



“PROVISO RISING”

2015-2016 District 209 Achievements

- The total monetary amounts of scholarships and grant offers topped \$32.5 million in 2016, including more than \$11.4 million at Proviso West and \$14 million at PMSA.
- The District held a successful Freshman Transition program at all three schools, with more than 575 students in attendance on August 10 and 11, 2015.
- The District held its fifth Parent University on October 3, 2015, at Proviso East High School, and its sixth Parent University on January 30, 2016, at Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy.
- Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart, superintendent, was awarded the 2015 Ida B. Wells Risk Taker Award by the National Alliance of Black School Educators.
- District 209 was named to the sixth annual Advanced Placement District Honor Roll for increasing access to Advanced Placement course work while maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on Advanced Placement Exams.
- Student leaders from Proviso East High School and Proviso West High School attended the West Suburban Conference Leadership Conference at the Rosemont Convention Center on November 24, 2015.
- District 209 was honored by the Des Plaines Valley Region (DVR) Education for Employment for “Best Practices” for its Cohort Learning Model in the Human Services/Performance Care category for its barber school and cosmetology program.
- The District 209 guidance department hosted the Proviso College Fair at Proviso West High School on October 27, 2015. More than 400 students attended and visited with representatives from more than 40 colleges and universities.
- Seven educators from Proviso Township High Schools District 209 were honored with Awards of Recognition from the Illinois State Board of Education on October 17, 2015, in Normal as part of the ISBE’s Those Who Excel Awards Program.
- More than 70 community leaders attended a community meeting organized by the Strengthening Proviso Youth committee in collaboration with District 209 at Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy on October 15, 2015.
- District 209 instituted a new restorative justice program at the start of the 2015-2016 school year.
- The District 209 Board of Education approved joining with the state education group Vision 20/20 in focusing on continuous improvement, recognizing the diversity of struggling schools, and eliminating achievement gaps.
- District 209 began a new free breakfast and lunch program for all students at the start of the 2015-2016 school year.
- District 209 began a partnership with the Proviso Township Ministers Alliance Network (PTMAN) on its “Every Student Every Day” truancy prevention program.
- More than 60 professionals from across the Chicago area spoke at District 209’s Career Pathways on March 1, 2016, at Proviso West and on March 2, 2016, at Proviso East.
- Forty-three District 209 won Proviso Math and Science Awards from the Society of Women Engineers and the American Association of Physics Teachers on March 9, 2016.
- Five District 209 students - four from Proviso East, one from PMSA - represented the Village of Maywood in Washington, D.C., as Youth Delegates to the 2016 Congressional City Conference in March 2016.
- Eight hundred eighty students from Proviso East, Proviso West, and PMSA graduated on May 21, 2016.
- Sixteen students graduated from the Proviso Evening School on May 19, 2016.
- Proviso Township High Schools District 209 had its underlying bond rating increased to an “A” outlook by Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services.



