

A Message from Superintendent Hoernemann



Did you know that Avon Community School Corporation ranks 19th out of all 289 public school districts in the state on percent of students who passed both portions of the ISTEP in 2013? Our students excel in academics. We recently learned that approximately 85% of Avon students passed both portions of ISTEP+ (Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress Plus). And, our four-year cohort graduation rate is almost 97 percent. While this is great news for our schools, we are not satisfied.

Our team continues to keep a keen focus on improving student achievement, which is why we are pleased to share with you the ACSC Academic Goals:

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All ACSC students are on track to be life, career/college read

- **90% of students in grades 3-8 will pass both portions of ISTEP+ (88% in 2014; 90% in 2015)**
- **95% of 3rd grade students will pass I-READ3 (Indiana Reading Evaluation and Determination) by the summer assessment (2014)**
- **96% of AHS graduates will have passed the Algebra I and English 10 ECA (End of Course Assessment)**
- **Students with college aspirations will achieve at or above the 70-75th national percentile on NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) assessments (performance)**
- **At least 35% of AHS graduates will take and pass one Advanced Placement (AP) exam**
- **50% of AHS graduates will earn an Academic Honors or Technical Honors Diploma**

In addition to these academic goals, ACSC remains committed to the development of the whole person. As such, we will continue to offer art, music and PE at all grade levels. The performing arts will continue to begin in the 6th grade.

These goals may seem high, but they are reachable. Our staff is devoted to ensuring that every child has a high-quality educational experience. Given the ever decreasing resources, some districts might be content with maintaining their position but we know our community expects us to press on with even higher expectations. It won't be easy—we need your help. Work closely with your children to set individual goals.

Here's a quote that helps us focus on these targets:

"Remember, reaching goals is not so much about doing big things when the feeling hits you; it's more about doing little things every day that move you toward your dream. It's about staying steady and on course."—Francine Ward

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Sincerely,

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