



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH TOMORROW'S LEADERS
WE ARE SD81



SCHOOL DISTRICT 81

**NEWS FOR
OUR LEARNING
COMMUNITY**



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About District 81

School District 81 serves students in preschool through 8th grade in Schiller Park and a small area of Franklin Park. Our three schools are John F. Kennedy Elementary (preschool-3rd grade), George Washington Elementary (4th & 5th grade), and Lincoln Middle School (6th-8th grade).

Our Mission

District 81's mission is to ensure success in all areas of development, and is a shared responsibility among schools, students, families and our community. We are dedicated to providing a child-centered environment that promotes achievement, respect and accountability as measured by District, State, and National standards.

Our Philosophy

It is the school's purpose to guide children so that they have a sense of belonging, a feeling of security, confidence in their ability, freedom from fear, and an appreciation of the arts. It is our responsibility to help guide and direct each child in a manner that assures the development of the "whole child" into a well-rounded individual capable of self-direction.

21st Century Facilities

District 81's three 21st-Century schools are a source of pride for our community. The District is grateful to the Board of Education and the SD81 community for supporting equity across the entire district.

John F. Kennedy Elementary School

Our preschool-3rd grade students learn at Kennedy School. The five-phase renovation and addition to the original school was finished in 2021. Kennedy encourages exploration, play, and engaging our youngest learners. Kennedy's space will increase by enclosing the courtyard, which is scheduled for completion in mid-October of 2022.

About Our Schools

George Washington Elementary School

Fourth and fifth graders moved into their new home last spring. The new Washington School is a two-story facility that has plenty of open spaces, flexible learning environments and furniture, and supports collaboration among students. Sitework continues this summer, and we look forward to inviting our community to an open house on Saturday, September 10th to tour the new school.

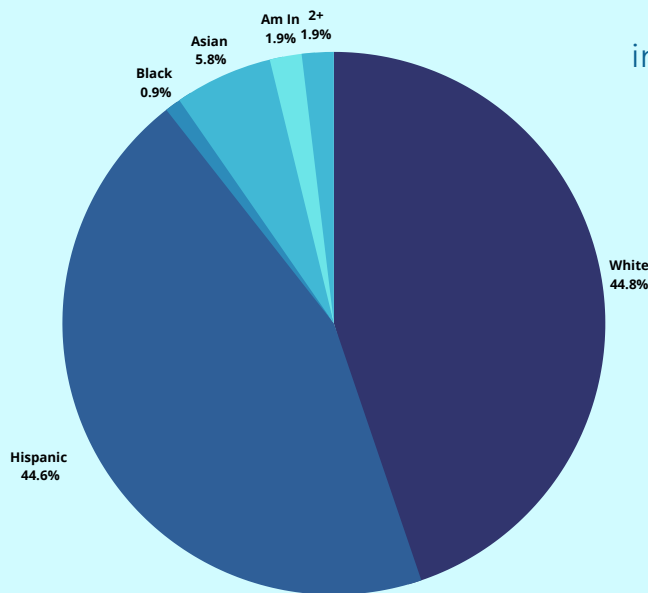
Lincoln Middle School

Built new in 2010, Lincoln is home to our 6th-8th graders. The facility has state-of-the-art classrooms and science labs, which were designed to support the middle school's team teaching practices and flexible learning. Work to repair a curtain wall and improvements to the outdoor field and stormwater retention system are scheduled for completion at the end of September 2022.

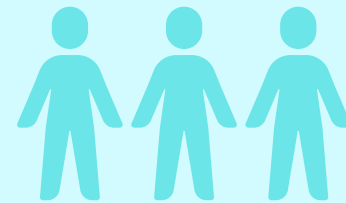


About Our Students

District 81 serves a diverse community, with almost thirty different languages spoken in our students' homes. We differentiate instruction for all students. Maintaining small class sizes remains a priority of the SD81 School Board, to ensure that each student receives the attention and instruction needed to succeed according to their own growth.

