

# WEST HIGH SCHOOL

2017-18  
SNAPSHOT



IOWA CITY  
COMMUNITY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Child-Centered • Future-Focused



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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,

West High opened its doors in 1968 to a growing Iowa City west side community. Today, reflecting the continued growth in the west side communities, more than 1900 students attend West High. The west side community prides itself in both the consistent high achievement of our students and the exemplary quality of our staff.

West High is recognized at the local, state, and national levels as a leader in the quality of education provided for students. West students annually lead the state in ACT results, National AP Scholars, and National Merit Scholars. A culture of excellence at all levels pervades the school community with a continued focus on reaching success for all students.

West High maintains very strong working relationships with the communities of Iowa City, University Heights, Hills, North Liberty, and Coralville. The diversity of the student body further strengthens the enriched education provided for all students. The strong support received from all corners of the west side community through parents, businesses, and patrons provides the necessary resources and spirit of collaboration for students to excel.

Our students have a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities encompassing music, speech and debate, theater, athletics and a full range of clubs and organizations. Over two-thirds of our students choose to participate in extracurricular activities while in high school. Since 1992 West High athletic teams have won 50 state championships.

Niche, a national school ranking system based on quality of student performance named West High as the best public high school in the Iowa. This prestigious honor reflects the high quality work of our faculty and students, combined with strong parent support. I am proud to be a part of such a student-centered school community.

**Gregg Shoultz**  
West High Principal

## Mission

*Challenge each student with a rigorous curriculum taught by a diverse, professional, caring staff; Maintain collaborative partnership with our families and the community; and Ensure students become responsible, independent learners capable of making informed decisions in a democratic society and global community.*



### COURSE OFFERINGS

Art  
Business  
Drivers' Education  
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, German, Spanish)

### ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

Guidance and Counseling  
Post-Secondary Enrollment Options  
Advanced Placement Courses  
Honors Courses

### CO-CURRICULAR/ EXTRACURRICULAR

Activities: Drama, Thespians, Academic Clubs, Service Clubs, Model United Nations, National Honor Society, Quill and Scroll, Speech and Debate, Student Senate, Pep and Jazz Bands, Show Choir, Newspaper, Yearbook, and Social Issues Clubs

Sports: West High offers a full slate of all Class 4A/5A Iowa high school athletic activities.

### STUDENTS COME FROM:

North Central Junior High School  
Northwest Junior High School

## WEST HIGH[LIGHTS]

Niche Ranking: #1 Public H.S. in Iowa

AP Scholars: 20

AP Scholars with honor: 29

AP Scholars with Distinction: 17

Merit Scholars: 19 semi-Finalist,

10 commended

State Championships: 50 since 1992

Newsweek Ranking: 2<sup>nd</sup> in Iowa (2014)

US News & World Report: 4th in the State

All-State Music Finalists: 60

Award-Winning Student Newspaper:

West Side Story

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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	84.3%	87.8%	22.8%	60.8%
District	80.1%	79.0%	21.4%	62.3%
State	77.1%	78.9%	48.4%	54.0%

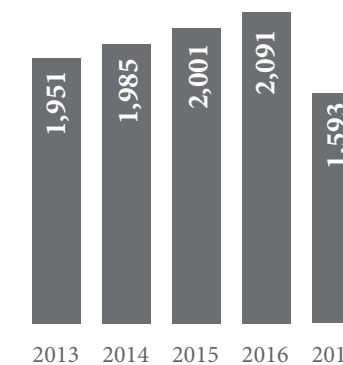
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## WEST HIGH BY THE NUMBERS

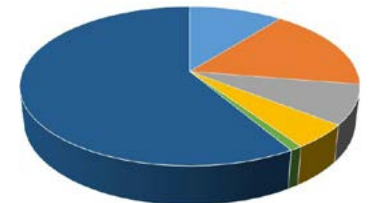


- 5.4% English Language Learners
- 6.2% Students receiving special education services
- 28.0% Low socioeconomic status students

