

District 91 Overview

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Welcome to District 91

On behalf of the District 91 Board of Education, I would like to welcome you to Forest Park. Thank you for your interest in the position of Superintendent of Schools.

Our unique community combines the unlimited resources of a flourishing urban setting with small town, neighborhood charm, making it an exceptional place in which to live, work and raise a family.

Sincerely,

Kyra Tyler

President, Forest Park School District 91
Board of Education



Mission Statement

- ▶ Our mission, in partnership with home and community, is to educate each individual child in a safe and nurturing environment.
- ▶ We will foster respect and self-worth, teach skills relevant to contemporary life, and promote academic success and creative expression.
- ▶ We will encourage an appreciation of the rich cultural diversity of our community, and instill a sense of wonder for the future to enable our students to become lifelong learners and responsible citizens of the world.



Vision Statement

Forest Park Public School District 91 will be acknowledged by all as a safe and nurturing and diverse learning community that establishes the highest standards for innovation and continuous improvement to achieve excellence and global citizenship for each individual child.



Core Values

- ▶ **Core Value 1:** District 91 values being an inclusive school community where all individuals are valued and respected.
- ▶ **Core Value 2:** District 91 values small classes that support the continuous improvement of each individual child.
- ▶ **Core Value 3:** District 91 values providing innovative instruction, programs and learning opportunities for each individual student, within and beyond the classroom, that results in improved academic achievement.
- ▶ **Core Value 4:** District 91 values open, honest and effective two-way communication to engage the community in the educational process.
- ▶ **Core Value 5:** District 91 values promoting its excellence and accomplishments to a broad community.
- ▶ **Core Value 6:** District 91 values safe, nurturing environments that invite and engage all members of the community.
- ▶ **Core Value 7:** District 91 values and supports qualified and effective professionals committed to our students and who are representative of the diversity of our community.
- ▶ **Core Value 8:** District 91 values fiscally responsible planning that ensures resources are used appropriately to support district values and goals.

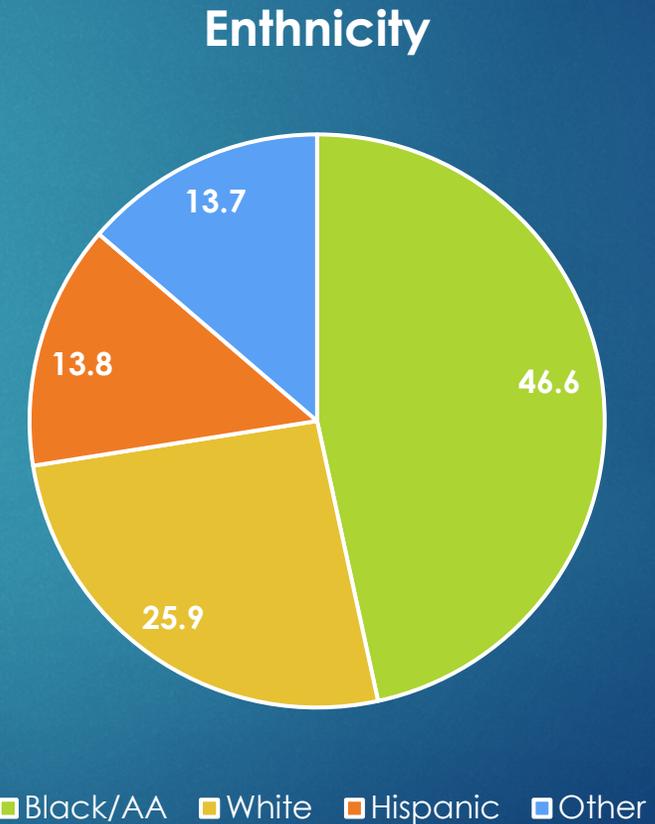
Our Schools

- ▶ Forest Park School District 91 is an ethnically diverse pre-K-8th grade school district located approximately 10 miles west of downtown Chicago.
- ▶ The school district is divided by the Eisenhower Expressway (I-290) and has one middle school for grades 6-8, two intermediate schools for grades 3-5, two primary schools for grades K-2, and one preschool.
- ▶ Families who live north of I-290 attend Garfield Primary and Grant-White Intermediate schools.
- ▶ Families who live south of I-290 attend Betsy Ross Primary and Field-Stevenson Intermediate schools.
- ▶ All families attend Forest Park Preschool (Garfield) and Forest Park Middle School.



