Kolling Elementary

School Improvement Plan Lake Central School Corporation 2019-2022



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LCSC Mission Statement

The mission of the Lake Central School Corporation, as a family, community, and school partnership, is to ensure that each student becomes a self-directed learner and a contributing responsible citizen through an instructional delivery system that engages students in achieving their personal best.

LCSC Belief Statements

What We Believe:

- Each individual has dignity and worth.
- Students are our number one priority.
- People are responsible for their actions.
- Excellence will only be achieved through continuous improvement.
- Everyone can learn.
- People learn in different ways and at different rates.
- Teachers are critically important in every student's education.
- Education is a responsibility shared by students, staff, families and the entire community.
- School provides a foundation for a lifetime of learning.
- A positive school environment is essential for learning.
- Success builds self-confidence.
- Educated and involved citizens are necessary to sustain a democratic society.

Narrative Description

Kolling Elementary is located in St. John, Indiana. It was named after a former trustee, Mr. Michael Kolling. Mr. Kolling served as a trustee for the community from 1939-1946 and 1950-1954. Mr. Kolling lived in Schererville, IN and housed the public library in his home for many years. He was 79 years old when he died in 1967.

Kolling is situated on eight acres of land. A portion of the land contains woods and swamp area. In 1981, spearheaded by a Kolling teacher, a nature trail was cut through a portion of the wooded area. This trail is used by students from Kolling and other Lake Central elementary schools.

Construction of Kolling began in August 1954. The school opened its doors in September 1955, with 14 classrooms, a cafeteria, and playroom. Grades 1-6 attended. Kolling was built to ease the overcrowding of Dyer, IN. Shortly after opening, seven additional classrooms had to be housed in the Dyer Town Hall and the Methodist Church due to overcrowding. Enrollment reached a peak of 765 in the sixties. At one time classrooms were also housed in the Kahler Middle School Annex, Lake Hills Baptist Church, and the Town Hall. Four classrooms were also put in the gym. In 1960 seven classrooms were added. In 1987 four more classrooms were added, a new gym, and a cafeteria. The old gym became the library and computer lab. In 1994 two new kindergarten rooms were added. Two portables were added in 1991 and two more in 1993. In 1999 six classrooms were added expanding Kolling from its original 14 classrooms. The portables were removed in the fall of 2001. In the summer of 2018, a classroom was added in the library space, bringing the total number of classrooms to 36. Currently 31 are grade-level classrooms, 1 music, 1 art, 2 computer labs, and one special education class.

Narrative of our Community

St John covers 6.5 square miles in Lake County. It is located 35 miles southeast of Chicago, 145 miles north of Indianapolis and just west of Merrillville, Indiana. It is generally agreed that the town of St. John, Indiana had its early beginnings when the family of John Hack settled here in 1837, five years after the peace treaty with the Indians was signed and thirty- seven years after the Indiana Territory was admitted to the Union (1800). John Hack was of German descent, a farmer who could not own property in his native country of Germany. John encouraged other families of the same descent to settle and make what is now known as St. John their home. As more and more families settled in the area it began to flourish as a town.

Presently St. John continues to be considered a town. The head governing body is the Town Council with a council president and three council members. The primary source of revenue is property taxes. St. John has one library, 16 local parks, 1 public and 1 private golf course. There are several small local industries of 15 or fewer employees. Local businesses such as Target, Dunkin Donuts, Dairy Queen, Walgreens, and Strack & Van Til have supported our efforts to assist children who are in need, and or support our efforts to recognize student achievement. They also support our school programs through their generous giving.

Organizations active within the town of St. John are the Rotary Club, Lions Club, V.F.W., Women's Club, Chamber of Commerce, and Partners in Contracting Corp. These organizations have been very supportive of our school and our students.

School District

The Lake Central School District includes the towns of St. John, Schererville, and Dyer. It consists of six elementary schools, three middle schools, and one high school. The high school utilizes a matrix schedule to meet the instructional needs of the students. Our Central Office personnel include the Superintendent, Director of Human Resources, Primary Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Secondary Director of Curriculum and Instruction, a Business Director, a Technology Director, Director of Buildings and Grounds, Director of Transportation, and Maintenance Director.

District wide, Lake Central has continued to experience a population growth. Building additions have been made at several schools in recent years. Protsman Elementary was rebuilt in 2014 and Lake Central High School was rebuilt in 2015. Lake Central School Corporation redistricted in 1992, 1996, and 2002.

