

**TOWANDA ELEM SCHOOL
MCLEAN COUNTY UNIT DIST NO 5
TOWANDA, ILLINOIS**



**ILLINOIS
SCHOOL
REPORT
CARD**

GRADES : K 1 2 3 4 5 6

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

STUDENTS

RACIAL/ETHNIC BACKGROUND AND OTHER INFORMATION

	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Native American	Low- Income Rate	Limited- English- Proficient Rate	High Sch. Dropout Rate	Chronic Truancy Rate	Mobility Rate	Attendance Rate	Total Enrollment
School	99.2	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.8	0.0		0.0	3.5	96.4	120
District	79.8	12.8	4.0	3.3	0.1	19.5	1.3		0.2	12.9	95.4	10,564
State	58.6	20.7	17.0	3.6	0.2	37.9	6.3		1.9	16.4	94.0	2,044,539

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
School	99.0
District	97.4
State	95.9

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

Grade	Grade	Grade	Grade	Grade	High School
K	1	3	6	8	
14.0	19.0	17.0	14.0		
19.4	19.0	19.3	21.2		
20.6	21.3	22.5	23.6		

STAFF-TO-STUDENT RATIOS

Pupil- Teacher Elementary	Pupil- Teacher Secondary	Pupil- Certified Staff	Pupil- Administrator
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16.7	18.3	12.3	225.0
18.4	18.2	13.8	221.1

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

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
School	40	40		35	40		163	160		35	40	
District	40	40		35	40		163	160		35	40	
State	56	52		30	43		146	107		31	43	

TEACHER INFORMATION (Full-Time Equivalents)

	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Native American	Male	Female	Total Number
District	97.8	1.6	0.5	0.1	0.0	20.5	79.5	762
State	84.6	10.2	4.1	1.0	0.1	23.4	76.6	129,068

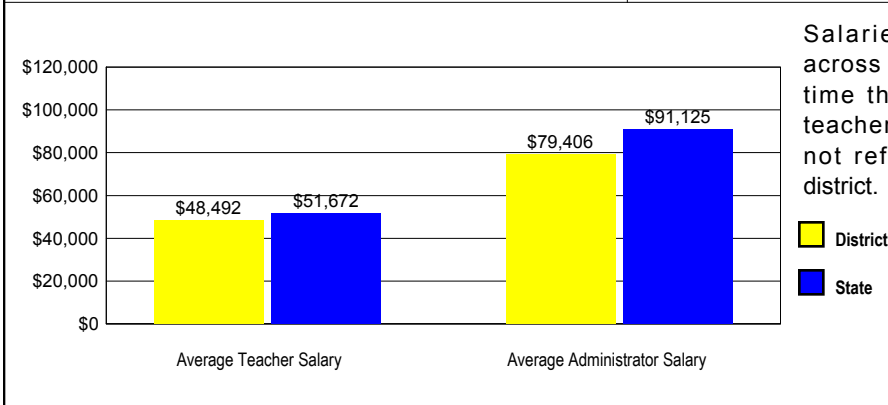
TEACHER INFORMATION (Continued)					
	Average Teaching Experience (Years)	% of Teachers with Bachelor's Degrees	% of Teachers with Master's & Above	% of Teachers with Emergency or Provisional Credentials	% of Classes Not Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers *
School	--	--	--	0.0	0.0
District	12.7	57.3	42.7	0.3	0.0
State	13.9	53.9	46.0	2.5	2.1

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

* Data based on No Child Left Behind (NCLB) definition.

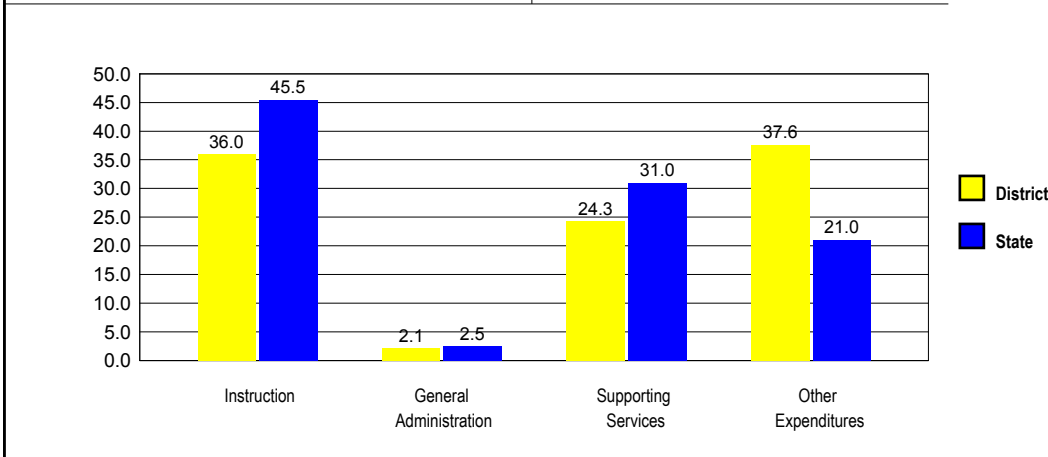
SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCES

