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- Daily Herald -

Suburban students make significant gains in English language arts proficiency, report card data shows

By: Madhu Krishnamurthy

Date: October 30, 2024



Eight-year-old Legend Mckinney participates during a third grade literacy block Wednesday at Parkwood Elementary School in Hanover Park. Parwood students saw a 10.5 percentage-point increase in the English language arts proficiency score from the previous year, according to newly released 2024 Illinois School Report Card data.

Schools across the suburbs have made notable strides in improving English language arts proficiency, mirroring a statewide trend seen in the 2024 Illinois School Report Card data released Wednesday.

Statewide, students in third through eighth grades achieved an ELA proficiency rate of 40.9% — the highest ever since they began taking the Illinois Assessment of Readiness in 2019, according to report card data.

“Illinois has seen tremendous, nation-leading recovery in English language arts, thanks to the talented teachers, principals, and superintendents in schools across the state who have worked diligently to implement shifts in their literacy practices,” State Superintendent of Education Tony Sanders said. “The U.S. Department of Education actually informed us that we are one of the few states in the nation that’s on track to completely spend down all of our pandemic relief funding and have academic gains to show for it.”



Literacy Specialist Jennifer Collins works with students Wednesday during a third grade literacy block at Parkwood Elementary School in Hanover Park. Parkwood students saw a 10.5 percentage-point increase in the English language arts proficiency score from the previous year, according to newly released 2024 Illinois School Report Card data.

The overall state-level ELA proficiency rates now exceed pre-pandemic levels for students in every race/ethnicity group, as well as English Learners, students with Individualized Education Plans and those from low-income families. Black students achieved the largest year-over-year gains, seeing a 26% increase in the percentage of students meeting or exceeding state standards, report card data shows.

When COVID turned education on its head, a group of kindergarten through 12th grade teachers at Lake Zurich Community Unit District 95 troubled by pandemic learning loss sought to gain a deeper understanding of state standards for literacy.



Jen Guerrero works with her students during a third grade literacy block Wednesday at Parkwood Elementary School in Hanover Park. Elgin Area School District U-46 is among the suburban districts showing marked improvement in English language arts proficiency scores in the 2024 Illinois School Report card.

The teachers started to break down what those standards mean, as well as the rigor and level at which they should be taught and assessed, which led to the development of a new ELA curriculum that would drive instruction districtwide. It's the secret behind District 95's improving ELA proficiency scores over the last three years, officials said.

"Our trend started to go up a few years ago, where we really started to see significant gains in proficiency, upward of 30% since COVID," said Angela Stallion, District 95 assistant

superintendent for curriculum and instruction. “That was a paradigm shift in looking at the curriculum versus the resources. ... What we also did was identify areas that need additional support. We have a very robust school improvement plan that allows us to be very targeted and use data to meet students needs.”

At Elgin Area School District U-46, the state’s second-largest district, officials attribute ELA proficiency gains to “a systemwide focus on improving literacy, starting with elementary schools outlining expectations for literacy instruction as well as providing ongoing professional learning for classroom teachers and administrators,” said Deputy Superintendent of Instruction Lela Majstorovic.

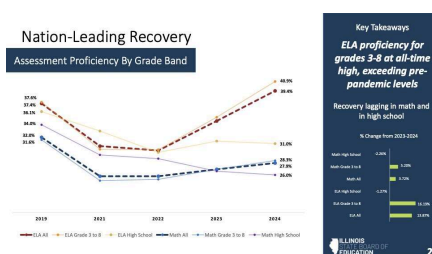


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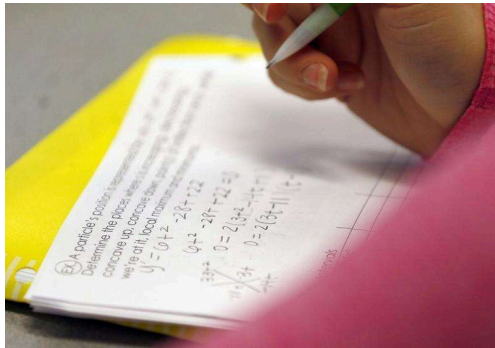
“We strategically allocated Title 1 funding to ensure that all Title I schools have a literacy specialist. We also revised our curriculum and assessments in elementary ELA to be more tightly aligned with state standards,” she said.

Naperville Community Unit District 203 is seeing similar post-pandemic recovery in the percentages of students in these groups meeting/exceeding Illinois Learning Standards.

“We attribute these gains to our strong instructional practices, engaging and rigorous curriculum, and family and community support for excellence,” said Patrick W. Nolten, District 203 assistant superintendent for assessment and accountability. “Relative to all other unit districts in Illinois, the district proportions of student proficiency in ELA and mathematics fell at the 99th percentile rank.”



State education leaders credit such outcomes to educators implementing best practices in literacy. Since October 2022, the Illinois State Board of Education has helped develop the Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan, to guide districts in examining local practices and data and implementing evidence-based literacy instruction.



The 2024 Illinois School Report card released today shows the overall state-level math proficiency rates increased in every race/ethnicity group, as well as among English Learners, students with IEPs, and low-income students, but remained lower than pre-pandemic levels.

Math gains

Recovery in math has been slower than in ELA. The math proficiency rate for third through eighth grades rose slightly last year, showing steady improvement since the pandemic, report card data shows.

