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Letter from the Executive Director

When talking about what schools are doing to improve student learning, especially in tested subjects like reading and math, we should be talking about growth: *How much did a student's skills improve from one year to the next?*

A single test score is a snapshot: it tells us how much a student has learned up to that exact point in time. An eighth grade MAP test in math, for example, captures how much math a student has learned from birth to grade 8.

Test scores contain important information. But a single test score tells us next to nothing about how much a student learned over a single school year, because a single test score tells us nothing about where a student started the school year.

We should be talking more about student growth and less about "proficiency" or average test scores at a given school.

Focusing on a single test score as a common goal for all students—which is literally what the state does when looking at the percentage of students scoring "proficient"—actually sets a different goal for every student. Some students start the year far below that score, some just shy, and some already past it. Different students have to cover different distances to reach proficiency. And often students who show little growth over the course of a year will still score proficient, while students who cover an enormous amount of ground make come up just short.

We ask you, who had the better year? The student who covered little ground this year, or the student whose test scores increased massively?

Growth says, "How much distance did you cover, regardless of where you started the year?" The Missouri Growth Model controls for past performance, as well as the starting performance of students around you. The model essentially compares each student to other students whose past performance was similar to their own.

Every state measures student growth, in one way or another. None does it better than Missouri. Social scientists at the University of Missouri have spent almost two decades constructing a measure of student growth that every state should emulate.

Unfortunately, growth data in Missouri is usually buried amongst a great deal of, frankly, less helpful information in the state's Annual Performance Reports for schools. We unbury that data and present it in a way that parents and educators can use.

We present that growth data to you here, in the 4th Edition of the PRiME Center Growth Reports. Parents, educators, and policymakers need information that is intuitive.

The PRiME Center Growth Scores are scaled from 70 to 100, a scoring range that ought to look familiar (especially to students and teachers). Readers can see how their school is performing compared to other schools on the Missouri growth model. The average score is an 85; by design, a school scoring 90 is scoring well above average. A small handful will reach 100.

In our tables and figures, and in awards sent to schools themselves, we choose to focus on top-performing schools. Congratulations to all who make our lists of top performers: schools who are producing gains above and beyond what any statistical model would predict. You are among the highest growth schools in Missouri.

Yours Truly,

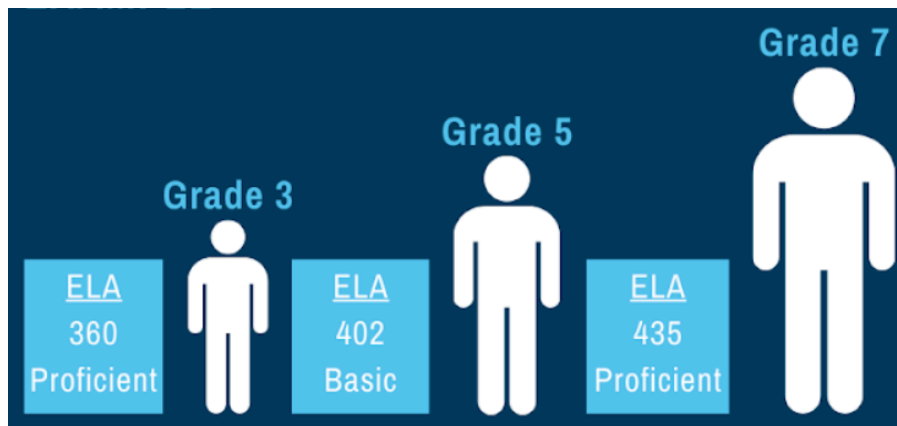**Collin Hitt, PhD**
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Introduction

Since 1993, Missouri has used Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) testing to monitor students' achievement according to the Missouri Learning Standards. Third through eighth grade students have been tested yearly in Mathematics and English Language Arts since 2001 with the enactment of No Child Left Behind. On these standardized assessments, students receive a scale score and, based on that score, a performance level to describe their proficiency with the assessed content. The four performance levels are Below Basic, Basic, Proficient, and Advanced. To learn more about MAP testing and Missouri students' most recent results you can see PRiME's publication[1].

These scale scores and performance level measures can give us a snapshot of what a student knows at the time of the test, but do not really capture how much a student has grown in any given year. It may seem intuitive to think about student growth as the difference between a student's MAP score one year compared to their score the previous year. However, due to the exams covering different content each year and scale score ranges increasing for each grade level, relying on test scores alone could misrepresent growth. Consider the following example:

In this scenario, the same student takes an ELA exam in 3rd, 5th, and 7th Grade. Using MAP scale scores, the student appears to have increased their knowledge year to year. Although the increase between Grade 3 and Grade 5 was 42 points, the student dropped from Proficient to Basic. The increase in scale scores between Grade 5 and Grade 7 was only 33 points, but the student returned to the Proficient level.

While a student's MAP score may increase over time, that increase might be less than what other students saw over that same period of time. Hence the need to think about "growth" not only as the increase from one test to another, but as relative to other students who started out with similar scores.

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[1] Vahle, C. (2024, November). Missouri MAP scores: 2024 edition. *Policy Research in Missouri Education, 6*(10). Saint Louis University. https://www.primecenter.org/policy-brief-database/map-2024

For this reason, we use Growth Scores obtained from the Missouri Growth Model. DESE started using the current growth model in 2013 after piloting the model from 2010 to 2012. The Missouri Growth Model is a type of value-added model that has gained wide recognition by leading educational researchers for its ability to separate the effect that schools have on student learning from the effect of non-school factors (e.g., parental resources and a student's inherent ability).

Growth scores are estimated by the models in two steps. In the first step, average scale scores are estimated for each subject and school year for students in grades four through eight with similar prior achievement in both Mathematics and ELA. This first step results in "predicted" scores which represent how much the average student with differing prior achievement grew over the school year after adjusting for factors outside a school's control.

Next, the Growth Model finds the difference between each student's actual score and the average score for a student with similar previous test scores attending similar schools. A negative difference indicates that a student grew less than average for students with similar academic backgrounds while a positive difference indicates that a student grew more than that average. Finally, scores for schools and districts are calculated as the average of these student-level differences.

For more information on the Missouri Growth Model, see our Growth PRiMER linked here or visit the DESE's website[2]. Using Growth Scores is important in making fair comparisons between schools and allows us to have better estimates of how well schools are doing at promoting student learning over time. However, the Growth Scores reported by the state are the raw output of these statistical models and can be difficult to interpret. Growth Scores from DESE tend to have an average of zero with a relatively narrow distribution, meaning that a very good school could have a growth score of 0.13 while a school that struggles to promote student growth could have a growth score of -0.14

PRiME Growth Scores

To make Growth Scores more widely accessible, PRiME adjusts the Growth Score to a more easily recognizable scale. We adjust scores to have an average of 85 and standard deviation of 5. This adjustment allows us to interpret Growth Scores similarly to grades that a student might receive in their classes, where scores above 90 represent very good Growth Scores, and those below 70 represent a Growth Score that is quite low. This transformation does not change the order of school rankings. It just makes it easier to see who is growing and by how much.

