards for the grades and subjects tested on ISAT. Data for 2004-05 in reading and mathematics for grades 4, 6, and 7 are not available because testing in these subjects for these grades began in 2005-06.

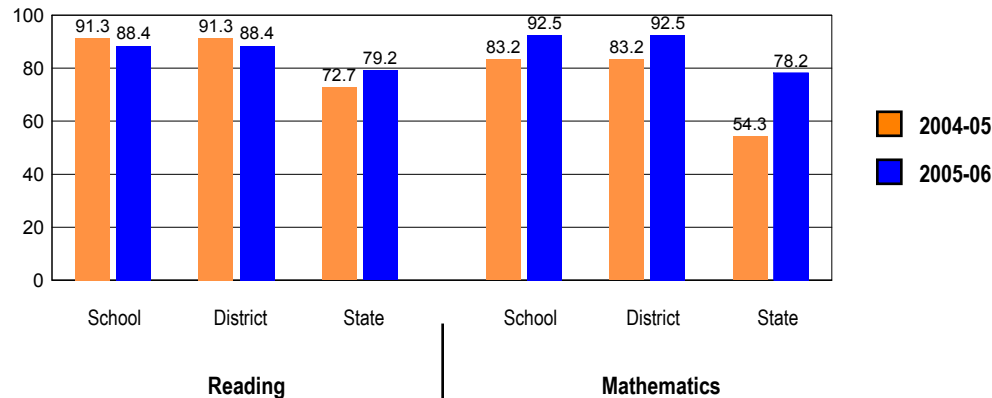
**ISAT Grade 6**



**ISAT Grade 7**



**ISAT Grade 8**



## PERFORMANCE ON STATE ASSESSMENTS

Federal law requires that student achievement results for reading, mathematics and science for schools providing Title I services be reported to the general public.

The Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) is administered to students in grades 3 through 8. The Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE) is administered to students in grade 11. The Illinois Measure of Annual Growth in English (IMAGE) is administered to limited-English-proficient students. The Illinois Alternate Assessment (IAA) is administered to students with disabilities whose Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) indicate that participation in the ISAT or PSAE would not be appropriate.

Students with disabilities have an IEP (No Child Left Behind Act). An IEP is a written plan for a child with a disability who is eligible to receive special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Schools with grade 2 as the highest grade in the school use a state-adopted test in reading and mathematics to meet this requirement.

In order to protect students' identities, test data for groups of fewer than ten students are not reported.

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS NOT TESTED IN STATE TESTING PROGRAMS														
		Gender			Racial/Ethnic Background						LEP	Migrant	Students with Disabilities	Economically Disadvantaged
		All	Male	Female	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American	Multi racial /Ethnic				
School	*Enrollment	500	244	256	463	21	11	3	2		2		66	56
	Reading	1.2	1.6	0.8	1.3	0.0	9.1						0.0	1.8
	Mathematics	1.2	1.6	0.8	1.3	0.0	9.1						0.0	1.8
District	*Enrollment	1,141	554	587	1,065	40	19	12	4	1	3	0	144	138
	Reading	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.0	5.3	0.0					0.0	0.7
	Mathematics	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.0	5.3	0.0					0.0	0.7
State	*Enrollment	1,097,519	560,894	536,602	610,160	220,827	201,628	41,301	2,481	19,622	67,464	368	160,049	461,179
	Reading	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	1.3	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.4	1.9	0.9	0.9
	Mathematics	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	1.3	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.4	1.9	0.9	0.9

\* Enrollment as reported during the testing windows.

### ILLINOIS STANDARDS ACHIEVEMENT TEST (ISAT)

The following tables show the percentages of student scores in each of four performance levels. These levels were established with the help of Illinois educators who teach the grade levels and learning areas tested. Due to rounding, the sum of the percentages in the four performance levels may not always equal 100.

