

Westlake City Schools

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WESTLAKE EARNS 'EXCELLENT WITH DISTINCTION' RATING ON STATE REPORT CARD

For the 11th consecutive year, the Westlake City School District has achieved the highest rating on its annual report card from the Ohio Department of Education.

Westlake achieved the highest rating of "Excellent with Distinction" on the 2009 State and Local Report Card. The ranking places Westlake within a select few districts throughout the state to achieve the highest rating for all 11 years.

The Ohio report cards use multiple measures in rating each district. Based on the Westlake Schools' performance in the 2008-09 school year, this year's report card shows the district meeting 30 out of 30 performance indicators, which are based on achievement test results, attendance and graduation rates. The district also attained its highest Performance Index Score to date, going from 105.8 last year to 106.3 this year. The Performance Index Score measures the achievement of all students over one year.

In addition to the "Excellent with Distinction" designation, the district also met the federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) target. AYP measures the achievement of students within 10 groups, including economically disadvantaged, minority and special education.

Another measure on the report card is Value Added, a statistical measurement of the growth of individual students over one school year. Westlake exceeded a years' growth in student progress for the third straight year.

Superintendent Dr. Daniel J. Keenan Jr. said the district is excited about this year's results, but he added the data show the district has more work to do to help students succeed.

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“These results are truly commendable,” said Dr. Keenan. “Efforts have already begun to establish a more consistent system to better track interventions to ensure student progress and achievement. We are laying the groundwork for a staff development program that centers on understanding our data, monitoring student progress and adjusting instruction to meet individual student needs”

The Ohio Department of Education local report card results can be viewed at www.ode.state.oh.us.

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