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School District of Amery District Achievement Report
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District Achievement Report

The School District of Amery has EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS for all ten years that the DPI has issued a State of Wisconsin Accountability Report Card.

Amery students also excel in ways that could never be measured by written tests or a state-mandated scorecard.

Learn more inside!



EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS
Overall Accountability Score and Rating
2022-2023

DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENT *Highlights*



LIEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Grades 4K-2

- There are no mandated standardized tests at the elementary level. Instead, the elementary school receives an 'Alternative Rating' (AR).
- Lien Elementary uses FastBridge, an assessment tool to determine areas of growth and to plan for student needs. The FastBridge benchmark scores are determined three times per year and help drive lesson planning and interventions necessary to develop student skills.



AMERY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL Grades 3-5

- EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS for the tenth consecutive year.
- Exceeds the state in English/Language Arts by 9.8 points.
- Exceeds the state in Math by 10 points.
- The Math growth score exceeds the state Math growth score by 9.5 points.
- The overall school performance rating is in the top third of all CESA 11* schools.



AMERY MIDDLE SCHOOL Grades 6-8

- SIGNIFICANTLY EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS and has Exceeded or Significantly Exceeded Expectations for all ten years of reporting.
- The overall score of 90.1 is the ninth highest of ALL middle schools in Wisconsin (top 2%).
- The overall score is the HIGHEST of ALL middle schools in CESA 11*.
- The growth score is the fifth highest in Wisconsin (top 1%).
- The growth score in Math is the highest of ALL Wisconsin middle schools.



AMERY HIGH SCHOOL Grades 9-12

- Scored approximately 4 points above the state average in both English and Math.
- Overall Achievement Scores are top 60% in the state.
- The 10th grade test results from spring 2023 are the HIGHEST in the Middle Border Conference.
- The participation rates for post-secondary preparation and arts far exceed the state rates in almost every area (see below).

ADVANCED PLACEMENT
89 students (18.3%) successfully completed at least one Advanced Placement course.

DUAL ENROLLMENT
278 students successfully completed at least one dual enrollment course.
Amery 57.2% State 23.2%

INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS
44 students earned at least one industry-recognized credential.
Amery 9.1% State 3.9%

WORK-BASED LEARNING
112 students participated in a work-based learning program.
Amery 23% State 8.5%

MUSIC
133 students successfully completed at least one music course.
Amery 27.4% State 19.1%

ART & DESIGN
202 students successfully completed at least one art & design course.
Amery 41.6% State 27.2%

Data source: 2022–2023 Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

*CESA 11 includes the 39 school districts in northwestern Wisconsin

What are School and District Report Cards?

As part of the state accountability system, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) produces Report Cards for every publicly funded school and district in Wisconsin. These Report Cards include data on multiple years across four Priority Areas: Student Achievement, Growth, Target Group Outcomes, and On-Track to Graduation. In addition, the Report Cards also measure chronic absenteeism and graduation rates.

The Overall Accountability Score places each school and district into one of five Overall Accountability Ratings.

Learn more here: <https://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-card>



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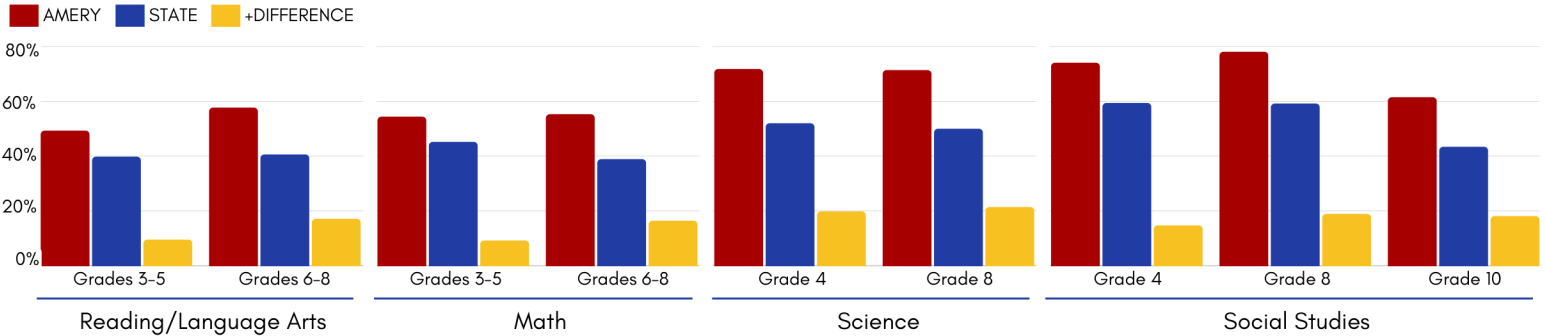
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT *Forward Exam*

The Wisconsin Forward Exam is designed to gauge how well students are doing in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. These standards outline what students should know and be able to do in order to be college and career ready.