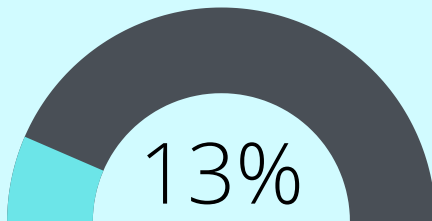


Student Demographics

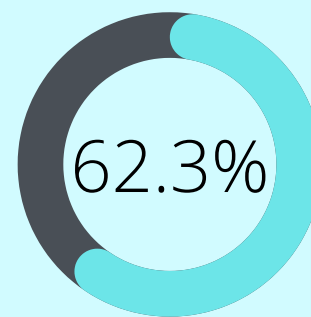


Total enrollment: 1,370

**Average class size: 21
Student/Teacher Ratio: 14:1**



Students with IEPs



Low Income Students

Source

Data is from the Illinois school report card site, with most recent data available from 2021.

www.illinoisreportcard.com



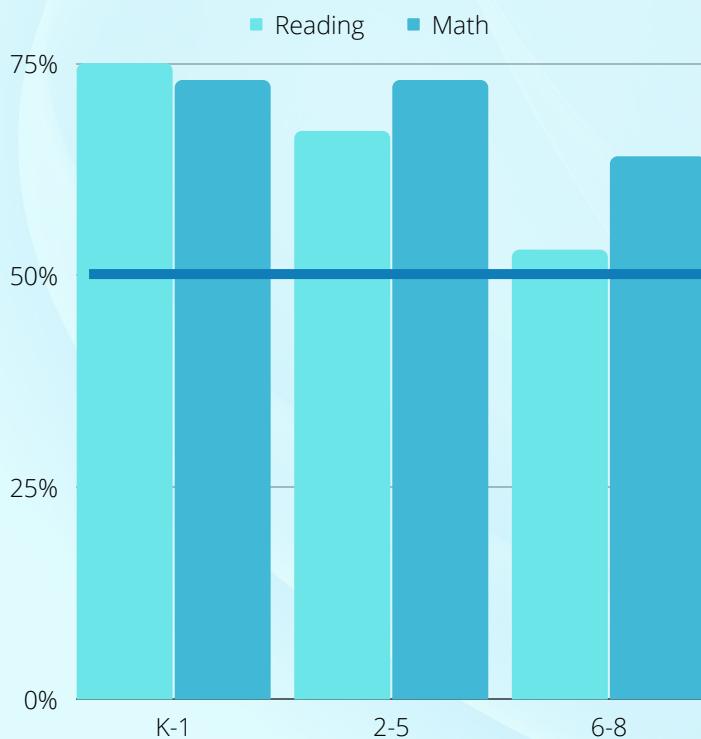
About our Learning



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:

One of the opportunities students have to demonstrate academic growth is through an assessment called NWEA MAP, which measures individual growth in Reading and Math. Teachers use MAP as a tool to create learning experiences that target each student's needs. This helps educators address learning gaps, as well as challenge students who are working beyond anticipated growth. MAP is given to students in kindergarten through 8th grade.

Percentage of Students Who Met/Exceeded Spring MAP Targets 2021-22



Generally MAP observes 50-60% of students meeting their spring growth targets.

SD81 students exceeded anticipated growth, as demonstrated in the graph to the left.

SD81 teachers and administrators restructured instructional strategies to address learning gaps created by COVID-19. Large-scale flexible grouping for Reading and Math and collaborative planning and teaching resulted in beyond-expected growth in our students.

High Growth For All



NWEA identified schools around the country that have demonstrated growth on the MAP Growth assessment across several years with many different groups of students. Kennedy Elementary and Lincoln Middle School were 2 out of 789 schools nationwide named a "High Growth for All" school. District 81 is confident that providing 21st-Century learning experiences and facilities to Kennedy and Lincoln students has a positive impact on their learning. We believe that Washington's new 21st-Century school will support our 4th and 5th graders in District 81's commitment to High Growth for All.

Our Strength

In a visit conducted by NWEA this past spring, it was noted that SD81 educators produced above average growth across all learners over multiple years.

Our Performance

According to NWEA, School District 81 has routinely and systematically achieved above-average growth for *all* students. Over the next year, NWEA will continue to visit SD81 schools to study our methodologies and beliefs regarding teaching and learning, curricula, classroom practices, and school-community partnerships.

Our Achievement

The SD81 learning community believes that all children can learn and achieve, and NWEA is recognizing the District for its commitment to strategies that teach the whole child, and the belief that all kids are our kids. The District is proud that our students have consistently achieved above-average growth.

