

Putting the Children First in Lansing SD #158



Welcome to the Lansing School District 158 website. Please be sure to explore our links to Lester Crawl Primary Center, Coolidge Elementary School, Oak Glen Elementary School, Reavis Elementary School, and Memorial Junior High School.

I am proud to be serving as Superintendent in one of the finest districts in the South Suburbs with an innovative Board, excellent community partnerships, dedicated teaching staff, supportive parents and amazing students.

Lansing School District 158 offers an enriched curriculum aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards. Each of our schools is committed to the academic, social, and emotional well being of our students. Our elementary students receive instruction in art, music, and physical education in addition to the core subjects. Reading assistance, enrichment instruction, English as a Second Language and related special education programs are provided by subject specialists to qualifying students. Our newly remodeled and expanded junior high follows the middle school concept offering interdisciplinary units of instruction, as well as exploratory classes and extracurricular programs including an award winning Concert Band and Choir program. All of this would not have been possible without the support of the community in the passing of our referendum in 2004 and the fiscally responsible planning by the Board of Education.

The challenges of No Child Left Behind are rigorous and the benchmark is raised 7.5% each year. We accept these challenges and have taken the steps necessary to meet them. District 158 conducts an annual in-depth analysis of our scores and an internal review of the school improvement plans at each school to assess our progress in meeting our goals. This year we implemented an auditing of our curriculum and its assessments to determine where gaps in achievement may exist and are adapting our methodology to address them. We have updated the materials available to students and teachers to provide the best scientifically research based interventions and best practices in the area. Our program is designed to meet the needs of all learners.

We believe students learn best when the entire learning community works together and establishes a strong and meaningful partnership. We value the input of our community members and parents and welcome your support and involvement. Our district motto, *Putting the Children First*, continues to guide our decision making and direct our efforts to what really matters – OUR STUDENTS!

Sincerely,

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