The Forward Exam is administered online in the spring of each school year to grades 3-8 in Reading/Language Arts and Math, grades 4 and 8 in Science, and grades 4, 8 and 10 in Social Studies.



These graphs indicate the percentage of students who are proficient & advanced in the specified subject areas.



BEYOND Classroom Walls and BEYOND Test Scores

The School District of Amery is proud of student achievement IN the classroom AND educational opportunities OUTSIDE the classroom walls:

- An Outdoor Classroom at Lien Elementary supports active learners with sensory needs and helps teachers provide hands-on learning, STEAM activities, nature appreciation and integration, and a unique environment for all students.
- Career and Technical Education Academies (CTE) at the high school to prepare students for careers that reflect the contemporary workplace. CTE Academies are offered in the areas of Construction, Agriculture, Catering, and Entrepreneurship. In the Construction Academy, students have built and sold four houses and will soon complete a fifth! Additional lots of land have been purchased so students can continue participating firsthand in the entire process of building a house.
- Youth Apprenticeship and Work-Based Learning opportunities for high school students.
- Hands-on Horsemanship classes for high school students.
- Abundant outdoor spaces on the school campus include a school forest, classroom shelters, wetland, a lake, a prairie, and a vegetable garden. Students learn about forestry, tap maple trees, plant and harvest vegetables, manage an apple orchard, plant trees, monitor bluebirds, study water quality, practice survival skills, snowshoe, and hike.
- An additional 35 acres has been purchased next to the school campus for the F.A.R.M., an expansion of hands-on agriculture education. Current projects include growing & harvesting corn and alfalfa, planting Christmas trees, raising honey bees, and creating a corn maze. Future plans include an orchard, vegetable gardens, spaces to raise animals and train horses, a school farm classroom, and a school farm store.
- An annual, 2-day environmental education trip for all 5th grade students where they experience the diverse, rich, and unique region in which we live. It is an exciting opportunity for students to create connections and gain a deep understanding of the social and ecological dynamics that shape our area.

We are also very proud of our unique educational program options outlined on the next page.





Points of PRIDE . . .

Program OPTIONS for Amery students & families

TRADITIONAL CLASSROOMS: Amery's Traditional classrooms are available to all children in 4K Preschool through Grade 12. These classrooms utilize a variety of innovative teaching tools allowing students to engage within a balance of choice activities, projects, small groups, integrated technology, exploration, and more.

MONTESSORI: The Montessori philosophy of education is based on self-directed activity, hands-on learning, and collaborative play. Students make creative choices in their learning while the classroom and the teacher offer age-appropriate activities to guide the process.

Amery offers Montessori as a multi-age option at the following levels:

- **Children's House** for 4K Preschool & Kindergarten at Lien Elementary School
- **Lower Elementary** for Grades 1-3 at Lien Elementary School
- **Upper Elementary** for Grades 4-5 at the Intermediate School

COLLEGE AND CAREER READY: Amery High School offers several programs to ensure students are college and career ready:

- Advanced Placement (AP) courses, additional Advanced Offerings, and Dual Enrollment college credit courses.
- Youth Apprenticeship, Industry-Recognized Credentials, Work-Based Learning, and Embedded Technical Diplomas.

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) ACADEMIES: CTE Academies are offered in the high school in Construction, Agriculture, Catering and Entrepreneurship. Students in the academies earn college credits and industry-recognized credentials. Many of the academy students are also in the Youth Apprenticeship program developing valuable workplace skills.

THE CLUBHOUSE provides quality care for infants, toddlers and school-age children in 4K Preschool through Grade 5. It is a safe, supervised, enriching environment for all children. The Clubhouse is conveniently located on the school campus and is recognized by Polk County as a reimbursable childcare provider through the Wisconsin Shares program. The Clubhouse provides infant and toddler childcare year-round, before and after school care for 4K through Grade 5 students during the school year, and a summer day camp for 4K through Grade 5 students.

All children are unique in how they learn, develop and grow. Each program here offers strengths for the academic, social and emotional growth of children. Parents have the opportunity to choose the best learning environments for their children.