2018-2019 Current Enrollment Data

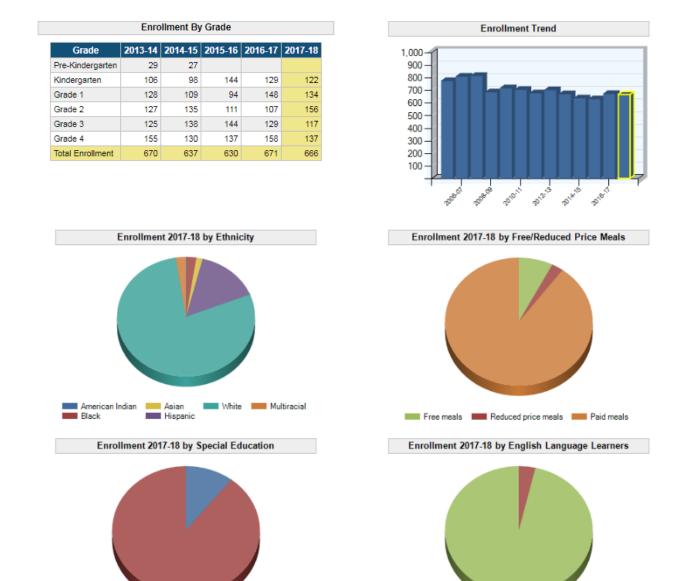
Kolling presently services students, kindergarten through fourth grade.

This includes:

- 8 full day kindergarten classes serving 155 students
- 6 sections of first grade for a total of 138 students
- 6 sections of second grade for a total of 136 students
- 6 sections of third grade for a total of 165 students
- 5 sections of fourth grade for a total of 124 students

Our total population for 2018-2019 is 718 students.

Kolling Elementary 2017-2018 Enrollment Information from IDOE



English Language Learner Non-English Language Learner

Special Education General Education

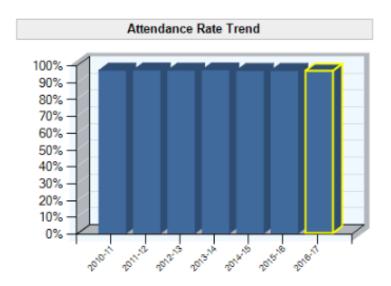
Special Education Enrollment Data

Special Education services are made available to qualifying Lake Central students through West Lake Cooperative. A continuum of services is offered to meet the varied needs of our special education students. This continuum begins with the least restrictive service, which is consultation. Consultation services require the special education teacher meet with the classroom teacher on a regular basis in order to discuss the student's progress and collaborate on how to best meet the student's needs in the general education classroom. The next level of services is direct. The student meets with the special education teacher individually, or in a small group, for a specified period of time. The most restrictive programming offered at Kolling is resource room services. Students requiring resource room services spend a large block of time in the special education classroom. Students receiving resource room services are assigned to a general education grade level appropriate classroom for homeroom, specials, lunch and recess. If a student requires services that are more restrictive than resource room, the Special Education Case Conference Committee would meet to determine if a change of placement/alternative setting would be more appropriate.

Attendance

Kolling has surpassed the average state attendance rate and the expected 95% rate of attendance, both which are set by the state. An analysis of the absence reports indicates at least one dozen families take their children out of school the day before or after a vacation to extend the holiday. They also take their family vacations during the school attendance period. We continue to address this growing concern through communication home and attendance incentives for students.

Attendance By Grade								
Grade	2010- 11	2011- 12	2012- 13	2013- 14	2014- 15	2015- 16	2016- 17	
Pre- Kindergarten	100.0%	100.0%			99.9%			
Kindergarten	95.2%	96.5%	96.4%	96.7%	96.2%	96.3%	95.7%	
Grade 1	96.3%	96.4%	96.3%	96.7%	96.6%	96.7%	96.8%	
Grade 2	97.1%	97.0%	96.6%	96.6%	96.4%	97.2%	96.4%	
Grade 3	97.0%	97.0%	97.1%	97.2%	96.7%	96.7%	97.2%	
Grade 4	97.2%	97.0%	97.1%	97.5%	97.1%	96.3%	96.4%	
All Grades	96.7%	96.9%	96.7%	97.0%	96.7%	96.6%	96.5%	



Educational Programs and Supports

High Ability Program

The high ability program begins in first grade. Students are identified for the program through a combination of assessments. Students are assessed for high ability in grades K and 2. These assessments include CoGAT, and IOWA Test of Basic Skills.

