

CA News: Making Headlines!



On September 1, 2015 the Minnesota Department of Education released its list of [Reward](#), Celebration Eligible, Priority, and Focus Schools.

Cologne Academy, along with 8 other Friends of Education Schools, made this elite list of top schools in the state.

THIS IS SIGNIFICANT NEWS!

Unfortunately, the local press has not recognized Cologne Academy as a local public school serving over 500 students from Carver County, not to mention about another 50 students from Hennepin, Scott, Sibley, LeSeuer & McLeod counties.

While I am the first to down play the media craze that surrounds high-stakes testing, I am also a believer of school accountability. In order to exist among great schools in Carver County, we need to earn our right to serve our students. It is our belief that education should be your most important decision in your child's formational years. Children do not gain their learning habits and foundation as they walk into high school. Rather, the nine years spent focusing on each learner's individual needs happens in the kindergarten- 8th grade years.

	State	ISD 108 Central Public Schools	ISD 110 Waconia Public Schools	ISD 112 Eastern Carver Schools	ISD 4188 Cologne Academy
Math	60.20%	64.10%	75.00%	68.00%	81.10%
Reading	59.50%	61.40%	71.80%	71.00%	74.20%

While the local press may shy away from giving credit where credit is due, the school board and I feel it's important that you know.

For those of you who braved Parent's Night last week, you heard and saw firsthand how and why CA students post the results they do.

- 1) Rigorous Curriculum:
 - a. Coherent
 - b. Content Specific
 - c. Cumulative

- 2) Teacher Development:
 - a. Academic Leaders coach teachers on content
 - b. Leaders coach on research-based methodologies and pedagogy
 - c. Q Comp leaders peer coach teaching staff.
 - d. Every teacher has a Professional Development Plan

- 3) School Culture
 - a. Core Virtues
 - b. PBIS- P.R.I.D.E Star Way
 - c. #bucketfillers
 - d. Belief that everyone learns

The excellence achieved by our students is not left to chance. Each day is explicitly planned with objectives and learning targets that meet our expectations for reading, writing, and math. If you believe all schools are the same, I respectfully request you understand the CA advantage. Not all schools are the same.

Cologne Academy is proud to serve our families. Thank you for entrusting your child's education to our talented and dedicated staff. School Choice is an amazing concept and we are so fortunate to have public school choice. Thank you for sharing our success with your friends and family.

Please read [CA's comprehensive plan for ensuring student growth](#).

Waconia Patriot



Practice Makes Perfect.

Would you trust your heart to a doctor that just barely passed their Board Exams and did not participate in ongoing professional development? Smart answer, neither would we! Cologne Academy is dedicated to supporting all staff be the best version of themselves while teaching and adhering to our high standards of excellence, integrity, and fidelity.