Our Strategy

NWEA researchers conducted interviews with several SD81 teachers and administrators and observed classrooms in April of 2022. They found that the District's unique 21st-Century teaching practices and collaborative culture contribute to our students' achievement. The District will continue to develop 21st-Century teaching and learning.

Our Community

District 81's relationships with our parents and families, honored veterans, community partners and alumni continue to thrive and grow. Pictures from this page highlight some of our favorite moments with our SD81 learning community.

- The Trunk or Treat organized by our dedicated SD81 parents was a fantastic event that brought members from our entire community together.
- After two long years, we were finally able to welcome our senior friends back to visit! They enjoyed Washington's amazing production of Moana, Jr. and loved getting to know our students.
- Dr. Boryszewski was honored to present the Franklin Park VFW with a hand-made American flag created with care by our Lincoln students.
- Detective Roger Orozco and the Schiller Park Police and Fire Departments continue to provide us with support and guidance that help keep us safe.
- It's always a pleasure for our administrators and teachers to participate in the Schiller Park Baseball and Softball annual parade.



SD81 Finances



Recognition Category: District 81 is in the highest category of financial strength, as reported by the Illinois State Board of Education.

School District 81 utilizes site-based budgeting to ensure we provide equitable allocation of funds to all schools and students. The District is funded at only 70% adequacy through allocated state funding. The majority of every school district's revenues come from local property taxes.

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds: Since the 2019-2020 school year, SD81 has been allocated a total of \$3,892,680 in COVID-19 relief funds. In addition to instructional support to address learning loss due to the pandemic, these federal funds are also being used on capital projects, including repairing the curtain wall and addressing flooding with a stormwater system and new field at Lincoln, and enclosing the courtyard at Kennedy School to provide more learning space.

Instructional Spending Per Pupil: \$13,926 average. This includes only those costs that are directly used for teaching students and day to day interaction between staff and students.

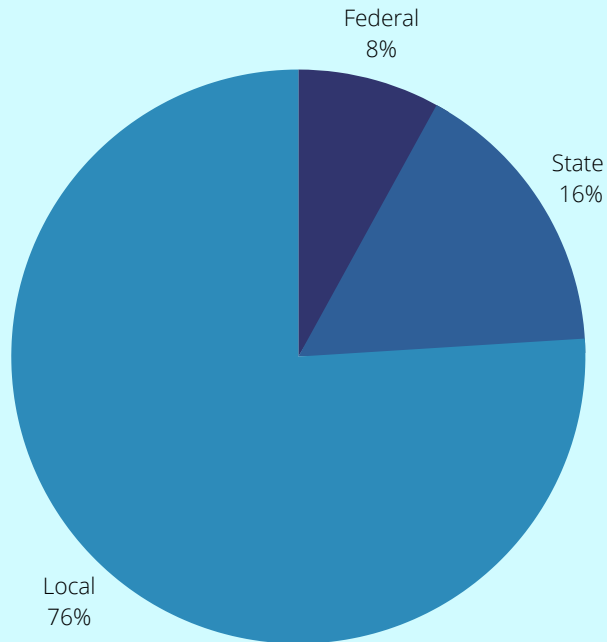
Financing Washington School: In March of 2020, voters responded with a 61.7% show of support to build a new Washington School. Referendum funds will cover the entire project. The majority of the work has been complete, with landscaping and exterior sitework continuing through this summer.





