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## **School Report Cards Demonstrate Salem-Keizer Learning Initiatives Spur Growth**

*Although many schools are highly impacted, student achievement grows through elementary, middle and high years*

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**Salem, OR** – Salem-Keizer Public Schools (SKPS) serves one of the most diverse populations in the state, and those unique needs are highlighted in the Oregon Department of Education’s annual Report Cards. Those cards also reflect how student achievement grows through the elementary and middle years and becomes achievement in the high school years.

A significant number of our students come to us in kindergarten eager and ready to learn, but needing additional academic growth to catch up with their peers across the state. In addition, one in five SKPS students come to us as English learners.

“Our goal is that our elementary schools demonstrate above average growth because we know our students need to achieve more than a year’s growth over one year’s time,” said Superintendent Christy Perry. “We’ve implemented new elementary initiatives including aligned literacy curriculum, data teams and positive behavior support to give our students the tools they need to succeed throughout their educational careers, and that’s why you’ll see achievement grow at each level – elementary, middle and high.”

Key points from the Elementary Report Cards include:

- The percentage of schools that have growth above average for their students in English Language Arts (ELA) has jumped from 39% to 55%.
- Nine schools are within five percentiles of meeting that benchmark for ELA and another 10 for math.
- Wright Elementary, the highest median growth percentile school, has the majority of their students growing faster than the 71<sup>st</sup> percentile in ELA. Wright also is newly a Title I school.
- Swegle Elementary improved their growth percentile by more than 20 percentiles in both ELA and math.



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Key points from the Middle School Report Cards include:

- Eight of 13 (62%) schools were above the median growth percentile average of 50% in ELA.
- Ten of 13 (77%) schools were above the median growth percentile average of 50% in math.

Key points from the High School Report Cards include:

- Five of six comprehensive high schools met or exceeded performance in ELA.
- Five of six comprehensive high schools increased performance in math.
- The Early College High School and Roberts High, both non-traditional programs, saw increases in performance.

These reports were mandated by the 1999 state legislature and provide educators with an opportunity to communicate directly with parents and community members about how local schools are performing. They are just one of many indicators of performance. Data for these report cards come from a variety of sources. The achievement data come from state testing results. Graduation and outcome data is provided to the state by districts as part of annual data collections. Student demographic data is collected as part of the annual student enrollment collections. Some of the new elements of the report cards are submitted specifically for this report including the superintendent/principal letter, the freshman on track data, and the information on curriculum and learning environment.

To view all school report cards, click [here](#).

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*Led by Superintendent Christy Perry, Salem-Keizer School District 24J is the second-largest school district in the state of Oregon. Nearly 5,000 employees serve more than 42,000 students in 65 schools in the cities of Salem and Keizer.*