

# THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

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**Grades:** 9-12  
**District:** THORNTON TWP HSD 205

**Principal:** Mrs.Dennis Willis  
**Superintendent:** Dr.Stacey Mcjunks

## Are students ready for college and careers?

	2012-2013	2011-2012	IL Average
<b>Graduation Rate, 4-Year:</b> Percentage of students who graduated within 4 years	75%	76%	83%
<b>Graduation Rate, 5-Year:</b> Percentage of students who graduated within 5 years	77%	75%	87%
<b>Ready for College Coursework:</b> Percentage of students meeting or exceeding college readiness benchmarks on the ACT	16%	13%	46%
<b>Post-Secondary Enrollment:</b> Percentage of graduates who enroll at colleges and universities	Coming in 2014		

## How do students perform on measures of academic success?

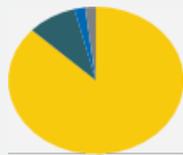
Percentage of students who meet or exceed state standards on the Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE)	2012-2013	2011-2012	IL Average
<b>PSAE Overall</b>	27%	27%	53%
<b>Mathematics</b>	23%	24%	52%
<b>Reading</b>	32%	30%	55%
<b>Science</b>	16%	18%	49%

## How much money is the district spending per student?

	2012-2013	2011-2012	IL Average
<b>Instructional Spending:</b> Average per-student spending for activities directly dealing with the teaching of students or the interaction between teachers and students in this school's district.	\$11,467	N/A	\$6,974
<b>Operational Spending:</b> Average per-student spending for all overall operations in this school's district, including Instructional Spending, but excluding summer school, adult education, capital expenditures and long-term debt payments.	\$18,359	N/A	\$11,842

## What are the demographics of students at this school?

- Asian 0%
- Black/African-American 87%
- Hispanic/Latino 9%
- American Indian 0%
- Pacific Islander 0%
- White 2%
- Two or More Races 2%



	2012-2013	2011-2012	Illinois
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	1,894	1,937	N/A
<b>Low Income</b>	72%	74%	50%
<b>English Learners</b>	2%	1%	10%
<b>With Disabilities</b>	16%	15%	14%
<b>Homeless</b>	1%	-	2%

## What does the 5Essentials survey tell us about the school's learning conditions?

This year, for the first time, Illinois schools piloted an anonymous statewide survey of learning conditions, the 5Essentials Survey. The 5Essentials Survey provided an opportunity for students in grades 6 through 12 and all teachers to share their perspectives on essential conditions for learning. Next year, results from the 2014 survey will appear on the report card in the format below. A detailed report for all schools and districts will also be made available in 2014.

**Effective Leaders:** Do principals and teachers implement a shared vision for success?

**Collaborative Teachers:** Do teachers collaborate to promote professional growth?

**Supportive Environment:** Is the school safe, demanding, and supportive?

**Ambitious Instruction:** Are classes challenging and engaging?

**Involved Families:** Does the entire staff build strong external relationships?



- MOST IMPLEMENTATION
- MORE IMPLEMENTATION
- AVERAGE IMPLEMENTATION
- LESS IMPLEMENTATION
- LEAST IMPLEMENTATION

■ NOT APPLICABLE/LOW RESPONSE

	Response Rate	IL Average
Students	71%	85%
Teachers	55%	82%

For more information, [Illinois5-essentials.org](http://Illinois5-essentials.org)

District- and school-level results on individual questions within the survey are available online at [IllinoisReportCard.com](http://IllinoisReportCard.com)

## What do other measures tell us about the school's learning conditions?

	2012-2013	2011-2012	Illinois
<b>Student Mobility:</b> Percentage of students who transfer in or out of the school during the school year, not including graduates	12%	12%	13%
<b>Chronic Truancy Rate:</b> Percentage of students who have been absent without valid reasons for 5 percent or more of regular school days	4%	10%	10%
<b>Student Attendance:</b> Student attendance rate at this school	94%	94%	94%
<b>Average Class Size:</b> Average number of students in each class	20	N/A	21
<b>Total School Days:</b> Total number of days in which the school provides at least 5 hours of instruction to students	178	N/A	176
<b>Teacher Retention:</b> Percentage of teachers who return to this school from year to year	Coming in 2014		
<b>Principal Turnover:</b> Number of different principals serving at this school over the past six years	Coming in 2014		
<b>Teacher Proficiency:</b> Percentage of teachers rated excellent or proficient	Coming in 2015		

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## What courses, programs, and resources are offered at this school?

