

LA PLATA R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT WINS MULTIPLE ACADEMIC AWARDS

The 2016-2017 school year has gotten off to a great start as our students and staff continue to perform with many academic and extracurricular honors. The high school has once again won the Bronze award from *U.S. News*. This award is based on student performance on state required tests and how well the district prepares students for college.

La Plata elementary school is one of seven schools in the state of Missouri identified for outstanding performance in closing the achievement gap in reading and math. The district was honored at the Missouri Association of Rural Education banquet Friday, October 21. If you are in the elementary building, please notice the nice banner recognizing this worthy achievement.

The district is also honored to have received the Niche award. Niche is a website that rigorously analyzes dozens of public data sets to produce comprehensive rankings for K-12 public school districts. Their ranking factors include state test scores, college readiness, graduation rates, SAT/ACT scores, teacher quality, student/parent reviews, and more. Based on these factors, the La Plata R-II School District is ranked #50 out of 524 public schools in Missouri.

Last, but certainly not least; the district scored 99.3% on the Annual Performance Report (APR). APR is a compilation of data from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education used to measure and accredit all public schools. Among the 13 items measured are: standardized test results, ACT scores, attendance, graduation rates, and career readiness indicators.

These academic recognitions are a direct reflection of the quality of education provided to our students. Mrs. Lisa Coy at the elementary and Mr. Andy Jackson at the high school are outstanding instructional leaders, and they do a wonderful job of empowering their staff to lead and challenge students each and every day.

Congratulations to our students and staff for your numerous accomplishments, and thank you to our parents and community members for your continued support.

Yours in Education,

Dr. Craig Noah
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