

2015-2016

School Report  
Card



**Immanuel**  
Lutheran School

300 S. Pathway Ct.

Crystal Lake, IL 60014

The Better Schools Accountability Law of 1985 requires public school districts to report on the performance of their schools and students through school report cards. Immanuel Lutheran School is not required to publish a School Report Card but provides this information to give our parents some basic information about our school, our faculty and our students.

Beginning with the 2010-2011 academic year Immanuel implemented the Northwest Evaluation Association's Measures of Academic Performance (MAP) testing in the curricular areas of Math, Reading, and Language Arts. The comparison charts use the national norm of more than 2.3 million students.

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**FROM THE DESK OF  
ED BOWER, PRINCIPAL**

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The primary purpose for putting this information together is to give our parents and supporters some basic information about our school, our faculty and our students.

During our most recent accreditation visit, the visiting team made the following statement, "Immanuel is a good school. This was reflected in your self-study but also by the observations

made by the members of the visiting team. The school speaks out for the Christian faith to the students and to the community very effectively.” Immanuel Lutheran School received an Overall School Performance Level of 2.92. At the exit meeting, ILS was told that this was one of the highest scores seen by the members of the NLSA team.

Likewise we had our visit by the Illinois State Board of Education. They do a visit to verify that the school is deserving of State Recognition. The final comment made by Assistant Regional Superintendent was very positive even going so far as to say that Immanuel was one of the best he has seen.

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Please review this information about our school and feel free to ask any questions you may have.

In His Service,

Ed Bower

Principal

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*Immanuel Lutheran School  
Pre-School through Eighth Grade  
Accredited by National Lutheran School  
Accreditation  
Certificate of Approval – State of Illinois  
State Recognized*

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## **IMMANUEL STATISTICS**

- Established in 1875
- Accredited by the National Lutheran School Accreditation
- Recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education
- Teachers certified by the State of Illinois
- 230 students (PS-8)

- Pre-school through Eighth grade
- Departmentalized Middle school
- Elective Programs-Study Skills, Cooking, Photography, Servant Living, Lego Robotics, Creative Writing, etc.
- Fine Arts-Musicals, Voice Choirs, Art, Bell Choirs, Band
- Spanish taught to all grades
- Differentiated Math and Reading Levels
- Before and After School Care
- Summer Camp Programs
- Upward Sports Programs
- Bus Service provided by District 47
- Athletics -Volleyball, Basketball, Track and Field
- Various other after school activities- Chess, Snapology, Scouts, Theater, Golf, etc.

## **PHILOSOPHY of IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

Immanuel Lutheran School, as a ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church and in cooperation with congregation and community families, strives to prepare its students for the academic, social, and spiritual challenges they will face. Immanuel Lutheran School, with support from church and family, creates a Christ-centered environment that encourages children to creatively develop their God-given academic, physical, emotional, social and spiritual gifts as they grow into responsible young Christians.

It is the goal of Immanuel's program to produce confident, young Christian role models who reflect the love of Jesus Christ in the families, congregations, and communities in which they live and serve.

### **IMMANUEL'S VISION**

Immanuel Lutheran School will be the foremost provider of academic instruction and Christian education in our community as we faithfully prepare the next generation for lifelong learning as confident Christians, secure in their faith, and fully equipped to serve their Savior.

### **IMMANUEL'S MISSION**

Our mission is to provide an exceptional Christ-centered education in an environment which fosters the development of a God-pleasing academic and spiritual life.

The vision and mission statements are based upon the following key beliefs.

#### **We believe in:**

- A strong partnership between church, school, parents, and students
- A comprehensive approach to academics
- Development of the whole child

## **NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL ACCREDITATION (NLSA)**

During the 2014-2015 school year, Immanuel went through the yearlong accreditation process. Then in the spring, a NLSA team conducted a site visit examining the educational setting of the school, including courses of study, learning materials, student needs and interest, staffing and facilities. The visiting team assessed the effectiveness of the total school program in meeting the educational objectives the school has established for itself and in meeting national NLSA standards.

### **The Visiting Team's Overall Impression of the School**

Immanuel Lutheran School provides a safe, nurturing environment for students. Much thought and planning have gone into creating a positive learning environment. A dedicated, competent faculty provides quality instruction to ensure student success. The school enjoys strong support from the congregation and

its leadership. Parents provide support through an active Parent Teacher League and through volunteer hours. The school administration provides dedicated and competent educational leadership.