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 2001-02 (Percentages)



REVENUE BY SOURCE 2001-02				EXPENDITURE BY FUND 2001-02			
	District	District %	State %		District	District %	State %
Local Property Taxes	\$52,613,708	64.8	55.4	Education	\$60,514,705	50.9	69.7
Other Local Funding	\$6,826,515	8.4	6.1	Operations & Maintenance	\$7,173,618	6.0	8.9
General State Aid	\$12,605,523	15.5	18.7	Transportation	\$3,231,061	2.7	3.4
Other State Funding	\$7,353,866	9.1	12.5	Bond and Interest	\$14,114,772	11.9	5.7
Federal Funding	\$1,819,422	2.2	7.3	Rent			0.0
TOTAL	\$81,219,034			Municipal Retirement/ Social Security	\$2,118,550	1.8	1.5
				Fire Prevention & Safety	\$127,952	0.1	1.0
				Site & Construction/ Capital Improvement	\$31,498,568	26.5	9.8
				TOTAL	\$118,779,226		

OTHER FINANCIAL INDICATORS				
	2000 Equalized Assessed Valuation per Pupil	2000 Total School Tax Rate per \$100	2001-02 Instructional Expenditure per Pupil	2001-02 Operating Expenditure per Pupil
District	\$119,220	4.43	\$4,517	\$8,716
State	**	**	\$4,842	\$8,181

** 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.

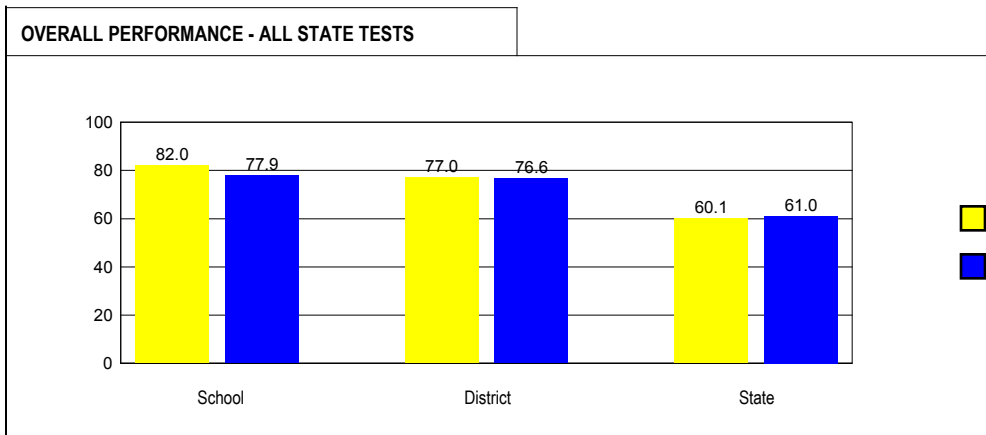
Instructional expenditure per pupil includes the direct costs of teaching pupils or the interaction between teachers and pupils.

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

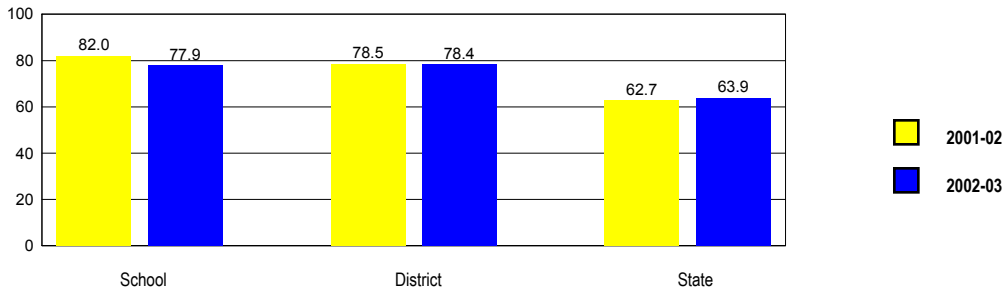
ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

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. These performance measures include only those test scores for the grades and subjects included in your school.



