

Attendance and Graduation Rates 2003-2004 School Year

	Graduation Rate School 2003-2004	Graduation Rate District 2003-2004	Graduation Rate State 2002-2003	Attendance Rate School 2003-2004	Attendance Rate District 2003-2004	Attendance Rate State 2002-2003
All students	95%	95%	87%	96%	96%	93%
Gender						
Males	54%	54%	85%	96%	96%	94%
Females	46%	46%	88%	95%	95%	94%
Race/Ethnicity						
White	99%	99%	91%	96%	96%	95%
Other Groups						
IEP	100%	100%	82%	94%	94%	93%
Economically Disadvantaged	93%	93%	76%	94%	94%	92%

Professional Qualifications of Teachers 2003-2004

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act requires that all teachers in Title I schools be “highly qualified.” Pennsylvania defines highly qualified as holding a valid Pennsylvania certificate in the area in which the teacher is teaching. Our elementary center receives Title I funding and, therefore, is a Title I school. All of our teachers in the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center are highly qualified.

In the 2003-2004 school year, one high school teacher taught outside of his certification area. The state has emergency certified the teacher in this area. The teacher holds a valid Pennsylvania teaching certificate in a field closely related to this emergency certificate. Emergency certification renders a teacher not highly qualified, but only in the area in which the teacher holds an emergency certificate.

In addition, the state has recently required content area certificates for middle school teachers who teach English, science, social studies, or math in grades 7 and 8. Teachers falling into this category may continue to teach with their elementary certificates until the end of the 2005-2006 school year. They are not counted as highly qualified. The one middle school teacher who falls into this category intends to receive content area certification by the end of the 2005-2006 school year.

1% of our staff did not meet the “highly qualified” requirements for the 2003-2004 school year.

Highly Qualified Teachers

A highly qualified teacher, according to the U.S. Department of Education, is fully certified, has a bachelor's degree and has completed a content area major OR has passed a content area test in the subject he/she is assigned to teach. In Pennsylvania, a fully certified teacher must have a bachelor's degree, a content area major AND have passed a content area test. In addition, fully certified teachers in Pennsylvania have completed pedagogical course work in education, including student teaching.

	Highly Qualified ¹		Emergency Certifications ²	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
District				
Total	94	98%	1	1%

Footnotes:

¹ Includes classroom teachers only.

² Includes all professionals, not just classroom teachers.

Wattsburg Area Elementary Center

No Child Left Behind requires all schools to be included in the state accountability system. Because some schools are configured with no students in a PSSA tested grade, the Pennsylvania Department of Education has no PSSA scores to account for them. Therefore, PDE has adopted an interim policy of identifying schools that feed into 5th grade schools.

The determination for AYP status for the feeder school(s) is the overall performance of the district's 5th grade on the mathematics and reading assessments. Attendance, participation rate, and performance of subgroups are not examined in determining the feeder schools(s) AYP status. Since the Wattsburg Area Middle School 5th grade has achieved AYP, its feeder school, Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, is also deemed to have achieved AYP.

5th Grade District Results 2003-2004		
Math	Reading	
54%	55%	
Feeder School Results		Made AYP
Wattsburg Area Elementary School		Yes