



# Grace McWayne Elementary School

2020-21  
**SCHOOL FACTS**

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### **Jeff Modaff, Principal**

*"Grace McWayne is a student-centered learning community where critical thinking and growth mindset are fostered through authentic and personalized experiences. We believe that a strong community is built through the collaborative efforts of teachers, students, and parents sharing responsibility for learning. We pride ourselves on creating a positive, safe, and respectful environment that encourages creativity, risk-taking, self-awareness, and a life-long love of learning."*

## **School History**

Grace McWayne Elementary School opened in 2001 and was named after Grace McWayne who taught in Batavia schools for 59 years. She is, and probably will always be, the educator with the longest tenure of service to the children of Batavia. GMS is one of six public elementary schools in Batavia and home to the District's K-5 Instructional Learning Program.

## **Academics and Student Support**

**Core Content Areas:** Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies

**Innovative & Enrichment Programs:** Art, Music, Physical Education, STEM, Health

**Student Support:** Offer programs to support English learners, students with disabilities (K-5 Instructional Learning Program), and gifted and at-risk learners. Student services staff includes 6 special education teachers, 2 social workers, 1 psychologist, an EL teacher and enrichment coach.

**306**  
School enrollment

**96%**  
Grade 9 students from GMS are on track to graduate from high school

**54%**  
Teachers with master's degree or higher

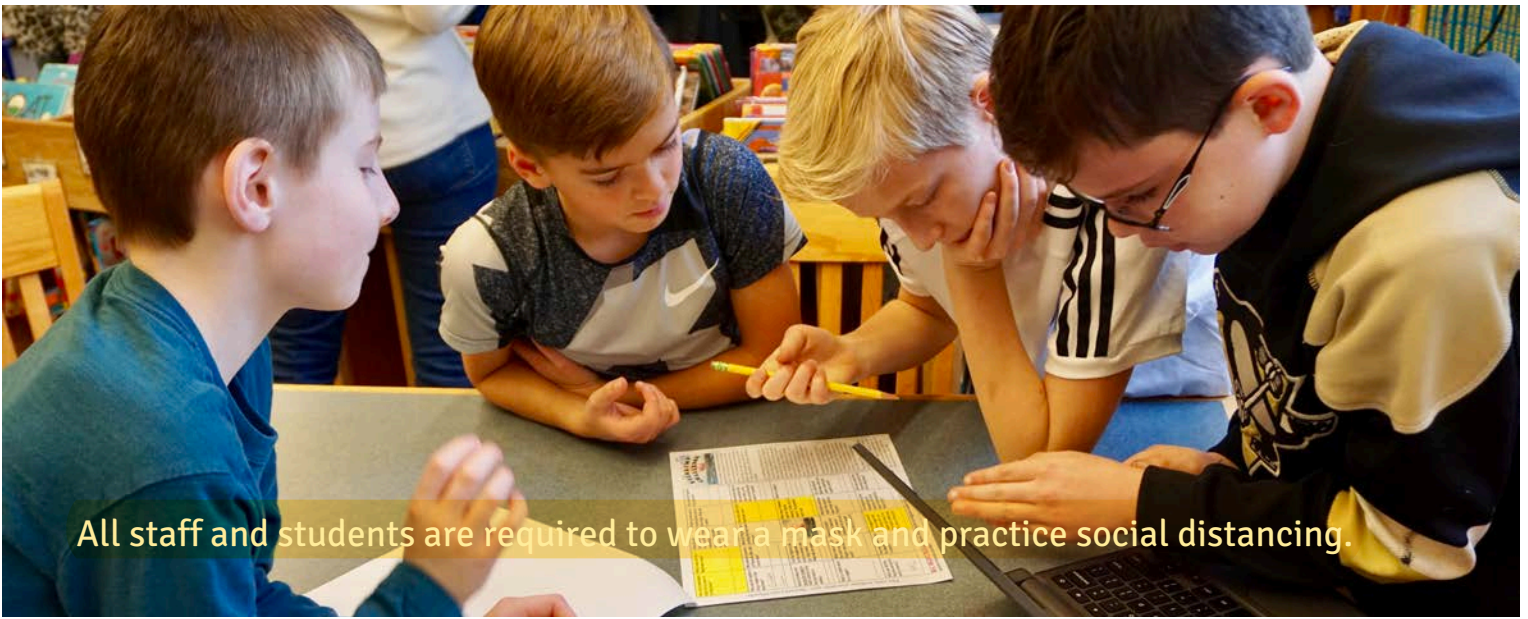
**83%\***  
of our most struggling students who grew in Math MAP from fall to spring

