

Pleasantdale School District 107

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Pleasantdale Among Highest Performing School Districts in Two Separate Rankings

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We are extremely pleased to inform you that Pleasantdale School District has been ranked among the highest performing school districts. The ranking is particularly notable as two separate and independent entities used objective data to determine that our school district is among the very best. The October 2010 issue of Chicago Magazine analyzed data from more than 1,700 public elementary and middle schools. **Both the elementary and middle schools were ranked in the top 25.** Attributes used to rank schools included academic performance, class size, and expenditures. The article can be accessed at:

<http://www.chicagomag.com/Chicago-Magazine/October-2010/Best-Elementary-Schools-Cook-County/>

A second ranking was conducted by the School Search organization which specializes in helping families find the best schools for their children across the country. Award criteria are based on information from the State of Illinois Report Card Data Source. **Pleasantdale ranked in the top 5% of all Illinois school districts based strictly on academic performance.** The award letter containing additional details is attached. This is the 7th year in a row to be recognized by the School Search organization for being in the top 5% of all Illinois school districts.

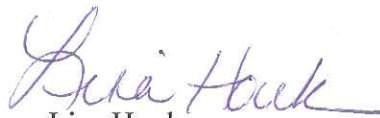
The rankings are particularly significant given that the district did not apply to be considered for either recognition. Our exceptional performance is being noticed on a very large scale.

Please know that the Board of Education is dedicated to continually improving the academic and social skills of students. Please rest assured that we will not rest on our laurels. Our students deserve to have the best education possible. Our ultimate goal is to make our mission a reality for each and every student.

Very truly yours,



Beth Tegtmeier
School Board and
Communication Committee Member



Lisa Houk
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Mission

Ensure that each student is a passionate learner empowered with the academic and social skills to responsibly choose and excel in life pursuits.

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September 17, 2010

Dr Mark Fredisdorf, Superintendent
Pleasantdale SD 107
7450 S Wolf Rd
Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Dear Dr Mark Fredisdorf,

Congratulations to you & your fine school district for earning the SchoolSearch™ 2010 Bright A+™ Award for academic excellence in education! Your school district is one of only 57 Illinois School Districts (out of 869 school districts) honored with the **SchoolSearch™ 2010 Bright A+™ Award**.

SchoolSearch™ awards school districts that are among the top 5% of Illinois school districts (academically). All schools districts in Illinois with complete test data sets (as per the IL State Board of Education) are considered for the award. The award criteria are based on **objective factors** – on which all districts are judged fairly. The award criteria are based on those districts whose students' academic performance ranks in the upper 5% of Illinois school districts based on the 2009 IL School Report Card Data Source.

SchoolSearch™ is an educational research & consulting firm that publishes Handbooks of school system rankings. SchoolSearch™ works with major companies by providing their relocating families school information. School quality is the top concern of most relocating families.

Enclosed is certification of your **SchoolSearch™ 2010 Bright A+™ Award for academic excellence**. Let us know if you are in need of additional certificates for building principals. You may view & print the award recipient list from our web site at www.schoolsearchrankings.com. ***Congratulations & best wishes to you & your fine school district for striving to provide your students with an outstanding educational environment!***

Sincerely,



Dee Shugart, Ph.D.
SchoolSearch™ President
Educational Research & Publisher of Handbooks
of School System Rankings

Enclosures

Cook County Top 25

<u>School</u>	<u>District Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Willowbrook Elementary School	Northbrook/Glenview SD 30	Glenview	1
The Skokie School	Winnetka SD 36	Winnetka	2
Wescott Elementary School	Northbrook/Glenview SD 30	Northbrook	3
Carleton W. Washburne School	Winnetka SD 36	Winnetka	4
Harper Elementary School	Wilmette SD 39	Wilmette	5
Central Elementary School	Wilmette SD 39	Wilmette	6
McKenzie Elementary School	Wilmette SD 39	Wilmette	7
Pleasantdale Elementary School	Pleasantdale SD 107	LaGrange	8
Wilmette Junior High School	Wilmette SD 39	Wilmette	9
Greenbriar Elementary School	Northbrook SD	28 Northbrook	10
Maple School	Northbrook/Glenview SD 30	Northbrook	11
Hubbard Woods Elementary School	Winnetka SD 36	Winnetka	12
Sunset Ridge Elementary School	Sunset Ridge SD 29	Northfield	13
Highcrest Middle School	Wilmette SD 39	Wilmette	14
Romona Elementary School	Wilmette SD 39	Wilmette	15
The Joseph Sears School	Kenilworth SD 38	Kenilworth	16
West School	Glencoe SD 35	Glencoe	17
MacArthur Middle School	Prospect Heights SD 23	Prospect Heights	18
Shabonne School	Northbrook ESD 27	Northbrook	19
Central School	Glencoe SD 35	Glencoe	20
Willard Elementary School	Evanston CCSD 65	Evanston	21
Meadowbrook Elementary School	Northbrook SD 28	Northbrook	22
Spring Avenue Elementary School	LaGrange SD 105 South	LaGrange	23
Pleasantdale Middle School	Pleasantdale SD 107	Burr Ridge	24
Northbrook Junior High School	Northbrook SD 28	Northbrook	25

DuPage County

<u>School</u>	<u>District Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Madison Elementary School	Hinsdale SD 181	Hinsdale	1
Pleasantdale Middle School	Pleasantdale SD 107	Burr Ridge	2
Oak Elementary School	Hinsdale SD 181	Hinsdale	3
Elm Elementary School	Hinsdale SD 181	Burr Ridge	4
Clarendon Hills Middle School	Hinsdale SD 181	Clarendon Hills	5
Walker School	Hinsdale SD 181	Clarendon Hills	6
Monroe Elementary School	Hinsdale SD 181	Hinsdale	7
Hinsdale Middle School	Hinsdale SD 181	Hinsdale	8
The Lane Elementary School	Hinsdale SD 181	Hinsdale	9
Gower Middle School	Gower SD 62	Burr Ridge	10
Prospect Elementary School	Hinsdale SD 181	Clarendon Hills	11
Gower West Elementary School	Gower SD 62	Willowbrook	12
Winfield Central School	Winfield SD 34	Winfield	13
Brook Forest Elementary School	Butler SD 53	Oak Brook	14
Butler Junior High School	Butler SD 53	Oak Brook	15
Park View Elementary School	Lombard SD 44	Lombard	16
Hawthorne Elementary School	Elmhurst SD 205	Elmhurst	17
Edison Elementary School	Elmhurst SD 205	Elmhurst	18
Lincoln Elementary School	Elmhurst SD 205	Elmhurst	19
Jefferson Elementary School	Elmhurst SD 205	Elmhurst	20
Sandberg Middle School	Elmhurst SD 205	Elmhurst	21
Evergreen Elementary School	Benjamin SD 25	Carol Stream	22
Whittier Elementary School	CUSD 200	Wheaton	23
Westbrook Elementary School	CUSD 200	Wheaton	24
Lowell Elementary School	CUSD 200	Wheaton	25