- Level 1 -- Academic Warning - Student work demonstrates limited knowledge and skills in the subject. Because of major gaps in learning, students apply knowledge and skills ineffectively.
- Level 2 -- Below Standards - Student work demonstrates basic knowledge and skills in the subject. However, because of gaps in learning, students apply knowledge and skills in limited ways.
- Level 3 -- Meets Standards - Student work demonstrates proficient knowledge and skills in the subject. Students effectively apply knowledge and skills to solve problems.
- Level 4 -- Exceeds Standards - Student work demonstrates advanced knowledge and skills in the subject. Students creatively apply knowledge and skills to solve problems and evaluate the results.

**Grade 6****Grade 6 - All**

Levels	Reading				Mathematics			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
School	0.0	9.6	54.8	35.6	0.0	6.2	65.8	28.1
District	0.0	9.6	54.8	35.6	0.0	6.2	65.8	28.1
State	0.4	26.9	53.4	19.4	0.8	20.1	62.9	16.2

**Grade 6 - Gender**

Levels	Reading				Mathematics			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Male								
School	0.0	11.8	60.3	27.9	0.0	7.4	67.6	25.0
District	0.0	11.8	60.3	27.9	0.0	7.4	67.6	25.0
State	0.6	31.2	52.5	15.7	1.1	21.2	60.8	16.8
Female								
School	0.0	7.7	50.0	42.3	0.0	5.1	64.1	30.8
District	0.0	7.7	50.0	42.3	0.0	5.1	64.1	30.8
State	0.2	22.2	54.3	23.2	0.6	18.9	65.1	15.5

**Grade 6 - Racial/Ethnic Background**

Levels	Reading				Mathematics			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
White								
School	0.0	9.6	53.7	36.8	0.0	5.1	66.2	28.7
District	0.0	9.6	53.7	36.8	0.0	5.1	66.2	28.7
State	0.2	16.7	56.4	26.7	0.3	10.7	66.6	22.4
Black								
School								
District								
State	0.9	44.9	47.1	7.1	2.3	41.8	52.0	4.0
Hispanic								
School								
District								
State	0.4	38.6	51.9	9.1	0.8	24.5	67.1	7.6
Asian/Pacific Islander								
School								
District								
State	0.1	11.4	53.8	34.8	0.2	5.8	53.5	40.5
Native American								
School								
District								
State	0.6	23.2	58.5	17.6	0.8	15.4	66.4	17.4
Multiracial/Ethnic								
School								
District								
State	0.2	24.2	55.4	20.2	0.6	18.9	65.5	14.9

**Grade 6 - Students with Disabilities**

Levels	Reading				Mathematics			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
IEP								
School	0.0	30.0	65.0	5.0	0.0	35.0	60.0	5.0
District	0.0	30.0	65.0	5.0	0.0	35.0	60.0	5.0
State	2.2	64.8	29.5	3.5	4.1	50.3	42.5	3.1
Non-IEP								
School	0.0	6.3	53.2	40.5	0.0	1.6	66.7	31.7
District	0.0	6.3	53.2	40.5	0.0	1.6	66.7	31.7
State	0.1	20.7	57.3	22.0	0.3	15.2	66.2	18.3

**Grade 6 - Economically Disadvantaged**

Levels	Reading				Mathematics			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
<b>Free/Reduced Price Lunch</b>								
School	0.0	9.1	50.0	40.9	0.0	9.1	63.6	27.3
District	0.0	9.1	50.0	40.9	0.0	9.1	63.6	27.3
State	0.7	41.4	49.9	8.1	1.5	32.9	59.7	5.8
<b>Not Eligible</b>								
School	0.0	9.7	55.6	34.7	0.0	5.6	66.1	28.2
District	0.0	9.7	55.6	34.7	0.0	5.6	66.1	28.2
State	0.1	15.7	56.1	28.0	0.3	10.2	65.3	24.1



**Grade 7****Grade 7 - All**

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				Science			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
School	0.0	14.3	67.9	17.9	0.0	6.5	50.0	43.5	0.6	3.0	67.9	28.6
District	0.0	14.3	67.9	17.9	0.0	6.5	50.0	43.5	0.6	3.0	67.9	28.6
State	0.5	27.5	60.0	12.0	2.7	21.3	55.4	20.6	6.3	12.8	61.7	19.2

**Grade 7 - Gender**

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				Science				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	
Male	School	0.0	14.3	73.8	11.9	0.0	7.1	53.6	39.3	0.0	4.8	65.5	29.8
	District	0.0	14.3	73.8	11.9	0.0	7.1	53.6	39.3	0.0	4.8	65.5	29.8
	State	0.8	31.0	57.7	10.5	3.3	22.1	53.0	21.6	7.5	12.8	58.3	21.4
Female	School	0.0	14.3	61.9	23.8	0.0	6.0	46.4	47.6	1.2	1.2	70.2	27.4
	District	0.0	14.3	61.9	23.8	0.0	6.0	46.4	47.6	1.2	1.2	70.2	27.4
	State	0.3	23.9	62.3	13.5	2.0	20.4	58.0	19.6	5.1	12.8	65.2	16.9

**Grade 7 - Racial/Ethnic Background**

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				Science				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	
White	School	0.0	13.3	69.0	17.7	0.0	5.7	50.6	43.7	0.0	2.5	68.4	29.1
	District	0.0	13.3	69.0	17.7	0.0	5.7	50.6	43.7	0.0	2.5	68.4	29.1
	State	0.3	18.9	64.6	16.2	1.3	12.9	57.5	28.2	3.1	7.3	61.8	27.9
Black	School												
	District												
	State	1.2	46.2	48.8	3.8	6.5	41.1	47.5	4.9	14.1	24.2	58.0	3.6
Hispanic	School												
	District												
	State	0.5	36.3	57.6	5.7	2.8	27.1	60.6	9.5	8.2	18.8	66.8	6.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	School												
	District												
	State	0.1	11.7	65.5	22.7	0.6	6.5	45.3	47.6	2.0	4.6	57.7	35.7
Native American	School												
	District												
	State	0.8	20.8	63.8	14.8	3.0	17.8	58.0	21.3	4.8	10.3	62.7	22.3
Multiracial/Ethnic	School												
	District												
	State	0.3	27.3	58.7	13.7	2.7	21.8	55.6	19.9	5.7	12.7	63.2	18.4

**Grade 7 - Students with Disabilities**

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				Science				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	
IEP	School	0.0	56.0	44.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	68.0	12.0	4.0	8.0	72.0	16.0
	District	0.0	56.0	44.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	68.0	12.0	4.0	8.0	72.0	16.0
	State	3.0	67.3	27.9	1.7	13.3	50.5	32.8	3.4	24.6	26.8	44.1	4.5
Non-IEP	School	0.0	7.0	72.0	21.0	0.0	4.2	46.9	49.0	0.0	2.1	67.1	30.8
	District	0.0	7.0	72.0	21.0	0.0	4.2	46.9	49.0	0.0	2.1	67.1	30.8
	State	0.1	20.9	65.3	13.7	0.9	16.4	59.2	23.5	3.3	10.5	64.6	21.6

**Grade 7 - Economically Disadvantaged**

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				Science				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	
Free/Reduced Price Lunch	School	0.0	36.4	54.5	9.1	0.0	18.2	63.6	18.2	9.1	9.1	63.6	18.2
	District	0.0	36.4	54.5	9.1	0.0	18.2	63.6	18.2	9.1	9.1	63.6	18.2
	State	0.9	41.9	52.7	4.5	4.8	34.0	54.0	7.3	11.0	20.8	62.2	6.0
Not Eligible	School	0.0	12.7	68.8	18.5	0.0	5.7	49.0	45.2	0.0	2.5	68.2	29.3
	District	0.0	12.7	68.8	18.5	0.0	5.7	49.0	45.2	0.0	2.5	68.2	29.3
	State	0.3	17.5	65.1	17.2	1.2	12.4	56.4	30.0	3.0	7.2	61.3	28.4

**Grade 8**

**Grade 8 - All**

Levels	Reading				Mathematics			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
School	0.0	11.6	67.1	21.4	0.0	7.5	54.6	37.9
District	0.0	11.6	67.1	21.4	0.0	7.5	54.6	37.9
State	0.2	20.6	70.2	9.0	2.1	19.7	52.7	25.5

**Grade 8 - Gender**

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	
Male	School	0.0	16.5	63.5	20.0	0.0	9.4	50.6	40.0
	District	0.0	16.5	63.5	20.0	0.0	9.4	50.6	40.0
	State	0.3	23.6	68.3	7.8	2.4	20.8	50.8	26.0
Female	School	0.0	6.8	70.5	22.7	0.0	5.6	58.4	36.0
	District	0.0	6.8	70.5	22.7	0.0	5.6	58.4	36.0
	State	0.1	17.5	72.1	10.3	1.7	18.5	54.8	25.0

**Grade 8 - Racial/Ethnic Background**

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	
White	School	0.0	11.3	66.0	22.6	0.0	6.9	54.4	38.8
	District	0.0	11.3	66.0	22.6	0.0	6.9	54.4	38.8
	State	0.1	13.5	73.9	12.4	1.0	12.0	52.9	34.1
Black	School								
	District								
	State	0.5	35.9	61.7	1.9	5.2	38.6	49.1	7.1
Hispanic	School								
	District								
	State	0.2	28.7	67.5	3.6	2.0	25.8	59.3	12.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	School								
	District								
	State	0.0	9.0	71.9	19.0	0.5	6.4	40.0	53.1
Native American	School								
	District								
	State	0.3	18.0	73.5	8.2	0.8	17.3	58.4	23.6
Multiracial/Ethnic	School								
	District								
	State	0.4	19.4	70.9	9.3	1.9	19.7	55.1	23.3

**Grade 8 - Students with Disabilities**

Levels		Reading				Mathematics			
		1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
IEP	School	0.0	58.8	41.2	0.0	0.0	29.4	64.7	5.9
	District	0.0	58.8	41.2	0.0	0.0	29.4	64.7	5.9
	State	1.3	61.1	36.8	0.8	10.1	52.2	34.1	3.6
Non-IEP	School	0.0	6.4	69.9	23.7	0.0	5.1	53.5	41.4
	District	0.0	6.4	69.9	23.7	0.0	5.1	53.5	41.4
	State	0.0	13.8	75.8	10.4	0.7	14.2	55.9	29.2

**Grade 8 - Economically Disadvantaged**

Levels		Reading				Mathematics			
		1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Free/Reduced Price Lunch	School	0.0	22.2	50.0	27.8	0.0	16.7	44.4	38.9
	District	0.0	22.2	50.0	27.8	0.0	16.7	44.4	38.9
	State	0.4	32.8	63.9	2.9	3.8	32.2	53.7	10.4
Not Eligible	School	0.0	10.3	69.0	20.6	0.0	6.4	55.8	37.8
	District	0.0	10.3	69.0	20.6	0.0	6.4	55.8	37.8
	State	0.1	12.7	74.2	12.9	1.0	11.6	52.1	35.3

## 2006 ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS (AYP) Status Report

Is this school making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)?	Yes	Has this school been identified for School Improvement according to the AYP specifications of the federal No Child Left Behind Act?	No
Is this school making AYP in Reading?	Yes	2006-07 Federal Improvement Status	
Is this school making AYP in Mathematics?	Yes	2006-07 State Improvement Status	

