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Important Dates

A Message from the Superintendent



Spring is on the horizon and the feelings of positivity coming from our teachers, staff, and most of all, our students are invigorating! We are excited that we have been able to gather together to share in many of the traditions that we may have previously taken for granted and reaffirm the strength of our learning community. It is this feeling of connectedness throughout our overall community that makes District 39 a special place.

In District 39, we are committed to engaging, empowering and inspiring our students to lead academically successful, socially responsible, compassionate, and purposeful lives. This shines through in all that we do and our commitment to this mission is as strong as ever. Our dedicated faculty and staff are committed to supporting each and every student. We take great pride in seeing our students thrive within our schools and excel well beyond their educational journeys in high school and beyond. We are proud to have maintained our high standards for academic growth and progress, as illustrated by the NWEA MAP data on the following pages, and continue to support those students who benefit from additional support or enrichment.

The success of our students is a tribute to the collaborative partnership with our D39 families. Putting our students first in all that we do, strengthening the school-to-home relationship, and working together toward a common goal allows our students to flourish and thrive. Thank you again for your partnership and support.

Your partner in education,

Kari Cremascoli, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Wilmette Public Schools District 39

4/7

Good Friday (No School)

5/29

Memorial Day (No School)

6/9

Last Day of School (Early Release)



Stay Connected



Social Media: Follow us @Wilmette39 on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Neighborhood Lists: Visit www.wilmette39.org/neighbor to subscribe to our local neighbor email lists in order to keep up with the D39 school news going on in your community.

Email: Email us at communications@wilmette39.org with your questions, feedback and suggestions.

D39 Approves FY23 Budget

The Wilmette Public Schools Board of Education unanimously approved the Wilmette Public Schools Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget during the Fall. The budget reflects the District’s commitment to fiscal responsibility while financing educational projects that support the academic, social-emotional, and physical well-being of each student.

What to know about the budget

- In order to maintain fiscal stability, the Wilmette Board of Education has a long-term goal of sustaining the overall end-of-fiscal-year operating fund balance at a level equivalent to 40% or more of operating expenditures. This ratio is projected to be 42% at the end of the fiscal year.
- The budget figures below do not include \$18 million for the Teacher Pension Flow-Through, which is the payment made by the state toward D39’s pension obligation.



FY23 Budget at a Glance

Total Operating Revenues.....	\$70,419,477
Educational (78.8%)	\$55,533,132
Operations and Maintenance (15.1%).....	\$10,626,899
Transportation (2.6%).....	\$1,830,449
IMRF/Social Security (2.5%).....	\$1,769,307
Tort (0.9%)	\$615,084
Working Cash (0.1%)	\$44,606

Total Operating Expenditures.....	\$68,829,648
Educational (85.5%)	\$58,826,703
Operations and Maintenance (7.9%).....	\$5,446,999
Transportation (3.2%).....	\$2,188,980
IMRF/Social Security (2.4%).....	\$1,677,972
Tort (1.0%)	\$698,994
Working Cash (0%)	\$0

Non-Operating Funds \$15,493,277

Construction Projects \$12,575,438
Non-Operating Funds \$5,712,875

Total Revenues and Other Sources of Funding
\$85,912,754*

Total Expenditures and Other Uses of Funding
\$87,117,961*

* Excludes transfers between funds and the Teacher Pension Flow-Through revenues/expenses described above



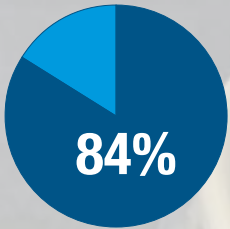
The FY23 budget reflects a planned deficit of \$1,205,207 due to one-time construction projects for classroom air conditioning at McKenzie Elementary, window replacement at Romona Elementary, and boiler and piping replacement at Harper Elementary that is primarily funded through an \$11 million bond issuance.

Budget Deficit \$1,205,207

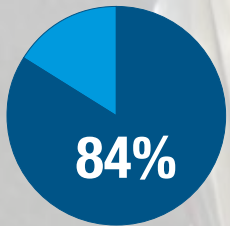
For More Information: To learn more about the strategies and the 2022–23 action steps for the strategic plan, please visit www.wilmette39.org and click on “Strategic Plan” in the About Us section.