This publication marks the 4th edition of the PRiME Growth Reports. Due to the timing of the data releases, this Growth Report covers data collected from students in the 2022–23 *and* the most recently available data from the 2023–24 school year. This year's Growth Reports will be released in three parts: Statewide Growth (the content of this paper), Beating the Odds (where we cover schools that enroll high proportions of economically disadvantaged students), and a special Charter Schools report.

PRiME Growth Publications				
Prime Growth Report	**Data from School Year**	**Published**	**Chapters**	**Number of Districts and Schools Represented**
1st Edition	2018–19	2021	Statewide Beating the Odds Regional	1,694 schools 546 districts/LEAs 9 regions
2nd Edition	2020–21	2022	Statewide Beating the Odds By Modality	1,679 schools 549 districts/LEAs 9 regions
3rd Edition	2021–22	2024	Statewide Beating the Odds	1,672 schools 546 districts/LEAs 9 regions
4th Edition	2022–23 2023–24	2025	Statewide Beating the Odds Charter Schools	1,694 schools 552 districts/LEAs 9 regions

Results

Statewide, we provide Growth Scores for 1,679 schools spanning 548 districts across 9 Missouri regions for the 2022–23 school year. ELA Growth Scores range from 63.3 to 102.5 and 64.4 to 105.3 in Mathematics.

For the 2023–24 school year, we provide Growth Scores for 1,671 schools spanning 544 districts across 9 Missouri regions. ELA Growth Scores range from 61.9 to 105.0 and 63.5 to 107.2 in Mathematics.

Although a small number of schools had Growth Scores above 100, we cap our reported Growth Scores at 100 to keep our rankings on a familiar scale. Although the scores in the tables that follow reflect this cap, absolute rankings are based on the full score (e.g., although 1st and 5th place in a given table may both show a score of 100.0, the school in 1st place did have a higher growth score than the school in 5th place). To see the full Growth Score and ranking for any school, access our Growth Data Dashboard.

To ensure comparisons are among similar schools, we split the data into three school levels to create our lists: Elementary, eleMiddle and Middle. Schools are classified as *Elementary* if they serve students no older than 6th Grade, and *Middle* if they serve any subset of 6th through 12th Grade students. Schools are classified as *eleMiddle* if they serve a combination of Elementary and Middle Grade students, such as a school that serves grades K–8, 4–12, or 3–8. Within each of these categorizations, we list the 20 top growing schools in both ELA and in Math. We first list the table in each designation for the 2022–23 data, then for the 2023–24 data.

Thus, there are twelve total tables—Schoolwide rankings for both Math and ELA at each of the three school levels for both years. Within each table, you will find the following pieces of information:
- **Rank.** The relative rank of the school's Growth Score compared to other schools in the group.
- **PRiME Growth Score.** The PRiME Growth Score rounded to the nearest tenth, capped at 100.0.
- **Prof. Adv.** The percentage of tested students scoring in the Proficient or Advanced category on MAP tests for that subject. Dashes mean data was suppressed due to small sample size.
- **Enrollment.** The enrollment of the entire school building (not just tested grades).
- **Direct Cert.** The proportion of students in a school who qualify for free lunch programs based on enrollment in the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or other public assistance programs; it is a proxy measure of the socioeconomic status of students enrolled in that school. Dashes mean the data was suppressed due to a small sample size.
- **Region.** The supervisory region of Missouri in which the school is located.

Elementary Schools

In this section, we look at the 20 elementary schools with the highest PRiME Growth Scores in ELA and Math by Schoolwide achievement for the 2022–23 and 2023–24 school years. These lists represent the top 6.4% of Elementary schools in our sample. We first present ELA Schoolwide results for the 2022–23 school year (Table 1) and the 2023–24 school year (Table 2), followed by Math Schoolwide results for the 2022–23 school year (Table 3) and the 2023–24 school year (Table 4).

For the 2022–23 academic year, there were 1,009 Elementary schools in 451 districts and 9 regions with PRiME Growth scores. For the 2023–24 academic year, there were 1,008 Elementary schools in 452 districts and 9 regions with PRiME Growth scores. The previous report covering the 2021–22 scores contained data for 1,009 Elementary schools.

For Elementary schools, ELA PRiME Growth Scores ranged from 63.3 to 102.5 in 2022–23 and from 61.9 to 105.0 in 2023–24. In Math, PRiME Growth Scores ranged from 66.6 to 105.3 in 2022–23 and 63.5 to 106.1 in 2023–24.

The fourth edition Elementary tables feature 65 schools from 47 districts. Many appear on more than one list, and Mallinckrodt A.B.I. Elementary (St. Louis Public Schools) appears on all four lists, meaning that they have exhibited some of the highest growth in the state in both ELA and Math for the past two school years. We note that our four lists feature only 6.4% of Elementary schools in the state, but many more exhibit excellent Growth. To see where your own school (or any throughout the state) ranked, please see our accompanying [Growth dashboard or data file](#).

Schools scoring 100.0 or over on the Elementary lists include: West Elementary (Ozark R-VI), Jefferson Elementary (Joplin Schools), Indian Trails Elementary (Fort Osage R-I), Skyline Elementary (Sedalia 200), Blue Hills Elementary, (Fort Osage R-I), John T. Hartman Elementary (Kansas City 33), William Southern Elementary (Independence 30), Bunker Elementary (Bunker R-III), KIPP Wonder Academy (KIPP St. Louis Public Schools), Hale Cook Elementary (Kansas City 33), Brookfield Elementary (Brookfield R-III), Pershing Elementary (University City), Verona Elementary (Verona R-VII), Weaubleau Elementary (Weaubleau R-III), Lexington Elementary (St. Louis Public Schools), and William Yates Elementary (Blue Springs R-IV).

Several schools featured on this year's lists also made appearances on previous years' lists, signifying continual growth, and are highlighted below each table.

Table 1: Top Schoolwide English Language Arts Growth, Elementary Schools, 2022–23

Rank	School	PRiME Growth	Prof. Adv.	Enrollment	Direct Cert.	District	Region
1st	West Elem.	100.0*	69.8%	602	14.3%	Ozark R-VI	Southwestern
2nd	Jefferson Elem.	100.0*	39.5%	192	40.1%	Joplin Schools	Southwestern
3rd	Indian Trails Elem.	100.0*	42.2%	355	35.8%	Fort Osage R-I	Kansas City
4th	Skyline Elem.	100.0*	60.0%	489	23.3%	Sedalia 200	Western Plains
5th	Blue Hills Elem.	100.0*	53.0%	352	21.9%	Fort Osage R-I	Kansas City
6th	John T. Hartman Elem.	100.0*	29.9%	279	58.0%	Kansas City 33	Kansas City
7th	William Southern Elem.	100.0*	41.9%	388	31.2%	Independence 30	Kansas City
8th	Southeast Elem.	99.6	33.3%	121	29.8%	Marshall	Western Plains
9th	Pershing Elem.	99.6	18.6%	266	58.1%	University City	St. Louis
10th	Cecil Floyd Elem.	98.4	45.6%	497	34.4%	Joplin Schools	Southwestern
11th	Williams Elem.	98.1	38.0%	288	50.8%	Springfield R-XII	Southwestern
12th	Mosaic Elementary	97.4	75.0%	247	1.2%	Mehlville R-IX	St. Louis
13th	Arcadia Valley Elem.	97.2	51.5%	344	35.8%	Arcadia Valley R-II	Ozarks
14th	James Elementary	96.8	15.1%	188	44.4%	Kansas City 33	Kansas City
15th	Century Elem.	96.7	59.9%	619	11.0%	Nixa Public Schools	Southwestern
16th	Dobbs Elementary	96.6	29.6%	321	39.8%	Hickman Mills C-1	Kansas City
17th	Millennium At Sante Fe	96.0	21.4%	288	46.2%	Hickman Mills C-1	Kansas City
18th	Mallinckrodt A.B.I. Elem.	96.0	94.4%	259	3.5%	St. Louis City	St. Louis
19th	Hawthorn Hill Elem.	95.9	61.1%	405	1.5%	Lee's Summit R-VII	Kansas City
20th	Minnie Cline Elem.	95.8	48.6%	592	18.2%	Savannah R-III	Northwestern

