

# NORTHWEST Junior High School

2017-18  
SNAPSHOT



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**School Hours:** 8:50 am – 4:00 pm (M, T, W, F) 8:50 am – 3:00 pm (Th)

## Dear Parent or Guardian,

Since opening in 1972, Northwest Junior High prides itself in offering an innovative, rigorous academic curriculum that is buttressed by an equally strong co-curricular program. The school is organized into four houses; teachers are assigned to one team and each team consists of roughly 160 students. Utilizing this team concept, teachers work together to assist students to achieve at high levels. The school's current enrollment is 642 students supported by 40 full and part time faculty members, including a teacher librarian, two counselors, a social worker and an at-risk caseworker. NW also has a full range of special education programs designed to serve students of all abilities.

The school's success is reflected in many accolades. Currently, Northwest is the National TEAMS competition champion, the National KMO 3-2-1 Competition champion, and the state leader in MathCounts, winning the Iowa competition the last four years in a row. It is also home to the current DuPont Science Essay National Winner. Its debate team has won 7 of the last 8 state competitions, and more NW students have been awarded gold and silver keys by the Scholastic Art and Writing Award program than any other school in Iowa over the past 10 years. Of particular note is the school's music program, which boasts band, orchestra and choir as offerings in the regular curriculum and a show choir, a chamber orchestra and two award-winning jazz bands as co-curricular choices.

**Laura Cottrell**  
Northwest Principal

## Mission

*We believe that students should have the opportunity to develop intellectually, socially, and physically within a comprehensive curriculum, to explore a variety of ideas and learning, and to grow toward self-understanding. We believe that the junior high school should promote the dignity and worth of the individual and an appreciation of one's culture and that of other ethnic groups. We believe that junior high education benefits society when it promotes the democratic way of life. We believe education is the shared responsibility of the staff, students, parents, and other citizens in our community.*



## COURSE OFFERINGS

Art  
Business  
Health  
Family/Consumer Science  
Industrial Technology  
Language Arts  
Mathematics  
Performing Music  
(Band, Orchestra, Chorus)  
Science  
Social Studies  
Level I, II, III Special Education  
World Languages  
(French and Spanish)

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

Guidance and Counseling  
Extended Language Learners (ELL)  
At-Risk

## CO-CURRICULAR/ EXTRACURRICULAR

Athletics, academic clubs, service clubs, student senate, jazz bands, singing and dancing groups, speech and debate

## STUDENTS COME FROM:

Alexander, Borlaug, Coralville Central, Hills, Horn, Weber, and Wickham Elementary Schools.

## STUDENTS PROGRESS TO:

West High School

## NORTHWEST HIGHLIGHTS



*A Decade of Excellence: NW MathCounts has had an impressive run winning 8 of the last eleven state MathCounts competitions. Over the past four years 12 of the 16 national qualifiers have been NW students culminating in 2014 when all four qualifiers to the national competition were from NW. That year NW students also made a huge impact on the state high school math competition winning the top two spots over all other high school students in Iowa.*

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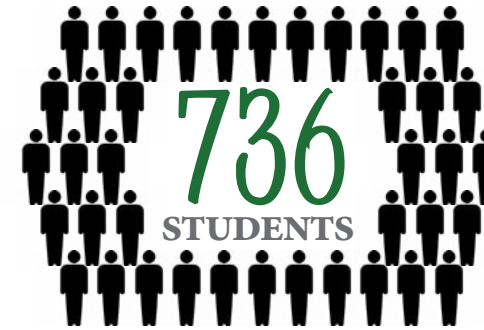


## STUDENT PERFORMANCE

	Percentage of Students Proficient in Reading	Percentage of Students Proficient in Math	Percent of Students Reaching Projected Academic Growth in Reading	Percent of Students Reaching Projected Academic Growth in Math
School	81.2%	77.7%	63.9%	58.9%
District	74.0%	73.7%	59.2%	56.3%
State	77.1%	78.9%	48.4%	54.0%

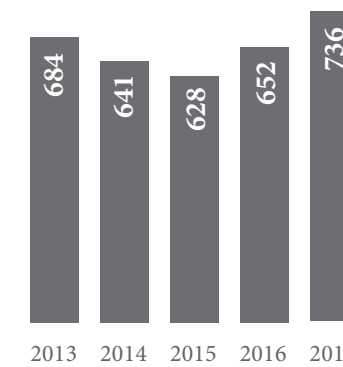
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## NWJH BY THE NUMBERS

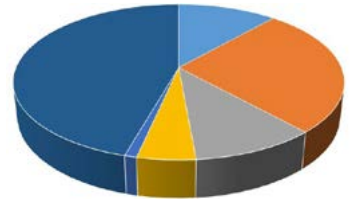


- 9.0% English Language Learners
- 9.9% Students receiving special education services
- 42.1% Low socioeconomic status students

### STUDENT POPULATION



### STUDENT DIVERSITY



- Asian
- Black
- Hispanic
- Multi-racial
- Native American/Alaskan
- Pacific Islander/Other
- White

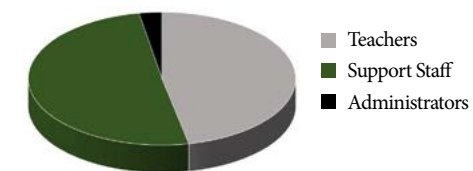
## QUALITY TEACHERS

	Total Number of Classroom Teachers	Iowa Licensed Teachers	Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	Teachers with Advanced Degrees	Teachers in Leadership Positions	Staff Retention Rate
School	51	100%	100%	33	13	93.0%
District	1111	100%	100%	681	307	

SOUTH EAST  
NORTHWEST  
NORTH CENTRAL

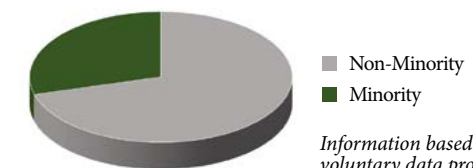
**2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**LARGEST JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN THE DISTRICT**

### SCHOOL PERSONNEL



AVG. CLASS SIZE: **29.2**  
GRADES 7-8

### STAFF DIVERSITY



Information based on voluntary data provided by employees.