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- The Proviso East NJROTC passed their annual inspection on December 10, 2015.
- Five Proviso East seniors were named Illinois State Scholars by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission in 2015-2016.
- Three hundred twenty Proviso East students made the High, A, and B Honor Rolls during the first semester of the 2015-2016 school year, with 295 making the honor rolls during the second semester.
- The Center for School Mental Health selected Proviso East High School as one of seven schools nationwide to participate in Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network (CoIIN).
- The English 3 team of Ms. Elizabeth Walker, Ms. Ashley Glickman, Mr. Clinton Alexander, and Ms. Susan Katz from Proviso East High School won an Award of Recognition in the Team category in the 2015 Illinois State Board of Education’s Those Who Excel education awards.
- Proviso East was recognized by the National Football League as part of the NFL’s Super Bowl High School Honor Roll initiative that recognizes “schools and communities that contributed to Super Bowl history and positive impacted the game of football” for its impact on Super Bowl winner and Proviso East graduate, Jerome Sally.
- The Illinois High School Association officially commended the Proviso East football team for “Sporting A Winning Attitude” during their home finale against Addison Trail on October 17, 2015.
- Proviso East was honored for “Sustainable Agriculture at Triton College” by the Des Plaines Valley Region (DVR) Education for Employment for “Best Practices” in October 2015.
- Cinia McCray, a senior guard on the Proviso East girls’ basketball team, signed her letter of intent to attend and play basketball on a scholarship at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, North Carolina.
- The Proviso East High School Marching Band participated in the homecoming parade for South Carolina State University on October 31, 2015.
- Twenty Proviso East High School students were named to the school’s Straight A Club as a result of earning straight A’s in all of their classes during the first quarter of the 2015-2016 school year. Fifty students were named to the Straight A Club for the first semester.
- Joshua Terry, a Proviso East senior safety on the football team, signed a letter of intent to continue his education and playing career at the University of Central Missouri. He also was selected to compete in the Senior All-Stars Track Meet in Dubuque, Iowa, on June 11, 2016.
- Savannah Clark, a senior forward at Proviso East; Caprice Hairston, a junior guard/forward at Proviso East; Damaris Green, a senior guard at Proviso East; and Cinia McCray, a senior guard at Proviso East, were named to the West Suburban Conference’s All-Conference Team for 2016. Cinia McCray also was nominated for the McDonald’s All-American Girls’ Basketball Team that was played at the United Center in Chicago on March 30, 2016.
- The Proviso East High School Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) Color Guard participated in a ceremony for the Illinois Department of Veteran Affairs on February 19, 2016.
- Antonio Williams, a senior guard, and TaJuan Johnson, a senior forward, were named to the West Suburban Conference’s All-Conference Team. Antonio Williams also was named third team all-state on the 2015-2016 all-state team and to the Chicago Sun-Times’ all-area team.
- Mr. Ezra PridGeon, head coach of the Proviso East girls’ basketball team, was named the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association’s (IBCA) High School Girls Co-Coach of the Year for District 7.
- Savannah Clark, a senior guard on the Proviso East girls’ basketball team, signed a letter of intent to continue her education and playing career at Miami Dade College.
- Mr. Glenn Lid, freshman wrestling coach at Proviso East, was named to the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association Hall of Fame.
- Ajah Morgan, a senior member of the Proviso East girls’ track team, signed her letter of intent to continue her track career and studies at Clarke University in Dubuque, Iowa.
- The Proviso East High School National Honor Society (NHS) inducted 12 new members at its Spring 2016 ceremony.
- The Proviso East Class of 2016 earned a total of \$7.1 million in scholarships and grants from colleges, universities, and other organizations.



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- The Proviso West NJROTC earned high marks at its annual inspection in December 2015, with 63 cadets earning “Circle 10” Awards.
- Three hundred fifty-seven Proviso West students made the High, A, and B Honor Rolls during the first semester of the 2015-2016 school year, with 305 making the honor rolls during the second semester.
- The Proviso West High School National Honor Society (NHS) inducted 20 new members at its ceremonies in November 2015 and 28 new members in April 2016.
- Nine Proviso West seniors were named Illinois State Scholars by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission in 2015-2016.
- Three Proviso West teachers - Ms. Tracy Jackowiak, special education teacher; Ms. Michelle Lucas-Duckins, science teacher; and Dr. Bozena Suwary, science teacher - were nominated for the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching Award.
- The Proviso West boys’ basketball team won the consolation title in the 55th edition of the Proviso West Holiday Basketball Tournament.
- Mrs. Devon Harris, a Proviso West special education teacher, won an Award of Recognition in the Classroom Teacher category in the 2015 Illinois State Board of Education’s Those Who Excel education awards.
- The Proviso West High School football team won the second annual L.T. Bonner Football 7 on 7 Shootout at Gwendolyn Brooks College Prep High School in Chicago on July 25, 2015.
- Fifteen Proviso West students won ribbons at Elmhurst College’s 17th Annual High School Art Exhibit.
- Rhashaun Epting, a senior linebacker on the football team, signed a letter of intent to continue his education and playing career at the University of New Mexico.
- Selected members of the Proviso West Class of 2017 attended the Black Student Leadership Conference at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn on February 23, 2016.
- Myia Thomas, a junior guard/forward on the Proviso West girls’ basketball team, was named to the West Suburban Conference’s All-Conference Team for 2016.
- The Proviso West NJROTC won second place for their presentation of their vehicle and third place in the overall competition at the Chicago Regional Sea Perch Competition on March 19 at Great Lakes Naval Station. The finish led to one team of students, the “Sea Panthers,” being invited to compete in the 2016 National SeaPerch Challenge at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on May 20 and 21, 2016.
- Luigi Cabantog, a Proviso West sophomore, was named to the Illinois Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Student Advisory Board.
- Three hundred eighty-two Proviso West students made the High, A, and B Honor Rolls during the first semester and/or third quarter of the 2015-2016 school year.
- Prince Young, a Proviso West senior, won a \$180,000 Navy scholarship.
- The Proviso West Class of 2016 earned a total of \$11.4 million in scholarships and grants from colleges, universities, and other organizations.
- The Proviso West band won first place overall along with best auxiliary and best drumline in Division II at the Proviso East Battle of the Bands on May 28, 2016.
- Jaleel Hollingsworth, a Proviso West sophomore, qualified to compete for Team Illinois at the Asics/Vaughan Cadet and National Wrestling tournament in Fargo, North Dakota, July 16 through 23, 2016.