* For simplicity and clarity, PRiME caps growth scores at 100. In reality, some schools may have growth scores above 100.

Prof. Adv. indicates the percentage of tested students scoring in the Proficient or Advanced category on MAP tests for that subject.

Table 1 Highlights:

- The top seven schools on this list had a PRiME Growth Score greater than or equal to 100.
- Blue Hills Elementary (Fort Osage R-I) and Millennium At Sante Fe (Hickman Mills C-1) also made this list in the 3rd Edition Growth Report. Mallinckrodt A.B.I. Elementary (St. Louis Public Schools) made this list in the 2nd Edition Growth Report. All other schools are new to this list.
- West Elementary (Ozark R-VI) scored the highest in the state and had a proficiency rate of 69.8%.
- Eight schools were in the Kansas City region (two in Hickman Mills C-1, two in Kansas City 33, and two in Fort Osage R-I) and five were in the Southwestern region (two in Joplin Schools).
- Over half of the schools on the list had proficiency rates under 50%.

Table 2: Top Schoolwide English Language Arts Growth, Elementary Schools, 2023–24

Rank	School	PRiME Growth	Prof. Adv.	Enrollment	Direct Cert.	District	Region
1st	Bunker Elem.	100.0*	57.4%	87	18.8%	Bunker R-III	Ozarks
2nd	KIPP Wonder Academy	100.0*	9.5%	250	67.0%	KIPP St. Louis Public Sch.	St. Louis
3rd	Hale Cook Elementary	100.0*	48.4%	336	15.0%	Kansas City 33	Kansas City
4th	West Elem.	100.0*	70.6%	599	13.1%	Ozark R-VI	Southwestern
5th	Mallinckrodt A.B.I. Elem.	99.8	91.4%	256	3.2%	St. Louis City	St. Louis
6th	Reed Elementary	99.8	78.4%	384	5.2%	Ladue	St. Louis
7th	David Harrison Elementary	99.7	70.8%	270	15.3%	Springfield R-XII	Southwestern
8th	Dobbs Elementary	98.3	24.7%	329	40.6%	Hickman Mills C-1	Kansas City
9th	Thomas Benton Elem.	97.9	34.7%	216	46.3%	Columbia 93	Central
10th	Betty Wheeler Class. Jr. Ac.	97.6	88.4%	206	5.9%	St. Louis City	St. Louis
11th	Verona Elem.	97.4	36.2%	144	20.7%	Verona R-VII	Southwestern
12th	MRH Elementary	96.6	65.0%	411	12.4%	Maplewood-Richmond Hts.	St. Louis
13th	Sequiota Elem.	96.5	56.1%	333	12.6%	Springfield R-XII	Southwestern
14th	Lutie Elem.	96.4	-	53	50.8%	Lutie R-VI	Southwestern
15th	Southview Elem.	96.3	64.4%	458	3.7%	Kearney R-I	Kansas City
16th	Price Elementary	96.3	63.4%	491	14.1%	Republic R-III	Southwestern
17th	Mill Creek Elem.	96.2	60.7%	573	6.5%	Columbia 93	Central
18th	Walt Disney Elem.	96.1	64.1%	538	9.5%	Springfield R-XII	Southwestern
19th	Hurricane Deck Elementary	96.1	39.7%	155	27.1%	Camdenton R-III	Central
20th	Brookfield Elem.	95.9	45.1%	321	18.8%	Brookfield R-III	Northeastern

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Prof. Adv. indicates the percentage of tested students scoring in the Proficient or Advanced category on MAP tests for that subject.

Table 2 Highlights:

- The top four schools on this list had a PRiME Growth Score greater than or equal to 100.
- Seven schools have previously made this list: Hale Cook Elementary (Kansas City 33), West Elementary (Ozark R-VI), Mallinckrodt A.B.I. Elementary (St. Louis City), Reed Elementary (Ladue), Dobbs Elementary (Hickman Mills C-1), Betty Wheeler CJA (St. Louis City), and Lutie Elementary (Lutie R-VI).
- Bunker Elementary (Bunker R-III) scored the highest in the state with a proficiency rate of 57.4%.
- Seven schools were in the Southwestern region (including three in Springfield R-XII), five were in the St. Louis region (including two in St. Louis Public Schools), and three were in the Central region (including two in the Columbia 93 district).
- Twelve of the schools on this list had proficiency rates over 50%.

Table 3: Top Schoolwide Mathematics Growth, Elementary Schools, 2022–23

Rank	School	PRiME Growth	Prof. Adv.	Enrollment	Direct Cert.	District	Region
1st	Brookfield Elem.	**100.0***	61.3%	303	22.0%	Brookfield R-III	Northeastern
2nd	Pershing Elem.	**100.0***	14.4%	266	58.1%	University City	St. Louis
3rd	Verona Elem.	**100.0***	40.0%	149	22.9%	Verona R-VII	Southwestern
4th	Two Mile Prairie Elem.	**99.8**	51.2%	152	14.5%	Columbia 93	Central
5th	Central Elem.	**99.8**	54.3%	307	20.2%	Pierce City R-VI	Southwestern
6th	Kentucky Trail Elem.	**99.4**	50.8%	325	23.4%	Belton 124	Kansas City
7th	Mallinckrodt A.B.I. Elem.	**99.3**	92.3%	259	3.5%	St. Louis City	St. Louis
8th	Jefferson Elem.	**99.0**	64.6%	313	28.4%	Farmington R-VII	Bootheel
9th	William Yates Elem.	**98.7**	80.5%	414	18.8%	Blue Springs R-IV	Kansas City
10th	Coleman Elem.	**98.5**	56.2%	217	31.8%	Meramec Valley R-III	Ozarks
11th	John T. Hartman Elem.	**98.3**	40.5%	279	58.0%	Kansas City 33	Kansas City
12th	Mckelvey Intermediate	**97.8**	72.6%	426	7.3%	Parkway C-2	St. Louis
13th	Spoede Elementary	**97.3**	74.8%	365	4.7%	Ladue	St. Louis
14th	Jefferson Elem.	**97.2**	48.7%	192	40.1%	Joplin Schools	Southwestern
15th	Bell City Elem.	**97.1**	-	99	29.3%	Bell City R-II	Bootheel
16th	Ballard Elem.	**97.1**	25.7%	55	9.3%	Ballard R-II	Western Plains
17th	Daniel Young Elem.	**97.0**	56.1%	341	15.1%	Blue Springs R-IV	Kansas City
18th	Russell Blvd. Elem.	**96.5**	51.7%	460	6.7%	Columbia 93	Central
19th	Robberson Elem.	**96.5**	41.2%	169	45.2%	Springfield R-XII	Southwestern
20th	Pleasant View Elem.	**96.1**	48.3%	179	25.1%	Springfield R-XII	Southwestern

