



Area School District
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District Configuration

The Ripon Area School District consists of the entire City of Ripon and all or part of ten surrounding towns and villages. Although mostly within Fond du Lac County, the school district also reaches into Winnebago and Green Lake counties. The district consists of 117 square miles.



Pre-K Schools

Advocap/Headstart
Barlow Park Elementary School
Ripon Children's Learning Center

K-2 Schools

Barlow Park Elementary School
Journey Charter School
Blossom Academy

Grades 3-5 Schools

Murray Park Elementary School
Quest Charter School

Grades 6-8 Schools

Ripon Middle School
Catalyst Charter School

Grades 9-12 Schools

Ripon High School
Lumen Charter High
Crossroads Academy



Area School District

Mission Statement

Empowering learners,
engaging community,
enriching the world.

Vision Statement

One of Wisconsin's finest
school districts, fostering
excellence for all through
innovation.



Excellence through
INNOVATION



2017-18 Annual Report



MESSAGE FROM DR. MARY WHITROCK

The 2017-18 school year focused on the future. This past spring, with final construction projects nearing an end, just over 30 community members, parents, business leaders, staff, and school board members joined together on multiple evenings to develop a comprehensive plan to review our work and continue to move the district forward.

The goal of the strategic planning process was to support the growth and achievement of all students and engage families as partners in their child's education. Through this strategic planning process, the team updated the district's mission, developed core organizational values and defined six strategic objectives.

Tremendous progress has been made over the past year to raise students achievement, attract and retain high quality staff, strengthen our partnership with parents and the Ripon Community and drive more of our limited funds from operations into classroom.

This annual report provides highlights of the 2017-18 school year while showing the direction that lies ahead for 2018-19. The Ripon community can be proud to have a high achieving low spending district.



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STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Student Engagement and Learning

Objective 1: Provide every student with a well rounded education that meets their learning needs in an appropriate, healthy, and safe environment.

Objective 3: Utilize evidence based interventions and support services to ensure every student graduates from high school prepared for their college and career plan.

Objective 4: Make progress on closing the achievement gap for all subgroups in English language arts and mathematics so all students meet challenging academic standards.



Human Resources

Objective 2: Provide professional growth and improvement opportunities for all teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, and other school leaders to further a high quality education for all students.



Service and Partnerships

Objective 5: Strengthen district service, stakeholder satisfaction, and partnerships by embedding a continuous improvement system (including monitoring of progress and critical results) throughout the district.



Finance and Operations

Objective 6: Address ongoing financial challenges by re-examining system processes for efficiencies that can drive resources into our core purpose of student learning.

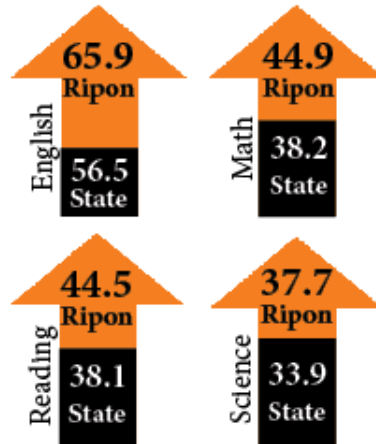


YEAR AT A GLANCE



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND LEARNING

College Readiness



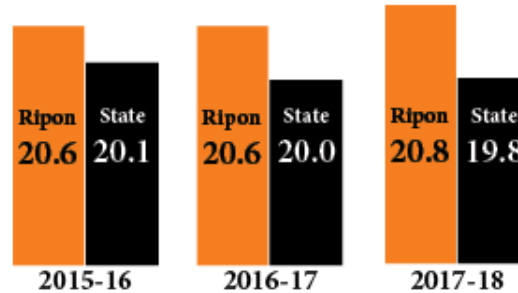
1,645

students enrolled during 2017-18

95.5%

attendance rate for 2016-17

ACT Scores Above State Average for 19 Consecutive Years

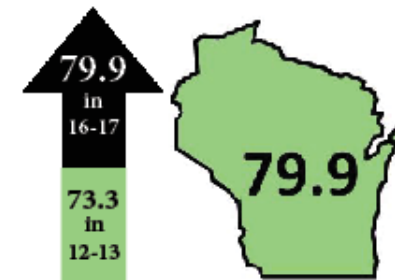


Opening of Blossom



Blossom Alternative Program opened at the start of the 17-18 year for K-2 learning with specific special education program needs.

