

BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS SUCCESSES

From 2016-2017 World's Best Workforce Report

Bemidji School District (p 2-13) Five World's Best Workforce Goals:

1. All Students Ready for Kindergarten: Overall Bemidji served 733 preschool students in 2016-2017 compared to 701 students in 2015-2016. That is an increase of 4.6%.
2. All Students Reading Well by Third Grade: Kindergarten AIMSweb Phoneme Segmentation increased from 20.0% Spring 2016 to 70.4% Spring 2017, exceeding our goal by 10.4%. Grade 3 students improved MCA Reading proficiency by 2.1% from 49.6% in 2016 to 51.7% in 2017.
3. Closing the Achievement Gaps: Bemidji students receiving Free and Reduced Lunch, Mobile, American Indian, and Special Education students outperformed the State in reading, math, and science. All subgroups improved in reading proficiency, and special education improved in math. The reading achievement gaps decreased for American Indian, Free & Reduced, and Special Education; and math achievement gaps decreased for American Indian and Special Education.
4. Increasing the Graduation Rate to 90%: From 2015 to 2016, Bemidji District increased the Graduation Rate by 1.2% to 75.0%, and Bemidji High School increased by 0.2% to 86.4%. The 2017 graduation rates are not yet available from MDE.
5. All Students College & Career Ready: In 2017, 246 Bemidji High School students completed 1,961 college credits. The new Bemidji Career Academies provide students with coursework, college credit, and hands-on information for careers that interest them.
6. The number of assaults decreased from 152 to 99 (-34.9%) and fights decreased from 90 to 49 (-45.6%). These decreases were especially evident at the elementary level, and we attribute this to the Responsive Classroom training.

Alternative Education Center (p 13-14)

- Results of the 2017 MCA Math test indicate that 13.3% of All Students were proficient, an increase of 8.5% from 2016 and exceeding their 2017 Math goal.
- Bemidji AEC 2016 graduation rate was 22.2%, an increase of 6.4% compared to the 2015 graduation rate of 15.8%.

Bemidji High School (p 15-18)

- BHS outperformed the State in MCA Reading, Math and Science.
- BHS graduates improved in all ACT subject areas from 2016 to 2017 and outperformed the State and National in all ACT subjects except English.
- During the 2016-2017 school year, 184 BHS students passed 176 (68.8%) Advanced Placement exams, outperforming the State and Nation again.

Bemidji Middle School (p 18-20)

- Grades 6, 7, and 8 outperformed the State MCA Reading, Math, and Science.
- Grade 8 continues to excel in 2017 MCA Math with 72.5% proficiency, compared to the State 59.6% (difference of 12.9%). 50.7% of BMS 8th graders exceeded Math MCA standards.

BYLaW (p 21-22)

- Students increased STAR Reading and Math by 2.5 and 2.3 grade levels.
- The number of students missing 20 or more days decreased from 5 to 2 students.

Central Elementary (p 22-25)

- Central All Students, American Indian, Free and Reduced and Special Education students improved proficiency in 2017 MCA Reading and Math compared to 2016.
- Central kindergarten and grade 1 and 2 students improved their AIMSweb and NWEA MAP reading and math proficiency compared to 2016.

Early Intervention Center (p 26)

- A total of 61% of EIC students made at least one year's growth in literacy.

First City School (p 26-28)

- Students increased STAR Reading 2.7 and Math 3.6 by and grade levels.

Horace May Elementary (p 28-31)

- Horace May outperformed the State in All Student MCA Reading and Math.
- American Indian students exceeded their MCA Reading goal, and Special Education students exceeded their MCA Math goal.

J. W. Smith Elementary (p 31-36)

- J. W. Smith All Students improved in 2017 MCA Reading, Math, and Science compared to 2016.
- J. W. Smith exceeded their goals for reducing the American Indian Reading gap and the Special Education Math gap.

Lincoln Elementary (p 36-39)

- Improved 2017 MCA Science proficiency for All Students and Free and Reduced Lunch.
- Decreased total behavior incidences by 40% and physical aggression by 62% compared to 2016.

Lumberjack ALC (p 39-40)

- Improved MCA Math by 9.1% and MCA Science by 8.6%.

Northern Elementary (p 40-43)

- Improved All Student MCA Reading and Math proficiency compared to 2016.
- Northern students outperformed the State (59.9%) in MCA Math with 65.4% proficient.

Oshki Manidoo Center (p 43-44)

- Met their goal with 65% of All Students enrolled at least 90 days earning at least one credit toward graduation.

Paul Bunyan Elementary (p 44-45)

- Students met their 2017 AIMSweb goals in Phoneme Segmentation, Number Identification, and Quantity Discrimination.

School Readiness (p 46-47)

- Community Education completed 334 of 410 (82%) preschool screenings in 2016-2017, 344 of 427 (81%) in 2015-2016, and 244 of 387 (63%) in 2014-2015.

Solway Elementary (p 47-49)

- Solway grade 5 students outperformed the State (59.9%) in MCA Science with 67.7% proficient.