

Pattonville High among Top 10 in area for state exams

Last year, Pattonville High School students took the state's first end-of-course exams in English II, Biology and Algebra I. Recently released results show Pattonville students scored in the Top 10 among school districts in the area for the percent of students scoring proficient or advanced on the English II and Biology exams.

The Top 10 lists were compiled as part of a story published by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on Aug. 13. At Pattonville High School 83.8 percent of students scored advanced or proficient on the English II test, compared to the 73 percent average at the state level. In Biology, 72.7 percent of Pattonville High School students scored advanced or proficient, compared to 55 percent at the state level. In Algebra I, middle school and high school scores contributed to the district scoring well above state average, with 63 percent of Pattonville students scoring advanced and proficient, as compared to 53 percent at the state level.

For years Missouri high school students took the Missouri Assessment Program tests in communication arts and mathematics as a way for the state and school districts to gauge how well students perform academically; however, because the tests did not impact a students' grades or grade point average, there was little incentive for students to take the tests seriously. That changed last year as Missouri moved to using end-of-course exams at the high school level to determine student proficiency in specific subject areas.

End-of-course exams are similar to final exams given at the end of a course, except that they are standardized across the state for specific content areas. They must also count for at least 10 percent of a student's grade in a specific course, thus providing an incentive for students to take the tests seriously and do their best work.

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Pattonville seeks tutors for reading program

Pattonville is seeking older adult volunteers who can spend up to one hour a week tutoring a student in kindergarten through third grade through Pattonville's OASIS tutoring program. Tutors help children with language skills. A free, two-day training session and background checks are required of all tutors. Pattonville will offer training from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 24 and 25 at the Pattonville Learning Center, 11097 St. Charles Rock Road in St. Ann. To volunteer or for more information, call Supriya Deshpande in the Pattonville school-community relations office at (314) 213-8025.

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Pattonville offers free "PowerSchool for Parents" class

Pattonville uses the PowerSchool student information system to track students' attendance and academic achievement, and parents can use the system to keep up-to-

date on their student's progress. To assist parents in becoming proficient in using the PowerSchool system, the [community education office](#) has scheduled two free "PowerSchool for Parents" classes.

The classes are scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 19 and 10 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 1 at the Pattonville Learning Center, 11097 St. Charles Rock Road in St. Ann. PowerSchool enables parents of high school and middle school students to access their students' attendance, academics, schedule, and school announcements daily. Parents need a unique login and password to access this information, which can be obtained from the school office (a photo ID is required to acquire this information).

Parents should have their login and password prior to coming to class. Advance registration is required by calling (314) 213-8094. Space is limited.

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