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
## Student Performance

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<th>Percentage of Students Proficient in Reading</th>
<th>Percentage of Students Proficient in Math</th>
<th>Percent of Students Reaching Projected Academic Growth in Reading</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>School</td>
<td>84.3%</td>
<td>87.8%</td>
<td>22.8%</td>
<td>60.8%</td>
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<td>District</td>
<td>80.1%</td>
<td>79.0%</td>
<td>21.4%</td>
<td>62.3%</td>
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<tr>
<td>State</td>
<td>77.1%</td>
<td>78.9%</td>
<td>48.4%</td>
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Data based on Iowa Assessments of 9th through 11th grade students

## Quality Teachers

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<th>Total Number of Classroom Teachers</th>
<th>Iowa Licensed Teachers</th>
<th>Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers</th>
<th>Teachers with Advanced Degrees</th>
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<th>Staff Retention Rate</th>
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<td>School</td>
<td>105</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>67</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>96.5%</td>
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<td>District</td>
<td>1111</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>681</td>
<td>307</td>
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## Student Diversity

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

## Attendance Area Look-Up

[www.IowaCitySchools.org/HomeSchoolLookUp](http://reports.educateiowa.gov/schoolreportcard)

## Graduation Rate

97.03%
**Our Students**

14,198 Students

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

**Certified Enrollment**

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>2013</td>
<td>12,774</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>13,160</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>13,328</td>
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<td>13,671</td>
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**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

**District Size**

133 Sq. Miles

- 5th Largest School District in Iowa

**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%)

Information based on voluntary data provided by employees.

**Meals Prepared & Served Every Day**

10,500

**Students Transported by Bus Every Day**

5,000

**Raising the Bar**

**Graduation Rates:**

- 2012: 89.0%
- 2013: 87.9%
- 2014: 90.4%
- 2015: 93.0%
- 2016: 93.6%

Dropout Rate: 1.6%

**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**

- Nation: 21.0
- State: 21.9
- District: 25.0

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