RtI Program

All classroom teachers use a combination of assessments to determine if students show a pattern of at-risk academic or behavior levels. The RtI committee continually reviews building-wide data from a combination of assessments as an additional group of educational professionals that are looking to identify at-risk learners and provide prompt intervention and progress monitoring. Students whose data show no at-risk behaviors or academic skill deficits continue to receive core instruction through the general education curriculum. Students who show at-risk behaviors or academic skill deficits are referred to the Intervention Assistance Team (IAT). Once in the IAT process, students are placed in Tier 2 or Tier 3 levels of the RtI process depending on student needs. Tier 1 support is the core general curriculum. Tier 2 support is the general curriculum with additional interventions in areas of weakness. Students move to Tier 3 support when data at the Tier 2 level show that significant gains are not being made. Tier 3 support provides more intense interventions at smaller teacher-student ratios.

The IAT team works to gather data, determine areas of strengths and weaknesses, identify interventions that will be used to close identified gaps, develop a timeline to progress monitor, and set benchmark meeting dates. IAT meetings are held for individual students multiple times per year and are attended by Lake Central staff members who provide RtI services to the student. IAT team members include an administrator, the classroom teacher, and the student's parents. IAT members may include, depending on areas of RtI services, reading specialists, school service provider, nurse, school psychologist, and West Lake specialists.

Health Services

Kolling is fortunate to have a full time nurse to assist students in a variety of ways. The nurse cares for students who are ill and dispenses prescribed medication. She also provides teacher in-service training when appropriate. Topics such as universal precautions, food allergies, and more have been discussed. The nurse plans and organizes the vision, hearing, and scoliosis screenings for students. She works closely with the school service provider to assist with issues such as personal cleanliness, extended illness, and more.

School Service Provider

The school service provider spends 5 days per week at Kolling. During this period of time, she works with students who are experiencing a variety of problems. This may be due to family loss by death or divorce, social and emotional difficulties, behavioral and attendance issues, and student mental health. She coordinates the scheduling of field trips, classroom lessons, and speakers, etc. that deal with social, family, and self-concept issues. The school service provider communicates often with teachers and parents keeping them apprised of student concerns and assisting them in ways that help students experience success in the classroom and with their peers. Additionally, the School Service provider teachers several health standards in classrooms.

Student Council

Our student council program was established in 2001. It began with fourth and fifth grade students. Our fifth grade students have been moved to the middle school, so our student council is now made up of third and fourth grade students. Interested students in grades 3 and 4 who meet the criteria for grades, behavior, and attendance are welcome to join student council. Student council is an organization that develops leadership qualities and provides a service to the school and community. The student council also raises money for Riley's Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, IN and other charitable organizations in our community. Our student council is a member of the Indiana Association of Student Councils.

Book Fair

Each fall our library hosts a Scholastic Book Fair for our students. This gives students an opportunity to build their home library and a chance for the library to increase its selection through the profits of the fair. The Scholastic Book Fair is open to parents. Students attend the book fair during their planned Library time, and have the opportunity to come back after school. The book fair is a week-long event.

One School One Book

Our school has participated in the One School One Book program since the 2011-2012 school year. This is a month-long program that promotes literacy and family involvement. Every student and staff member takes part in reading the same book over a month-long schedule and participate in building-wide activities that coordinate with

the book and promote involvement, literacy, and family support in education.

Educational Field Trips

Field trips are scheduled by classroom teachers. They are an extension of classroom instruction. Field trip objectives must be in line with the Lake Central and Indiana Academic Standards. Field trips provide students the opportunity to connect book learning to real life.

Science Fair

Students in all grades are encouraged to participate in the Kolling science fair. All students view the science projects/experiments during the school day and there is an evening program for the community to attend.

Accelerated Reader Program

This is a voluntary program for our students in grades 1-4. Students who participate read AR books outside of school and take the quizzes for points. They may visit the AR store at the end of each grading period to buy items with their points. Each year, the school sets an AR goal for how many points we aim to earn as a school. If we reach our yearly goal, there is a school-wide incentive.

