

JAMES VAN ALLEN

Elementary School

2017-18
SNAPSHOT



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



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School Hours: 7:55 am – 2:55 pm (M, T, W, F) 7:55 am – 1:55 pm (Th)

Dear Parent or Guardian,

James Van Allen Elementary is named after the internationally famous pioneer in space exploration and physics professor, James Van Allen who taught at the University of Iowa. Our uniquely designed school features many environmentally friendly features including natural lighting and was a LEED certified building upon opening in 2005.

Van Allen Elementary is a community of learners. Families and staff members work collaboratively to support students and meet the academic challenges of today's learners. We use technology to encourage students to reach their learning goals. Our staff members work with students to honor diverse cultures and promote intellectual and cultural understanding.

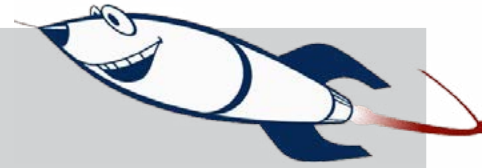
Each student is encouraged to respond in a positive and constructive manner. Students work in groups to encourage skill development in building cooperation and in accepting responsibility. Teachers work to build strong relationships with students that nourish academic growth and emotional well-being. We are committed to a system of positive behaviors that are taught and reinforced daily. Our teaching infuses critical thinking and problem-solving experience into the instruction of traditional curriculum content.

For families who need extended child care, the City of Coralville provides before and after school care. An oversized gym financed by a joint financial venture with the City of Coralville enhances Van Allen's learning programming. The facility is used during after-school hours for community programs run by the City of Coralville.

Eric Ewald
Van Allen Principal

Mission

Inspire Learning. Act with Empathy. #VanAllenPride



COURSE OFFERINGS

Language Arts
Math
Science
Social Studies
English Language Learning (ELL)
Gifted & Talented (ELP)
Orchestra Instruction (grades 5-6)
Band Instruction (grades 5-6)
Art
Music
PE
Library/Technology
Guidance
Level I (Resource) Special Education

GRADE LEVEL ORGANIZATION

Preschool
Kindergarten-6 single grade

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

Family Resource Center
Preschool
Hot Lunch and Breakfast
Before and After School Program
PTO

CO-CURRICULAR/ EXTRACURRICULAR

Clubs: Chess Club, Student Council, Safety Patrol, Code Club, Social Media Interns, The Rocket Times, Workout Wednesdays

STUDENTS PROGRESS TO:

North Central Junior High School
Liberty High School

VAN ALLEN HIGHLIGHTS



Van Allen offers preschool education in North Liberty for students living in the northern Iowa City Community School District attendance area. Two teachers offer developmentally appropriate curriculum in a half day experience. The program serves students with special needs in a blended environment designed to match each child's individual uniqueness.

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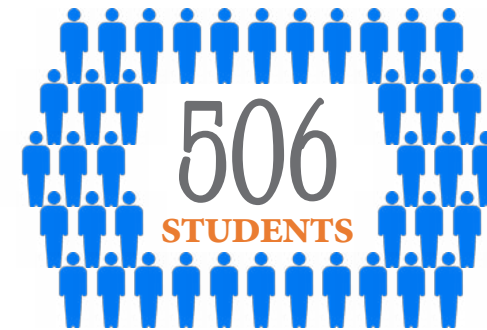


STUDENT PERFORMANCE

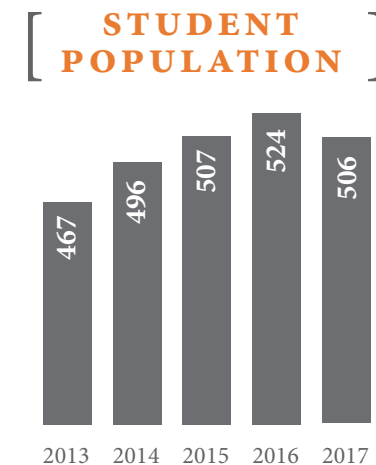
	Percentage of Students Proficient in Reading	Percentage of Students Proficient in Math	Percent of Students Reaching Projected Academic Growth in Reading	Percent of Students Reaching Projected Academic Growth in Math
School	80.6%	88.1%	47.4%	55.5%
District	74.0%	70.9%	52.5%	54.6%
State	77.1%	78.9%	48.4%	54.0%

Data based on Iowa Assessments of 3rd through 6th grade students

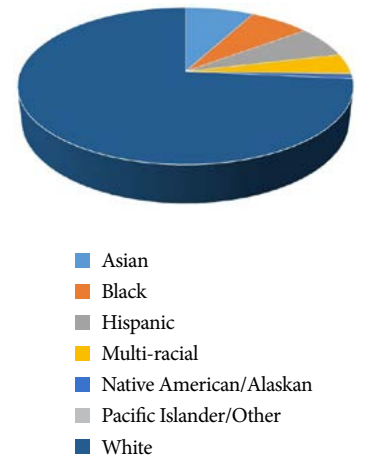
VAN ALLEN BY THE NUMBERS



- 2.7% English Language Learners
- 8.6% Students receiving special education services
- 23.9% Low socioeconomic status students



