St. Francis Area Schools Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness

2026-2027 School Year

The mission of St. Francis Area Schools is to equip all students with the knowledge and skills to empower them to achieve their dreams and full potential while becoming responsible citizens in a dynamic world.

Reporting on 2025-2026

Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness

All Children Are Ready For School

formerly All Students Ready for Kindergarten

Goal: The percentage of children enrolled for at least half of the school year in ECFE and ECSE (Birth-5), who demonstrate phonological awareness skills as measured on the Ounce Scale (ECFE), IEP, IFSP goal data or work sampling system will increase from 89% to 92%.

Goal Change: We will be collecting baseline data for children enrolled for at least half of the 2025-26 school year in all early childhood programs who demonstrate language comprehension skills as measured by the Minnesota Early Childhood Indicators of Progress (ECIPs)."

Baseline Result: 74.7% of students demonstrated successful language comprehension skills

All Students Read in 3rd Grade Achieving Grade Level Literacy (no longer legislatively required)

Goal: The percentage of third grade students meeting reading proficiency (low risk and college pathways) as measured by spring 2025 aReading screening benchmarks will increase from 49% to 59% by spring 2026.

THIS IS NO LONGER LEGISLATIVELY REQUIRED.
This is the final report on this goal.

Result: While the goal wasn't met, there was great growth at 58%.

All Racial and economic achievement gaps between students are closed

formerly Close the Achievement Gap(s) Between Student Groups

Goal: The percentage of K-5 students with IEPs meeting reading proficiency (low risk and college pathways) as measured by spring 2025 aReading/earlyReading screening benchmarks will increase from 31% to 41% in the spring of 2026.

Result: While the goal wasn't met, there was strong growth at 36%

All Students are Ready for Career and College

formerly All Students College and Career Ready by Graduation

Goal: The percentage of ninth and tenth grade students meeting reading proficiency (low risk and college pathways) as measured by spring 2025 aReading screening benchmarks will increase from 59.1% to 69.1% in the spring of 2026.

Result: Students did not meet the goal.

All Students Graduate

Goal: The percentage of students who graduate will increase from 93% to 98%.

Result: Students graduated at 95.8%. While this shows growth, the goal was not met.

Prepare Students to be Lifelong Learners

Goal: The percentage of students in the graduating (7th graders 2025-2026) class of 2031 meeting proficiency in college and career readiness skills will increase from 69% to 79% by spring 2026.

Using report cards comparing E's

Result: Students exceeded this goal at 87.6%

Goals for 2026-2027

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All Racial and economic achievement gaps between students are closed

formerly Close the Achievement Gap(s) Between Student Groups

Goal: The achievement gap between the highest-performing student group and the lowest-performing student group on the Reading MCA will decrease from 12.9% to 10.9% by Spring 2027 as indicated on the Minnesota Report Card.

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Goal: Students will participate in Work-Based Learning 10 per trimester for a total of 30 for the year

All Students Graduate

Goal: The percentage of students who graduate will increase from 95.8% to 97%

Prepare Students to be Lifelong Learners

Goal: The percentage of students in the graduating (8th graders 2026-2027) class of 2031 meeting proficiency in college and career readiness skills will increase from 87.6% to 90% by spring 2026 as indicated by E's in the report card.
(This is the last year for this goal.)