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Kolling provides services for students who are English Learners (EL) that are aligned with the WIDA Consortium. We have students that speak various languages including Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Serbian, and Ukrainian. These students receive push-in services in their classrooms, depending on the amount of services that are needed. WIDA assessments are used annually to measure growth in the English language. We provide EL support to EL students until they obtain a 5 on WIDA and the committee decides they no long need EL support.

Tutoring

Our corporation has put a tutoring program in place for all schools. Beginning in September students have the opportunity to come to school from 7:30-8:00 on Wednesdays and Thursdays for tutoring. In order for a student to receive <u>tutoring</u> services, there must be data that supports the need. Parents must give the permission for their child to receive tutoring, and parents must provide transportation to tutoring.

Parental Participation

Kolling is fortunate to have strong parental support. This includes many volunteer hours and financial support. Our parents value education and take their role as their child's first teacher seriously. Many classrooms have parents that volunteer to help with classroom projects. Our PTO is also a positive force at Kolling. It provides a great deal of financial support to the school and individual classrooms. They organize or help with many activities for our students and families. PTO sub-committee members volunteer to make photocopies, put up bulletin boards, and work with students.

Technology as a Learning Tool

The Lake Central School Corporation supports technology use in our schools in a variety of ways. A corporation-wide technology support team exists, headed by a technology director. The Technology Director oversees the purchase and maintenance of equipment and software. He also assists administrators planning for technological use in their buildings. A series of workshops are offered to staff through our technology department. Kolling shares a technology trainer with two other schools. Teachers may call upon the technology department to assist them with any of their hardware/software needs or professional development with various technology resources that can be used in the classroom.

Kolling has three desktop labs that are utilized by grades K-4. The most recent of the three was added at the beginning of the 2015-16 school year. One of the labs is used for specials rotation. Each class has a scheduled time for its use. The lab is primarily used for computer skill practice and programs that guide students through online reading and math lessons. Additionally, 10 iPad carts with 30 tablets each and 12 Chromebook carts with 30 devices each are available for classroom use. Classroom computers are used for skill practice as well as internet research, writing, and other student produced projects.

Each device is connected to our media retrieval system. Teachers use their computer and projector to show educational programs and videos. They also use them to post daily agendas, homework, and project computer images to the class. Other technological equipment used includes video cameras, digital cameras, digital presenters, laptop carts, and SMART Boards in all classrooms.

Description and Location of Curriculum

The present corporation-wide curriculum is aligned with the new college and career readiness Indiana Academic Standards. A district committee for each core content area is established with a building representative for each grade level to do backward design based on the IAS. The district coordinated professional development with experts on the standards and state assessments to train teachers on the process of backward design that aligns with the IAS. Curriculum and assessment decisions continue to be monitored and updated annually under the guidance of the district's director of primary instruction and one of the 6 elementary principals who work to oversee the work of each committee. Each adoption year a textbook committee works to adopt textbooks that are aligned with the IAS.

<u>Titles and Descriptions of Assessment Instruments Other Than ISTEP+</u>

Students Entering Kindergarten

Students who meet the state requirements for entry into kindergarten are given a hearing and vision screening. Students are also screened for developmental readiness. Early entrance students are no longer accepted beginning with the 2018-2019 school year due to the removal of funding for students who do not meet the date of birth cut-off.

Reading Foundational Skills Benchmarks

Kolling uses benchmark assessments for reading foundational skills to progress monitor students in grades K-2. Benchmarks assessments include first sound fluency, letter ID, letter sound, and sight words. Reading foundational skills benchmarks are also used to identify the need for early intervention and as a progress monitoring tool for more frequent assessments with the at-risk student population.

Amplify Atlas (Running Record Assessment)

Amplify Atlas is used three times per year as a running record assessment with students in grades K-3. All fourth-grade students participate in the beginning of the year screening. Fourth grade uses Amplify Atlas as a progress monitoring tool for any student that has not mastered the fourth grade reading level. This informs teachers of error patterns and reading comprehension levels. It helps to establish levels for differentiated instruction. Amplify Atlas is also used as a progress monitoring tool for more frequent assessments with the at-risk student population.