The overall state-level math proficiency rates increased in every race/ethnicity group, as well as among English Learners, students with IEPs, and low-income students, but remained lower than pre-pandemic levels.

To accelerate math recovery, the Illinois State Board of Education is launching a statewide effort to develop a comprehensive math and numeracy plan, following its literacy plan model. It will offer educators the first comprehensive support in math instruction since Illinois adopted new math learning standards in 2010.

High school progress

Illinois high schools set a record for the highest-ever four-year graduation rate at 87.7%, driven by steady gains for Black students. The rate of ninth graders on track to graduate also has risen steadily, exceeding the pre-pandemic rate, report card data shows.

The state accountability system currently does not include a growth indicator for high schools — the graduation rate counts for 50% of the accountability score. Starting in the 2024-25 school year, the state education board will begin measuring students' year-over-year growth in ninth through 11th grades.

Both graduation and proficiency measure whether a student met a set of standards/requirements, whereas the student growth percentile rewards growth toward or past the standards, no matter where the student started the year before.

“We are very much looking forward to learning more about how the state is going to measure growth at the high school level,” District 95’s Stallion said. “It is going to better inform our instruction and our practices in (the) classroom. Once a student reaches proficiency or above proficiency, we still have an obligation to grow that student.”

District 203’s Nolten welcomed the use of growth metrics as part of high school accountability.

“The measurement of growth supports our understanding of student group needs in core academic areas. Ultimately, increased growth leads to increased proficiency,” he said.

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Some highlights of 2024 Illinois School Report Card

The 2024 Illinois Report Card provides a snapshot of school performance data from the 2023-24 school year. School quality is measured through multiple indicators of student success — standardized tests, alternative assessments, academic growth, English language and mathematics proficiency, science scores, fine arts participation, success on college entrance tests and graduation rates.

It includes data from standardized tests: the Illinois Assessment of Readiness in English language arts and math administered each spring to students in third through eighth grades; the Illinois Science Assessment taken by fifth-, eighth- and 11th-graders; and the SAT college entrance exam taken by 11th-graders. The tests measure student growth and proficiency in meeting state standards.

- Chronic absenteeism saw significant improvement for the second year, declining from 28.3% in 2023 to 26.3% in 2024 — a percentage change of 7%.
- Career and Technical Education participation grew among all major student groups with participation among English Learners rising 33% since 2022.
- ELA and math proficiency rates in high school have trended down since 2019, and slightly smaller percentages of high school students met or exceeded grade-level standards last year, compared to the year before.
- Illinois has cut the number of graduates in community college having to enroll in remedial courses by 44% since 2014. ISBE has partnered with other state agencies to implement transitional math and English courses at high schools statewide.
- Illinois schools enrolled greater numbers of English Learners and more Hispanic, Asian, and multiracial students in the 2023-24 school year. Enrollment decreased by a third of a percent last year.

- Chicago Tribune -
Bartlett elementary principal placed on leave by U-46;
second Bartlett principal to face such action

By: Mike Danahey

Date: October 31, 2024



Matthew Palcer, principal of Centennial Elementary School in Bartlett since 2021, has been placed on administrative leave. School District U-46 has not disclosed the reason behind his removal.

Matthew Palcer, principal of Centennial Elementary School in Bartlett, was placed on administrative leave effective Monday, School District U-46 officials confirmed Wednesday.

The district provided no details as to why the action was taken.

“We are fully committed to ensuring that our school’s operations and educational programs continue seamlessly during this period,” U-46 spokeswoman Tara Burghart said in the email.

Bill Doran, a retired School District 300 principal, will provide administrative support at Centennial until further notice, Burghart said.

Palcer, who could not be reached for comment, has been Centennial’s principal since 2021. According to his profile on the school district’s website, he had been principal of Marie Murphy Middle School in Wilmette for nine years before coming to Centennial. Prior to that, he was principal of Pleasant Hill Elementary School and assistant principal at Jane Addams Elementary School, both in Palatine.

He started his career as a teacher and middle school student advisor. He has a bachelor’s degree in secondary social studies education from University of Illinois, a master’s degree in education administration from National Louis University and is working on a doctorate at Concordia University, the site said.

Palcer is the second U-46 principal at a Bartlett school to be put on administrative leave this year.

Michael Demovsky was removed from his job as Bartlett High School principal in March while an investigation was conducted into his “administrative practices” regarding changing some students’ grades. He was later discharged from his job and reclassified as a teacher.

Demovsky, a principal at the school for 16 years, challenged that action, saying through his attorney that he had followed district policies when allowing students to have their grades amended by doing additional work.

In April, the U-46 School Board approved a settlement with Demovsky through which he was paid through June 30 and given a \$50,000 severance payment.

- Daily Herald -

Bartlett elementary school principal placed on leave

By: Alicia Fabbre
Date: October 30, 2024



The principal at Centennial Elementary School has been placed on leave, Elgin Area School District U-46 officials confirmed Wednesday.

A Bartlett elementary school principal has been placed on administrative leave.

Elgin Area School District U-46 officials issued a brief statement Wednesday saying that Centennial Elementary School Principal Matthew Palcer was placed on leave this past Monday.

Bill Doran, a retired principal from Algonquin-based Community Unit District 300, will give “additional support at Centennial until further notice,” according to the statement.

“We are fully committed to ensuring that our school’s operations and educational programs continue seamlessly during this period,” the statement reads.

News of the district’s decision began circulating on social media after parents received notification Monday that Palcer was on leave.