### **Outstanding Strengths**

1. The purpose of the school is carried out through the highly evident teaching of the Christian faith.
2. The school's facilities provide a quality environment conducive to learning.
3. There is a high priority for student safety and security.
4. The school functions as an effective ministry of the congregation.
5. The school's strategic planning is positioning them for future growth.
6. The faculty and staff are dedicated to the mission and ministry of the school.
7. Pastoral support for the ministry of the school serves to strengthen and unify the purpose and mission of the church and school.

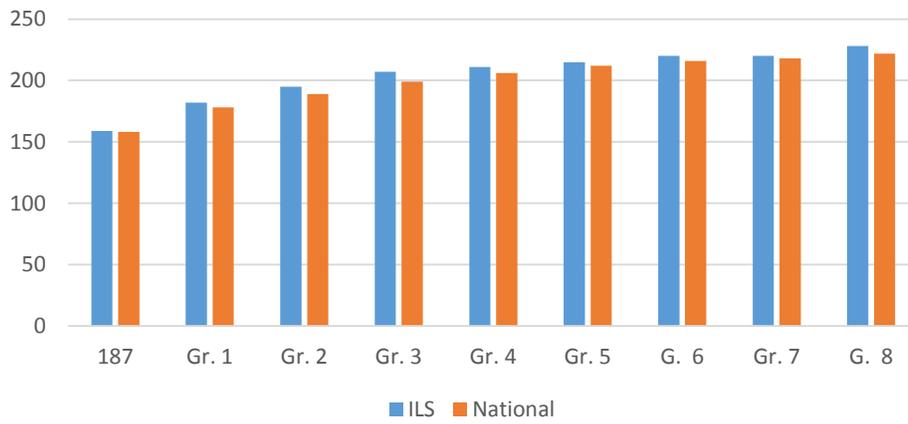


### **NWEA MAP TESTING 2015-2016**

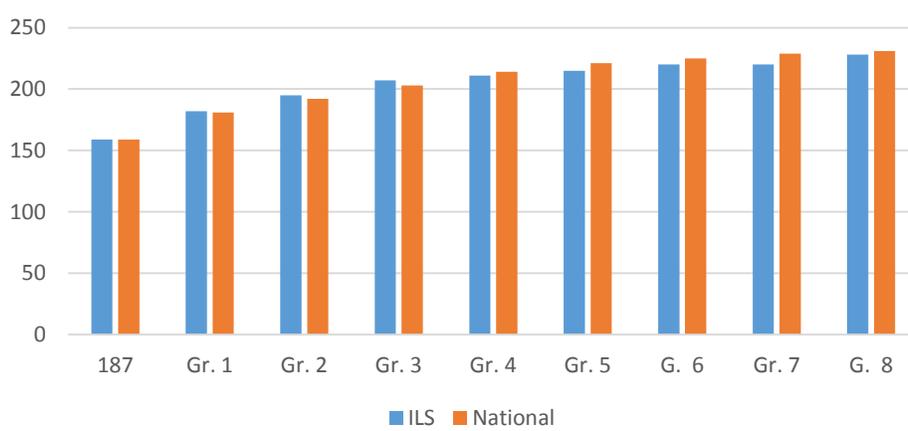
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RIT – Tests developed by NWEA use a scale called RIT to measure students' achievement and growth. RIT stands for Rasch UnIT, which is a measurement scale developed to simplify the interpretation of test scores. The RIT score relates directly to the curriculum scale in each subject area. It is an equal-interval scale, like feet and inches, so scores can be added together to calculate accurate class or school averages. RIT scores range from about 100 to 300. RIT scores make it possible to follow a student's educational growth from year to year. For more information regarding MAP testing, please visit <http://www.nwea.org/> .