Pivot Assessments for ELA

Pivot assessments are administered twice per year in 1-4. These are taken in the computer lab and results are used by teachers for instructional purposes. Pivot assessments in grades 3 and 4 mirror the content seen on the ILEARN ELA and Mathematics assessments. Pivot provides immediate, actionable data and is linked to instructional resources for further practice and intervention relative to state standards. The Pivot assessments help educators to understand student strengths and weaknesses, as well as view accurate reports for individual students and wholegroup instruction. Kindergarten uses benchmark checklists assessments as an alternative to Pivot.

Dreambox Learning

The district has purchased a Dreambox license to service all students K-4. The online program is designed to support students with high-quality, research-based math lessons that continually adjusts to individual students in order to tailor every math lesson and ensure that students work in their optimal learning zone. The district sets goals for the number of lessons that each child should complete depending on their grade level. Usage and student data are monitored regularly to assist with instructional decisions.

Lucy Calkins Units of Study in Opinion/Argument, Information, and Narrative Writing Curriculum

The district has adopted the Lucy Calkins Units of Study Writing Curriculum in grades K-4. This curriculum is based on 35 years of research, development, and best practice to prepare students for 21st century college and career readiness skills. Each grade level has its own grade-specific plans for teaching writing workshops that help students meet the IAS that are based on college and career readiness skills.

Non-standardized Classroom Assessments

Teachers also use a variety of informal classroom assessments to monitor student progress and skill mastery in all subjects. Examples used in reading include the following:

- Curriculum Embedded Performance Assessments (CEPAs)
- Selection assessments
- Vocabulary assessments
- Skills tests
- Cumulative reviews
- Conferences
- Unit tests
- Cold reads
- Building benchmark data

The following informal assessments are examples used to monitor student progress and skill mastery in math:

- CEPAs
- Daily problem sets
- Quizzes
- Unit tests
- Frequent fact assessments
- SmartBoard activities
- Building benchmark data
- MCAP

The following informal assessments are used to monitor progress in writing:

- Student writing samples
- Response to literature
- Journals
- Essays
- Calkins writing rubrics

The following informal assessments are used to assess student understanding and mastery in science, health, and social studies:

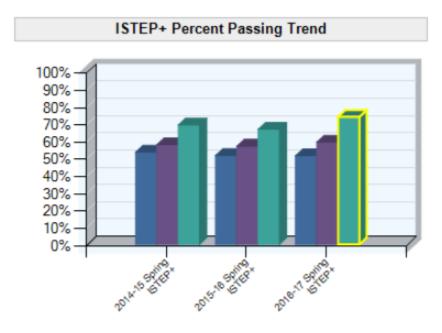
- Chapter tests
- Unit tests
- Hands-on projects
- Reports

Summary of Data

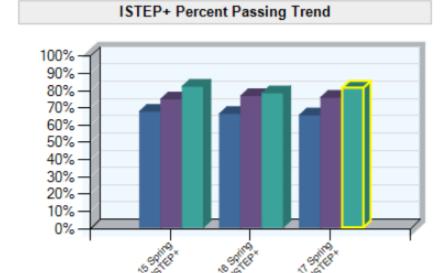
Kolling school data and data from all Indiana accredited schools can be found on the DOE Compass website at http://compass.doe.in.gov/dashboard/overview.aspx

