



Innovate, Lead, Succeed...
LIKE A WARRIOR

School District of Amery | District Newsletter | February 2026



The School District of Amery has EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS for all twelve 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.

74.8
★★★★★

EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

**Overall Accountability
Score and Rating
2024-2025**

DISTRICT REPORT CARD *Highlights*



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. 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-cards>

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.

AR

AMERY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL Grades 3-5

- **EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS** for the twelfth (12th) consecutive year.
- Moved overall score up nearly three (3) points from 2023-2024 report card.
- Exceeds the state in English/Language Arts by 8.6 points.
- Exceeds the state in Math by 11.6 points.
- The Math Growth score exceeds the state Math Growth score by 7.6 points.

7.7

AMERY MIDDLE SCHOOL Grades 6-8

- **SIGNIFICANTLY EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS** and has Exceeded or Significantly Exceeded Expectations for twelve (12) consecutive years.
- The overall score of 90.9 is the 18th highest of ALL Wisconsin middle schools (18 of 377) (top 5%)
- The overall score is the **SECOND HIGHEST** of ALL CESA 11* middle schools.
- The overall score is the **HIGHEST** in the Middle Border Conference.
- The overall Growth score is the **SIXTH HIGHEST** of all Wisconsin middle schools (6 of 377)(top 2%).
- Amery Middle School had the **HIGHEST MATH** growth score of all Wisconsin Middle Schools.

90.9

AMERY HIGH SCHOOL Grades 9-12

- Ninth grade pre-ACT composite scores are the **HIGHEST** in the Middle Border Conference.
- Moved overall score up nearly six (6) points from 2023-2024 report card.
- Overall Achievement scores are in the top 59% of the state.
- The Achievement score is 15th highest of 39 schools in CESA 11*.
- The participation rates for post-secondary preparation and arts far exceed the state rates in almost every area (see below).

56.0

ADVANCED PLACEMENT
106 students (23.4%) successfully completed at least one Advanced Placement course.
Amery 68.4%
State 25.7%

DUAL ENROLLMENT
310 students successfully completed at least one dual enrollment college credit course.
Amery 68.4%
State 25.7%

INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS
22 students earned at least one industry-recognized credential.
Amery 4.9%
State 4.7%

WORK-BASED LEARNING
135 students participated in a work-based learning program.
Amery 29.8%
State 8.5%

MUSIC
134 students successfully completed at least one music course.
Amery 29.6%
State 19.2%

ART & DESIGN
229 students successfully completed at least one art & design course.
Amery 50.6%
State 29.1%

POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT
62 students Enrolled in either a 2-year (32.3%) or 4-year college (67.7%) for the fall.
Amery 61.4%
State 51.4%

Data source: 2023-2024 Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction *CESA 11 includes the 39 school districts in northwestern Wisconsin



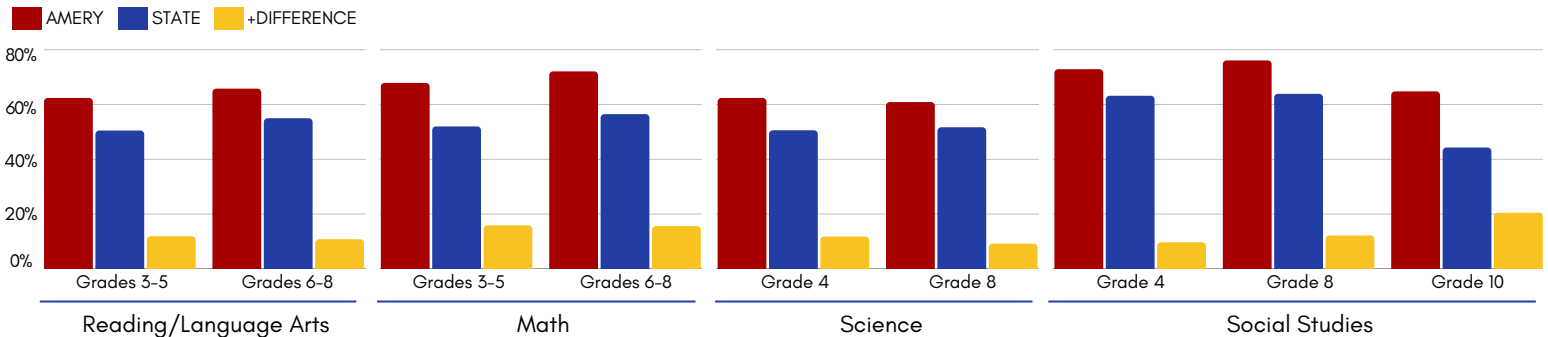
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT *Forward Exam*

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:



Career and Technical Education Academies (CTE) at the high school 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 five houses and will complete construction on the F.A.R.M. School Store at the end of 2025-26. These career base experience put Amery students ahead of their peers with post-secondary employment opportunities.



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.



Youth Apprenticeship and Work-Based Learning opportunities in abundance for high school students.



The F.A.R.M. is a 35-acre parcel of land adjacent to the school campus for real-life expansion of hands-on agriculture education and a recipient of the *2025 T-Mobile 50K Hometown Grant*. Current projects include growing and harvesting corn and alfalfa, planting Christmas trees with kindergarten students who will get to harvest a tree and take it home when they are in high school, 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, two-day **environmental education trip** for all 5th grade students where they experience the diverse, rich, and unique region in which we live.



A variety of **extra-curricular opportunities** helping students develop skills such as leadership, teamwork, time management, and social interaction, while also allowing them to explore interests:

- 18 WIAA high school athletic opportunities
- 8 middle school athletic opportunities
- Marching Band, Jazz Band, Jazz Choir
- A number of clubs & organizations including Dance Team, Powerlifting, Theatre, FFA, Forensics, and more.



Hands-on high school classes where students spend significant time outside the classroom including Horsemanship, Landscaping, Freshwater Ecology, and Outdoor Adventure Education.

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
- **Lower Elementary** for Grades 1-2
- **Upper Elementary** for Grades 3-5

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 through Grade 5. It is a safe, supervised, enriching environment for all children. The Clubhouse is conveniently located in the elementary school 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.

