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Pattonville schools listed among Missouri's highest performing schools

Two Pattonville schools were recently among the state's highest performing schools for their performance on the spring 2006 Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) tests. The schools were named to Top 10 lists compiled and published by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch using school districts' test data released by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The lists were made up of schools with the highest percentage of students in Missouri scoring advanced and proficient on the communication arts or mathematics tests.

Parkwood Elementary made the Top 10 list for third-grade communication arts. The school had a total of 74.5 students scoring proficient or advanced on the third-grade communication arts test last spring.

Remington Traditional School made two separate lists – the Top 10 lists for eighth-grade communication arts and for eighth-grade mathematics. The percentage of students scoring in the top two levels was 80 percent in communication arts and 80 percent in mathematics.

Even with more students being tested than in previous years, Pattonville students scored above state average at all grade levels on the communication arts and mathematics portions of the spring 2006 MAP exams. Pattonville students scored between 12 to 16 percentage points higher than the Missouri average on most of the grade-level communication arts and mathematics tests administered last spring. The greatest achievements were made at grades 3 through 6 and high school grades tested in communication arts and math. Although grades 7 and 8 were above state averages in those two content areas, the difference was not as significant, and these grades will be an area of focus for the current school year.

Last spring's administration of the MAP exams included more grade levels than ever before – and consequently more students. The federal "No Child Left Behind" law required students to be tested every year in grades 3 through 8 and at least once during high school in communication arts and mathematics. Previously in Missouri, students were tested once in elementary school, once in middle school and once in high school.

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