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McMillan Elementary School

School Report Card 2008-09

OUR MISSION

Embracing the exchange of knowledge, language and culture to prepare students for global challenges.

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 research shows that when parents are involved, students do better in school.

HOW WE ARE IMPROVING

McMillan Elementary uses the Continuous Improvement Process (CIP) to continually improve how we educate and nurture children. Using this annual process, we analyze student, community and staff demographics, staff training and expertise, educational programs and supports, and student achievement data. Annual goals are established and all efforts are aligned to support attainment of those goals. Flexible grouping of students and differentiation of instruction based on individual student needs are hallmarks of our commitment to ensure growth for every child every day.

WHAT WE CELEBRATE

McMillan Elementary celebrates the successful combination of high expectations, hard-working students, involved parents, dedicated staff members, and a school district committed to the growth of all children. McMillan has an active PTO, and they have partnered with the school to sponsor a Wise Skills character education program and multiple other improvements to enhance the educational experience for students. McMillan implemented a 'Wise Choice Place' for students to report to when they need guidance and support in making appropriate choices that contribute to the positive learning environment that is expected at our school.

McMillan is a diverse elementary school with students who come from all over the world. This is a unique experience for students and families in the Meridian/Boise area, and one that we believe truly prepares students for the reality of living and working in a multi-cultural society. The entire school community comes together each spring to celebrate with a multi-cultural fair replete with food, music, singing and dance performances.

McMillan students have received 'exposure' instruction in Spanish from 2005-2008 and in 2008-2009, they received 'exposure' experience to Mandarin Chinese (once per month for 45 minutes). Our school continues to pursue becoming a foreign language magnet school and will offer weekly instruction in Mandarin next school year. Teachers also provide additional instruction for students in world cultures, diversity, tolerance and geography as the magnet school expands. In the near future, our name will change to Gateway School of Language and Culture.

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

- 16 % Who participated in programs to learn English
- 55 % Who qualified for free or reduced-price lunch
- 3 % Who participated in gifted and talented programs
- 12 % Who received special education services

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

ABOUT OUR PARENTS

- 93 % Who attended parent teacher conferences
- 44 % 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

- 96% Percent who are highly qualified teachers
- 0% Percent who are teaching an approved consultant specialist
- 4% Percent who are teaching with a letter of authorization
- 0% Percent of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers
- 3 Number who are special education teachers

ABOUT AVERAGE CLASS SIZES

Grade	Our school	District
Kindergarten	24	22.8
First	22.3	21.9
Second	21.3	23.1
Third	20	22.7
Fourth	24.3	28.2
Fifth	26.5	28.8

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 programs to prevent alcohol, tobacco, and substance abuse. 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 on the State Department of Education's website at www.state.idaho.gov.

ABOUT SCHOOL DISCIPLINE

# of students expelled from our school for the following activities on our campus during the past three years	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
Physical injury	0	0	0
Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated assault	0	0	0
Aggravated battery	0	0	0
Gun-free school violations	0	0	0

OUR STUDENTS' ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Each year, McMillan students are assessed on both the Idaho Reading Indicator (IRI) and the Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT). Results of those assessments are also available at the State Department of Education's website at www.state.idaho.gov. ISAT scores are compiled into **Adequate Yearly Progress Reports** and those results are used to measure our school's progress toward state and federal academic goals.