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Table 3 Highlights:

- The top three schools on this list had a PRiME Growth Score greater than or equal to 100.
- Four schools have previously made this list: Brookfield Elementary (Brookfield R-III), Jefferson Elementary (Farmington R-VII), William Yates Elementary (Blue Springs R-IV), and John T. Hartman Elementary (Kansas City 33).
- Brookfield Elementary (Brookfield R-III) scored highest and had a proficiency rate of 61.3%.
- Five schools were in the Southwestern region (including two in the Springfield R-XII district). Four were in the St. Louis region, and four more in the Kansas City region (including two in the Blue Springs R-IV district). Two were in the Central region (both in Columbia 93), and two were in the Bootheel region.
- Twelve of the schools on this list had proficiency rates over 50%.

Table 4: Top Schoolwide Mathematics Growth, Elementary Schools, 2023–24

Rank	School	PRiME Growth	Prof. Adv.	Enrollment	Direct Cert.	District	Region
1st	Bunker Elem.	100.0*	61.7%	87	18.8%	Bunker R-III	Ozarks
2nd	Weaubleau Elem.	100.0*	63.3%	189	30.2%	Weaubleau R-III	Western Plains
3rd	Brookfield Elem.	100.0*	53.3%	321	18.8%	Brookfield R-III	Northeastern
4th	Lexington Elem.	100.0*	13.5%	188	70.0%	St. Louis City	St. Louis
5th	William Yates Elem.	100.0*	77.9%	448	17.0%	Blue Springs R-IV	Kansas City
6th	Moline Elem.	99.0	15.9%	294	66.7%	Riverview Gardens	St. Louis
7th	Mill Creek Elem.	97.8	64.3%	573	6.5%	Columbia 93	Central
8th	Doniphan Intermediate	97.5	52.2%	329	37.4%	Doniphan R-I	Bootheel
9th	Elementary School	97.4	32.1%	224	40.3%	Citizens Of The World Charter	Kansas City
10th	Lewis And Clark Elem.	97.2	65.6%	544	5.4%	Liberty 53	Kansas City
11th	Kentucky Trail Elem.	96.8	47.9%	337	22.6%	Belton 124	Kansas City
12th	Bakersfield Elem.	96.5	58.6%	150	21.6%	Bakersfield R-IV	Southwestern
13th	Dewey Sch.-Intn'l. Studies	96.4	26.0%	328	55.0%	St. Louis City	St. Louis
14th	David Barton Elem.	96.3	37.6%	338	21.4%	Boonville R-I	Central
15th	Hyde Elem.	96.2	31.9%	355	35.2%	St. Joseph	Northwestern
16th	Franklin Elem.	95.9	47.4%	224	57.6%	Cape Girardeau 63	Bootheel
17th	Mallinckrodt A.B.I. Elem.	95.5	90.6%	256	3.2%	St. Louis City	St. Louis
18th	Gideon Elem.	95.3	44.6%	121	34.7%	Gideon 37	Bootheel
19th	Eminence Elem.	95.3	31.7%	123	26.4%	Eminence R-I	Ozarks
20th	Keeven Elem.	95.3	24.4%	267	53.8%	Hazelwood	St. Louis

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Prof. Adv. indicates the percentage of tested students scoring in the Proficient or Advanced category on MAP tests for that subject.

Table 4 Highlights:

- The top five schools on this list had a PRiME Growth Score greater than or equal to 100.
- Four schools have previously made this list: Brookfield Elementary (Brookfield R-III), William Yates Elementary (Blue Springs R-IV), Mallinckrodt A.B.I. Elementary (St. Louis Public Schools), and Kentucky Trail Elementary (Belton 124).
- Bunker Elementary (Bunker R-III) scored the highest in the state and had a proficiency rate of 61.7%.
- This list features schools from all nine regions of the state. There were five schools in the St. Louis region (including three from St. Louis Public Schools) and four in the Kansas City region.
- Over half of the schools on the list had proficiency rates under 50%.

EleMiddle Schools

In this section, we look at the 20 eleMiddle schools with the highest PRiME Growth Scores in ELA and Math by Schoolwide achievement for the 2022–23 and 2023–24 school years. These lists represent the top 12% of eleMiddle schools in our sample. We first present ELA Schoolwide results for the 2022–23 school year (Table 5) and the 2023–24 school year (Table 6), followed by Math Schoolwide results for the 2022–23 school year (Table 7) and the 2023–24 school year (Table 8).

For the 2022–23 academic year, there were 168 eleMiddle schools in 148 districts and 9 regions with PRiME Growth scores. For the 2023–24 academic year, there were 161 eleMiddle schools in 145 districts and 9 regions with PRiME Growth scores. The previous report covering the 2021–22 scores contained data for 164 eleMiddle schools.

For eleMiddle schools, ELA PRiME Growth Scores ranged from 77.3 to 96.4 in 2022–23 and from 65.0 to 96.7 in 2023–24. In Math, PRiME Growth Scores ranged from 73.5 to 100.9 in 2022–23 and 71.5 to 100.1 in 2023–24.

The fourth edition eleMiddle tables feature 56 schools from 52 districts. Many appear on more than one list, and Ewing Marion Kauffman Middle (Ewing Marion Kauffman Schools) appears on all four lists, meaning that they have exhibited some of the highest growth in the state in both ELA and Math for the past two school years. We note that our four lists feature only 33% of eleMiddle schools in the state, but many more exhibit excellent Growth. To see where your own school (or any throughout the state) ranked, please see our accompanying Growth dashboard or data file.

Schools scoring 100.0 or over on the eleMiddle lists include Livingston Co. Elementary (Livingston Co. R-III) and Genesis School Inc. (Genesis School Inc.).

Several schools featured on this year's lists also made appearances on previous years' lists, signifying continual growth, and are highlighted below each table.

