



# Appleton East High School

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Dear Appleton East Parents and Guardians,

Recently, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) issued a **School Report Card** for every public school in Wisconsin. The report card for Appleton East High School reflects the performance of 339 11<sup>th</sup> grade students on the ACT exam from **last** school year (2016-2017). Appleton East High School's student body performance on this one assessment resulted in a report card score of **62.6** and a rating of **Meets Few Expectations**.

- The 2016-2017 report card score of 62.6 is a 6.3 point increase from 2015-2016's report card score of 56.3, bringing it .4 points away from the rating **Meets Expectations**.
- Although the majority of the Tesla Engineering Charter School students are part of the East student body, Tesla receives its own school report card. If you combine the report card scores of both Appleton East and Tesla, it results in a report card score of 65.7 and a rating of **Meets Expectations**.

As you review the report card, please consider all aspects of the educational program at Appleton East High School. While our eye is always on continuous improvement in all aspects of our operation, we are proud of the staff, student body, and educational opportunities provided. To help highlight a number of our key attributes, a "Rest of the Story" document has been developed to highlight some of our many positive indicators of school success.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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# WHY APPLETON EAST HIGH SCHOOL?



When Appleton East Students walk across the stage at graduation we know that they will:

- Have unlocked talents and strengths they possess and will have the confidence to use them
- Have an overall view of potential options in terms of post secondary school and career
- Possess the importance of caring and helping others
- Have experienced high levels of learning, leadership, and service

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## **Student Achievement**

Appleton East High School was recognized as a Level 3 **Advanced Placement Pacesetter School** for impressive student AP access and excellence in AP exam scores in the State of Wisconsin during the 15-16 & 16-17 school year.



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## **Student Testimonials**

- *East is a very caring and safe environment. The staff are super helpful and fun. There are many clubs and ways to get involved.* Helena, Class of 2020
- *East is a place where I can learn in an environment where my understanding and knowledge is more important than a letter grade.* Colin, Class of 2018
- *It is truly remarkable to see how close the whole student body of Appleton East is. There is no social pedestal, students from each grade level are helpful and respectful to each other.* Drew, Class of 2017
- *East is a second home for many of us. Every person at East is willing to lend a helping hand and this creates a comforting and welcoming environment.* Igor, Class of 2018

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## **Welcoming Environment: Link Crew**

The purpose of Link Crew is to create a positive transition from middle school to high school for Freshmen Students. Throughout the year, Seniors and juniors serve as leaders and mentors for the Freshmen Students. These leaders design large and small group activities to address students' needs and concerns in an enjoyable manner. This past year, East redesigned the first day of the year to give Freshmen with Link Leaders a chance to get acclimated to many nuances of High School.

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## **Advisory Program**

- The purpose of the advisor/advisee program is to promote healthy student development, support academic success, and provide multiple opportunities to bridge and explore career based learning (post secondary options). The advisory program helps connect students to staff members, community, school, and to issues that are relevant to their growth and development into adults.
- With classes limited to a 16:1 student to teacher ratio, advisor/advisee time is used for: post-secondary planning (career based learning); special seminars on teen related issues (eating disorders, drugs, alcohol prevention); "how-to's" (using LMC, accessing school counselor); study skills/social skills; improving academics (tutoring, homework help, Positive Behavior Practices, Link Crew orientations); and community service/service learning.

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## **Service Opportunities**

Students at East are dedicated to helping the school and the community. Various groups and classes are committed to servicing the school, the local community and the world.

- Students have created and maintained a community clothes closet for students at East that need clothes, backpacks, toiletry items or school supplies.
- DECA organizes a community leaf rake in the fall, Halloween food drive for St. Joe's Food Pantry, and raises money for Special Olympics by participating in the Polar Plunge.
- The Environmental Studies class, the football team and various teachers work throughout the summer to grow vegetables for St. Joe's Food Pantry.
- The football team and Key Club host a yearly event called East Tackles Cancer and has raised over \$80,000