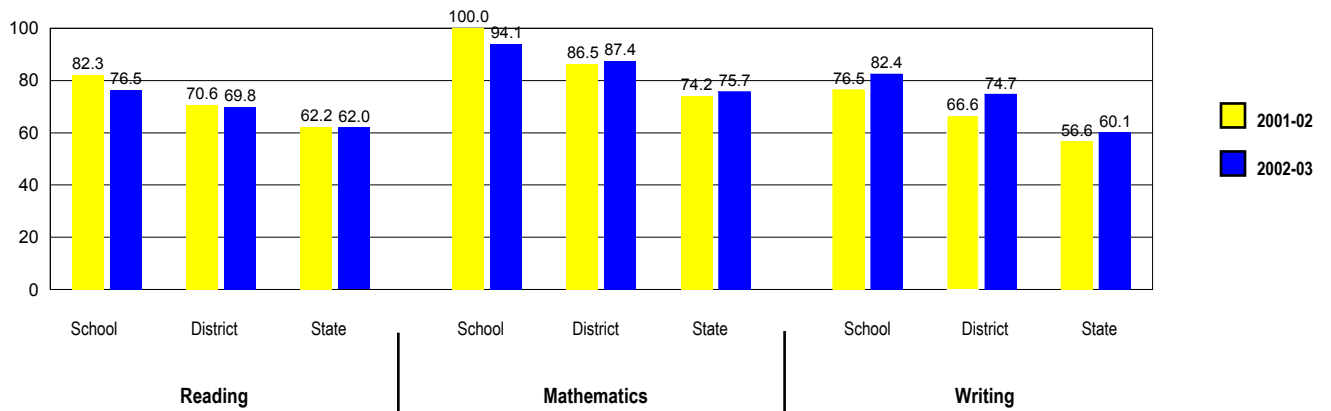
OVERALL ILLINOIS STANDARDS ACHIEVEMENT TEST (ISAT) PERFORMANCE



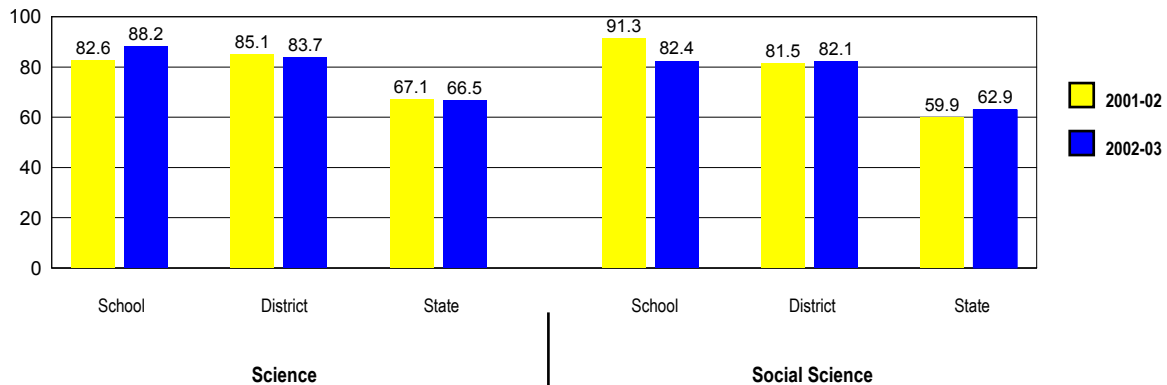
ISAT PERFORMANCE

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.