Table 5: Top Schoolwide English Language Arts Growth, EleMiddle Schools, 2022–23

Rank	School	PRiME Growth	Prof. Adv.	Enrollment	Direct Cert.	District	Region
1st	St Louis Lang. Imm. Sch.	96.4	34.6%	389	27.6%	St. Louis Lang. Imm. Sch.	St. Louis
2nd	Bourbon Middle School	96.4	60.3%	245	31.4%	Crawford Co. R-I	Ozarks
3rd	Livingston Co. Elem.	95.5	-	59	17.6%	Livingston Co. R-III	Northwestern
4th	Shawnee Elem.	95.4	54.3%	58	13.8%	Shawnee R-III	Western Plains
5th	Ripley Co. Elem.	95.3	33.9%	106	24.8%	Ripley Co. R-III	Bootheel
6th	Westview Elem.	95.1	34.0%	102	38.5%	Westview C-6	Southwestern
7th	Sunrise Elem.	94.4	42.7%	295	18.3%	Sunrise R-IX	St. Louis
8th	Ewing Marion Kauffman Mid.	94.2	34.3%	566	43.8%	Ewing Marion Kauffman Sch.	Kansas City
9th	Laclede Elem.	94.1	5.8%	232	79.2%	St. Louis City	St. Louis
10th	Senath-Hornersville Mid. Sch.	93.9	40.4%	209	35.3%	Senath-Hornersville C-8	Bootheel
11th	Brookfield Middle	93.8	63.5%	241	19.6%	Brookfield R-III	Northeastern
12th	Old North Academy	93.7	14.8%	510	71.4%	Confluence Academies	St. Louis
13th	Lee A. Tolbert Com. Acad.	93.6	19.7%	346	64.0%	Lee A. Tolbert Com. Acad.	Kansas City
14th	Washington Elem.	93.4	21.1%	359	56.5%	Normandy Schools Collab.	St. Louis
15th	KIPP Inspire Academy	93.1	16.4%	403	58.4%	KIPP St Louis Public Schools	St. Louis
16th	Lucas Crossing Elem.	92.5	10.0%	636	68.1%	Normandy Schools Collab.	St. Louis
17th	Cole Elem.	92.4	7.4%	277	65.0%	St. Louis City	St. Louis
18th	Alexander Elem.	92.4	31.7%	194	26.5%	Slater	Western Plains
19th	City Garden Mont. EAEC	92.3	52.7%	291	17.2%	City Garden Montessori	St. Louis
20th	Mirabile Elem.	92.0	15.0%	36	12.8%	Mirabile C-1	Northwestern

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Table 5 Highlights:

- St. Louis Language Immersion School (St. Louis Lang. Imm. Sch.) scored the highest in the state and had a proficiency rate of 34.6%.
- Six schools have previously made this list: St. Louis Language Immersion School, Livingston Co. Elementary (Livingston Co. R-III), Ewing Marion Kauffman Middle (Ewing Marion Kauffman School), Senath-Hornersville Middle School (Senath-Hornersville C-8), and Brookfield Middle (Brookfield R-III).
- Nine of the schools were in the St. Louis region (including two in Normandy Schools Collaborative and two in St. Louis Public Schools. Two schools were located in each of the following regions: Bootheel, Kansas City, Western Plains, and Northwestern.
- Just four of the schools on this list had proficiency rates at or over 50%.

Table 6: Top Schoolwide English Language Arts Growth, EleMiddle Schools, 2023–24

Rank	School	PRiME Growth	Prof. Adv.	Enrollment	Direct Cert.	District	Region
1st	Ewing Marion Kauffman Mid.	96.7	39.8%	510	42.4%	Ewing Marion Kauffman Sch.	Kansas City
2nd	Avilla Elem.	96.6	38.5%	109	20.4%	Avilla R-XIII	Southwestern
3rd	Lafayette Preparatory Acad.	93.7	68.3%	403	16.5%	Lafayette Preparatory Acad.	St. Louis
4th	KIPP Triumph Academy	93.5	14.8%	330	61.3%	KIPP St. Louis Public Schools	St. Louis
5th	Calhoun Elem.	93.5	11.4%	71	21.8%	Calhoun R-VIII	Western Plains
6th	Richards Elem.	93.3	47.5%	354	31.2%	Richards R-V	Ozarks
7th	Glenwood Elem.	93.2	32.1%	226	28.2%	Glenwood R-VIII	Ozarks
8th	Premier Charter School	93.0	35.8%	874	22.7%	Premier Charter School	St. Louis
9th	Davis Elem.	92.9	47.2%	47	17.0%	Davis R-XII	Western Plains
10th	Belleview Elem.	92.5	38.6%	91	43.3%	Belleview R-III	Ozarks
11th	Middle School	92.3	25.0%	135	31.9%	Citizens Of The World Charter	Kansas City
12th	Plainview Elem.	92.2	39.6%	78	29.8%	Plainview R-VIII	Southwestern
13th	Pleasant View Elem.	92.0	-	114	8.6%	Pleasant View R-VI	Northwestern
14th	Genesis School Inc.	91.9	16.9%	201	65.6%	Genesis School Inc.	Kansas City
15th	Spring Bluff Elem.	91.9	68.1%	221	3.6%	Spring Bluff R-XV	Ozarks
16th	Swedeborg Elem.	91.4	-	35	25.6%	Swedeborg R-III	Ozarks
17th	KC International-Wallace	91.4	17.7%	637	56.1%	KC International Academy	Kansas City
18th	Pleasant Hope Middle	91.3	44.7%	177	31.2%	Pleasant Hope R-VI	Southwestern
19th	Blackwater Elem.	91.3	41.5%	84	20.2%	Blackwater R-II	Central
20th	Koshkonong Elem.	91.3	40.2%	135	29.7%	Oregon-Howell R-III	Ozarks

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Table 6 Highlights:

- Ewing Marion Kauffman Middle (EMK Schools) scored highest in the state.
- Eleven schools have previously made this list: Ewing Marion Kauffman Middle (EMK Schools), Avilla Elem. (Avilla R-XIII), Lafayette Preparatory Academy (Lafayette Preparatory Acad.), KIPP Triumph Academy (KIPP STL Public Schools), Glenwood Elem. (Glenwood R-VIII), Premier Charter School (Premier), Davis Elem. (Davis R-XII), Belleview Elem. (Belleview R-III), Spring Bluff Elem. (Spring Bluff R-XV), KC International-Wallace (KC Intn'l Academy), and Koshkonong Elem. (Oregon-Howell R-III).
- Six of the schools were located in the Ozarks region and four were in the Kansas City region (all of which are charter schools). Three were in the St. Louis region (all of which are charter schools).
- Just two of the schools on this list had proficiency rates at or over 50%.

