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Mequon-Thiensville School District Shows Improvement on WKCE *Students Advance in Reading and Mathematics*

MEQUON, WI. — The Mequon-Thiensville School District released its results for the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam (WKCE) today. In 2013-14, 65.6 percent of students performed at advanced or proficient levels in reading, which represents an increase of 2.7 percentage points over the previous year. In mathematics, 77.7 percent of students performed at advanced or proficient levels, which represents an increase of 1.6 percentage points over the previous year.

The WKCE is a state-mandated customized test administered every fall. It is designed to measure student attainment of subject-area proficiency on the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards. Students in grades 3, 5, 6, and 7 take tests in reading and mathematics. Students in grades 4, 8, and 10 take tests in reading, mathematics, science, language arts, writing, and social studies.

Math and reading results are based on more rigorous proficiency level cut scores, which were implemented by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction for the 2012 – 2013 school year. The new levels mirror proficiency levels used by the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

WKCE Performance in Reading at Advanced or Proficient Levels

| | Advanced/Proficient Percentage |
|-----------|--------------------------------|
| 2009 - 10 | 61.3% |
| 2010 - 11 | 62.6% |
| 2011 - 12 | 64.0% |
| 2012 - 13 | 62.9% |
| 2013 - 14 | 65.6% |

WKCE Performance in Mathematics at Advanced or Proficient Levels

| | Advanced/Proficient Percentage |
|-----------|--------------------------------|
| 2009 - 10 | 75.9% |
| 2010 - 11 | 75.0% |
| 2011 - 12 | 77.5% |
| 2012 - 13 | 76.1% |
| 2013 - 14 | 77.7% |

While year-to-year fluctuations are normal, the district has repeatedly seen positive trends over the years, consistently surpassing state averages.