All Grades Passage Rate for both ELA and Math

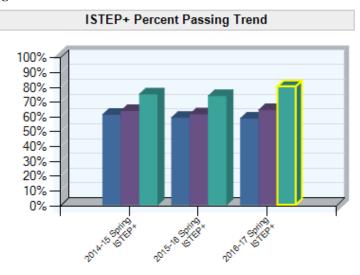




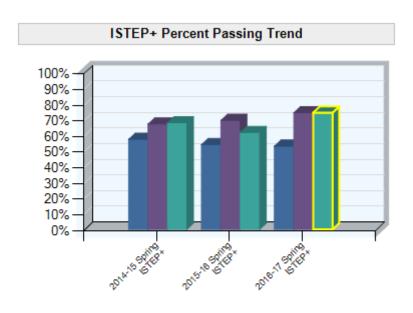
All Grades Passage Rate for ELA



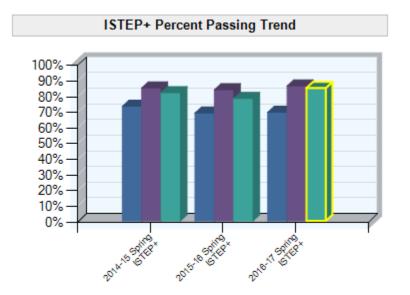
All Grades Passage Rate for Math



Grade 3 Passage Rate for both ELA and Math



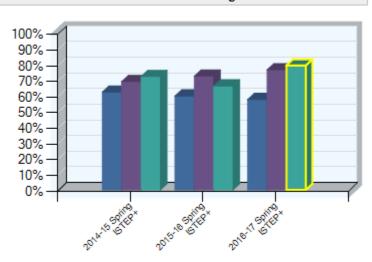
Grade 3 Passage Rate for ELA



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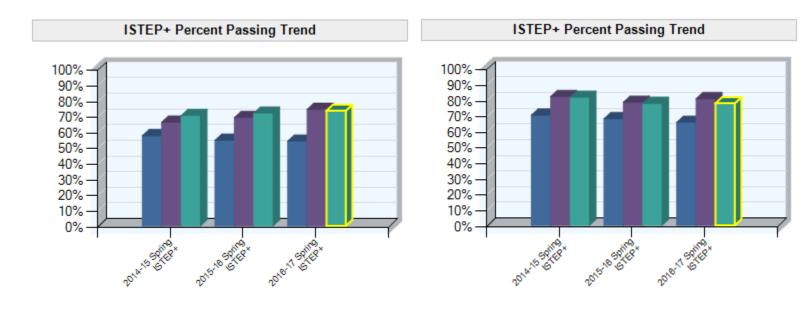
Grade 3 Passage Rate for Math

ISTEP+ Percent Passing Trend



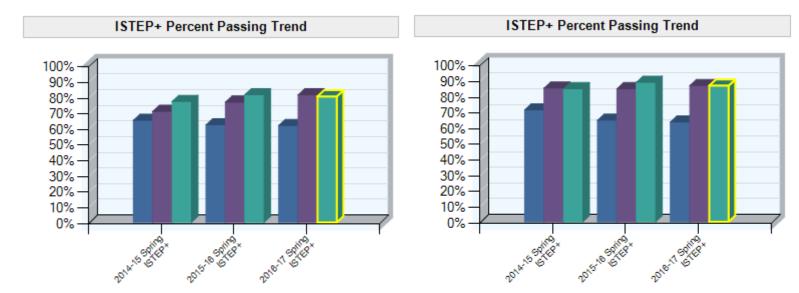
Grade 4 Passage Rate for both ELA and Math

Grade 4 Passage Rate for ELA



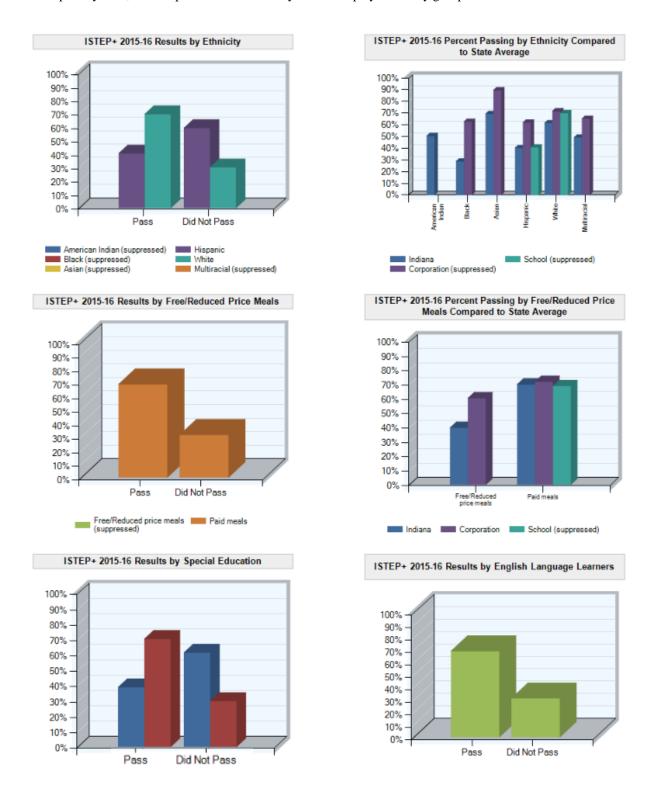
Grade 4 Passage Rate for Math

Grade 4 Passage Rate for Science



Student Performance Data by Group

Performance data by group is only available on IDOE Compass only through the 2015-2016 school year. Due to federal privacy laws, student performance data may not be displayed for any group fewer than 10 students.