SD81 Budget

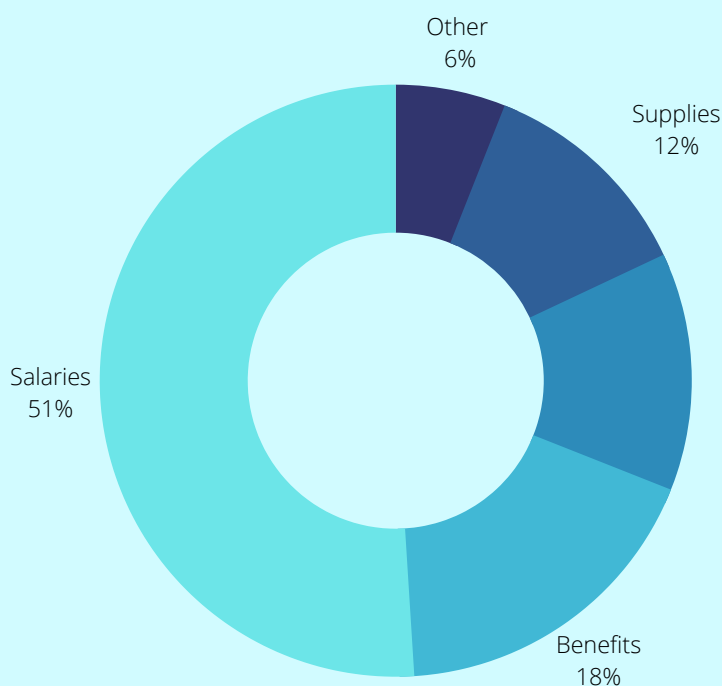
Fiscal Year 2022 Revenues



School District 81 continues to be good financial stewards of taxpayer money. Our FY22 financial statements are currently being audited by independent firm, Crowe LLC, with audit results expected in November of 2022.

Audit of the FY21 financial statements resulted in an "unmodified" opinion, and the District operated with a balanced budget.

Fiscal Year 2022 Expenditures without Capital Projects



The majority of our operating budget is allocated to the instruction and support services for students. Salaries and benefits comprise 69% of total expenditures. Education is service-based, so it stands to reason that the majority of expenses are spent on personnel.

Purchased Services
13%

Our Activities

District 81 students participate in many activities throughout the school year, including athletics, clubs, and fundraising. Below are just a few of their highlights and accomplishments.

- Kennedy and Washington students raised a total of \$13,000 for the American Heart Association. Top fundraisers got to throw pies at their educators.
- The Lady Lightning Varsity and Junior Varsity basketball teams both took first place in their conferences.
- SD81 students participate in the Special Olympics' Project Unify basketball game each year. The goal is to create a school climate of inclusion, acceptance, respect, and dignity for all students.
- Lincoln students participating in Scholastic Bowl had an outstanding year, with both Varsity and Junior Varsity teams going undefeated in their regular season, and the Varsity team ending their season as tournament champs.



Our New School



SAVE THE DATE

**WASHINGTON SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE**

September 10, 2022

11 am Dedication Ceremony

12pm- 2pm Open House

We're thrilled to invite the community to an open house to tour the new Washington School! We are grateful for the support of our community in ensuring equity across all District 81 schools. We look forward to seeing you there!



Message from Dr. Kimberly Boryszewski, Superintendent



Thank you for taking an interest in our schools!

I hope that you're as proud as I am of the incredible progress we have made in one of the most challenging times in history! I am filled with gratitude for the support of our SD81 families, Board of Education, educators and administrative team, and our entire community. Because of your support, our students kept learning and growing! NWEA recognizing Kennedy and Lincoln as "High Growth for All" schools is a great accomplishment, and shows that our commitment to meeting each child where they are along their academic path ensures their own individual growth. I look forward to seeing the impact Washington's new 21st-Century school will have on our 4th and 5th graders as it relates to our commitment to high growth for all students.

It was such a pleasure to see parents and community members back in our schools for celebrations and graduations last year. We are blessed to have you as important members of our learning community. Many of you have shared your excitement to see the new Washington School, and I'm just as eager for you to see it at the open house on Saturday, September 10th! Please check our website at www.sd81.org for the details, construction updates, and more! Thank you for all you do in support of our students and learning community!

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Message from Maryann Desecki, SD81 BOE President



On behalf of the District 81 Board of Education, I sincerely thank each of our community members for your support and involvement in our schools. As taxpayers and residents, the Board is proud that District 81 continues to provide our children an outstanding education in 21st-Century schools. Our schools are a great source of pride for our entire community.

It has been a challenging few years, and I am extremely grateful to our SD81 community for the progress we have made through the pandemic. I am not surprised that our schools are being highlighted by NWEA for academic progress for all students.

Congratulations to all!

We recently welcomed new board members Jose Alamillo and Jennifer Ziegler, who replaced two members who moved out of district. We look forward to our continued teamwork to serve the children and taxpayers of District 81. The Board looks forward to seeing all of you at the Washington School open house we will host on September 10th.

SD81 BOE: Jose Alamillo, Andrea Del Zotti, Maryann Desecki, Allison Downs, Tina Ewanio, Enas Saada, Jennifer Ziegler