



# 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 350 11<sup>th</sup> grade students on the ACT exam from **last** school year (2015-2016). Appleton East's average ACT score was 20.8 compared to a Wisconsin state average of 20.5. Student performance on this one assessment resulted in a report card score of 66.3 or a rating of **Meets Expectations**.

As you review the report card, you will note that Appleton East lost 10 points. This dropped the overall score to 56.3 and lowered the rating designation to **Meets Few Expectations**. The 10 point deduction was the result of student test participation. Test participation is determined on a school-wide basis for each of the following subgroups of the student population: ethnicity, English Language Learners, Students with Disabilities, and Economically Disadvantaged students. Schools that test less than 95% of the student population in a subgroup lose 5 points, and schools that test less than 85% of a student population subgroup lose 10 points. Appleton East's 10 point deduction was the result of a 84% test participation rate in one of the subgroups. Each of Appleton's three high schools lost report card points in the area of testing participation.

Student test participation is impacted by a number of factors ranging from parent opt out to the degree of appropriateness of a student taking the assessment. While we are disappointed with the loss of 10 points on the report card score, the Appleton East staff will continue to work with parents to determine the degree of appropriateness of students taking the ACT exam.

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,

Matthew Mineau  
Principal

# 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 2015-16 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 for charities like the American Cancer Society and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.