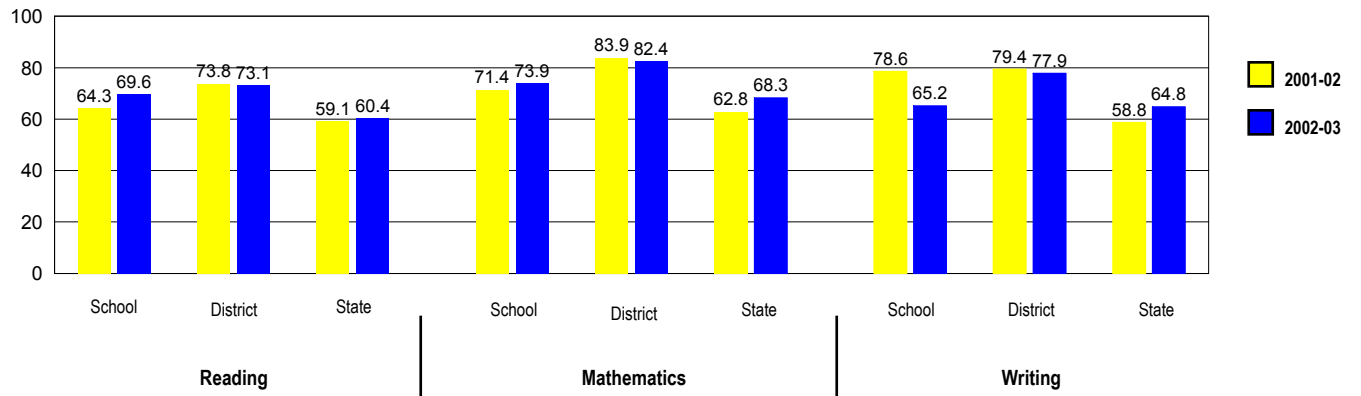
ISAT Grade 3



ISAT Grade 4



ISAT Grade 5



PERFORMANCE ON STATE ASSESSMENTS

Federal law requires that student achievement results 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, 4, 5, 7, and 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 students in state-approved transitional bilingual programs. 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 or Section 504 Plan. 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. A Section 504 Plan is developed to provide reasonable accommodations for a child who meets the definition of a qualified person with a disability under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

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				
School	*Enrollment	40	20	20	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	4
	Reading	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0								
	Mathematics	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0								
District	*Enrollment	3,193	1,641	1,552	2,585	370	109	119	6	53	0	470	553
	Reading	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.9	0.0		11.3		5.7	2.4
	Mathematics	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.9	0.0		11.3		6.0	2.5
State	*Enrollment	616,170	313,399	302,581	366,187	127,748	97,933	21,960	936	35,949	310	82,419	234,696
	Reading	0.4	0.4	0.5	1.4	2.6	2.0	1.2	0.0	4.1	0.0	0.0	10.4
	Mathematics	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.5	2.8	2.2	1.3	0.0	4.7	0.0	0.0	10.6

* Enrollment on the first day of state testing.

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 3**Grade 3 - All**

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				Writing			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
School	0.0	23.5	64.7	11.8	0.0	5.9	64.7	29.4	0.0	17.6	76.5	5.9
District	5.3	24.9	39.5	30.3	2.5	10.1	42.7	44.7	2.8	22.5	70.6	4.2
State	8.1	29.8	40.1	21.9	6.8	17.4	44.6	31.1	7.1	32.9	57.3	2.8

Grade 3 - Gender

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				Writing			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Male												
District	5.9	26.2	38.2	29.7	2.8	9.9	40.4	46.9	3.8	24.6	67.8	3.8
State	9.8	31.4	39.2	19.6	7.6	16.9	43.1	32.4	9.5	35.7	52.9	1.9
Female												
School	0.0	20.0	70.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	70.0	30.0	0.0	20.0	70.0	10.0
District	4.6	23.4	41.0	31.0	2.2	10.4	45.4	42.1	1.6	20.0	73.7	4.7
State	6.4	28.1	41.1	24.3	6.0	17.9	46.2	29.9	4.5	29.9	61.8	3.8

Grade 3 - Racial/Ethnic Background

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				Writing			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
White												
School	0.0	23.5	64.7	11.8	0.0	5.9	64.7	29.4	0.0	17.6	76.5	5.9
District	4.2	20.3	40.7	34.9	2.0	6.1	41.4	50.5	2.3	19.7	73.3	4.7
State	3.3	20.7	45.1	30.9	2.0	9.5	45.3	43.1	3.8	25.8	66.3	4.0
Black												
District	9.7	43.4	40.7	6.2	4.5	28.6	53.6	13.4	4.5	37.8	55.0	2.7
State	18.5	46.8	29.2	5.6	17.7	33.5	40.7	8.2	14.4	46.9	38.1	0.7
Hispanic												
District	12.1	45.5	24.2	18.2	2.9	23.5	41.2	32.4	6.1	15.2	78.8	0.0
State	10.5	40.2	39.3	10.0	7.3	23.3	51.8	17.6	8.0	39.2	51.7	1.1
Asian/Pacific Islander												
District	2.5	22.5	35.0	40.0	2.5	2.5	37.5	57.5	0.0	22.5	72.5	5.0
State	1.8	15.6	45.0	37.6	1.2	5.3	36.2	57.3	1.9	21.0	71.4	5.8
Native American												
State	6.5	34.8	35.7	23.0	3.0	18.1	52.6	26.3	8.3	39.1	51.3	1.3