A parent said parents and some staff members have expressed surprise about the move, and some have written letters or contacted school board members and district administrators to show support for Palcer.

Palcer has served as principal at Centennial Elementary School since the start of the 2021-22 school year, according to the district’s website. From 2012 to 2021, he served as principal of Marie Murphy Middle School in Wilmette and also previously served as principal of Pleasant

Hill Elementary and assistant principal at Jane Adams Elementary in Palatine. Before that, Palcer worked as a social studies and English teacher.

Several school board members did not return phone calls seeking comment Wednesday. The next regularly scheduled school board meeting is at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4, at the district offices, 355 E. Chicago St. in Elgin.

- Chicago Tribune -

IHSA state football playoff pairings: First-round games begin this weekend

By: Chicago Tribune

Date: October 31, 2024



Lincoln-Way East's Trey Zvonar gestures to the crowd after scoring a touchdown against Lockport on Oct. 11, 2024, in Frankfort.

The IHSA state football playoffs begin this weekend at a high school near you.

Championship games will be held Thanksgiving weekend at Hancock Stadium in Normal, with Classes 1A-4A on Nov. 29 and Classes 5A-8A on Nov. 30.

The first-round pairings below are in bracket order.

Class 8A

- (32) Niles West (5-4) at (1) Lincoln-Way East (9-0), 6:30 p.m. Friday
- (17) Minooka (7-2) at (16) Taft (7-2), 7 p.m. Friday
- (25) Curie (5-4) at (8) Glenbard East (8-1), 7 p.m. Friday
- (24) Sandburg (5-4) at (9) Stevenson (8-1), 7 p.m. Friday
- (29) Huntley (5-4) at (4) West Aurora (9-0), 7 p.m. Friday
- (20) Maine South (6-3) at (13) Naperville North (7-2), 6 p.m. Saturday
- (28) Glenbrook South (5-4) at (5) Marist (8-1), 7 p.m. Friday
- (21) Belleville East (6-3) at (12) Loyola (7-2), 6:30 p.m. Friday
- (31) Joliet West (5-4) at (2) Lyons (9-0), 7 p.m. Friday
- (18) Plainfield South (7-2) at (15) Downers Grove South (7-2), 7 p.m. Friday

- (26) Schaumburg (5-4) at (7) Naperville Central (8-1), 7 p.m. Friday
- (23) Andrew (6-3) at (10) Fremd (8-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday
- (30) Waubonsie Valley (5-4) at (3) Oswego (9-0), 6:30 p.m. Friday
- (19) Edwardsville (6-3) at (14) York (7-2), 6 p.m. Friday
- (27) Warren (5-4) at (6) Palatine (8-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday
- (22) South Elgin (6-3) at (11) Barrington (7-2), 7 p.m. Friday

Class 7A

- (32) Kenwood (4-5) vs. (1) Young (9-0), 7:15 p.m. Friday at Rockne Stadium
- (17) Bradley-Bourbonnais (7-2) at (16) Jacobs (7-2), 7 p.m. Friday
- (25) Hoffman Estates (6-3) vs. (8) Lincoln Park (8-1), 7 p.m. Friday at Lane Stadium
- (24) Lincoln-Way Central (6-3) at (9) Maine West (8-1), 6:30 p.m. Friday
- (29) Collinsville (5-4) at (4) Batavia (8-1), 6 p.m. Friday
- (20) Lincoln-Way West (6-3) at (13) Pekin (7-2), 7 p.m. Friday
- (28) Wheaton Warrenville South (5-4) at (5) Downers Grove North (8-1), 7 p.m. Friday
- (21) Brother Rice (6-3) vs. (12) Fenwick (7-2), 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Triton College Stadium
- (31) Argo (5-4) at (2) Quincy (9-0), 1 p.m. Saturday
- (18) Addison Trail (7-2) at (15) Moline (7-2), 7 p.m. Friday
- (26) Willowbrook (6-3) at (7) Rockton Hononegah (8-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday
- (23) Rockford Guilford (6-3) at (10) St. Rita (7-2), 3 p.m. Saturday
- (30) Rolling Meadows (5-4) at (3) St. Charles North (8-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday
- (19) Mount Carmel (6-3) at (14) Machesney Park Harlem (7-2), 6 p.m. Friday
- (27) West Chicago (6-3) at (6) Normal Community (8-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday
- (22) Hersey (6-3) at (11) Prospect (7-2), 7 p.m. Friday

Class 6A

- (16) Senn (5-4) at (1) Cary-Grove (9-0), 7 p.m. Friday
- (9) Grayslake North (7-2) at (8) Antioch (7-2), 7 p.m. Friday
- (13) Kaneland (5-4) at (4) Belvidere North (8-1), 7 p.m. Friday
- (12) Fenton (6-3) at (5) Wauconda (7-2), 7 p.m. Friday
- (15) Deerfield (5-4) at (2) Libertyville (8-1), 6:30 p.m. Friday
- (10) Mather (6-3) at (7) Lake Forest (7-2), 7 p.m. Friday
- (14) Amundsen (5-4) at (3) Geneva (8-1), 2 p.m. Saturday
- (11) Grant (6-3) at (6) Burlington Central (7-2), 6 p.m. Saturday
- (16) Springfield (5-4) at (1) East St. Louis (8-1), 2 p.m. Saturday
- (9) Simeon (7-2) at (8) Normal Community West (7-2), 1 p.m. Saturday
- (13) Oak Forest (6-3) vs. (4) Kennedy (7-2), noon Saturday at Lane Stadium
- (12) Crete-Monee (6-3) at (5) Chatham-Glenwood (7-2), 2 p.m. Saturday
- (15) Dunlap (6-3) at (2) Richards (8-1), 7 p.m. Friday
- (10) Shepard (7-2) at (7) Washington, Ill. (7-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday
- (14) Glenbard South (6-3) at (3) Kankakee (8-1), 1 p.m. Saturday
- (11) Lemont (6-3) at (6) Bloomington (7-2), 5 p.m. Saturday