### AVERAGE CLASS MAP TEST SCORES READING SPRING 2016

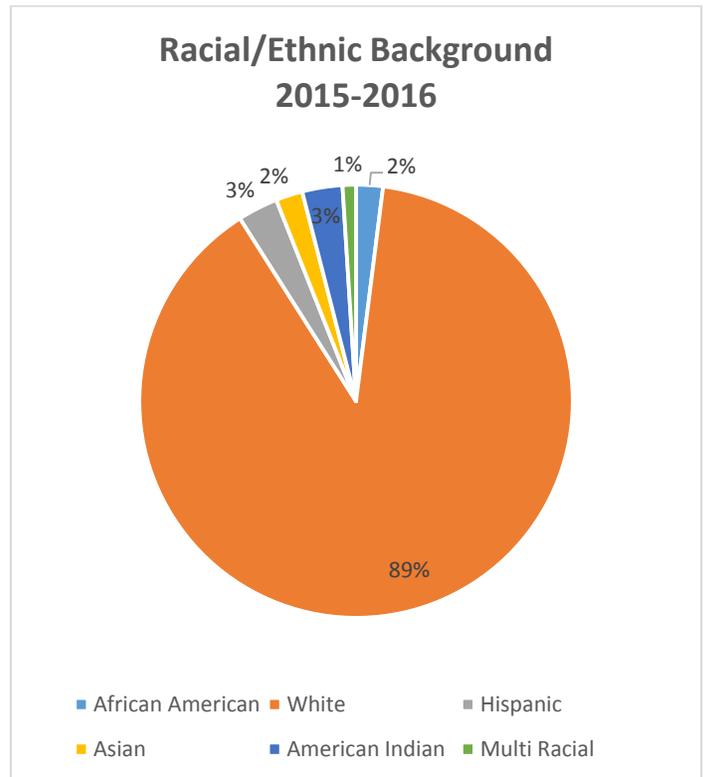
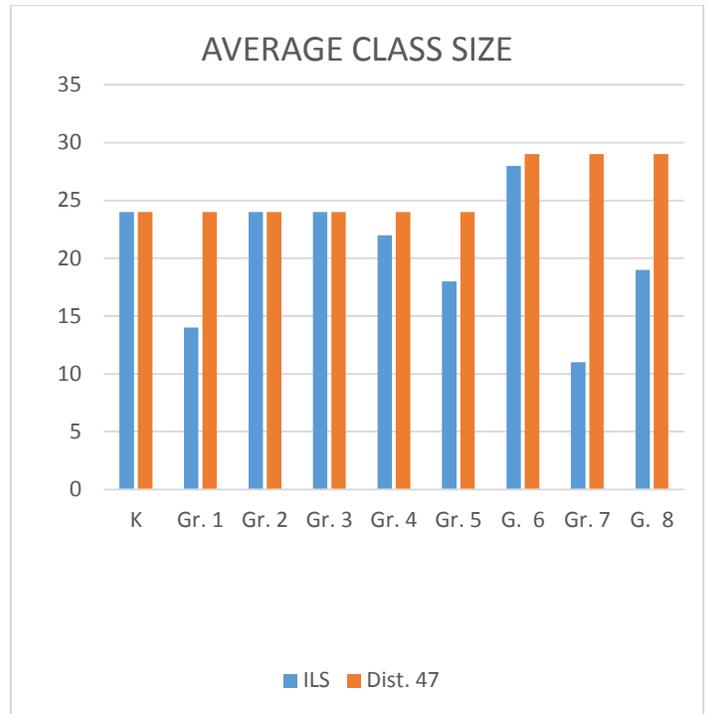
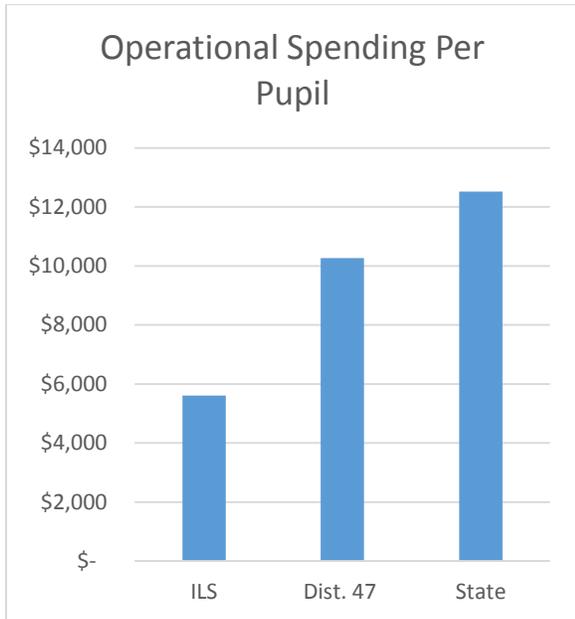


### AVERAGE CLASS MAP TEST SCORES MATH SPRING 2016



### OPERATIONAL SPENDING PER PUPIL

Includes all costs for overall operations in this school's district, including instructional spending.



## STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS