



Community Unit School District 201

Serving families of Westmont, Clarendon Hills and Downers Grove since 1972

Dear CUSD 201 Families, Parents, Staff and Students:

Only four high schools in Illinois out of over 650 have earned the highest possible rating in four different rankings:

National Blue Ribbon (highest achievement - U.S. Department of Education)

Exemplary (highest rating from the Illinois State Board of Education)

U. S. News and World Report Best High Schools (2023) Top 25 in Illinois

10 out of 10 Great Schools (National ranking system that rates every public school in the nation)

The four high schools are:

1. Deerfield High School
2. Glenbrook North High School
3. New Trier High School
4. **Westmont High School**

	ISBE Summative Designation Score Ranking (out of 665)	Percentage of Free and Reduced	Percentage of African American or Black Students	Percentage of Hispanic or Latino Students
Deerfield	37	3.1	0.9	5.9
Glenbrook North	16	4.1	0.6	5.6
New Trier	32	3.2	0.6	7.2
Westmont High School	2	33.4	10.5	23.5

Westmont is also rated number 1 overall on the University of Chicago 5 Essentials Survey. This includes the top rating for student to teacher trust and Collaborative Teachers. Westmont has also won the DuFour Award as the best Professional Learning Community in the United States (the largest cash prize in American education). The graduation rate at WHS is also one of the best in Illinois and the nation, and Westmont is also ranked in the top 1% in Illinois on the Jay Mathews Washington Post Challenge Index.

With a comprehensive review of all data (all student performance information from the Illinois State Board of Education, test proficiency scores, graduation rate, climate survey, various ranking systems including, Great Schools, US News and World Report, Washington Post Challenge Index, University of Chicago 5 Essentials Survey, etc.), Westmont High School consistently ranks at the top of the state.

If you are receiving this email congratulations. You are part of the team that has achieved this exceptional success.

The spreadsheets that outline all the specific data are available at our district office.

Thank you so much for your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Baldermann". The first letter "B" is large and stylized, with a loop that extends under the rest of the name.

Jack Baldermann

Superintendent - CUSD 201