



ICC NOTES & NEWS

... from James P. Dexter, Superintendent of Schools



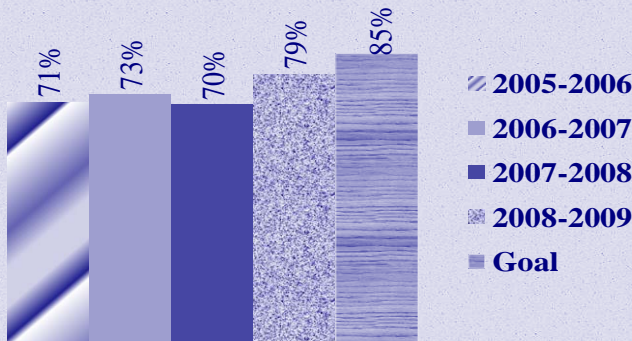
Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season!

*Winter Recess:
Dec. 24 - Jan. 3*

UPDATE on *Student Achievement*

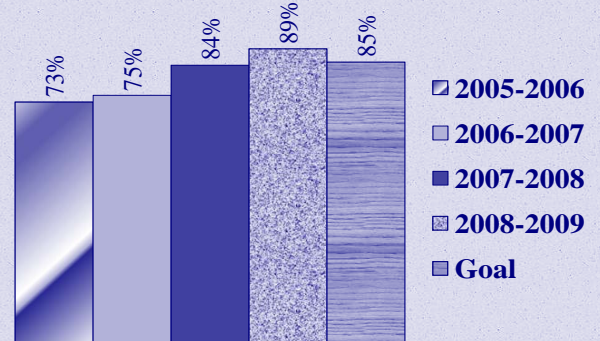
The New York State Education Department has released the results from the 2008-2009 administration of the New York State assessments for all students in grades 3-8. As a District, we are pleased that we are meeting and/or exceeding state and regional averages, and we continue to move forward to increase the percentage of students reaching proficiency. If you have questions about how your child performed on any assessment, please contact your child's teacher or building principal. Depicted are charts with relevant data pertaining to English Language Arts (ELA) and Math.

Comparative Analysis
English Language Arts Assessment
Percentages at Levels 3 & 4 (3-8)



3-8 Average

Comparative Analysis
Mathematics Assessment
Percentages at Levels 3 & 4 (3-8)



3-8 Average

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Shared Services Study



The Boards of Education from the Ichabod Crane and Schodack Central School Districts have approved the submission of a grant to conduct a functional consolidation study that examines areas where the two school districts could share services, thereby cutting costs for each school district.

The functional consolidation study will focus on three specific goals:

- Finding areas where the two districts could become more efficient by sharing services that reduce the absolute costs of school operations, thereby relieving the current economic burden on the community, as well as providing predictable future savings;
- Increase (or maintain) the educational opportunities for students within each of the respective school districts; and
- Maintain the culture and identity of each respective school district community.

Change in the Board of Education Attendance Policy

The District has suspended the attendance incentive awards for the 2009-2010 school year. The decision was based upon recommendations from the New York State Education Department and the Department of Health, and as part of a plan to reduce the spread of the H1N1 virus. Although many students work diligently to achieve these awards, the District does not want to encourage children to attend school when they are sick.

2010-2011 BUDGET Development

The Board has adopted the budget development calendar for the 2010-2011 school year, and it is available on the District's Web site. As in the past, the District will post budget materials and notes on the Web site throughout the process.

Ichabod Crane Looks to the Future

Demographic/Enrollment Study to Help Identify Trends

The Ichabod Crane Central School Board of Education reviewed the report of a long-term enrollment study conducted by Dr. Paul Seversky at its meeting on October 6, 2009. The study contains information about future enrollment trends and is designed to assist the District with long-term planning for instruction, facilities, and finances.

The study reviewed demographic data, including recent birth statistics and other information about the Ichabod Crane community, to develop the estimated enrollment patterns for the next 10 years. The study is available on the District's Web site at www.ichabodcrane.org.

SCHOOL SAFETY NEWS



Winter Outdoor Recess

As a reminder, the Primary and Elementary students do go outside for recess during winter months. In general, students go outside unless the temperature or wind chill is less than 20 degrees. Please make sure that children come to school with appropriate clothing.

Web Link to Sex Offender Information

As a reminder, there are a number of sex offenders in every community. For information about the location of offenders, please visit the New York State Criminal Justice Web site at <http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us/nsor/index.htm>. I encourage you to review this Web site on a regular basis.

Attention ICC Alumni

Information has been posted on Ichabod Crane's Alumni Web site for the classes of 1980 and 1979. To view alumni information or to sign up for the electronic newsletter for our alumni, "Alumni Connection," visit the ICC Alumni Web page at <http://www.ichabodcrane.org/alumni.html>

Non-Discrimination Compliance Statement

The Ichabod Crane Central School District hereby advises students, parents, employees, and the general public that it offers educational opportunities including vocational opportunities without regard to sex, race, color, national origin, handicap or religion. Inquiries regarding this non-discrimination policy may be directed to: Title IX and Section 504 Compliance Officer, Maureen Van Deusen, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Ichabod Crane Central School District, Valatie, NY 12184 (518) 758-7575. A copy of the "In Compliance with Section 1.4 (a)" is available in the Superintendent's Office.

Did you know?



In the fall of 2009, 8 of 9 athletic teams achieved New York State Public High School

Athletics Scholar Athlete status (team academic average of 90% or above) while capturing 6 of 8 Patroon Conference titles: Girls' Tennis; Golf; Girls' and Boys' Soccer; Girls' Volleyball and Boys' Cross Country.

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