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At-A-Glance Profiles Released by ODE: Sherwood students, including traditionally marginalized students, demonstrate strong growth

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) released At-A-Glance Profiles today for K-12 schools across the state, evaluating their performances for the 2018-19 school year. These profiles serve as report cards for both school districts and individual schools. Sherwood Schools generally received high marks, yet there were areas for growth indicated as well.

On the District-level report card, Sherwood students were rated as achieving High Growth based on year-to-year progress for individual students in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. Nearly all schools in the District were individually rated as achieving High Growth, with one achieving High-Average Growth in individual student progress. Furthermore, every student group rated by ODE, including traditionally marginalized groups, were rated as having High Growth based on the ODE’s metrics. The District has made improving achievement for all students, while decreasing the opportunity gap for traditionally marginalized students, a top priority and a focus of its equity initiatives. This is a tremendous source of pride for all of the students, parents, and staff who work tirelessly to make this happen.

At the school level, three out of four elementary schools improved in mathematics, and all schools performed significantly better than the state average. ELA achievement in grades K-5 either decreased slightly or was flat, depending on the school. The District is implementing new curriculum in ELA in grades K-5, which is expected to improve achievement growth in this area. Attendance in grades K-2, a key measure for future achievement, improved as well. The percentage of K-2 students who attended more than 90% of school days increased to 92%, up 2% from the previous year and nearly 10% higher than the Oregon average.

Sherwood’s middle schools showed mixed results in math and ELA compared with the previous year; however, middle school students in Sherwood are passing the challenging Smarter Balanced Assessment in Math at nearly twice the rate of the Oregon average. Additionally, middle school students performed well on the ELA exam, with significantly more students meeting the rigorous benchmarks than the state average.
Recently, high school math achievement has been a focus for improvement in our district. Although not represented in the At-A-Glance Profile, the percentage of students passing the rigorous 11th grade exam increased by over 20 percentage points over the last three years -- with a nearly 15% increase in the last year alone -- and the ELA scores remain among the highest in the state. The high school also boasts among the highest graduation rates, as well as rates of students on-track to graduate, in the state. Finally, students in the Sherwood School District earned over 10,000 college credits while still in high school through partnerships with five local universities.

Superintendent Dr. Heather Cordie stated, “These results are a direct reflection of the efforts of our amazing teachers, classified staff and administrators, who have worked tirelessly to teach and support our students. The growth demonstrated in these report cards is a source of great pride for our district, and we will continue to maintain our focus on improving achievement outcomes for all students.”

Complete information on the ODE and school report cards can be found by selecting “Sherwood” from the drop-down menu at the following web address:
http://www.ode.state.or.us/data/reportcard/reports.aspx

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