**82%\***  
of our most struggling students who grew in Reading MAP from fall to spring

**80%\***  
of students believe through effort, that they can do challenging work

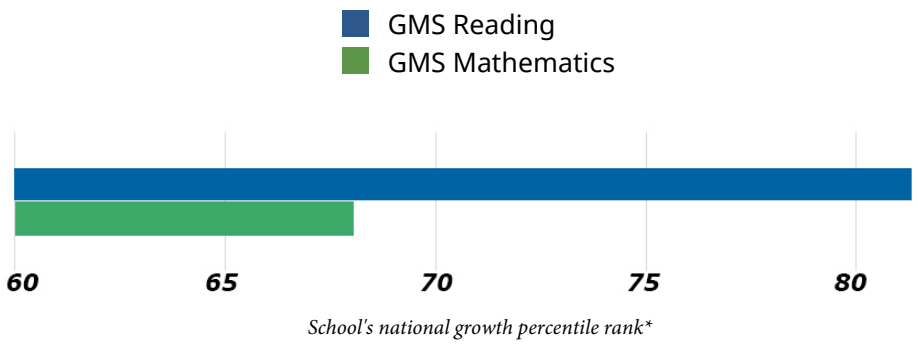
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### NWEA MAP Test Results

Grace McWayne School assesses all students in fall, winter, and spring with the NWEA MAP test in the areas of reading and mathematics. Based on 2018-19 national data, GMS students outgrew students nationwide by 82% in reading and 68% in math.\*

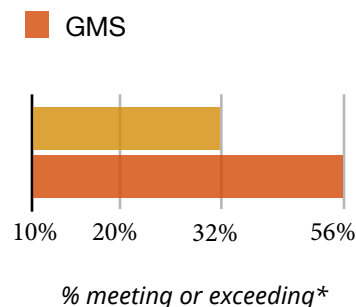
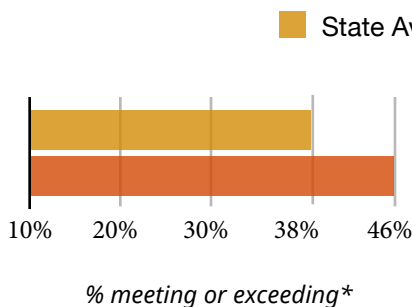


### IAR Results Meeting and Exceeding

BPS101 students also take the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) assessment. In 2018-19, GMS students performed 24% better than the state average in Math and 8% better than the state average in English Language Arts.\*

#### IAR English Language Arts

#### IAR Mathematics



### School Highlights

- All students issued a Chromebook with Google Suite software.
- 21st Century Learning Lab open to all GMS students for hands-on activities.

### Annual Events

- Veterans Day Assembly
- Winter Wonderland
- Fun Fair
- Adult Trivia Night
- Art Fair
- Battle of the Books
- Skate Night
- Walk/Bike to School Days
- Outdoor Education Day

### Partnerships

- Grace McWayne. PTO
- John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School
- Batavia Foundation for Educational Excellence
- Watch D.O.G.S.
- Batavia Special-Education Parent Network
- Batavia United Way: Success by Six Program
- CHIP IN Batavia

### Extracurricular Activities

- Band
- Orchestra
- Student Council
- Book Club
- STEM Club
- Coding Club
- Art Club
- Grizzly Running Club

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