STUDENT DIVERSITY



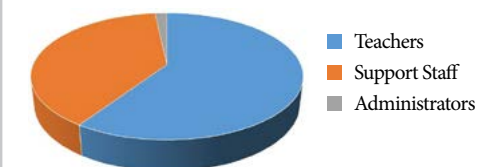
QUALITY TEACHERS

	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	36	100%	100%	27	11	81.1%
District	1111	100%	100%	681	307	

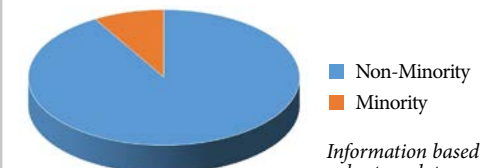
GARNER
PENN
VAN ALLEN
WICKHAM
WEBER
LUCAS
BORLAUG
C. CENTRAL
ALEXANDER
HORN

3rd LARGEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE DISTRICT

SCHOOL PERSONNEL



STAFF DIVERSITY



Information based on voluntary data provided by employees.



IOWA ASSESSMENT 4TH GRADE NATIONAL PERCENTILE RANK OF NATIONAL STANDARD SCORE

	School	District	Nation
Reading	81%	72%	50%
Math	76%	58%	50%
Science	77%	71%	50%



96.64% AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE

15.8% MOBILITY RATE

93.6% STABILITY RATE



STATE OF IOWA
REPORT CARD

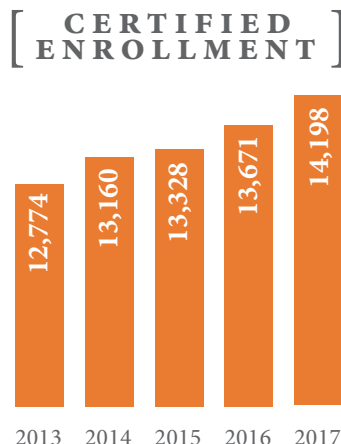
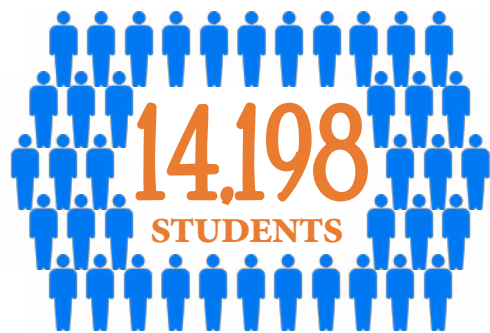
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ATTENDANCE AREA
LOOK-UP

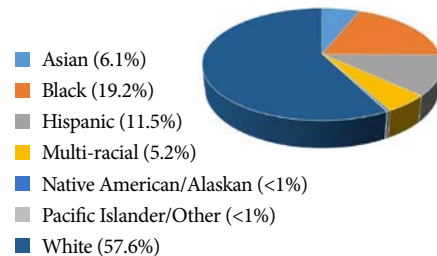
www.IowaCitySchools.org/HomeSchoolLookUp

OUR STUDENTS



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

STUDENT DIVERSITY



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

5th
LARGEST
SCHOOL
DISTRICT
IN IOWA

DISTRICT SIZE
133
SQ. MILES

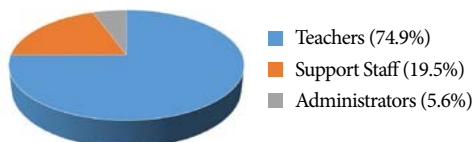


CLASSROOM-FOCUSED PRIORITIES

84%

OF ANNUAL DISTRICT BUDGET IS SPENT ON PERSONNEL COSTS.

SALARY/BENEFIT COSTS

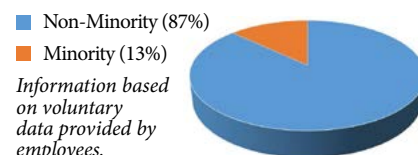


MORE THAN:

10,500 Meals Prepared & Served Every Day

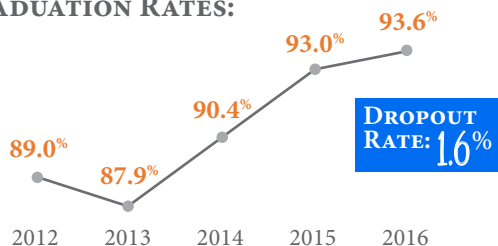
5,000 Students Transported by Bus Every Day

STAFF DIVERSITY



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]

