



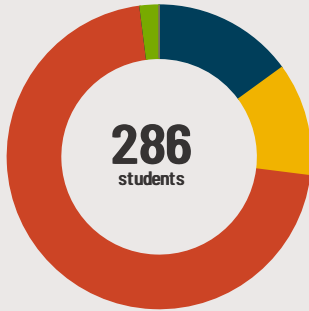
# Nicholson Elem School

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Grades: K - 5  
District: Aurora West USD 129

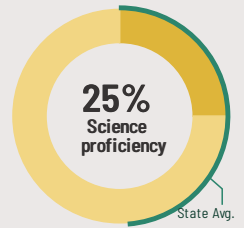
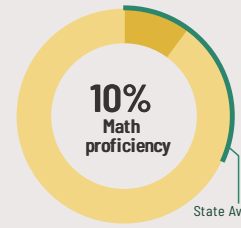
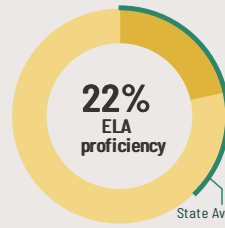
Principal: Ms.Melena Gaspadarek  
Superintendent: Dr.Jeff Craig

## Fast Facts



### Student Characteristics

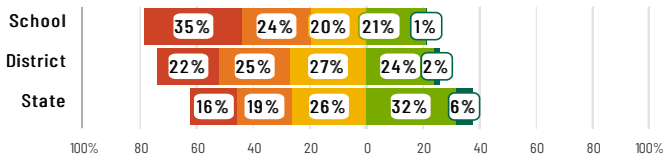
White	15%
Black	12%
Hispanic	71%
Asian	0%
American Indian	0%
Two or More Races	2%
Pacific Islander	0%
Low Income	61%
English Learners	45%
With IEPs	21%
With Disabilities	-
Homeless	2%



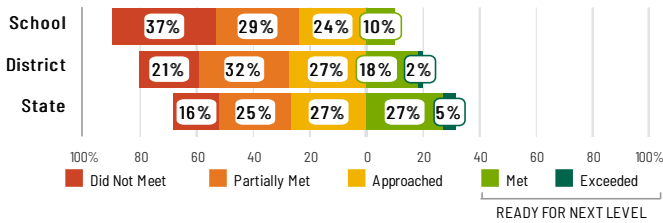
## Academic Success

All Illinois students in grades 3-8 take the IAR assessment each year. High school students take the SAT in English Language Arts and Math.

### English Language Arts



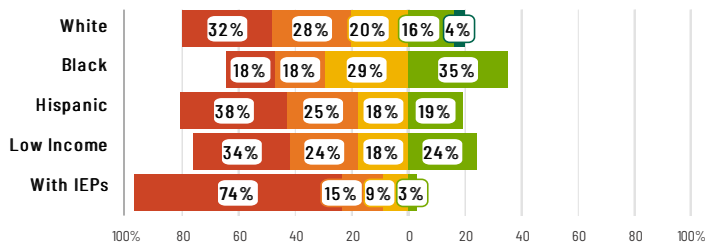
### Mathematics



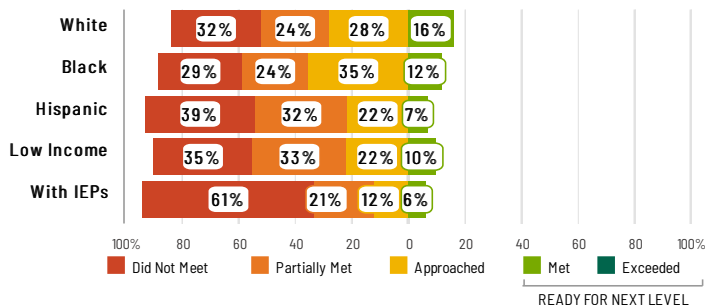
## Success by Student Group

This display shows IAR ELA & Math performance levels for each student group. No data is shown for groups with fewer than 10 students.

### English Language Arts



### Mathematics



## School Environment



The **5Essentials Survey** allows students in grades 6-12 and all teachers to share their perspectives on essential conditions for learning. The anonymous survey consists of 5 components.