Class 5A

- (16) Noble (5-4) at (1) Sycamore (9-0), 1 p.m. Saturday
- (9) Westinghouse (5-4) vs. (8) Prosser (6-3), 4 p.m. Saturday at Lane Stadium
- (13) Sterling (5-4) at (4) St. Francis (7-2), 7 p.m. Friday
- (12) Goode (5-4) at (5) Prairie Ridge (7-2), 1 p.m. Saturday

- (15) Marmion (5-4) at (2) Rochelle (8-1), 7 p.m. Friday
- (10) Perspectives-Leadership (5-4) at (7) Benet (6-3), 7 p.m. Friday
- (14) Payton (5-4) at (3) Nazareth (7-2), 1 p.m. Saturday
- (11) Freeport (5-4) at (6) Woodstock North (7-2), 6 p.m. Saturday
- (16) Tinley Park (5-4) vs. (1) Morgan Park (8-1), 4 p.m. Saturday at Gately Stadium
- (9) Metamora (6-3) at (8) Centralia (6-3), 2 p.m. Saturday
- (13) Morris (5-4) at (4) Troy-Triad (7-2), 6 p.m. Saturday
- (12) Marion (6-3) at (5) Highland (6-3), 7 p.m. Friday
- (15) Hillcrest (5-4) at (2) Peoria (7-2), 7 p.m. Friday
- (10) TF North (6-3) vs. (7) Corliss (6-3), 7 p.m. Friday at Gately Stadium
- (14) Sacred Heart-Griffin (5-4) at (3) Mahomet-Seymour (7-2), 7 p.m. Friday
- (11) Jacksonville (6-3) at (6) Joliet Catholic (6-3), 7:30 p.m. Saturday

Class 4A

- (16) Geneseo (5-4) vs. (1) Sullivan (9-0), 1 p.m. Saturday at Winnemac Stadium
- (9) DePaul (6-3) vs. (8) Dyett (7-2), 1 p.m. Saturday at Stagg Stadium
- (13) Sandwich (5-4) at (4) Wheaton Academy (8-1), 7 p.m. Friday
- (12) St. Laurence (6-3) at (5) Richmond-Burton (7-2), 7 p.m. Friday
- (15) Rockford Boylan (5-4) vs. (2) South Shore (9-0), noon Saturday at Gately Stadium
- (10) Johnsborg (6-3) at (7) Coal City (7-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday
- (14) Marengo (5-4) at (3) Dixon (8-1), 7 p.m. Friday
- (11) Clemente (6-3) vs. (6) Ag Science (7-2), 1 p.m. Saturday at Eckersall Stadium
- (16) Harrisburg (5-4) at (1) Breese Central (9-0), 2 p.m. Saturday
- (9) Murphysboro (7-2) at (8) Macomb (7-2), 3 p.m. Saturday
- (13) Peoria Notre Dame (5-4) at (4) Rochester (7-2), 7 p.m. Friday
- (12) Mt. Zion (6-3) at (5) Carterville (7-2), 7 p.m. Friday
- (15) Kewanee (5-4) at (2) Richland County (9-0), 3 p.m. Saturday
- (10) Normal (7-2) at (7) Manteno (7-2), 7 p.m. Friday
- (14) Taylorville (5-4) at (3) Waterloo (8-1), 1 p.m. Saturday
- (11) Columbia (6-3) at (6) Cahokia (7-2), 7 p.m. Friday

Class 3A

- (16) Prairie Central (5-4) at (1) Byron (9-0), 7 p.m. Friday
- (9) Montini (7-2) vs. (8) North Lawndale (7-2), noon Saturday at Rockne Stadium
- (13) Oregon (5-4) at (4) Princeton (8-1), 7 p.m. Friday
- (12) King (6-3) vs. (5) Marshall (8-1), 4 p.m. Saturday at Rockne Stadium
- (15) Stillman Valley (5-4) at (2) Wilmington (9-0), 6 p.m. Saturday
- (10) Peotone (6-3) at (7) Eureka (8-1), 7 p.m. Friday
- (14) Genoa-Kingston (5-4) at (3) Pecatonica (8-1), 1 p.m. Saturday
- (11) Paxton-Buckley-Loda (6-3) at (6) Monmouth-Roseville (8-1), 4 p.m. Saturday
- (16) Frankfort (5-4) at (1) St. Joseph-Ogden (9-0), 2 p.m. Saturday
- (9) Tolono Unity (6-3) at (8) Roxana (7-2), 2:30 p.m. Saturday
- (13) Olympia (6-3) at (4) Nashville (8-1), 2:30 p.m. Saturday
- (12) Fairfield (6-3) at (5) Greenville (8-1), 2 p.m. Saturday
- (15) Mt. Carmel, Ill. (5-4) at (2) Sullivan-Okaw Valley (9-0), 2 p.m. Saturday
- (10) Benton (6-3) at (7) New Berlin (7-2), 3 p.m. Saturday
- (14) Carlinville (5-4) at (3) Williamsville (8-1), 7 p.m. Friday
- (11) DuQuoin (6-3) at (6) Monticello (7-2), 2 p.m. Saturday