The following information is from the PearsonAccess Website (Academic Standards Report) at https://in.pearsonaccessnext.com/customer/index.action?fromLogin=true. Data from Spring 2015 transitioned to new, more rigorous college-and-career ready standards and a new statewide assessment to measure these standards. Therefore, results are not comparable to previous data.

Grade 3 Academic Standards Summary Percent Mastery

3 year comparison

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Content	Spring 2015	Spring 2016	Spring 2017	Spring 2018
Area/Academic				
Standard				
English/Language Arts				
Nonfiction, Vocabulary	80	79.59	87.4	83.76
& Media Literacy				
Literature and	74	74.15	83.46	78.63
Vocabulary				
Writing: Genres, Writing	81	81.63	84.25	78.63
Process, and Research				
Process				
Conventions of Standard	82	81.63	86.1	79.49
English				
Mathematics				
Number Sense	70	62.42	78.74	71.79
Computation	72	60.40	77.17	68.38
Algebraic Thinking and	74	66.44	78.74	73.5
Data Analysis				
Geometry and	72	65.10	78.74	71.79
Measurement				
Mathematical Process	N/A	67.79	78.74	77.78

Grade 4 Academic Standards Summary

Percent Mastery

3 year comparison

Content	Spring 2015	Spring 2016	Spring 2017	Spring 2018
	Spring 2015	Spring 2016	Spring 2017	Spring 2016
Area/Academic				
Standard				
English/Language Arts				
Nonfiction, Vocabulary	78.68	78.68	76.62	76.64
& Media Literacy				
Literature and	76.47	76.47	78.62	75.91
Vocabulary				
Writing: Genres, Writing	76.47	76.47	76.10	79.56
Process, and Research				
Process				
Conventions of Standard	78.68	78.68	79.25	78.83
English				
Mathematics				
Number Sense	77	80.15	81.13	86.13
Computation	77	80.00	81.13	84.67
Algebraic Thinking and	79	78.68	81.76	86.13
Data Analysis				
Geometry and	77	82.35	79.87	88.32
Measurement				
Mathematical Process	N/A	85.29	66.67	83.21

The following conclusions were made using available ISTEP+ data for Kolling Elementary:

- 1. Kolling percentage passing scores for Spring 2018 ISTEP+ are above state and district average in all subjects and grades tested.
- 2. Scores for 3rd grade students did not show any discrepancies between Nonfiction Text and Literary Text according to ISTEP+ data from Spring 2015-Spring 2018.
- 3. Writing Process and Writing Conventions did not show any significant discrepancies in grades 3 or 4.
- 4. Academic Standards in math areas of number sense, computation, and algebraic thinking/data analysis have consistently gone up each year in 4th grade.
- 5. Grade 3 ISTEP+ scores show slightly higher scores in ELA standards, while grade 4 ISTEP+ scores show slightly higher scores in math standards. This is consistent across all 3 years of data.

Conclusions about Current Educational Programming and Areas for Improvement

Our review of the data available on the academic achievement of Kolling students indicates that our core curriculum and teaching strategies are successful with the majority of our students. Our data supports evidence that attention to nonfiction and literary text is having a positive effect on students. We feel that we have made a significant difference in both areas by focusing our attention on direct instruction on how to support answers with text evidence and using PQR and Yes MA'AM across grade levels. We have also noticed a trend in grade 3 where students typically perform better in ELA than in math. We have noticed an opposite trend in grade 4 where students typically perform better in math than in ELA.

Our teaching staff will continue to monitor student performance on state and local assessments and utilize all of our resources in a way that is most effective for our students' needs. We will continue to provide early and ongoing intervention for students not meeting benchmark in academic areas, foster academic exceptionalities through our rigorous high ability program, and reflect and improve upon our core curriculum in order to assure that all students are making adequate growth. Through observations, administration will assure that all staff are following the plan with fidelity.

<u>Student Achievement Objectives, Benchmarks, Interventions, and Professional</u> Development

Mathematics Achievement Objective

By 2021-2022, 84% of our students will master Indiana Academic Standards in mathematics as evidenced on state assessments.

Benchmarks

2018-2019- Eighty (80%) of our students will master Indiana Academic Standards in mathematics as evidenced on the Spring ILEARN assessment.

