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Cedarburg School District State Assessment Results

CEDARBURG, WI - On September 29th, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) publicly released statewide assessment results for the spring 2022 Forward Exam, ACT, ASPIRE, and DLM. The results can be found in the DPI [Wisedash Public data portal](#). The data show that students in the Cedarburg School District continue to significantly exceed the state averages.

Last year's Juniors at CHS took the ACT in English, Reading, Mathematics, Science, and Writing. This is the same ACT assessment that students take nationwide as a college admissions exam and has a solid foundation in measuring college and career readiness. Students had the choice to send their ACT score to up to four colleges or universities at no cost. A small percentage of our Juniors took the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) assessment, which measures academic progress. Students received their ACT score reports last year, 3-8 weeks after the exam.

Based on the analysis of the ACT statewide results, we are reporting that our CHS class of 2023 scored #6 for all public schools in the metropolitan area and in the top 10 in Wisconsin. Our average composite score was 22.7, which was a slight decrease from the 23.4 the year prior. While we recognize the decline of .7 points in our ACT composite score, the District remains committed to ensuring each student receives the high-quality learning experiences needed to prepare them for future academic and career opportunities. Over the coming weeks, the district and high school staff will continue to analyze the state assessment results and review/revise our student learning plan.

Students in grades 3 through 8 took the Forward Exam for English Language Arts and Mathematics, grades 4 and 8 for Science, and grades 4, 8, and 10 for Social Studies. A small number of students with significant cognitive disabilities (about 1% of the students with special needs in the district) took the DLM assessments. Both of these online assessments are rigorous measures of student academic performance and are designed to measure progress toward grade-level knowledge and skills. Families received their individual student results via Skyward Family Access Portfolio & Reports in July 2022.



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Based on the analysis of the Forward exam results, we are pleased to report our students' ranking in the state for the following grade levels and subject areas:

Grade Level	ELA	Math
3rd grade	3rd	12th
4th grade	7th	7th
5th grade	3rd	4th
6th grade	3rd	3rd
7th grade	14th	5th
8th grade	7th	2nd

These assessment results provide essential information about what our students know and can do relative to the rigorous standards we maintain in the Cedarburg School District. In addition to providing parents and our community with a snapshot of our students' college and career readiness, the statewide assessment results help inform our roadmap for school improvement planning, teacher professional development, and closing achievement gaps.

We are confident that the data from our statewide assessments will contribute to a deeper understanding of our students' performance. We look forward to examining trends as we build on multiple years of data from these rigorous exams.

We also look forward to the State release of the School and District Report Cards in November which includes this assessment data and other measures. We thank our parents and families for their continued support. As partners, we can challenge our students to achieve their goals and dreams.

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The mission of the Cedarburg School District is to provide an exemplary education that challenges students in a nurturing environment to develop into lifelong learners, to become responsible adults, and to achieve their goals and dreams.