Student Achievement Through MAP



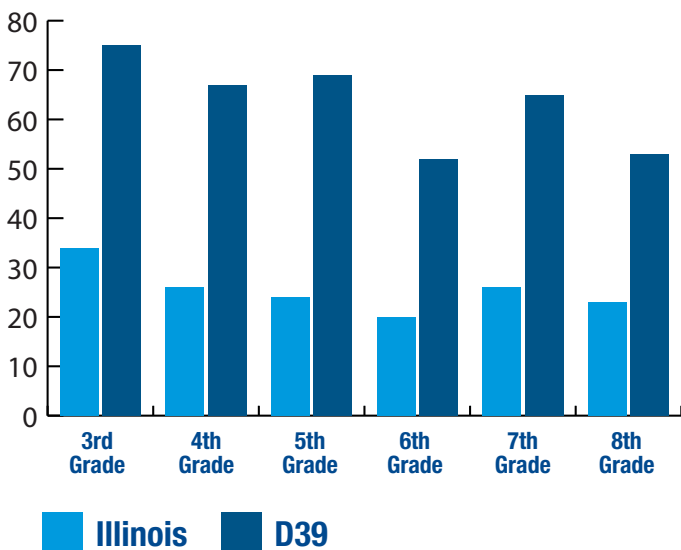
84% of D39 students achieved at average or above levels nationally in math in Spring 2022



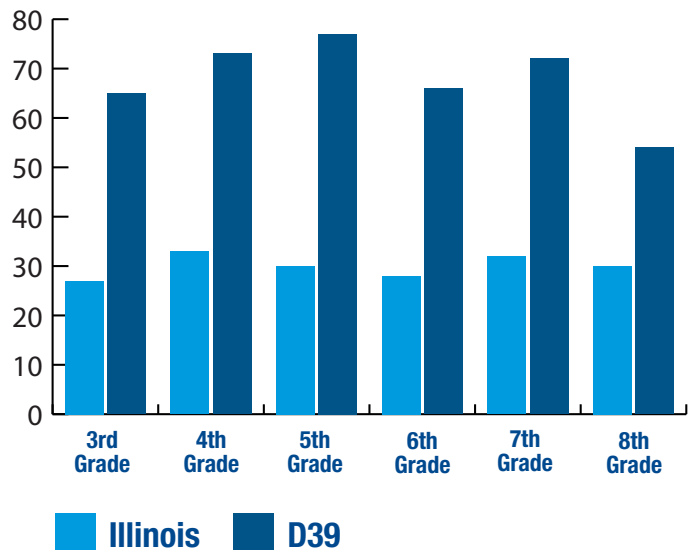
84% of D39 students achieved at average or above levels nationally in reading in Spring 2022

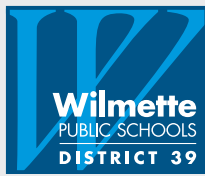
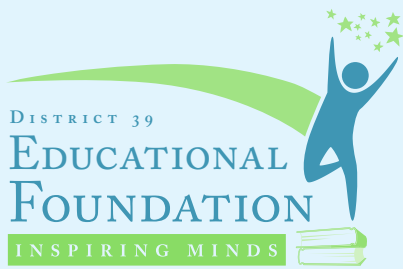
Percentage of Students Who Met or Exceeded State Standards (Levels 4 and 5)

Math Results



English Language Arts Results





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The District 39 Educational Foundation, a 501c(3) non-profit organization, raises funds for projects that expand, enrich, and complement educational opportunities for the students, staff, and community in District 39. Visit us online at d39foundation.org for more information.

Recognizing the District 39 planning and budgeting schedule, the Gripp Grant program provides funding opportunities for innovative programs. Teachers, staff, parents, and community members may apply for grants to support these programs that are not included in D39 Budgets that would enhance, enrich, and inspire curriculum and classroom experiences. The Gripp Grant program provides our D39 community the opportunity to take risks through piloting “out of the box” education practices that exceed our tax-dollars alone.

The District 39 Educational Foundation grants funds for **innovative educational programs, experiences, and technologies that expand, enrich, and complement the schools’ curricula.** Grant applications are welcome from anyone – teachers, staff, parents and students in District 39 – or any organization that makes a proposal consistent with the mission of the Foundation. Our grant program is named in memory of D39 teacher and founding Foundation Board Trustee Phyllis Gripp.