2019-2020 – Eighty-two percent (82%) of our students will master Indiana Academic Standards in mathematics as evidenced on the Spring ILEARN assessment.

2020-2021 – Eighty-four percent (84%) of our students will master Indiana Academic Standards in mathematics as evidenced on the Spring ILEARN assessment.

Strategies

- 1. Monitor, update, and implement math curriculum guides at each grade level that align to the IAS.
- 2. Update and implement curriculum embedded performance assessments that align to the format and rigor of state assessments in order to make instructional decisions.
- 3. Use math adoption resources effectively to meet the needs of all learners.
- 4. Increase student engagement in learning activities through inquiry.
- 5. Research resources for effective math interventions and strategies.
- 6. Provide collaboration time for vertical alignment with Math committee members.
- 7. Use data effectively to drive instruction that meets the academic needs of all students.
- 8. Use the RtI process to close the gaps of at-risk math students.
- 9. Increase student learning time by offering before school tutoring.
- 10. Implement the use of Dreambox in the classroom and provide access for Dreambox at home for all students.
- 11. Establish comprehensive math vocabulary instruction.
- 12. Establish procedures for instructional round observations between certified staff.

Professional Development Needs to Support Strategies

- Obtain professional assistance to provide teacher training on curriculum mapping and writing assessments to align with IAS.
- Provide training to access and interpret data to develop appropriate instruction for all students.
- Obtain information on intervention/enrichment activities and strategies to use.
- Obtain information on use of Indiana DOE's Transition Guidance for IAS.
- Train all teachers in the use of CHAMPS positive behavioral supports.
- Train teachers in Project CRISS strategies.
- Provide collaboration time for staff.
- Incorporate staff training with the Lake Central math coach.
- Provide training on conceptual learning math instruction.

Language Arts Achievement Objective

By 2021-2022, 84% of our students will master Indiana Academic Standards in ELA as evidenced on state assessments.

Benchmarks

2018-2019- Eighty (80%) of our students will master Indiana Academic Standards in ELA as evidenced on the Spring ILEARN assessment.

2019-2020 – Eighty-two percent (82%) of our students will master Indiana Academic Standards in ELA as evidenced on the ILEARN assessment.

2020-2021 – Eighty-four percent (84%) of our students will master Indiana Academic Standards in ELA as evidenced on the ILEARN assessment.

Strategies

- 1. Provide professional development to improve independent reading.
- 2. Provide professional development to improve strategies to teach reading in the classroom.
- 3. Provide professional development on assessment vocabulary for reading and writing.
- 4. Provide collaboration time for vertical alignment with ELA committee members.
- 5. Research resources for effective ELA interventions and strategies.
- 6. Increase student engagement in learning activities.
- 7. Implement a structured reading block that includes whole group and differentiated small group instruction.
- 8. Monitor, update, and implement ELA curriculum guides at each grade level that align to the IAS.
- 9. Update and implement curriculum embedded performance assessments in ELA that align to the format and rigor of state assessments in order to make instructional decisions.
- 10. Use Journeys resources effectively to meet the needs of all learners.
- 11. Use the Lucy Calkins Units of Study Writing Curriculum to meet the needs of all learners.
- 12. Use data effectively to drive instruction that meets the academic needs of all students.
- 13. Use the RtI process to close the gaps of at-risk language arts students.
- 14. Increase student learning time by offering before school tutoring.
- 15. Establish comprehensive reading vocabulary instruction.

Professional Development Needs to Support Strategies

- Obtain information on use of small groups in classrooms.
- Provide training to access and interpret data to develop appropriate instruction for all students.
- Obtain information on intervention/enrichment activities and strategies to use.
- Obtain information on use of Indiana DOE's Transition Guidance for IAS.
- Train teachers in Project CRISS strategies.
- Provide collaboration time for staff.
- Train teachers in Calkins Units of Writing.

Attendance Objective

Kolling's attendance rate will be at or above the state attendance rate each year.

Strategies

- 1. Emphasize good attendance at Meet the Teacher Night and PTO meetings.
- 2. Reward students quarterly who exhibit good attendance.
- 3. Include a budget for attendance awards.
- 4. Contact parents of students who have attendance concerns.

Statutes and Rules to Be Waived

There are no statutes and rules that will be waived.