Class 2A

- (16) Mackinaw-Deer Creek (5-4) at (1) Farmington (9-0), 3:30 p.m. Saturday
- (9) Eastland-Pearl City (7-2) at (8) Rockridge (7-2), 2 p.m. Saturday
- (13) Oakwood (5-4) at (4) Elmwood-Brimfield (8-1), 7 p.m. Friday
- (12) Dwight (6-3) at (5) Momence (8-1), 7 p.m. Friday
- (15) Erie-Prophetstown (5-4) at (2) Bismarck-Henning-Rossville-Alvin (9-0), 2 p.m. Saturday
- (10) El Paso-Gridley (6-3) at (7) Seneca (8-1), 7 p.m. Friday
- (14) Bloomington Central Catholic (5-4) at (3) Downs Tri-Valley (8-1), 7 p.m. Friday
- (11) Illini West (6-3) at (6) Chicago Christian (8-1), 5 p.m. Saturday
- (16) Red Bud (5-4) at (1) Johnston City (8-1), 1 p.m. Saturday
- (9) White County (7-2) at (8) Warrensburg-Latham (7-2), 2 p.m. Saturday
- (13) Shelbyville (6-3) at (4) Pana (8-1), 7 p.m. Friday
- (12) Sangamon Valley (6-3) at (5) Vandalia (8-1), 7 p.m. Friday
- (15) St. Teresa (5-4) at (2) Maroa-Forsyth (8-1), 1 p.m. Saturday
- (10) Westville (6-3) at (7) Chester (8-1), 3 p.m. Saturday
- (14) Flora (6-3) at (3) Quincy Notre Dame (8-1), 2 p.m. Saturday
- (11) North Mac (6-3) at (6) Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond (8-1), 1 p.m. Saturday

Class 1A

- (16) Aurora Christian (5-4) at (1) LeRoy (9-0), 7 p.m. Friday
- (9) Rockford Lutheran (6-3) at (8) Annawan-Wethersfield (6-3), 1 p.m. Saturday
- (13) Ottawa Marquette (5-4) at (4) Rushville-Industry (8-1), 7 p.m. Friday
- (12) Galena (5-4) at (5) Toulon-Stark County (8-1), 2 p.m. Saturday
- (15) Clifton Central (5-4) at (2) Lena-Winslow (9-0), 2 p.m. Saturday
- (10) Stockton (6-3) at (7) Princeville (7-2), 2 p.m. Saturday
- (14) Catlin-Salt Fork (5-4) at (3) Melvin-Sibley (8-1), 1 p.m. Saturday
- (11) Hope Academy (5-4) vs. (6) Newman Central Catholic (7-2), 1 p.m. Saturday at Sterling HS
- (16) Dupu (5-4) at (1) Althoff Catholic (9-0), 7 p.m. Friday
- (9) Carrollton (6-3) at (8) Winchester-West Central (6-3), 3 p.m. Saturday
- (13) Jacksonville Routt (5-4) at (4) Casey-Westfield (8-1), 2 p.m. Saturday
- (12) Brown County (5-4) at (5) Greenfield-Northwestern (7-2), 2 p.m. Saturday
- (15) Moweaqua Central A&M (5-4) at (2) Hardin-Calhoun (8-1), 1:30 p.m. Saturday
- (10) Bridgeport-Red Hill (6-3) at (7) Sesser-Valier (7-2), 1 p.m. Saturday
- (14) Nokomis (5-4) at (3) Camp Point Central (8-1), 2 p.m. Saturday
- (11) Tuscola (5-4) at (6) Toledo-Cumberland (7-2), 7 p.m. Friday

- Chicago Tribune -

High school scores for Oct. 30

By: Josh Krockey

Date: October 31, 2024



Geneva's Sam Vanda sets the ball during a match against Naperville Central in Naperville on Monday, Oct. 7, 2024.

High school and local college results and highlights from the Southland, Aurora, Elgin, Naperville and Lake County coverage areas.

FOOTBALL

HIGH SCHOOLS

STATE PLAYOFFS

First Round

(All games in bracket order)

FRIDAY'S GAMES

CLASS 8A

No. 32 Niles West (5-4) at No. 1 Lincoln-Way East (9-0), 6:30 p.m.

No. 24 Sandburg (5-4) at No. 9 Stevenson (8-1), 7 p.m.

No. 29 Huntley (5-4) at No. 4 West Aurora (9-0), 7 p.m.

No. 28 Glenbrook South (5-4) at No. 5 Marist (8-1), 7 p.m.

No. 26 Schaumburg (5-4) at No. 7 Naperville Central (8-1), 7 p.m.

No. 23 Andrew (6-3) at No. 10 Fremd (8-1), 7:30 p.m.

No. 30 Waubonsie Valley (5-4) at No. 3 Oswego (9-0), 6:30 p.m.

No. 27 Warren (5-4) at No. 6 Palatine (8-1), 7:30 p.m.

No. 22 South Elgin (6-3) at No. 11 Barrington (7-2), 7 p.m.

