

Comparison to the State

Key Point: Madison's schools are excellent, with talented staff, award-winning students, and good facilities--maintaining this investment will help our community remain vibrant and growing.

The Madison school district is frequently compared with state averages on such things as cost per pupil and test scores. It is important to look at how the student body of MMSD compares to state averages:

	Madison	State
Poverty	40.9%	32.2%
Eng. Lang. Learners	17.9%	5.4%
Special Education	16%	14.2%

Madison has twice as many students of color, more than three times as many children whose first language is not English, and 20% more children in poverty.

MMSD Successes over the Past Year

1. Cherokee Middle School team won the national championship of the African American History Challenge.
2. In 2008 MMSD students averaged 24.4, the second highest ACT score of the past 22 years, 70% of Madison seniors took the test.
3. 60 MMSD students are National Merit semifinalists this year; Madison has 37% of Dane County's K-12 students – and 78% of the semifinalists.
4. MMSD students were half of the 18 Wisconsin honorees in UW-Madison's Math Talent Search.
5. A La Follette HS junior, Deidre Green, is the first student journalist in 35 years to win the School Bell Award given by the Wisconsin Education Association Council.
6. Memorial High School's Forensics Team won the state championship for 5th time in 8 years.
7. Memorial student Amelia King is one of only 3 Wisconsin students to win as one of the top Braille users in the US and Canada.
8. Renee Hoxie and Kris Brown, librarians at Memorial HS received the WI Educational Media & Technology Association's award for 2008.
9. La Follette social studies teacher, Victoria Straughn, was awarded the 2007 Teacher of the Year by the Organization of American Historians.
10. Memorial senior Ben Gibson raised money for the schools endowment fund by undertaking a 3000 bike ride in 40 days.
11. East girls' swim team earned top honors as Division 1 state champions in 2007-08.