



“PROVISO RISING”

2014-15 District 209 Achievements

- Student enrollment in Advanced Placement, Honors, or Dual Enrollment classes was up 15.7 percent at Proviso West High School, with the number of courses in these areas also increasing. Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy also offered AP courses for the first time, with 592 students enrolled in 18 courses.
- On the Mathematics Benchmark Assessment, the percentage of students scoring above the 60 percent cut score is higher than last year in each building in 2014, including an 18.8 percentage point increase and a 17.6 percentage point increase at Proviso East and Proviso West, respectively.
- The total monetary amounts of scholarships and grant offers topped \$25 million and were up at Proviso East (44.9 percent for a total of \$7.1 million) and Proviso West (28.1 percent for a total of \$6.4 million) in 2015.
- In 2014, Proviso East High School boosted the percentage of students who met or exceeded state standards on the math portion of the state tests by 72.7 percent from 2013, the school’s highest rate since 2007. Proviso West High School juniors raised the percentage of students who met or exceeded state standards on the math portion of the state tests by 25 percentage points, as well as seeing a 11.1 percent increase in the percentage of students who met or exceeded state standards on the reading portion of the test. PMSA posted its highest percentage of students meeting or exceeding state standards since students from the school began taking the PSAE in 2008, with 82 percent of PMSA juniors meeting or exceeding standards on the reading portion of the test and 80 percent passing the math portion, a 15.5 percent increase and 15.9 percent increase, respectively. The percent increase also is the highest in PMSA history.
- The District held a successful Freshman Transition program at all three schools, with 575 students in attendance on August 11 and 12, 2014.
- More than 165 people attended the District’s Parent University on August 9, 2014, and January 31, 2015.
- The Society of Women Engineers and the American Association of Physics Teachers honored 49 students from across the District for outstanding math and science achievement on March 9, 2015.
- Proviso Township High Schools District 209 had its underlying bond rating upheld as an “A- stable outlook by Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services.
- Proviso Township High Schools District 209 maintained a balanced operating budget for the seventh straight year.
- The District maintained the highest financial status with the state, a status it has held since 2010.
- The District received approval for Phase 1 transition from state financial oversight in 2015.
- District 209 approved \$10 million in capital bonds in 2015.
- The District began its new cosmetology program at Miss Roberts’ Beauty Academy in August 2014 and its new barber program at Erskine Reeves’ Barber School in January 2015.
- The District began its new Proviso Evening School in January 2015.
- The District continued its articulation efforts with its feeder school districts with meetings with superintendents, administrators, and school board members from its feeder districts in July 2014 and January 2015.
- Mrs. Althea Busby, executive assistant to the superintendent, was awarded the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 2014 Dream Award by the Hillside Human Rights Commission in January 2014.
- Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart, superintendent, was awarded the Orchid Award from Top Ladies of Distinction’s West Suburban Chicago Chapter and was nominated for the National Alliance of Black School Educators’ Joseph E. Hill Superintendent of the Year Award in 2014.



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- On October 18, 2014, the Proviso East Marching Band won first place for show bands in Class 3A at the Rich Central High School Marching Band Competition in Olympia Fields. The band also was awarded first place for Best Percussion, Best Auxiliary, and Best Winds.
- 60 Proviso East NJROTC cadets were recognized at their annual inspection on March 26, 2015.
- The Proviso East National Honor Society, Student Ambassadors, Jazz Band, and Culinary Arts classes hosted visits by the Maywood Senior Club to Proviso East on April 4, 2014, and February 23, 2015.
- Mr. Tony Valente, Proviso East principal, won an Outstanding Educator Award from Representative Danny K. Davis in August 2014.
- Several student-athletes from Proviso East will continue their education and play their respective sports after signing letters of intent to several colleges for the 2015-16 school year.
- Three Proviso East seniors were named Illinois State Scholars by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission in 2014-15.
- Terry Alm, Marcus Givens, Kameron Irvin, and Kahlil Richardson, Proviso East senior football players, signed letters of intent to attend and play football at the University of Dubuque in 2015.
- 270 Proviso East students made the High, A, and B Honor Rolls during the first semester of the 2014-15 school year.
- Kalin Fisher, a senior guard, and Tyler Chisom, a sophomore forward on the Proviso East boys' basketball team, were named to the West Suburban Gold Division All-Conference Team from Proviso East.
- Da'Tasia Almon, a senior guard at Proviso East, was named to the Chicago Sun-Times' girls basketball all-area team, and Cinia McCray, a junior guard at Proviso West, was named honorable mention. In addition, Da'Tasia Almon, Cinia McCray, Diamond Copeland, and Jasmine Levy were named to the West Suburban Gold Division All-Conference Team.
- Kameron Irvin, a member of the Proviso East football, wrestling, and track teams, was recognized as an All State Academic Team nominee by the Illinois High School Association (IHSA). He also was awarded the Ken Gerdes Memorial Leadership scholarship by the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association (IWCOA) as well as all-conference and all-academic all-conference honors.
- The Proviso East High School drumline “Hitt Squad” and the PYT Dancers from Proviso East won honors at the T. Williams Divas and Gents Dance and Drumline Competition on March 7 at Percy L. Julian High School in Chicago. The “Hitt Squad” won first place in the percussion division, while the PYT Dancers won first place in the best captain solo and the best stands routine, and second place in the field show category.
- The Proviso East High School cheerleading squad won several awards, including a first place honor, at the National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) Wildcard Classic in Louisville, Kentucky, on February 21.
- The Proviso East High School jazz band was among four area high school groups to perform at the annual regional conference of the Superintendents' Commission for the Study of Demographics and Diversity January 29 through 30 at the Tinley Park Convention Center in Tinley Park.
- The Proviso East High School National Honor Society (NHS) inducted 34 new members at its spring ceremony on February 24, 2015.
- Mr. Manuel Almazan, a Proviso East science teacher, and Carolina Trujillo, a Proviso East graduating senior, were each awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by the Common Roots Initiative.