CLASS 7A

No. 17 Bradley-Bourbonnais (7-2) at No. 16 Jacobs (7-2), 7 p.m.

No. 24 Lincoln-Way Central (6-3) at No. 9 Maine West (8-1), 6:30 p.m.

No. 29 Collinsville (5-4) at No. 4 Batavia (8-1), 6 p.m.

No. 20 Lincoln-Way West (6-3) at No. 13 Pekin (7-2), 7 p.m.

No. 30 Rolling Meadows (5-4) at No. 3 St. Charles North (8-1), 7:30 p.m.

No. 19 Mount Carmel (6-3) at No. 14 Machesney Park Harlem (7-2), 6 p.m.

CLASS 6A

No. 9 Grayslake North (7-2) at No. 8 Antioch (7-2), 7 p.m.

No. 13 Kaneland (5-4) at No. 4 Belvidere North (8-1), 7 p.m.

No. 12 Fenton (6-3) at No. 5 Wauconda (7-2), 7 p.m.

No. 15 Deerfield (5-4) at No. 2 Libertyville (8-1), 6:30 p.m.

No. 10 Mather (6-3) at No. 7 Lake Forest (7-2), 7 p.m.

No. 15 Dunlap (6-3) at No. 2 Richards (8-1), 7 p.m.

No. 10 Shepard (7-2) at No. 7 Washington (Ill.) (7-2), 7:30 p.m.

CLASS 5A

No. 15 Marmion (5-4) at No. 2 Rochelle (8-1), 7 p.m.
No. 10 Perspectives (5-4) vs. No. 7 Benet (6-3) at Benedictine, 7 p.m.
No. 15 Hillcrest (5-4) at No. 2 Peoria (7-2), 7 p.m.
No. 10 T.F. North (6-3) vs. No. 7 Corliss (6-3) at Gately Stadium, 7 p.m.
CLASS 4A
No. 13 Sandwich (5-4) at No. 4 Wheaton Academy (8-1), 7 p.m.
No. 12 St. Laurence (6-3) at No. 5 Richmond-Burton (7-2), 7 p.m.
CLASS 1A
No. 16 Aurora Christian (5-4) at No. 1 LeRoy (9-0), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

BOYS SOCCER

CLASS 3A SECTIONAL SEMIFINALS

STREAMWOOD

Elgin 6, Rockford East 0

Huntley 2, Hampshire 0

CLASS 2A SECTIONAL SEMIFINALS

BROTHER RICE

Brother Rice 2, Oak Forest 0

ST. LAURENCE

De La Salle 3, Solorio 2 (OT)

St. Ignatius 2, St. Laurence 1 (SO)

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

BOYS SOCCER

CLASS 3A SECTIONAL SEMIFINALS

JOLIET WEST

Lincoln-Way East 2, Andrew 1 (SO)

Lincoln-Way East (18-4-2): Won shootout 4-2.

Lockport 1, Lincoln-Way Central 0 (SO)

Lockport (16-4-1): Won shootout 5-4.

NAPERVILLE NORTH

Naperville Central 2, Plainfield Central 1 (SO)

Naperville Central (14-4-4): Ryan Lafferty goal in regulation and shootout. Michael White goal in shootout. Mikey DeFalco goal in shootout. Aidan DiClemente goal in shootout.

West Aurora 1, Naperville North 0

West Aurora (20-4): Pedro Delgado goal.

ST. CHARLES NORTH

Geneva 4, Glenbard West 3

Conant 4, Bartlett 1

STEVENSON

Hersey 3, Stevenson 2 (OT)

Stevenson (12-5-5): Victor Landa goal in regulation. Kostantinos Papamikos goal in regulation.

CLASS 2A SECTIONAL SEMIFINALS

BOYLAN CATHOLIC

Benet 1, Boylan Catholic 0 (SO)

Benet (14-4-3): Patrick Stasch 2 saves in shootout. Won shootout 5-4.

BROTHER RICE

Lemont 3, Providence 0

GRAYSLAKE CENTRAL

Wauconda 3, Harvard 2

CLASS 1A SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

CRISTO REY ST. MARTIN

Northridge 3, Cristo Rey St. Martin 2

HINCKLEY-BIG ROCK

Aurora Central Catholic 2, Richmond-Burton 1 (OT)

ACC (18-3-2): Ian Pecino goal in regulation.

MANTENO

Manteno 1, Chicago Christian 0 (SO)

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

CLASS 4A REGIONAL SEMIFINALS

CONANT

Stevenson d. Conant 25-20, 25-12

Stevenson (21-15): Ava Wysocki 10 kills, 5 digs. Abby Inman 9 kills, 6 digs. Lilly Salej 5 kills.

Ryler Bondad 24 assists. Lilly Zhou 6 digs, 4 aces.

Palatine d. South Elgin 25-20, 25-11

DUNDEE-CROWN

Rolling Meadows d. Dundee-Crown 25-20, 27-25

GENEVA

Geneva d. West Aurora 25-12, 25-20

Geneva (21-15): Fiona Turnbull 7 kills. Annabel Stevenson 7 kills. Sam Vanda 5 kills, 6 digs.

Lillian Hallahan 5 kills, 6 digs. Bridget Feitcher 21 assists.

Metea Valley d. Bartlett 25-19, 25-17

HAMPSHIRE

Hampshire d. Rockford Jefferson 25-8, 25-11

HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR

Homewood-Flossmoor d. Rich Township 25-11, 25-8

H-F (26-7): LaDonna Trantham 11 kills. Kymora Scott 6 kills. Skylar Skinner 21 assists.

