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# Galileo Math and Science Magnet School School Report Card 2008-09

## OUR DISTRICT MISSION

Preparing Today's Students for Tomorrow's Challenges

## MASCOT, COLORS and MOTTO

Galileo Falcons  
 Navy Blue and White  
 Exploring the Great Unknown

Galileo, a community of explorers  
 discovering their unlimited potential

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED

This report is a summary of some indicators of the performance of our school. No single report can tell the whole story of our school's educational program or the people who work and learn here. We encourage you to find out firsthand by visiting our school. If you are a parent of one of our students, we invite you to take an active role in your child's learning because studies show that when parents are involved, students do better in school.

## HOW WE ARE IMPROVING

At Galileo we continue to work towards appropriate student growth in all academic areas. The Galileo Team each year spends considerable time in analysis of student achievement data to select a focus for school improvement. Grade level teams formulate goals and plan teaching strategies to positively impact student learning. We differentiate instruction to provide students with appropriate readiness level instruction as well as grade level instruction in reading and math. Teacher training, consistent monitoring and collaboration keep us focused on student learning.

## OPTIONS FOR PARENTS

We have a very dedicated and involved PTA. We invite parents to volunteer in our classrooms and library or serve on the many PTA committees, School Improvement Committee, or Health and Wellness Committee.

## WHAT WE CELEBRATE

At Galileo we celebrate our wonderful kindergarten through eighth grade student body and the fact that discipline concerns are minimal. Our student body held many fund raising events to help those less fortunate. We exceeded the Idaho Reading Indicator benchmarks in grades K-3 set by the state of Idaho. Galileo student ISAT scores in grades 3-7 show our students' proficiency levels exceeding district and state averages with many of our students performing in the advanced ranges. Our staff is exceptional. They have made great strides in collaborative planning and incorporated research based strategies in their classrooms. We teach an engineering curriculum at every grade level to reinforce science and math concepts and skills. We have a supportive community and PTA and many exceptional school volunteers. We are committed to academic growth for every student and at the same time promote and protect curiosity and the joys of childhood.

## OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Many factors, such as how often a child attends school, moving frequently, and English language experience, influence school achievement. Measuring these characteristics helps us understand our students' needs.

### ABOUT OUR STUDENTS

0%	Who participated in programs to learn English
10.44%	Who qualified for free or reduced-price lunch
9.1%	Who participated in gifted and talented programs
7.6%	Who received special education services
97.8%	Who attended daily

We thank all parents who are able to visit the school during the year.

### ABOUT OUR PARENTS

99.8%	Who attended parent teacher conferences
82%	Who have volunteered their time

We are committed to ensuring that our students are taught by a highly trained and qualified staff of instructors.

### ABOUT OUR TEACHERS

100	Percent who are highly qualified teachers
2	Teachers who are teaching on approved consultant specialist
0	Percent who are teaching with a letter of authorization
0	Percent of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers
1	Teacher who is a special education teachers

### ABOUT AVERAGE CLASS SIZES

Grade	Our school	District
Kindergarten	22	22.8
First	22	21.9
Second	22	23.1
Third	22	22.7
Fourth	30	28.2
Fifth	30	28.2
Sixth	22.3	22.5
Seventh	20.3	22.5
Eighth	29	22.5

## OUR SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

Our goal is to provide a place for students to learn without distractions and concerns for safety. We closely monitor activities on our campus and offer comprehensive programs to prevent alcohol, tobacco, and substance abuse. As Required by state and federal laws we collect, monitor, and report on crimes and substance abuse incidents on our campus and at school activities. A complete listing of that information for our school will be available at <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/ipd/reportcard/SchoolReportCard.asp> or by contacting our school district.

### ABOUT SCHOOL DISCIPLINE

# of students expelled from our school for the following activities on our campus during the past three years	2008-2009
Physical injury	0
Homicide	0
Rape	0
Robbery	0
Aggravated assault	0
Aggravated battery	0
Gun-free school violations	0

## OUR STUDENTS' ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

### ABOUT OUR STUDENTS' TEST RESULTS

The "Adequate Yearly Progress Assessment Reports" provide detailed information about the academic performance of our students and specific groups of students on state reading, math, science, and language usage tests. The results can be accessed on the State Department of Education website:

<http://www.sde.idaho.gov/reportcard>