### 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	105	100%	100%	67	21	96.5%
District	1111	100%	100%	681	307	

CITY HIGH  
WEST HIGH  
LIBERTY HIGH  
TATE HIGH

# 2<sup>nd</sup>

LARGEST HIGH SCHOOL IN THE DISTRICT

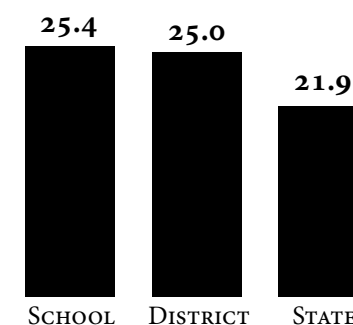


92.91%  
AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE



97.03%  
GRADUATION RATE

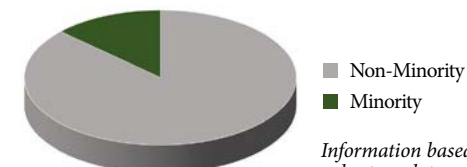
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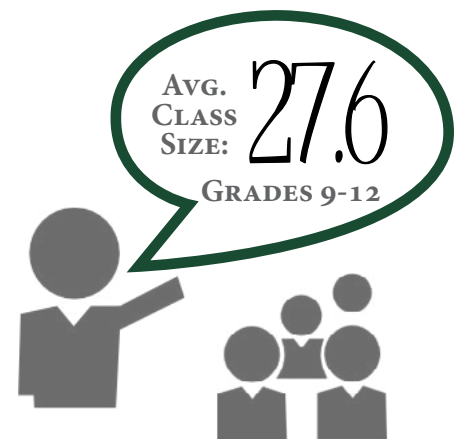
### SCHOOL PERSONNEL



### STAFF DIVERSITY



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STATE OF IOWA  
REPORT CARD

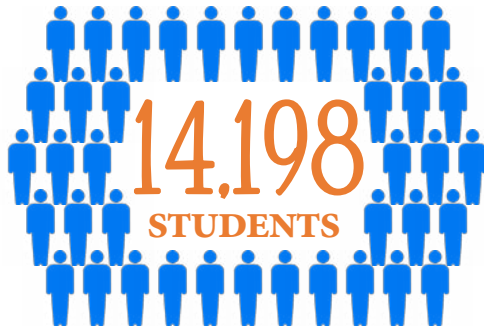
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ATTENDANCE AREA  
LOOK-UP

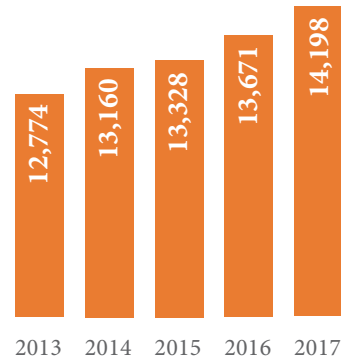
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# OUR STUDENTS



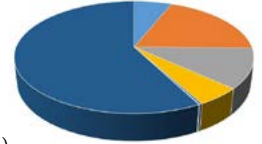
- 8.9% English Language Learners
- 10.4% Students receiving special education services
- 37.4% Low socioeconomic status students

## 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



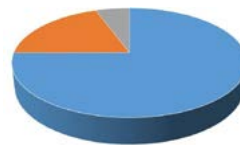
## CLASSROOM-FOCUSED PRIORITIES

**84%**

OF ANNUAL DISTRICT BUDGET IS SPENT ON PERSONNEL COSTS.



## SALARY/BENEFIT COSTS

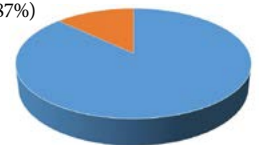


- Teachers (74.9%)
- Support Staff (19.5%)
- Administrators (5.6%)

## STAFF DIVERSITY

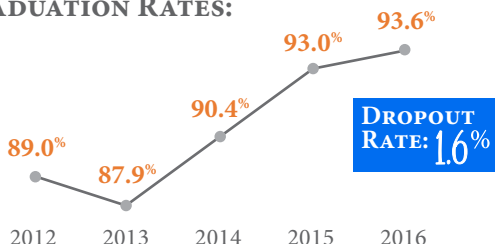
- Non-Minority (87%)
- Minority (13%)

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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 ]