### IOWA ASSESSMENT 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE NATIONAL PERCENTILE RANK OF NATIONAL STANDARD SCORE

	School	District	Nation
Reading	71%	72%	50%
Math	65%	58%	50%
Science	67%	71%	50%



**94.71%**  
AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE

**19.8%**  
MOBILITY RATE

**94.9%**  
STABILITY RATE



STATE OF IOWA  
REPORT CARD

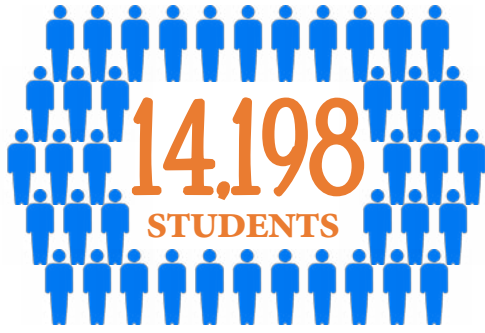
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ATTENDANCE AREA  
LOOK-UP

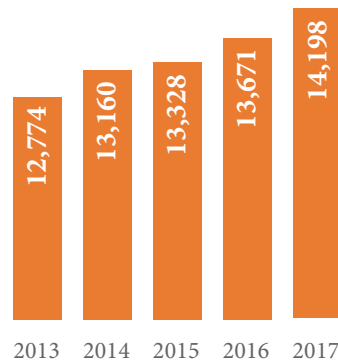
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# OUR STUDENTS



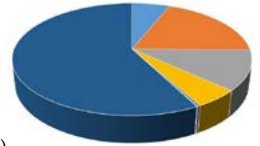
- 8.9% English Language Learners
- 10.4% Students receiving special education services
- 37.4% Low socioeconomic status students

## CERTIFIED ENROLLMENT



## STUDENT DIVERSITY

- Asian (6.1%)
- Black (19.2%)
- Hispanic (11.5%)
- Multi-racial (5.2%)
- Native American/Alaskan (<1%)
- Pacific Islander/Other (<1%)
- White (57.6%)



**NEARLY 80**  
LANGUAGES  
SPOKEN

# OUR SCHOOLS & STAFF



- 17 PRESCHOOL SITES
- 20 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
- 3 JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS
- 3 HIGH SCHOOLS
- 1 ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL

- DES MOINES
- CEDAR RAPIDS
- DAVENPORT
- SIOUX CITY
- IOWA CITY
- WATERLOO
- DUBUQUE
- ANKENY
- COUNCIL BLUFFS
- WEST DES MOINES

**5<sup>th</sup>**  
**LARGEST**  
**SCHOOL**  
**DISTRICT**  
**IN IOWA**

DISTRICT SIZE  
**133**  
SQ. MILES

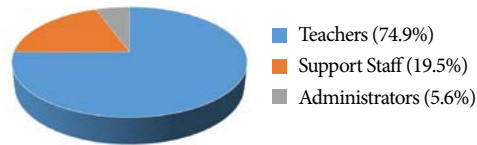


## CLASSROOM-FOCUSED PRIORITIES

**84%**

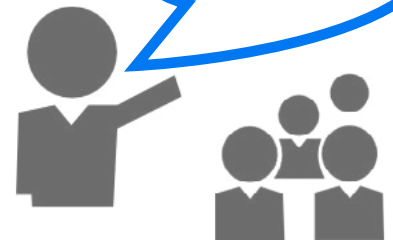
OF ANNUAL DISTRICT BUDGET IS SPENT ON PERSONNEL COSTS.

## SALARY/BENEFIT COSTS



## AVG. CLASS SIZE:

**20:1** K-6  
**29:1** JUNIOR HIGH  
**29:1** HIGH SCHOOL



## MORE THAN:

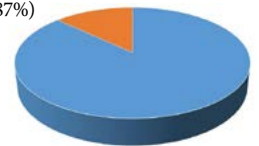
**10,500** Meals Prepared & Served Every Day

**5,000** Students Transported by Bus Every Day

## STAFF DIVERSITY

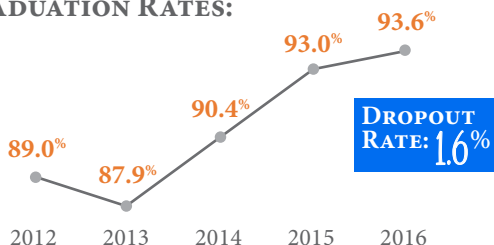
- Non-Minority (87%)
- Minority (13%)

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# RAISING THE BAR

## GRADUATION RATES:



**84%**

OF DISTRICT GRADUATES INTEND TO PURSUE POST SECONDARY EDUCATION

**977**  
STUDENTS ENROLLED IN AP COURSES

**269**  
STUDENTS ENROLLED IN KIRKWOOD REGIONAL CENTER ACADEMIES

**173**  
STUDENTS ENROLLED IN PSEO AND ALTERNATIVE CONCURRENT COURSES

## [ 2016-17 ACT AVG. COMPOSITE SCORES ]

