Kerkstra Elem School
14950 Laramie Ave Oak Forest, IL 60452  (708) 687-2860

Grades: 1 - 5
District: Forest Ridge SD 142
Principal: Mr. Jeff Kulik
Superintendent: Dr. Paul McDermott

Student Characteristics
- White: 61%
- Black: 13%
- Hispanic: 19%
- Asian: 2%
- American Indian: 0%
- Two or more races: 4%
- Pacific Islander: 0%
- Low Income: 36%
- English Learners: 11%
- With IEPs: 25%
- With Disabilities: -
- Homeless: 1%

Academic Success
All Illinois students in grades 3-8 take the IAR assessment each year. High school students take the SAT in English Language Arts and Math.

English Language Arts

Mathematics

Success by Student Group
This display shows IAR ELA & Math performance levels for each student group. No data is shown for groups with fewer than 10 students.

English Language Arts

Mathematics

School Environment
The 5Essentials Survey allows students in grades 6-12 and all teachers to share their perspectives on essential conditions for learning. The anonymous survey consists of 5 components.

Response Rates
- Students: 87%
- Teachers: 100%

Effective Leaders
Do principals and teachers implement a shared vision for success?

Collaborative Teachers
Do teachers collaborate to promote professional growth?

Ambitious Instruction
Are classes challenging and engaging?

Supportive Environment
Is the school safe, demanding, and supportive?

Involved Families
Does the entire staff build strong external relationships?

Student Attendance and Mobility
Attendance Rate
Rate at which students are present at school, not including excused or unexcused absences

Chronic Absenteeism
Percentage of students who miss 10% or more of school days per year either with or without a valid excuse

Student Mobility
Percentage of students who transfer in or out of the school during the school year, not including graduates

Teacher Retention
Percentage of full time teachers who return to the same school year to year
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School Highlights

Academic Courses
The mission of G. Kerkstra Elementary School is to create and maintain an environment that ensures that every member of the school community reaches a high level of academic achievement. We ensure that every child grows as a learner, person, and citizen by employing best practices and committing to a comprehensive system of support.

Physical Education, Heath and Wellness
Basketball, Bowling, Dance, flag football, Floor Hockey, Frisbee, Jump Rope, Kickball, School Breakfast Program, Soccer, Softball, Team Handball, Track/Fitness, Volleyball

Career Development Courses and Programs

Athletics
Intramural Sports

Other Programs and Activities
Before/After School Care, Book Fair, Choir, Coding Club, Community Food Drive, Dimes for Down Syndrome, Drama Club, Early Act Club, EarlyAct Club, Family Movie Night, Family Reading Night, Fire Prevention Week, Grandparent's Day, Jump Rope for Heart, Open House, Parent Teacher Association, Parent Visititation Day, Parent/Teacher Conferences, Pediatric Oncology Toy Drive, Red Ribbon Week, Success Club, Summer

School Awards
Academic Award, Albert Davis Award, Ann Guelle Citizenship Award, Four-Way Test Award, Outstanding Achievement Award, PAW Award, PBIS Top Three Award, Perfect Attendance, Presidential Fitness Awards, Robert Schuit Leadership Award, Six Flags Read to Succeed Award, Student of the Month, VFW Americanism Essay Award

School-Level Finance
The Every Student Succeeds Act requires LEAs to report school-level expenditure data, beginning with School Year 18-19 data. LEAs are required to report actual personnel and non-personnel expenditures of both site-specific and district centralized expenditures. Expenditures are shown at the site level and must be disaggregated by source of funds (federal vs. state/local). These data are self-reported and may differ from AFR data.

$9,855

$9,126

School District

Educator Measures
This school has had 2 principal(s) over the past 6 years. In the last three years, an average of 78% of teachers return to this school each year.

Facilities

School Personnel Resources
English as a Second Language Teacher, Paraprofessional, Reading Teacher, School Nurse, School Psychologist, School Social Worker, Special Education Teacher, Speech Language Pathology Teacher

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Most of this data has been collected by ISBE from school districts through data systems. Some information, such as the School Highlights, is entered directly by principals and can be updated throughout the year.