District Report Card for 2017-18



★★★★★
Exceeds Expectations

Murray	83.7	★★★★★ Significantly Exceeds Expectations
Quest	91.0	★★★★★ Significantly Exceeds Expectations
RMS	74.8	★★★★☆ Exceeds Expectations
Catalyst	86.0	★★★★★ Significantly Exceeds Expectations
RHS	69.2	★★★★☆ Meets Expectations
Barlow Park, Journey, and Lumen have alternative report cards and received satisfactory ratings.		

HUMAN RESOURCES

RASD Staff by the Numbers

132 certified | **72** classified | **31** coaches | **54** substitutes | **289** total members



Of the 12 staff that left the district in 2017-18, the reasons included: 50% retirement, 25% promotion, 17% change in positions, and 8% moved out of the state. 80% of those noted the district has a positive, upbeat, innovative, and professional culture. One staff member noted RASD is a, "wonderful place to live and work- one of the best I've seen."

SERVICES AND PARTNERSHIPS

Parent Satisfaction

Parent satisfaction with:

- cleanliness and maintenance of the schools
- family's respectful treatment
- student's access to supplies and equipment necessary for learning
- care of teacher's for students' success and safety
- the expectations of teachers regarding student performance and learning

Parent satisfaction with:

- teachers, staff, and administrator's genuine concern for children
- willingness to recommend Ripon Area Schools
- parent's pride in the district

90-94%
95-99%

New Partnership

Ripon had their first FI Visa students from China attend the district in the 17-18 school year.



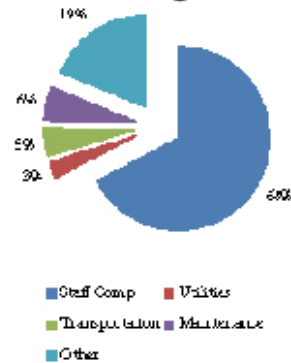
RASD Recognition

The Ripon Area School District received multiple awards during the 17-18 school year including recognition as a PLTW Distinguished District, a Google Reference District, a Google Reference District, a Google Reference District, and the Best Community for Music Education four out of the past five years.

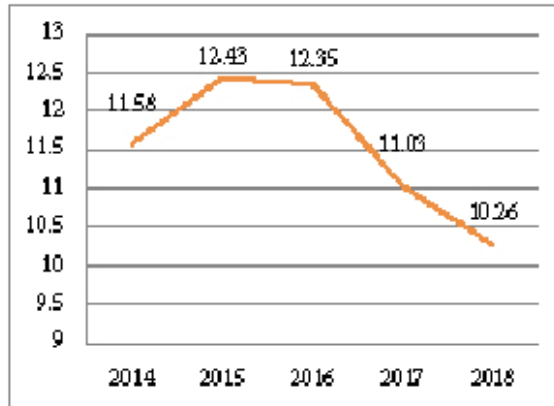


FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

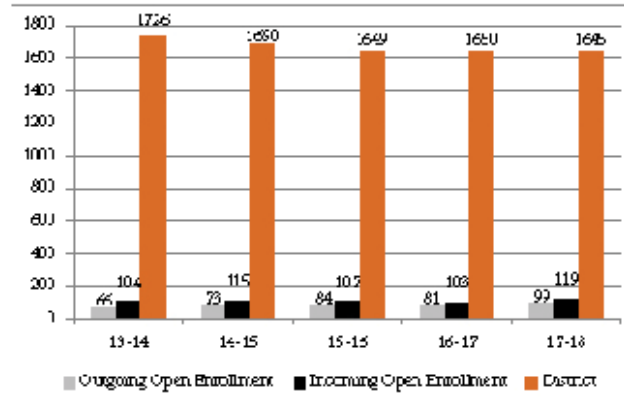
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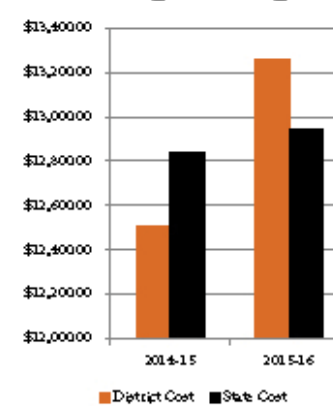
District Tax Rate History



District Enrollment



Cost per Pupil



Budget Cuts

