

Physical Education at Its Best in District 64

Over the last few years, the Physical Education Department in Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 has had many accomplishments. Among these are the Blue Ribbon Award and NASPE STARS School Status. Lincoln Middle School is a three-time recipient of the Blue Ribbon Award where as Emerson Middle School, Carpenter Elementary School, and Field Elementary School are the only three schools in the state of Illinois to earn NASPE STARS School Status. These achievements recognize the excellent physical education program District 64 has to offer students in the community on a state and national level.

Recently, the Physical Education (PE) Department has been working hard on a district driven initiative called Educational Ends. It entails setting goals, administering assessments, and compiling data based on child development and student learning. The PE Department has taken great pride in the educational ends process and has focused their curriculum on areas like fitness, various locomotor and sport skills, and student interests and attitudes. Looking at the most recent data, the PE Department has been able to reach their target in all areas of assessment. This is shown in the *green* on the Educational Ends Scorecard. *Green* means we have met our target level of performance. Other colors often seen on the scorecard are yellow and red. *Yellow* means progressing toward, and *red* means areas of focus. To view further the Educational Ends Scorecard, visit www.d64.org under *District Information*. Congratulations to PE teachers and students in District 64!

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