Sandburg d. T.F. South 25-12, 25-7

Sandburg (16-19): Lucie Chicvara 5 kills. Morgan Begley 4 aces.

JOLIET WEST

Romeoville d. Oswego East 25-22, 25-18

LAKE PARK

St. Charles North d. St. Charles East 25-16, 26-24

St. Charles North (30-6): Haley Burgdorf 19 kills. Sidney Wright 6 kills. Mia McCall 27 assists.

Amber Czerniak 8 digs. Meg Kalenowski 8 digs.

LINCOLN-WAY WEST

Joliet Catholic d. Plainfield South 25-19, 25-9

Lincoln-Way West d. Plainfield North 25-23, 22-25, 25-13

Lincoln-Way West: Elly Decker 14 kills, 12 digs. Caroline Smith 14 kills. Laney Tuttle 12 digs.

LOCKPORT

Lockport d. Plainfield East 25-15, 25-20

Lockport (31-5): Emily McGraw 6 kills. Natalie Bochantin 15 assists. Amanda Bagdonaite 8 digs.

Bolingbrook d. Waubonsie Valley 25-20, 23-25, 25-19

NAPERVILLE NORTH

Benet d. Addison Trail 25-8, 25-19

Naperville Central d. Naperville North 29-27, 25-23

NILES NORTH

New Trier d. Highland Park 25-18, 25-18

OAK LAWN

Marist d. Argo 25-6, 25-12

Oak Lawn d. Andrew 25-18, 25-12

Oak Lawn (29-5): Maryam Hussein 11 kills. Hailey Wierzgac 6 kills, 5 blocks. Sinead Conroy 5 kills, 6 digs. Kasey Thompson 25 assists, 5 digs. Emma McAuliffe 13 digs.

ROUND LAKE

Jacobs d. McHenry 25-16, 25-23

Libertyville d. Grant 25-10, 25-16

STAGG

Mother McAuley d. Bloom 25-5, 25-3

McAuley (31-4): Abbey Williams 4 kills, 4 digs. Sydney Buchanan 4 kills, 10 digs. Lucy Maloney 10 digs.

Stagg d. Richards 25-10, 25-23

THORNWOOD

Lincoln-Way East d. Thornwood 25-15, 25-12

Lincoln-Way East (31-5): Cam Geiger 4 kills. Tori Tagler 11 assists. Stella Drozd 8 digs, 4 aces.

Shepard d. Reavis 25-11, 25-18

WARREN

Mundelein d. Waukegan 25-19, 25-18

Warren d. Zion-Benton 25-14, 25-19

Warren (21-15): Lauren Schilz 8 kills. Allison Jiang 6 kills. Lyla Christensen 17 assists, 3 aces. Taylor Coombes 11 digs.

WHEATON WARRENVILLE SOUTH

Wheaton Warrenville South d. Batavia 25-21, 25-14

WHEELING

Lake Zurich d. Wheeling 25-22, 25-20

Lake Zurich (14-17): Sage Olson 8 kills. Ema Adakauskas 5 kills. Ella Elsen 10 assists. Emerson Smith 7 digs.

Fremd d. Streamwood 25-5, 25-9

YORKVILLE

Oswego d. Neuqua Valley 25-8, 25-20

Yorkville d. Lincoln-Way Central 18-25, 25-18, 25-16

Yorkville (17-19): Camryn Carter 8 kills. Charlee Young 8 kills. Lili Casbarian 7 kills.

CLASS 3A REGIONAL SEMIFINALS

ANTIOCH

Carmel d. Antioch 27-25, 25-19

Carmel (18-18): Reese Wagner 6 kills, 9 digs. Heather Kintis 6 kills. Molly Malzahn 16 digs.

DE LA SALLE

De La Salle d. Kennedy 25-20, 25-16

St. Laurence d. Solorio 25-10, 25-6

EVERGREEN PARK

Evergreen Park d. Thornridge 25-10, 25-1

Evergreen (27-7): Fiona Buchanan 8 kills. Neve Hayes 15 assists, 6 aces. Tess Lee 8 aces; tied school record.

T.F. North d. Crete-Monee 19-25, 25-12, 25-17

GLENBARD SOUTH

Lemont d. Back of the Yards 25-5, 25-11

Lemont (28-7): Rylie Erickson 4 kills. April Rice 11 assists. Olivia Sarno 4 aces.

IMSA

Kaneland d. Englewood STEM 25-7, 25-2

Plano d. IMSA 25-16, 25-14

KANKAKEE

Oak Forest d. Thornton 25-9, 25-10

LAKES

Grayslake Central d. Wauconda 25-18, 25-7

Lakes d. Grayslake North 25-15, 25-19

PROVIDENCE

Bremen d. Ag. Science 14-25, 25-19, 25-22

Providence d. Hillcrest 25-15, 25-7

Providence (27-9): Demi Carbone 7 kills. Abbey Knight 7 kills. Cali Tierney 6 kills. Delaney Putil 13 assists.

SYCAMORE

Burlington Central d. Sycamore 25-15, 25-18

Burlington Central (27-8): Emily Maramba 7 kills. Leah Freesemann 5 kills, 5 digs. Ainsley Wilson 5 kills. Sarah Jack 20 assists, 5 digs.

