

SCHOOL PROFILE

Schenk Elementary

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Schenk Elementary, built in 1954, and located near the eastern shore of Lake Monona and behind the Olbrich Gardens, was one of the first fully-accessible elementary schools built in Madison, WI at the beginning of the enrollment boom of the 1950s and 1960s. The school was added onto three times in the next decade to include programming through the 8th grade. Today, the school is paired with Whitehorse Middle School to form a 5K through 8th grade campus. Over the decades, Schenk has been a leader in inclusive programs, culturally and linguistically relevant practices, comprehensive literacy, social emotional learning, and Welcoming Schools. There are many community partnerships formed, as they are integral to the work. Schenk also holds many quality family engagement activities throughout the year, connecting families to the school and building a strong school community. This coming school year will be Schenk's second year of implementing a 50/50 Spanish and English dual-language immersion program into the school beginning with kindergarten in 2016-17 and adding first grade in 2017-18. The diverse and rich heritage is valued by the Schenk Elementary community.



School Principal: Sue Abplanalp

Equity Vision

At Schenk there is a commitment to exemplifying perseverance, authenticity, and equity so that all students, families, and staff share a sense of belonging and so that students will be prepared to graduate ready for college, careers, and the community. Schenk is a welcoming community that empowers scholars to reach higher levels of personal growth and academic success.

Strengths

Schenk's school improvement plan (SIP) builds on the past successes in rolling out Common Core State Standards, comprehensive literacy, foundational literacy skills, culturally relevant practices, family engagement practices, and social emotional learning. Student academic proficiency is slowly growing, while greater success has been found in individual student growth rates. The school climate survey data improved greatly on the parent ratings with 147 parents completing the survey, compared to 44 last year. Within this survey, family engagement ratings improved from 63% last year to 84% this year.

Progress

This past school year, 59-60% of all third, fourth and fifth grade students met their growth targets from Fall to Spring. The school climate survey results were better informed as more parents completed the survey than in prior years. The staff continued the work of implementing the anti-bullying, pro-ally

behavior lessons in Welcoming Schools. Student success of taking on the language of an ally and developing supportive peer behaviors was a notable outcome.

Area for Growth

This coming school year, staff at Schenk plan to continue the intensive work in the area of K-5 literacy foundation skill development. Dual-language immersion programming will expand to the first grade level and continue at the Kindergarten level. Staff will focus on building upon the past successes for English Language Learners. Strengthening core practices and aligning teacher practices across all grade levels, through professional development and grade level teacher team collaboration, is priority. The continuation of building the family engagement team and integrate family voice through participation in the school-based leadership team is priority. Lastly, students and staff will participate in the launch of technology integration with 1:2 and 1:1 devices.

Vision Connection

Schenk supports MMSD's vision that all students acquire the skills and abilities needed to be successful, including a mastery of content areas, growth mindset, self-knowledge, creativity, wellness, interpersonal skills, confidence, cultural competence, and community connection. Through these skills and abilities, our students will graduate college, career, and community ready.

Demographics

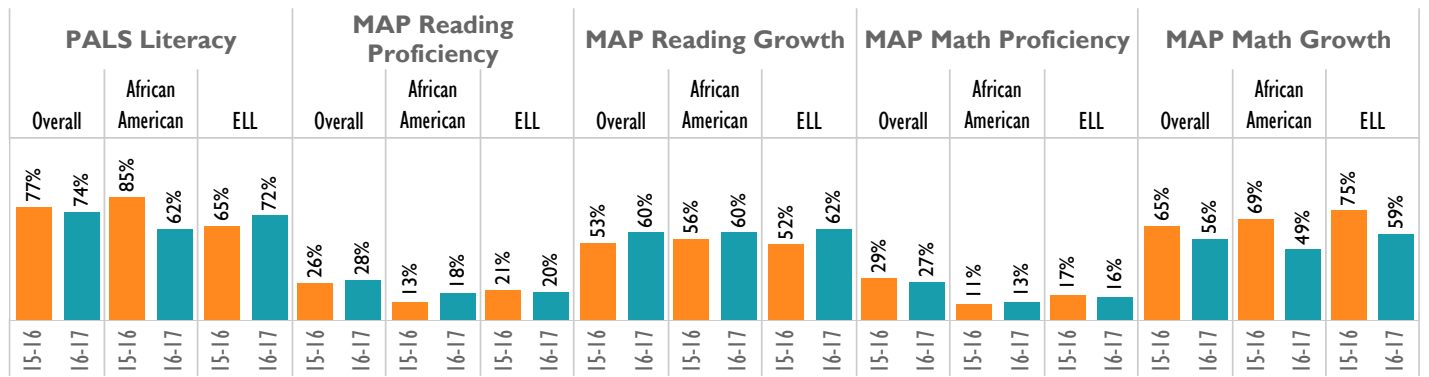
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 ■ Multiracial
 ■ White



English Language Learner 29%
Low-income 71%
Students with disabilities 13%

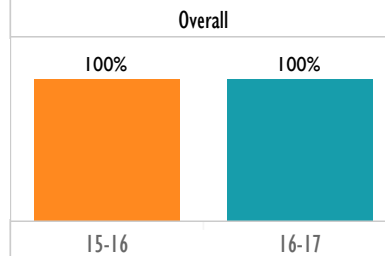
Strategic Framework Goal #1 Milestones: On-Track to Graduate

Each bar shows the percent of students meeting the relevant metric overall and for the focus group the school selected on their School Improvement Plan (SIP) when applicable.



Strategic Framework Goal #2 Milestones: Challenging and Well-Rounded Education

Arts Education Participation



Participation rates are based on transcribed courses.

When no goal for the measure has been set "No Goal" will be displayed in the bar.

Strategic Framework Goal #3 Milestones: Positive Climate

Each bar shows the percent of responses within each dimension that were positive overall. When no goal for the measure has been set "No Goal" will be displayed in the bar.