	Percent Tested on State Tests				Percent Meeting/Exceeding Standards *						Other Indicators			
	Reading		Mathematics		Reading			Mathematics			Attendance Rate		Graduation Rate	
	%	Met AYP	%	Met AYP	%	Safe Harbor Target **	Met AYP	%	Safe Harbor Target **	Met AYP	%	Met AYP	%	Met AYP
<b>State AYP Minimum Target</b>	95.0		95.0		47.5			47.5			89.0		69.0	
<b>All</b>	98.8	Yes	98.8	Yes	88.5		Yes	94.3		Yes	95.2	Yes		
<b>White</b>	98.7	Yes	98.7	Yes	88.9		Yes	95.3		Yes				
<b>Black</b>														
<b>Hispanic</b>														
<b>Asian/Pacific Islander</b>														
<b>Native American</b>														
<b>Multiracial /Ethnic</b>														
<b>LEP</b>														
<b>Students with Disabilities</b>	100.0	Yes	100.0	Yes	52.7		Yes	74.5		Yes				
<b>Economically Disadvantaged</b>	98.2	Yes	98.2	Yes										

The four conditions for making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) are:

1. At least 95% tested in reading and mathematics for every student group. If the current year participation rate is less than 95%, this condition may be met if the average of the current and preceding year rates is at least 95%, or if the average of the current and two preceding years is at least 95%. Only actual participation rates are printed. If the participation rate printed is less than 95% and yet this school makes AYP, it means that the 95% condition was met by averaging.
2. At least 47.5% meeting/exceeding standards in reading and mathematics for every group. For any group with less than 47.5% meeting/exceeding standards, a 95% confidence interval was applied. Subgroups may meet this condition through Safe Harbor provisions. \*\*\*
3. For schools not making AYP solely because the IEP group fails to have 47.5% meeting/exceeding standards, 14% may be added to this variable in accordance with the federal 2% flexibility provision.
4. At least 89% attendance rate for non-high schools and at least 69% graduation rate for high schools.

\* Includes only students enrolled as of 5/01/2005.

\*\* Safe Harbor Targets of 47.5% or above are not printed.

\*\*\* Subgroups with fewer than 45 students are not reported. Safe Harbor only applies to subgroups of 45 or more. In order for Safe Harbor to apply, a subgroup must decrease by 10% the percentage of scores that did not meet state standards from the previous year plus meet the other indicators (attendance rate for non-high schools and graduation rate for high schools) for the subgroup. For subgroups that do not meet their Safe Harbor Targets, a 75% confidence interval is applied. Safe Harbor allows schools an alternate method to meet subgroup minimum targets on achievement.

Stephen Mack Middle School is an academically challenging middle school with high teacher and student expectations. Our curriculum is continually evolving and improving, as is evidenced by our ISAT results.

Unfortunately, 2006 ISAT results were not received in a timely manner to aid in school improvement planning in the summer and fall of this school year. While the ISBE originally promised preliminary ISAT results by June 1, 2006, we, in actuality, did not receive complete student score information until February 2007, just weeks before the 2007 ISAT assessment testing cycle was to begin.

Nevertheless, the state standards and implementing our standards-based curriculum are the main components of our 2006-2007 School Improvement Plan. In our middle school, every student has a reading class. However, technical reading occurs in every class, especially science and social studies. We identified that our staff could do a better job of preparing their students for success with technical, content-area reading, but that this was too big a task merely to be part of the reading class. This year, our staff has been receiving instruction on best practices for teaching their students how to read technical content-area material for each particular curriculum area. This year, we have already accomplished a small part of this improvement. We look forward to receiving our 2007 ISAT results in a timely manner and to continuing this improvement effort with hard data to back it up.

At Stephen Mack, our ultimate goal is for 90% of our students to meet or exceed state standards in every curriculum area with an increasing percentage exceeding each year. While this is an ambitious target, it is not unobtainable. To improve our school curriculum, the school district has hired a curriculum coordinator to assist in developing a comprehensive K-8 and beyond curriculum plan. Our teachers are realigning what they teach and when. We are working closely with Hononegah High School to dovetail our curriculums, assuring the ultimate success of our students in high school and beyond. We are working to offer more challenging curriculum to talented and motivated students who do not meet the official qualifications of 'gifted'. We have a model anti-bullying curriculum to assure that peer issues are not hurting student achievement. And yet, there are still plenty of opportunities to have fun and just be a kid at Stephen Mack.

With our high expectations, we are preparing our students for high school, college, and life!