Vernon Hills d. Amundsen 25-11, 25-10

WASHINGTON

Marian Catholic d. Washington 25-8, 25-18

Marian (12-17): Chioma Nwagwu 6 kills. Kaitlyn Nichols 10 assists, 10 digs, 7 aces. Sarah Gordon 16 digs, 4 assists.

Tinley Park d. Morgan Park 25-9, 25-16

WHEATON ACADEMY

Lake Forest d. Fenton 25-18, 25-17

WHEATON ST. FRANCIS

Resurrection d. Deerfield 25-23, 25-23

CLASS 2A REGIONAL SEMIFINALS

BEECHER

Beecher d. Momence 25-8, 25-10

CHICAGO CHRISTIAN

Chicago Christian d. Longwood 25-8, 25-9

COAL CITY

Serena d. Sandwich 25-15, 25-19

Sandwich (16-17): Jordan Bauer 5 kills. Jessica Ramey 10 assists, 6 digs. Brooklyn Marks 7 digs.

REGINA

Aurora Central Catholic d. Regina 25-22, 25-14
ROSARY
Rosary d. Lisle 25-9, 25-12
CLASS 1A REGIONAL SEMIFINALS
GRANT PARK
Yorkville Christian d. Grace Christian 22-25, 25-23, 25-21
ILLINOIS LUTHERAN
Illinois Lutheran d. Tilden 25-13, 25-18
HIAWATHA
Christian Heritage d. Westminster Christian 25-7, 20-25, 25-23
SERENA
Aurora Christian d. Leland 25-22, 25-16
Serena d. Somonauk 25-18, 25-19
Somonauk (12-12): Aubrey Chiavario 6 kills. Ady Werner 5 kills.
SOUTH BELOIT
Rockford Christian Life d. Woodlands 25-3, 25-4

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Boys soccer: Elgin, Huntley advance to sectional final

By: Chris Walker

Date: October 30, 2024



Huntley's Anthony Frelas looks back to confirm his goal against Hampshire in an IHSA Class 3A boys soccer sectional semifinal game in Streamwood on Oct. 30, 2024.

Despite the wind whipping the action on the field, Huntley junior Aktai Mametjanov still heard a Whip-Pur from Hampshire pursuing him during Wednesday's Class 3A Streamwood sectional semifinal.

Recognizing that he had little time to turn Max Bauer's long ball into a scoring opportunity, Mametjanov blasted a shot off the bottom of the crossbar that found its way into the back of the net with 2:18 left to play. It provided some insurance during a 2-0 victory.

“I heard someone panting hard behind me and sounding desperate like it was an animal trying to escape,” Mametjanov said. “I was like, OK I gotta hit it. I got to finish it right here, right now, and I don’t know, I just let (my) unconscious take over. Every time I do something good I let my unconscious take over. And it had top spin and the wind.”

Huntley (14-6-4) led 1-0 heading into the second half. The Red Raiders also had the wind at their backs for the final 40 minutes and used it to control play the rest of the game.

Hampshire (11-12-2) wouldn’t have been able to remain a single big offensive play away from netting the equalizer without senior goalkeeper Parker Smith. He was extremely busy making diving saves and rejections as the Whip-Purs hung tough.

“He kept us in the game,” Whip-Purs coach Chayanne Martinez said. “In the last few minutes we had to risk more and push up higher. It doesn’t matter if you lose by one or two, you have to go for the win so we pushed up higher and we knew it was exposed. One little bounce and with this wind it helped them go forward, but credit to them for finishing off their chances.”

Goalkeeper Jeremiah Reynolds only had to make a pair of saves for the Red Raiders, but he dove to redirect senior Charlie Terriquez’s attempt in the 10th minute while the rebound attempt from freshman Kate Gage sailed far right.

That was the Whip-Purs’ best chance in the first half, while the Red Raiders took a 1-0 lead with 10:18 to play before the half when seniors Tyler Caddick and Anthony Frelas connected.

“I saw an open gap and knew my friend Tyler was going to get me the ball so I just got to scream and yell for the ball there,” Frelas said. “I got the ball played to me, took a touch — just like the basics — took a swing and hit it.”

The Red Raiders advance to Friday’s sectional championship game against Elgin (14-3-2).

The Maroons overwhelmed Rockford East, 6-0, in the earlier semifinal.

Senior Robert Salinas put away Aaron Saldana’s corner kick in the game’s first 90 seconds and that’s all they would need.

Salinas scored again about two minutes later and Saldana assisted junior Danny Perez in the 14th minute for a 3-0 advantage.

“Our attitude was pretty much high energy from the start,” Salinas said. “We had film, we studied these guys and from the get-go we knew what we wanted to do and how to do it.”

A shot from Saldana caromed off an E-Rab player for an own goal in the opening minutes of the second half. Senior Beto Gaytan and junior Jayden Plancarte also scored in the 49th and 56th minutes, respectively.

“This is my most experienced group and these guys know what to do, what to expect,” Maroons coach Jimmy Romano said. “A fantastic start. I couldn’t ask for anything more of these guys.”

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High school scores for Oct. 30

Date: October 30, 2024



Elgin's Berto Gaytan reacts after scoring against Rockford East to make the score 6-0 in an IHSA Class 3A boys soccer sectional semifinal game in Streamwood on Oct. 30, 2024.

Wednesday results

Boys soccer

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At DePaul College Prep

Noble/ITW Speer 3, Fenton 2

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Huntley 2, Hampshire 0

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