Table 7: Top Schoolwide Mathematics, EleMiddle Schools, 2022–23

Rank	School	PRiME Growth	Prof. Adv.	Enrollment	Direct Cert.	District	Region
1st	Livingston Co. Elem.	**100.0***	41.9%	59	17.6%	Livingston Co. R-III	Northwestern
2nd	Ripley Co. Elem.	**98.6**	53.2%	106	24.8%	Ripley Co. R-III	Bootheel
3rd	Mirabile Elem.	**97.1**	-	36	12.8%	Mirabile C-1	Northwestern
4th	Ewing Marion Kauffman Mid.	**97.1**	46.9%	566	43.8%	Ewing Marion Kauffman School	Kansas City
5th	KIPP Inspire Academy	**96.8**	23.7%	403	58.4%	KIPP St Louis Public Schools	St. Louis
6th	South Harrison Middle	**96.6**	48.5%	245	26.5%	South Harrison Co. R-II	Northwestern
7th	Woodland Middle	**95.7**	38.4%	261	31.4%	Woodland R-IV	Bootheel
8th	Thornfield Elem.	**95.5**	80.8%	49	22.4%	Thornfield R-I	Southwestern
9th	High Point Elem.	**94.0**	50.0%	76	15.8%	High Point R-III	Central
10th	Lee A. Tolbert Com. Acad.	**93.3**	11.3%	346	64.0%	Lee A. Tolbert Com. Academy	Kansas City
11th	Litzsinger	**93.2**	7.1%	98	38.1%	Specl. Sch. Dst. St. Louis Co.	St. Louis
12th	Scott City Middle	**93.1**	42.5%	226	28.4%	Scott City R-I	Bootheel
13th	North Wood Elem.	**93.0**	48.4%	199	34.0%	North Wood R-IV	Ozarks
14th	Bourbon Middle School	**92.7**	52.0%	245	31.4%	Crawford Co. R-I	Ozarks
15th	KIPP Triumph Academy	**91.6**	14.7%	375	61.9%	KIPP St Louis Public Schools	St. Louis
16th	Eagle Tower Grove East	**91.1**	10.3%	168	45.8%	Momentum Academy	St. Louis
17th	Hardeman Elem.	**90.9**	-	58	7.2%	Hardeman R-X	Western Plains
18th	Bevier Elem.	**90.9**	43.0%	130	23.4%	Bevier C-4	Northeastern
19th	Polo Middle	**90.8**	78.8%	107	9.3%	Polo R-VII	Northwestern
20th	Koshkonong Elem.	**90.8**	38.5%	138	34.5%	Oregon-Howell R-III	Ozarks

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Prof. Adv. indicates the percentage of tested students scoring in the Proficient or Advanced category on MAP tests for that subject.

Table 7 Highlights:

- Livingston County Elementary (Livingston Co. R-III) scored the highest in the state (over 100.0).
- Nine schools have previously made this list: Livingston Co. Elem. (Livingston Co. R-III), Ewing Marion Kauffman Middle (EMK School), Thornfield Elem. (Thornfield R-I), Lee A. Tolbert Com. Academy (Lee A. Tolbert Com. Acad.), North Wood Elem. (North Wood R-IV), KIPP Triumph Academy (KIPP St Louis Public Schools), Bevier Elem. (Bevier C-4), Polo Middle (Polo R-VII), and Koshkonong Elem. (Oregon-Howell R-III).
- This list features schools from all nine regions. Four were from the St. Louis region (including one from the Special School Dist. of STL County). Four more were from the Northwestern region.
- Just five of the schools on this list had proficiency rates at or over 50%.

Table 8: Top Schoolwide Mathematics, EleMiddle Schools, 2023–24

Rank	School	PRiME Growth	Prof. Adv.	Enrollment	Direct Cert.	District	Region
1st	Genesis School Inc.	**100.0***	18.5%	201	65.6%	Genesis School Inc.	Kansas City
2nd	Ewing Marion Kauffman Mid.	**99.7**	52.6%	510	42.4%	Ewing Marion Kauffman Sch.	Kansas City
3rd	Avilla Elem.	**97.0**	40.0%	109	20.4%	Avilla R-XIII	Southwestern
4th	North Wood Elem.	**95.8**	58.4%	174	28.2%	North Wood R-IV	Ozarks
5th	Koshkonong Elem.	**94.5**	43.5%	135	29.7%	Oregon-Howell R-III	Ozarks
6th	Ripley Co. Elem.	**93.7**	43.9%	111	2.4%	Ripley Co. R-III	Bootheel
7th	Momentum Tower Grove East	**93.3**	15.2%	154	37.7%	Momentum Academy	St. Louis
8th	Shell Knob Elem.	**92.9**	39.4%	114	28.9%	Shell Knob 78	Southwestern
9th	Washington Elem.	**92.8**	16.2%	332	56.9%	Normandy Schools Collab.	St. Louis
10th	Livingston Co. Elem.	**92.6**	-	47	19.1%	Livingston Co. R-III	Northwestern
11th	Bevier Elem.	**92.4**	50.6%	136	22.0%	Bevier C-4	Northeastern
12th	Leesville Elem.	**92.3**	24.4%	83	25.5%	Leesville R-IX	Western Plains
13th	High Point Elem.	**91.6**	-	78	12.8%	High Point R-III	Central
14th	Richards Elem.	**91.4**	43.8%	354	31.2%	Richards R-V	Ozarks
15th	Latham Elem.	**91.4**	19.0%	36	13.9%	Moniteau Co. R-V	Central
16th	Plainview Elem.	**91.4**	62.3%	78	29.8%	Plainview R-VIII	Southwestern
17th	Momentum Tower Grove South	**91.3**	28.5%	218	53.8%	Momentum Academy	St. Louis
18th	Lift For Life Academy	**91.0**	13.9%	272	56.3%	Lift For Life Academy	St. Louis
19th	Skyline Elem.	**90.9**	38.3%	76	47.6%	Skyline R-II	Southwestern
20th	KC International-Wallace	**90.8**	20.2%	637	56.1%	KC International Academy	Kansas City

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Prof. Adv. indicates the percentage of tested students scoring in the Proficient or Advanced category on MAP tests for that subject.

Table 8 Highlights:

- Genesis School Inc. scored the highest in the state with a Growth Score over 100.
- Twelve schools have previously made this list: Ewing Marion Kauffman Middle (EMK Schools), North Wood Elementary (North Wood R-IV), Koshkonong Elementary (Oregon-Howell R-III), Ripley Co. Elementary (Ripley Co. R-III), Shell Knob Elementary (Shell Knob 78), Washington Elementary (Normandy Schools Collab.), Livingston Co. Elementary (Livingston Co. R-III), Bevier Elementary (Bevier C-4), High Point Elementary (High Point R-III), Latham Elementary (Moniteau Co. R-V), Skyline Elementary (Skyline R-II), and KC International-Wallace (KC International Academy).
- This list features schools from all nine regions of the state. Four were in the St. Louis region (two from Momentum Academy) and four were from the Southwestern region of the state.

Middle Schools

In this section, we look at the 20 Middle schools with the highest PRiME Growth Scores in ELA and Math by Schoolwide achievement for the 2022–23 and 2023–24 school years. These lists represent the top 4% of Middle schools in our sample. We first present ELA Schoolwide results for the 2022–23 school year (Table 9) and the 2023–24 school year (Table 10), followed by Math Schoolwide results for the 2022–23 school year (Table 11) and the 2023–24 school year (Table 12).

For the 2022–23 academic year, there were 502 Middle schools in 400 districts and 9 regions with PRiME Growth scores. For the 2023–24 academic year, there were 502 Middle schools in 399 districts and 9 regions with PRiME Growth scores. The previous report covering the 2021–22 scores contained data for 499 Middle schools.

For Middle schools, ELA PRiME Growth Scores ranged from 67.9 to 100.5 in 2022–23 and from 69.9 to 104.4 in 2023–24. In Math, PRiME Growth Scores ranged from 64.4 to 99.1 in 2022–23 and 66.0 to 107.2 in 2023–24.

The fourth edition Middle tables feature 64 schools from 63 districts. Many appear on more than one list. We note that our four lists feature only 12.7% of Middle schools in the state, but many more exhibit excellent Growth. To see where your own school (or any throughout the state) ranked, please see our accompanying Growth dashboard or data file.