### Academic Courses

8th Grade Algebra, ACT/SAT Prep Courses, Advanced Culinary Arts, AP Calculus AB, AP Chemistry, AP Chemistry, AP English Language and Composition, AP English Literature and Composition, AP Psychology, AP United States History, Automotive Service Technology, AVID Program, Band, Bilingual Programs/Courses, Broadcasting, Ceramics, Child Care Lab, Chinese I, Chinese II, Choir, Civil Air Patrol, College Exploration, Economics, Engineering, French I-II

### Career Development Courses and Programs

Academy of Truck and Diesel Technology, Accounting II, Accounting I, Automotive Technician I, Automotive Technician II, Beginning Automotive Services, Beginning Construction, Beginning Drafting, Business and Technology Concepts, Business Law, Care and Learning Services Occupations, Child Development and Parenting, Civil Engineering & Architecture (PLTW), Computer Concepts and Software Applications, Computer Operations and Programming I, Construc

### Athletics

Boy's Baseball, Boy's Basketball, Boy's Cross Country, Boy's Football, Boy's Soccer, Boy's Swimming & Diving, Boy's Tennis, Boy's Track & Field, Boy's Wrestling, Conditioning and Fitness Classes, Girl's Basketball, Girl's Competitive Cheerleading, Girl's Competitive Dance, Girl's Cross Country, Girl's Soccer, Girl's Softball, Girl's Swimming & Diving, Girl's Tennis, Girl's Track & Field, Girl's Volleyball, Special Olympics Co-Ed Basketball, Speci

### School Awards

Boys Basketball 4th Place in Conference, Boys Cross Country Conference Champions, Boys Cross Country Regional Champions, Boys Track 1st place in Conference, Boys Track 8th place in Sectionals, Calumet City Outstanding Teacher- Michelle Liberio, Cheerleading 1st Place Nationals, Cheerleading IHSA State Qualifiers, Citywide Business Plan Competition Winners-Toheeb Okenla & Jesus Ortiz, Girls Swimming SWSC Sportsmanship Award, Girls Track Individua

### Physical Education, Health and Wellness

Fitness and Nutrition, Sports Medicine, Weight Lifting/Toning

### Other Programs and Activities

ASAP, Chess Club, Conflict Resolution, Debate Team, Drama/Theatre, Environmental Club, Ethnicity Singers, Family Nights, Forensics/Speech Teams, Language Clubs, Marching Band, Math Club, Mock Trial, National Honor Society, Newspaper, Parent Associations, Poetry Workshops, Poetry Workshops, S.A.V.E., Saturday Tutoring, Scholastic Bowl, Science Club, Student Ambassadors, Student Council/Government, Tutoring Program, Upward Bound, Yearbook Club

### School Personnel Resources

Coming in 2014 - the At-a-Glance Report Card will list the resources that provide instruction and support at this school, such as teachers, coaches, counselors, and therapists.

## Questions and Resources

### Q: Where can I find more information?

**A:** In addition to this report card, you can visit [IllinoisReportCard.com](http://IllinoisReportCard.com) to take a more detailed look at the data shown here. [IllinoisReportCard.com](http://IllinoisReportCard.com) shows more years of data, shows more of your school's programs, courses, and activities, and provides you with powerful tools that let you dig deeper into your school's data in the context of schools state-wide.

### Q: I am not sure what one of the scores here means. Where can I find out?

**A:** [IllinoisReportCard.com](http://IllinoisReportCard.com) reports all of the scores on the School Report Card, along with definitions and longer explanations of what the data means in the context of school performance and continuous school improvement.

### Q: What is the origin of the data for the new School Report Card?

**A:** Most of the data reported on the School Report Card is collected by ISBE from school districts through data systems such as the state's Student Information System and its new Employment Information System. Some data, such as information on extracurricular activities, is entered directly by principals on [IllinoisReportCard.com](http://IllinoisReportCard.com) so that it can be kept up to date throughout the year.

### Q: Which standards are used to determine if students are Ready for College Coursework?

**A:** All Illinois students take the ACT test in 11th grade, which includes multiple-choice tests in each of four subjects: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science. ACT has established benchmark scores for each of these four tests that represent the level of achievement required for students to have a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in corresponding credit-bearing first-year college courses. The average of these four benchmark scores is 21; therefore, students in Illinois who achieve a composite score of at least 21 on the ACT are considered to be Ready for College Coursework.

### Q: How is the four-year graduation rate calculated and why is there a separate five-year graduation rate?

**A:** The four-year graduation rate is calculated by dividing the number of students who graduate in four years by the total number of students in the graduating class (which accounts for students who transfer in or out of the class). The five-year graduation rate calculates the same for students who graduate in five years. For example, for the 2012-13 school year, students who entered ninth grade in 2009 and earned a high school diploma through the summer of 2013 are counted in the four-year graduation rate, while students who entered ninth grade in 2008 and earned a high school diploma through the summer of 2013 are counted in the five-year graduation rate.



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