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2015-2016 Achievements at Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy

- PMSA achieved official International Baccalaureate World School status, beginning with the 2016-2017 school year.
- Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy was listed as the 11th best high school in the state of Illinois by SchoolDigger.com, a national school ranking site.
- Dr. Bessie Karvelas, principal, and Ms. Amy Paulus, guidance counselor, won Awards of Recognition in the Illinois State Board of Education’s Those Who Excel Awards Program in October 2015.
- Twenty-three PMSA seniors were named Illinois State Scholars by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission in 2015-2016.
- The PMSA National Honor Society (NHS) inducted 45 new members at its annual ceremony on December 9, 2015.
- Erick Rodriguez, a PMSA senior, was honored as one of the top Hispanic high school students in the nation in the College Board’s National Hispanic Recognition Program based on his score on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) that he took during his junior year.
- Twenty-three students from the PMSA Classes of 2015 and 2016 were named Advanced Placement Scholars based on their receiving at least a 3 out of a possible 5 on three or more Advanced Placement exams.
- Manuel Sida, a PMSA senior and a member of the Proviso West High School boys’ soccer team, was named to the 2015 Chicago Fire Boys’ All-State All-Academic second team.
- The average score on the ACT college entrance exam by the Class of 2015 at PMSA was among the top averages in the state and the Chicagoland area, ranking 65th out of the 666 high schools in Illinois and tied for 31st out of the 261 high schools with an ACT score in the Chicagoland area, according to an analysis by the Chicago Tribune in October 2015.
- Marquan Jones, a PMSA senior, and K’winece Ray, a PMSA sophomore, were winners in the Village of Hillside Human Relations Commission’s Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Essay Contest.
- K’winece Ray, a PMSA sophomore, was named the winner of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 2016 Dream Award presented by the Village of Hillside Human Relations Commission.
- Abel Limon, a PMSA senior on flute; Alexandra Damato, a PMSA junior on tenor saxophone; and Akeelah Taylor, a PMSA junior on percussion, performed with the Northshore Concert Band’s “Lifetime of Music” concert at Northwestern University’s Pick-Staiger Concert Hall on January 31, 2016.
- Ten PMSA students served as election judges during the Illinois primary election on March 15, 2016.
- Marquan Jones, a PMSA senior, was accepted into Cornell University, an Ivy League school.
- Kameron James, a senior at Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy and a quarterback and defensive back for the Proviso East High School football team, signed a letter of intent to continue his education and playing career at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin.
- Jose Jimenez, a senior at PMSA and a defensive back for the Proviso West football team, signed a letter of intent to continue his education and playing career at Concordia University Chicago.
- Dr. Bessie Karvelas, principal at Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy, was named High School Principal of the Year for the West Cook Region by the Illinois Principals Association.
- The PMSA Class of 2016 earned a total of \$14 million in scholarships and grants from colleges, universities, and other organizations.