Schools scoring 100.0 or over on the eleMiddle lists include Bell City High (Bell City R-II) and Bunker High (Bunker R-III).

Several schools featured on this year's lists also made appearances on previous years' lists, signifying continual growth, and are highlighted below each table. Moreover, Northwest High (Pettis Co. R-V) has made PRiME's Statewide Middle School Mathematics Top 20 list for FIVE consecutive years—as long as we have been producing PRiME Growth Reports.

Table 9: Top Schoolwide English Language Arts Growth, Middle Schools, 2022–23

Rank	School	PRiME Growth	Prof. Adv.	Enrollment	Direct Cert.	District	Region
1st	Bell City High	100.0*	-	100	28.0%	Bell City R-II	Bootheel
2nd	Hayti High	99.7	20.6%	228	57.9%	Hayti R-II	Bootheel
3rd	Delta High	97.6	49.2%	119	26.1%	Delta R-V	Bootheel
4th	North Pemiscot Sr. High	97.1	-	113	43.4%	North Pemiscot Co. R-I	Bootheel
5th	Chadwick High	96.7	67.2%	116	18.1%	Chadwick R-I	Southwestern
6th	Golden City High	96.5	49.0%	84	29.8%	Golden City R-III	Southwestern
7th	Concordia High	95.6	46.5%	191	10.5%	Concordia R-II	Western Plains
8th	Charleston High	95.0	28.3%	331	46.8%	Charleston R-I	Bootheel
9th	Clinton Co. R-Iii Middle	94.5	37.5%	153	14.0%	Clinton Co. R-III	Northwestern
10th	North Kirkwood Middle	94.5	72.1%	654	4.1%	Kirkwood R-VII	St. Louis
11th	Frontier Schl Of Innovation-M	94.2	42.8%	310	18.7%	Frontier Schools	Kansas City
12th	Bernie High	94.1	75.0%	230	21.9%	Bernie R-XIII	Bootheel
13th	East Middle	94.1	39.0%	598	28.3%	Joplin Schools	Southwestern
14th	Norwood High	93.8	55.8%	189	19.8%	Norwood R-I	Southwestern
15th	Marionville Middle	93.7	63.1%	169	26.0%	Marionville R-IX	Southwestern
16th	Marquand-Zion High	93.3	-	58	32.8%	Marquand-Zion R-VI	Bootheel
17th	Albany Middle	93.2	51.1%	87	14.9%	Albany R-III	Northwestern
18th	Brunswick High	93.2	-	125	21.1%	Brunswick R-II	Northeastern
19th	Lone Jack High	93.0	55.8%	400	5.3%	Lone Jack C-6	Kansas City
20th	Newtown-Harris High	92.9	-	39	7.7%	Newtown-Harris R-III	Northeastern

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Prof. Adv. indicates the percentage of tested students scoring in the Proficient or Advanced category on MAP tests for that subject.

Table 9 Highlights:

- Bell City High (Bell City R-II) scored the highest in the state with a Growth Score over 100.
- Six schools have previously made this list: Golden City High (Golden City R-III), Frontier School Of Innovation Middle (Frontier Schools), East Middle (Joplin Schools), Marionville Middle (Marionville R-IX), Brunswick High (Brunswick R-II), and Lone Jack High (Lone Jack C-6).
- Seven schools were located in the Bootheel region and five in the Southwestern region. Two schools were located in each of the following regions: Kansas City, Northwestern, and Northeastern.
- Eight of the schools on this list had proficiency rates under 50%.

Table 10: Top Schoolwide English Language Arts Growth, Middle Schools, 2023–24

Rank	School	PRiME Growth	Prof. Adv.	Enrollment	Direct Cert.	District	Region
1st	Bunker High	**100.0***	46.4%	113	9.7%	Bunker R-III	Ozarks
2nd	Malta Bend High School	**97.1**	-	34	30.3%	Malta Bend R-V	Western Plains
3rd	University Academy-Middle	**95.6**	41.0%	277	36.5%	University Academy	Kansas City
4th	Hume High	**95.3**	-	51	9.8%	Hume R-VIII	Western Plains
5th	Marionville Middle	**95.0**	64.1%	154	14.3%	Marionville R-IX	Southwestern
6th	Risco High	**94.7**	-	104	21.1%	Risco R-II	Bootheel
7th	Scott Co. Central High	**94.6**	41.2%	121	38.8%	Scott Co. Central	Bootheel
8th	Alton High	**94.3**	36.3%	314	29.4%	Alton R-IV	Ozarks
9th	Greenfield High	**93.9**	48.8%	158	19.1%	Greenfield R-IV	Southwestern
10th	Dekalb Jr.-Sr. High	**93.9**	-	127	9.4%	Buchanan Co. R-IV	Northwestern
11th	Naylor High School	**93.8**	41.8%	169	21.3%	Naylor R-II	Bootheel
12th	Miller High	**93.8**	47.7%	284	25.1%	Miller R-II	Southwestern
13th	Carver Middle	**93.3**	42.7%	651	23.4%	Springfield R-XII	Southwestern
14th	Oakville Middle	**93.3**	53.6%	644	6.7%	Mehlville R-IX	St. Louis
15th	Jefferson Middle School	**93.0**	54.7%	621	16.1%	Columbia 93	Central
16th	Charleston High	**92.7**	25.2%	332	51.1%	Charleston R-I	Bootheel
17th	West Middle	**92.5**	65.3%	923	6.0%	Parkway C-2	St. Louis
18th	El Dorado Springs Middle	**92.4**	31.3%	230	20.9%	El Dorado Springs R-II	Southwestern
19th	Cooter High	**92.4**	-	126	25.4%	Cooter R-IV	Bootheel
20th	Chadwick High	**92.3**	36.2%	133	13.5%	Chadwick R-I	Southwestern

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Prof. Adv. indicates the percentage of tested students scoring in the Proficient or Advanced category on MAP tests for that subject.

Table 10 Highlights:

- Bunker High (Bunker R-III) scored the highest in the state with a Growth Score over 100 and a proficiency rate of 46.4%.

- Seven schools have previously made this list: Hume High (Hume R-VIII), Marionville Middle (Marionville R-IX), Scott Co. Central High (Scott Co. Central), Greenfield High (Greenfield R-IV), Charleston High (Charleston R-I), El Dorado Springs Middle (El Dorado Springs R-II), and Chadwick High (Chadwick R-I).

- Six schools were located in the Southwestern region and five in the Bootheel region. Two schools were located in each of the following regions: St. Louis, Ozarks, and Western Plains.

- Only four of the schools on this list had proficiency rates over 50%.