- Most implementation
- More implementation
- Average implementation
- Less implementation
- Least implementation
- Not Applicable/Low Response

### Response Rates

Students	94%
Teachers	100%

- Average** Effective Leaders  
Do principals and teachers implement a shared vision for success?
- Less** Collaborative Teachers  
Do teachers collaborate to promote professional growth?
- Average** Ambitious Instruction  
Are classes challenging and engaging?
- More** Supportive Environment  
Is the school safe, demanding, and supportive?
- Less** Involved Families  
Does the entire staff build strong external relationships?

## Student Attendance and Mobility

### Attendance Rate

Rate at which students are present at school, not including excused or unexcused absences



### Chronic Absenteeism

Percentage of students who miss 10% or more of school days per year either with or without a valid excuse



### Student Mobility

Percentage of students who transfer in or out of the school during the school year, not including graduates



### Teacher Retention

Percentage of full time teachers who return to the same school year to year





# Nicholson Elem School

## School Highlights

### Academic Courses

Nicholson School offers a strong academic program in the core areas which is enhanced with a well developed fine arts curriculum. There are many opportunities for students such as Band, Bilingual Programs/Courses, Career Development, Choir, and Enrichment opportunities for students in 4th and 5th grade.

### Physical Education, Heath and Wellness

Along with a standards aligned PE curriculum, Nicholson offers 4th and 5th Grade Basketball, 4th and 5th Grade Volleyball, Mutual Ground Personal Body Safety Program, Breakfast/Lunch For All Program, Aurora Fire Department - Fire Prevention and Awareness Program, and Robert Crown Center for Health Education

### Other Programs and Activities

We offer many after school activities: Literacy through the Arts My Time Afterschool program Readers Theater Choir Drum Club Math Club Bilingual Reading Club Grades 1-2 Afterschool Sports

### School Awards

Presidential Award for Academic Achievement, Presidential Award for Academic Excellence

### Career Development Courses and Programs

To prepare students to be college and career ready, Nicholson offers the Junior Achievement Program and Illinois Math and Science Academy - IMSA Fusion Program to students.

### Athletics

Nicholson offers opportunities for students to participate in 4th and 5th grade after school sports and Girls on the Run.

### School Personnel Resources

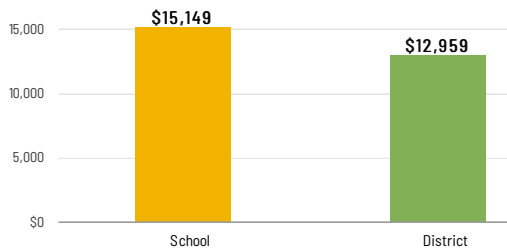
Bilingual Education Teacher, General Administrator or General Supervisor, Librarian/Media Specialist, Paraprofessional Reading Specialist, Reading Teacher, School Psychologist, School Social Worker, Special Education Teacher, Speech Language Pathology Teacher, School Nurse, English as a Second Language Teacher.

### Facilities

Along with vibrant classroom, we have the privilege to have designated rooms for Special Education, STEM, ART, Music, Media Center, and PE.

## School-Level Finance

The Every Student Succeeds Act requires LEAs to report school-level expenditure data, beginning with School Year 18-19 data. LEAs are required to report actual personnel and non-personnel expenditures of both site-specific and district centralized expenditures. Expenditures are shown at the site level and must be disaggregated by source of funds (federal vs. state/local). These data are self-reported and may differ from AFR data.



## Educator Measures

This school has had **2 principal(s)** over the past 6 years. In the last three years, an average of **82% of teachers** return to this school each year.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit [IllinoisReportCard.com](http://IllinoisReportCard.com) to see additional details about each item of information for this school. There you will find charts spanning multiple years, detailed explanations, resources, more of the school's programs and activities, and powerful tools that let you dig deeper into data.

Most of this data has been collected by ISBE from school districts through data systems. Some information, such as the School Highlights, is entered directly by principals and can be updated throughout the year.