



METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PERRY TOWNSHIP

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The Indiana Department of Education released letter grades on October 31, 2012 for schools and school districts. We realize the A-F Accountability System is extremely difficult to understand. The individual school letter grades were based upon student performance on ISTEP and other performance indicators for the high school.

Below is the recent distribution of the letter grades for Perry Township Schools:

	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D	Grade F
MSD of Perry Township District Grade: C	Glenns Valley Elementary	Mary Bryan Elementary	Clinton Young Elementary	Homecroft Elementary	Abraham Lincoln Elementary
	Jeremiah Gray Elementary	Perry Meridian High School	Douglas MacArthur Elementary	Winchester Village Elementary	
	Henry Burkhart Elementary		Perry Meridian 6th Grade Academy		
	Rosa Parks Elementary		Southport Elementary		
	Southport 6th Grade Academy		Perry Meridian Middle School		
			Southport Middle School		
			Southport High School		



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Perry's dedicated educators are working diligently to help students increase performance on the future assessments. As the district moves forward, it is important to share our Strategic Plan strategies that have already been implemented in Perry Township Schools to support the goal to increase student achievement.

The Strategic Plan goals are as follows:

- **By the end of the 2014-2015 school year, our district will achieve an “A” rating according to the Indiana Department of Education Accountability Guidelines.**
 - First step: By the end of the 2012-2013 school year, each school would maintain an “A” or improve by at least one letter grade.
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- **By the end of the 2014-2015 school year, 100% of our teachers will be rated as effective or highly effective identified by the teacher evaluation rubric.**
 - First step: By the end of the 2012-2013 school year, 100% of teachers will be trained on the TAP Rubric and will have been observed and conferenced (4) times. All teachers receiving less than an effective rating will have a plan in place to begin the 2013-14 school year.
- **By the end of the 2014-2015 school year, schools will build community partnerships and provide avenues for building relationships with our students as individuals and learners.**
 - First step: By the end of the 2012-2013 school year, each building will identify current community partners and recognize their contributions.

Note: Elementary students will continue to participate in a daily minimum 90 minute reading block and a 60 minute math block.

In summary, the staff of Perry Township Schools is implementing the TAP Evaluation Model for teachers that connect student achievement to compensation and job status for teachers. Indiana teachers and administrators are under a great deal of pressure because new education reforms place all the responsibility of student learning on their shoulders. Perry Township parents are encouraged to stay engaged as active partners with the teachers so that students can continue to increase their achievement.



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Below is a list of exciting news about the outstanding students and quality staff in the district:

Did you know...

- Perry Township Schools have 1,236 full day kindergarten enrolled for the 2012-2013 school year.
- This year, Perry Meridian High School has 6 students who are National Merit Finalists.
- This year, Southport High School has an Outstanding Participant in the National Achievement Scholarship Program.
- Perry Meridian High School student, Julia Carnes earned the highest possible composite score of 36 on the ACT college admission and placement exam.
- This year, in the first quarter, 1,100 high school students made the MSDPT honor roll.
- William Henry Burkhart Elementary School was named a National Blue Ribbon School.
- Rosa Parks Elementary School was awarded the EDI President’s Award, the Five-Star Achievement Award, Four Star Financial Award and the Golden Apple Award.
- Jeremiah Gray Elementary School was awarded the Four-Star Achievement Award and the Golden Apple Award.

• Average Elementary Class Size:	K w/aide	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
	27	24	24	24	24	25

- Art, music and physical education are an integral part of the elementary curriculum.
- Both of the district’s high schools received AP District Honor Roll for significant gains in Advanced Placement access and student performance.
- Perry Township Schools offer 21 AP courses and 20 dual credit courses.
- Transportation is available for all students.
- The district staff includes 920 licensed teachers.
- Since the end of 2011, MSDPT has been operating with a balance budget.