Table 11: Top Schoolwide Mathematics Growth, Middle Schools, 2022–23

Rank	School	PRiME Growth	Prof. Adv.	Enrollment	Direct Cert.	District	Region
1st	Northwest High	99.1	58.3%	164	14.0%	Pettis Co. R-V	Western Plains
2nd	Frontier Schl Of Excellence-M	98.5	32.9%	85	35.3%	Frontier Schools	Kansas City
3rd	Golden City High	97.7	39.1%	84	29.8%	Golden City R-III	Southwestern
4th	Hancock Place Middle	95.8	44.6%	281	37.4%	Hancock Place	St. Louis
5th	North Pemiscot Sr. High	95.7	11.8%	113	43.4%	North Pemiscot Co. R-I	Bootheel
6th	Bell City High	95.5	-	100	28.0%	Bell City R-II	Bootheel
7th	Leopold High	95.2	57.1%	83	6.0%	Leopold R-III	Bootheel
8th	Delta High	95.1	26.7%	119	26.1%	Delta R-V	Bootheel
9th	Gilman City High	94.9	48.8%	71	11.3%	Gilman City R-IV	Northwestern
10th	Linn High	94.8	52.0%	351	12.3%	Osage Co. R-II	Central
11th	Pilot Grove High	94.1	54.4%	138	10.9%	Pilot Grove C-4	Central
12th	Glasgow High	94.1	28.1%	193	11.4%	Glasgow	Central
13th	Niangua Middle School	94.1	17.5%	63	27.0%	Niangua R-V	Southwestern
14th	Adair Co. High	93.6	-	66	4.5%	Adair Co. R-II	Northeastern
15th	Morgan Co. Middle	93.5	37.5%	280	25.0%	Morgan Co. R-II	Central
16th	Chadwick High	93.4	46.4%	116	18.1%	Chadwick R-I	Southwestern
17th	Miami High	93.3	-	80	6.2%	Miami R-I	Western Plains
18th	West Platte Middle	93.2	73.6%	156	1.9%	West Platte Co. R-II	Kansas City
19th	Moberly Middle	92.8	49.1%	500	30.8%	Moberly	Northeastern
20th	Hume High	92.8	33.3%	58	12.1%	Hume R-VIII	Western Plains

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Table 11 Highlights:

- Northwest High (Pettis Co. R-V) scored the highest in the state and had a proficiency rate of 58.3%.
- Seven schools have previously made this list: Northwest High (Pettis Co. R-V), Frontier School Of Excellence Middle (Frontier Schools), Hancock Place Middle (Hancock Place), Gilman City High (Gilman City R-IV), Linn High (Osage Co. R-II), Glasgow High (Glasgow), and Adair Co. High (Adair Co. R-II).
- Four schools were located in the Central region with another four in the Bootheel region. Three were located in the Southwestern region with another three in the Western Plains.
- More than half the schools on this list had proficiency rates under 50%.

Table 12: Top Schoolwide Mathematics Growth, Middle Schools, 2023–24

Rank	School	PRiME Growth	Prof. Adv.	Enrollment	Direct Cert.	District	Region
1st	Bunker High	100.0*	-	113	9.7%	Bunker R-III	Ozarks
2nd	Campbell High	98.2	34.0%	247	30.5%	Campbell R-II	Bootheel
3rd	Wedgwood 6th Grade Center	96.9	14.9%	303	46.4%	Ferguson-Florissant R-II	St. Louis
4th	Couch High	96.3	34.1%	95	36.8%	Couch R-I	Ozarks
5th	Vienna Middle	96.2	36.7%	106	5.9%	Maries Co. R-I	Ozarks
6th	Cole Camp High	96.2	51.7%	354	16.7%	Cole Camp R-I	Western Plains
7th	Northwest High	95.9	61.8%	165	9.7%	Pettis Co. R-V	Western Plains
8th	El Dorado Springs Middle	95.5	43.3%	230	20.9%	El Dorado Springs R-II	Southwestern
9th	Frontier Schl. Of Innovation-M	95.2	55.3%	301	20.2%	Frontier Schools	Kansas City
10th	Liberal Middle	94.6	64.1%	64	15.6%	Liberal R-II	Southwestern
11th	Hancock Place Middle	94.6	42.9%	251	41.0%	Hancock Place	St. Louis
12th	Hale High	94.6	-	63	14.3%	Hale R-I	Western Plains
13th	Hume High	94.3	-	51	9.8%	Hume R-VIII	Western Plains
14th	Mansfield Jr. High	93.5	75.6%	137	27.2%	Mansfield R-IV	Southwestern
15th	South Holt High	93.3	45.9%	129	10.1%	South Holt Co. R-I	Northwestern
16th	Richmond Middle	93.1	38.8%	332	20.5%	Richmond R-XVI	Western Plains
17th	Frontier Middle	93.1	63.7%	1,240	4.8%	Wentzville R-IV	St. Louis
18th	Hurley High	93.1	47.4%	88	25.0%	Hurley R-I	Southwestern
19th	Leopold High	93.0	70.8%	85	5.9%	Leopold R-III	Bootheel
20th	Billings Sr. High	92.4	43.4%	149	14.1%	Billings R-IV	Southwestern

* For simplicity and clarity, PRiME caps growth scores at 100. In reality, some schools may have growth scores above 100.

Prof. Adv. indicates the percentage of tested students scoring in the Proficient or Advanced category on MAP tests for that subject.

Table 12 Highlights:

- Bunker High (Bunker R-III) scored the highest in the state with a Growth Score over 100.
- Nine schools have previously made this list: Campbell High (Campbell R-II), Wedgwood 6th Grade Center (Ferguson-Florissant R-II), Northwest High (Pettis Co. R-V), Frontier School Of Innovation Middle (Frontier Schools), Hancock Place Middle (Hancock Place), Hume High (Hume R-VIII), Richmond Middle (Richmond R-XVI), Hurley High (Hurley R-I), and Leopold High (Leopold R-III).
- Five schools were located in the Southwestern region with another five located in the Western Plains. Three were located in the St. Louis region with another three located in the Ozarks region.
- Half the schools on this list had proficiency rates under 50%.

Conclusions

In this report, we showed the top 20 highest growth schools in Missouri for twelve different categories: Schoolwide scores for both ELA and Math across three school types (Elementary, eleMiddle, and Middle) and over two school years. The schools featured on our lists varied widely in terms of the students they serve. School enrollment ranged from the 10s to nearly 1,000 with schools located across 9 regions of the state. Proficiency rates ranged from the single digits to nearly 95%. Direct certification rates indicated inclusion of schools with both low and high poverty rates. Many schools and districts were represented on multiple lists.

One of the most interesting points of variation involved MAP proficiency rates. Many schools on our top 20 lists had proficiency rates under 50%, but created tremendous growth in students. These schools are typically seen as "low-performing" when viewed through the lens of proficiency rates and scale scores, but their Growth Scores tell a different story—that they are taking steps to move their students toward proficiency in key subject areas.

Recommendations

This report highlights discrepancies between proficiency scores and Growth Scores and serves to urge stakeholders (school leaders, policy makers, parents, and educators, among others) to consider a metric other than MAP scale scores and proficiency rates when talking about student achievement. It is important to look into how schools throughout the state continue to grow, even despite low proficiency rates in many cases.

The contents of this report were gathered from publicly available data, but individual schools and districts have much more information at their disposal, with which they can evaluate growth trends over time. Schools may be able to use both Growth Scores and their own data to evaluate which areas of their curriculum and instructional practices are serving students well, and which could be improved to better support students.

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