

2011 LOCAL REPORT CARD RATINGS RELEASED

As you probably know, the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) publishes a Local Report Card (LRC) every year to grade the performance of each school district in the state. The 2010-2011 Local Report Cards were publicly released on Wednesday, August 24th. Each school and district is given a rating based on the number of points they earn on the state tests, as well as the attendance and graduation rates.

Two other factors that help to determine the LRC ratings are Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and the Value Added component. AYP are goals set by ODE for students in subgroups. The district has two subgroups—Students with Disabilities and Economically Disadvantaged. The achievement of AYP is presenting a problem for schools and districts because the AYP goals increase each year to 100% by 2014, according to the No Child Left Behind Law.

Value Added measures the growth of students over time. If students make above average growth on test scores, it raises the district or building rating to the next level. This is a simple explanation for a complicated process. If you would like to know more about the LRC rating process, please contact your building principal or Central Administration Office staff for more information.

The Adams County/Ohio Valley School District 2010-2011 LRC is a mixed bag of outstanding success in some areas, and a bit of disappointment in others. Two of our schools had outstanding success by achieving every point on their report card. West

Union Elementary not only achieved every academic point and attendance rate, they also achieved AYP and the Value Added measure. This gives them the honor of being rated “Excellent with Distinction,” which is the highest rating the State of Ohio gives to a school for success on the LRC. This is an outstanding honor and achievement. Congratulations to the staff, students, and parents of West Union Elementary!

North Adams High School also had great success by achieving every point on the LRC. They not only achieved every academic point, attendance and graduation rate, but AYP as well. They were rated “Excellent” once again this year. Peebles Elementary was also rated “Excellent” again this year. They achieved seven out of ten academic points, plus the attendance rate. Their achievement of the Value Added component helped them achieve the Excellent rating. Congratulations to the staff, students, and parents of North Adams High School and Peebles Elementary!

For the past three years, the district has been rated Excellent, but slipped one rating this year to Effective. Although more academic points were achieved, AYP and the Value Added component were not. The ratings for each building are as follows:

- North Adams Elementary – Effective
- North Adams High School – Excellent
- Peebles Elementary – Excellent
- Peebles High School – Effective
- West Union Elementary – Excellent with Distinction
- West Union High School – Effective

These ratings are a great accomplishment for our students, staff, and parents. We appreciate the support of parents and the community in helping to achieve and maintain this success on our LRC.

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