Our Students

- ▶ We educate over 700 students: pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade.
- ▶ The majority of our students are Black or African-American.
- ▶ Over 13% of our student population is Hispanic.



Our Teachers and Staff

- ▶ Over 80% have a Masters degree or higher
- ▶ Average class size, Pre-k through 8th grade, is 18-22 students.



Our Performance

	<u>IAR 2019 - Reading</u>	<u>IAR 2019 - Mathematics</u>
▶ Exceeded	5%	2%
▶ Met	29%	21%
▶ Approached	29%	27%
▶ Partially Met	22%	30%
▶ Did Not Meet	15%	21%

Our Finances

- ▶ Annual budget of \$23MM
- ▶ Education Fund Financial Reserve of 12 Months
- ▶ ISBE School Financial Profile Designation of Recognition for 13 Consecutive Years



We Value Each and Every Student!

- ▶ District 91 believes students are more likely to succeed when they receive personalized attention from their teachers.
- ▶ With important advantages of small classes across all grade levels and cutting-edge educational resources, plus an unwavering dedication to the belief that every child has the right to a quality education, we offer an exceptional experience combining the challenge of innovative instruction with teachers and support staff who truly build nurturing relationships with their students.
- ▶ District 91 administrators, teachers and support staff have a passion for education that ensures every student receives the best learning experience possible.



Valuing the Individual Student

- ▶ **Personalized Attention:** Teachers and support staff give their students the individual attention they deserve and take an active interest in their success.
- ▶ **Small Class Size:** With an average class size of 18, District 91 teachers can provide a unique educational experience every single day.
- ▶ **Small School District:** Being a small school district with less than 800 students means we not only know every student by name, we also know their parents and caregivers.



Unparalleled Opportunities to Learn

- ▶ **Dedicated Teachers and Staff:** Promoting personal growth through ongoing, job-embedded professional development opportunities mean teachers and support staff take their learning directly into the classroom.
- ▶ **Innovative Instruction:** Combining inquiry and project-based learning strategies with the wise use of technology in the classroom maximizes learning potential for all students.
- ▶ **Advanced Technology:** Cutting-edge personal and classroom technology (every child has their own Chromebook) enables our students to capture, connect and reflect upon life-changing ideas, feelings, images and questions.



Illinois Report Card

Partnership with NEP

National Equity Project

- ▶ Since 2019, District 91 has engaged in an ongoing partnership with the NEP in order to support our Core Values and our belief that every child has the right to a quality education.
- ▶ The NEP possesses deep expertise in educational theory, pedagogy, cultural competency, racial justice and facilitation and mediation.
- ▶ The NEP mission is to help District 91 dramatically improve educational experiences, outcomes and life options for students and families in Forest Park who have been historically underserved for decades.



Equity Imperative

- ▶ Recognizing that systemic bias has plagued our educational system, we commit to nurturing dialogue around all issues of inequity, including culture, race, faith, socioeconomic status, gender identity, sexual orientation, and different ability, as they pertain to classroom practices, school and school district structures, and policies and procedures.
- ▶ We support actions removing barriers to opportunities that allow children to reach their full potential.



Get to Know Forest Park

- ▶ Located approximately 10 miles west from Chicago's downtown loop area, Forest Park, Illinois, a diverse community of approximately 15,000 residents.
- ▶ Thriving downtown commerce area with trendy shops, excellent restaurants and popular night-life.
- ▶ Community Center provides services to residents including daycare and support for families in need.
- ▶ Strategic partnerships with the Library, Park District and Village of Forest Park.