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- The Proviso West NJROTC earned high marks at its annual inspection in December 2014, with 60 cadets earning “Circle 10” Awards. It also was named a Distinguished Unit with Honors in May 2015.
- 335 Proviso West students made the High, A, and B Honor Rolls during the first semester of the 2014-15 school year.
- Taylor Pate, a Proviso West senior center on the girls’ basketball team, accepted a scholarship to continue her education and playing days at Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia, starting with the 2015-16 school year..
- Briana Wilson, a Proviso West senior, was announced as the winner of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Student Award by the Hillside Human Relations Commission on January 20, 2015.
- Corey Thomas, Kyle Smith, and Avriel Watson were awarded first, second, and third places, respectively, in the commission’s Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day art contest by the Hillside Human Relations Commission on January 20, 2015.
- Mrs. Lindsey Coppola, a Proviso West English teacher, won an Award of Recognition in the Illinois State Board of Education’s Those Who Excel Awards Program in October 2014.
- Ms. Carla Williams, a Proviso West guidance counselor, won an Outstanding Educator Award from Representative Danny K. Davis in August 2014.
- Mark Martinez, a Proviso West senior, scored a 35 out of a possible 36 on the ACT college entrance exam in 2014.
- The new Project Lead the Way pre-engineering class began at Proviso West in August 2014.
- Patricia Vazquez, a Proviso West senior, was named the winner of an \$180,000 scholarship from the U.S. Navy.
- Mark Martinez and Peyton Greenwood, Proviso West seniors, were named winners of Dr. Ron Edmonds Scholarships by the Superintendents’ Commission for the Study of Demographics and Diversity.
- The Proviso West High School National Honor Society (NHS) inducted 42 new members at its ceremonies in November 2014 and April 2015.
- Khalil Walker, a senior guard at Proviso West, and Lorenzo Moore, a senior forward at Proviso West, were named honorable mention on Suburban Life Media’s all-area boys’ basketball team. In addition, Khalil and a fellow Proviso West senior guard, Jamonte Robinson, were named to the West Suburban Silver Division All-Conference Team.
- Mariah Henry, a sophomore guard at Proviso West, and Taylor Pate, a senior center, were named to Suburban Life Media’s all-area girls basketball team, with Coleanna Funches, a senior forward at Proviso West, named as honorable mention on Suburban Life Media’s all-area girls basketball team. In addition, Mariah Henry and Myia Thomas, both sophomores, were named to the the West Suburban Silver Division All-Conference Team.
- Ten Proviso West seniors were named Illinois State Scholars by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission in 2014-15.
- Jamante Steward, a Proviso West track athlete, earned the number one ranking in the state and number five ranking in the nation in the high jump during the 2015 season.
- Ten Proviso West students were named winners in the 34th Annual 7th Congressional District Danny K. Davis High School Art Competition - An Artistic Discovery in April 2015.
- Limni Jimenez, a graduating Proviso West senior, was named to the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) National Student Leadership Council for the 2015-2016 school year.
- The Proviso West Marching Band won first place for best drum major and best auxiliary at the Proviso East Battle of the Bands on May 16, 2015.



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Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy

- PMSA was named one of the top 500 high schools in the United States by Newsweek magazine. This included a top 10 ranking among the Illinois schools on the list and third among Illinois schools when socioeconomic status is factored in. It was named a top high school in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.
- PMSA began the year as a candidate school for the Diploma Programme as it pursues authorization as an International Baccalaureate World School.
- Logan Curry, a PMSA 2014 graduate, was accepted into the United States Naval Academy in February 2014.
- Ms. Erin Mason, a PMSA English teacher, won an Award of Recognition in the Illinois State Board of Education’s Those Who Excel Awards Program in October 2014.
- Harlan Kuhr, a PMSA senior, scored a 35 out of a possible 36 on the ACT college entrance exam in April 2014. He also was named a finalist for a National Merit Scholarship.
- Twenty-four PMSA seniors were named Illinois State Scholars by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission in 2014-15.
- Azher Jaweed, a PMSA senior, was awarded a full QuestBridge Scholarship valued at \$64,000 over four years from National College Match. He will attend Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut, on a full-ride scholarship.
- Kelechi Agwuncha and Stefan King, PMSA seniors, were named winners of Dr. Ron Edmonds Scholarships by the Superintendents’ Commission for the Study of Demographics and Diversity.
- Nadia Love, a PMSA senior, was named a winner of a National Achievement Scholarship.
- Alexis Minervini, a PMSA senior who plays goalkeeper on the Proviso West High School girls soccer team, signed a letter of intent on March 5 to attend Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- The PMSA National Honor Society (NHS) inducted 34 new members at its annual ceremony on December 3, 2014.
- Faculty, staff, and students at PMSA raised \$1,082 for the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life in May 2015.
- Erick Rodriguez, a PMSA junior, earned the first perfect 36 score on the ACT college entrance exam in school history in April 2015.
- Kelechi Agwuncha, a PMSA senior, won a gold medal in both filmmaking and sculpture at the DuPage County ACT-SO 36th annual Local Competition in April 2015.