Grade 4**Grade 4 - All**

Levels	Science				Social Science			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
School	0.0	11.8	58.8	29.4	5.9	11.8	82.4	0.0
District	3.2	13.1	59.2	24.5	2.6	15.3	69.8	12.3
State	7.0	26.5	52.2	14.3	7.6	29.5	56.4	6.4

ISAT continued**Grade 4 - Gender**

Levels	Science				Social Science			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Male								
School	0.0	10.0	70.0	20.0	10.0	0.0	90.0	0.0
District	3.2	9.8	58.1	28.9	2.3	12.8	70.2	14.8
State	7.3	24.6	51.6	16.5	8.2	28.1	56.3	7.4
Female								
District	3.2	17.0	60.6	19.1	3.0	18.3	69.4	9.4
State	6.7	28.5	52.9	12.0	7.0	31.1	56.6	5.4

Grade 4 - Racial/Ethnic Background

Levels	Science				Social Science			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
White								
School	0.0	11.8	58.8	29.4	5.9	11.8	82.4	0.0
District	1.9	10.5	58.5	29.1	1.9	11.8	72.4	13.9
State	2.4	15.8	60.5	21.2	2.7	18.8	69.0	9.5
Black								
District	9.7	25.8	59.7	4.8	6.5	28.2	60.5	4.8
State	16.2	46.2	35.1	2.5	17.7	48.3	32.9	1.1
Hispanic								
District	5.3	15.8	65.8	13.2	0.0	34.2	57.9	7.9
State	11.7	39.9	44.5	3.9	12.5	44.5	41.5	1.5
Asian/Pacific Islander								
District	0.0	4.8	66.7	28.6	0.0	4.8	71.4	23.8
State	1.7	13.5	61.2	23.6	1.4	16.5	69.3	12.8
Native American								
State	5.9	28.3	53.5	12.2	5.2	35.7	54.5	4.5

Grade 5**Grade 5 - All**

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				Writing			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
School	0.0	30.4	43.5	26.1	4.3	21.7	52.2	21.7	0.0	34.8	60.9	4.3
District	0.5	26.4	40.0	33.2	1.4	16.2	63.6	18.8	2.4	19.8	72.3	5.5
State	1.0	38.6	37.3	23.1	3.5	28.1	58.6	9.7	6.2	29.0	61.3	3.5

Grade 5 - Gender

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				Writing			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Male												
School	0.0	23.1	46.2	30.8	7.7	15.4	46.2	30.8	0.0	38.5	53.8	7.7
District	0.7	25.2	40.3	33.8	1.8	14.6	62.0	21.6	3.4	25.6	68.5	2.5
State	1.4	40.0	37.0	21.6	4.2	28.3	56.9	10.6	8.8	34.3	54.9	2.0
Female												
School	0.0	40.0	40.0	20.0	0.0	30.0	60.0	10.0	0.0	30.0	70.0	0.0
District	0.2	27.7	39.5	32.7	0.9	17.9	65.2	16.1	1.4	13.6	76.4	8.6
State	0.7	37.1	37.6	24.7	2.8	27.9	60.5	8.8	3.4	23.5	68.0	5.2

ISAT continued**Grade 5 - Racial/Ethnic Background**

Levels	Reading				Mathematics				Writing				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	
White													
School	0.0	30.4	43.5	26.1	4.3	21.7	52.2	21.7	0.0	34.8	60.9	4.3	
District	0.0	22.1	40.7	37.2	0.8	13.0	65.1	21.1	2.0	18.1	74.1	5.9	
State	0.5	26.0	41.7	31.8	1.3	17.3	67.6	13.7	4.2	22.8	68.3	4.7	
Black													
District	3.7	53.3	33.6	9.3	5.6	34.6	54.2	5.6	3.8	31.4	61.9	2.9	
State	2.2	61.9	28.5	7.3	9.1	50.8	38.7	1.5	10.9	42.1	45.9	1.1	
Hispanic													
District	0.0	47.1	44.1	8.8	0.0	38.2	55.9	5.9	5.9	29.4	64.7	0.0	
State	1.4	56.3	32.4	9.8	4.6	40.1	52.2	3.1	7.7	36.6	54.0	1.7	
Asian/Pacific Islander													
District	0.0	8.0	36.0	56.0	0.0	0.0	68.0	32.0	0.0	8.0	76.0	16.0	
State	0.2	20.9	40.5	38.4	0.8	10.2	62.7	26.3	1.9	17.3	72.3	8.5	
Native American													
State	0.7	36.4	43.1	19.9	3.0	29.1	61.1	6.8	7.9	29.0	61.0	2.1	

ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS (AYP) INFORMATION

Is this School making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)?	Yes
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Has this school been identified for School Improvement according to the AYP specifications of the federal No Child Left Behind Act?	No
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	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
State AYP Minimum Target	95.0		95.0		40.0			40.0			88.0		65.0	
All	100.0	Yes	100.0	Yes	72.5		Yes	82.5		Yes	96.4	Yes		
White	100.0	Yes	100.0	Yes	72.5		Yes	82.5		Yes				
Black														
Hispanic														
Asian/Pacific Islander														
Native American														
LEP														
Students with Disabilities														
Economically Disadvantaged														

Three Conditions Are Required For Making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

1. At least 95.0% Tested for Reading and Mathematics for the All Group and Subgroups
2. At least 40.0% Meeting/Exceeding Standards for Reading and Mathematics for the All Group, and at least 37.0% for all Subgroups to compensate for error in measurement for smaller subgroup sizes, or meet Safe Harbor requirements***
3. At least 88.0% Attendance Rate for Non-High Schools or at least 65.0% Graduation Rate for High Schools

* Includes only students enrolled as of 9/30/02.

** Safe Harbor Targets of 37% or above are not printed.

*** Subgroups with fewer than 40 students are not reported. Safe harbor only applies to subgroups. 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. Safe harbor allows schools an alternate method to meet subgroup minimum targets on achievement.

**Towanda Elementary
School Improvement Plan
2003 - 2004**

It is the mission of the Unit 5 School District to insure that all students have an opportunity to develop to their highest potential and to provide our students with a quality, twenty-first century educational experience. The staff of Towanda School is committed to preparing life-long learners who will be self-sufficient, motivated, and productive citizens. This will be achieved through a commitment to excellence from our staff, setting high expectations for our students, and working with individual student's needs and differences.

The Unit 5 School District has developed a set of goals and objectives in all content areas, which guide instruction in all schools. These goals and objectives are written by teachers and administrators within the district and are approved by the Board of Education. Tests, which are used to measure student achievement of the goals and outcomes, are developed by our own teachers or by state and national testing specialists.

The staff at Towanda Elementary School has analyzed results from the Stanford Achievement Test for grades two and six and the Illinois Standards Achievement Test for grades three, four, and five. In addition to standardized test results, we also discuss the trends of student performance throughout the school year using local assessments, grades, C.A.R.E.S. team referrals, and other available student data in order to guide methods of instruction.

After reviewing this data as well as the Unit 5 expectations for achievement, it is our opinion that Towanda Elementary School students are performing above the district and state averages. We believe that it is important to review the methods of instruction to further enhance mastery of the goals and outcomes of the district. With this in mind, our staff has formulated the following school improvement plan initiatives:

- Improvement of student learning in language arts as related to reading, writing, and spelling, with particular attention given to the Rebecca Sitton spelling program and a concentration upon vocabulary development.
- Improvement and advancement in technology as related to academics, student learning, and enhancement of the total educational system.

To attain these goals, staff members will be taking professional development courses, attending in-service workshops, and receiving one-on-one computer instruction.

Towanda Elementary School maintains a web page and publishes a monthly school newsletter for parents. Each classroom teacher sends a weekly Friday letter to parents discussing learning activities in which their child is currently involved. Many teachers also have their own web pages. Goals and outcomes for each grade level are shared with parents during Curriculum/Parent Orientation Night presentations held early in September. Additional means that are regularly used to communicate to our parents include progress reports, report cards, phone calls, conferences, parent opinion surveys, curriculum nights, open houses, and special PTO sponsored activities.

We at Towanda Elementary School welcome the support and involvement of our community in the school setting. We encourage parents and community members to become active participants by volunteering in classrooms and throughout the school. We recognize that only by working together can we provide a quality, twenty-first century educational opportunity for all of our students.