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Herron High School ranks #1 of all middle schools and high schools statewide, all K-12 schools in Marion Co. - Receives “Exemplary Progress” status from the DOE.

INDIANAPOLIS: The Indiana Department of Education released its P.L.221 results today giving Herron High School the top ranking of all Marion County K-12 schools and the #1 ranking of all middle schools and high schools statewide, designating Herron as achieving “Exemplary Progress.”

Indiana’s comprehensive accountability system for K-12 education, P.L.221 (Public Law 221) uses ISTEP scores and AYP status (Annual Yearly Progress) to measure both performance and improvement levels as it tracks student progress from year to year.

Herron students showed a phenomenal 19.6% improvement in ISTEP scores and were one of only three Marion County public schools to have achieved their Annual Yearly Progress goals. This achievement continues an academic winning streak: Last year Herron High School’s ISTEP results showed students outperforming IPS and Marion County schools by scoring highest in both Math and Language Arts.

"The results are not an accident," said Greg Lineweaver. "High expectations always promote a culture of high achievement. This type of academic growth validates our expectations and reinforces what we already believe: we are building a strong foundation and we have excellent teachers."

Lineweaver, Herron’s Director of Instructional Practice, believes educational achievement is dependent upon the teachers who think every day of new ways to reach and challenge the students.

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Herron High School's classical liberal arts focus allows teachers to present material creatively and offers students the opportunity to approach knowledge in unique and innovative ways. This kind of personal engagement combined with a rigorous curriculum and a culture of community service inspires students from diverse backgrounds to learn to think with discernment and exercise personal responsibility.

The result is a natural learning environment in which students gain confidence in their ability. This confidence is reflected in Herron High School's PL221 rating. When students believe they can achieve, they perform at higher levels, sometimes surpassing their own expectations. Herron High School serves a diverse student body with 38% of its students participating in the Free and Reduced Lunch program and includes special needs and at risk children.

"Our intent is that students learn to see themselves as world class citizens, prepared for the challenges of college and life beyond college, equipped with the intellectual tools they'll need to succeed and just as importantly, as capable leaders in the increasingly interconnected global community," said Principal Janet McNeal. "We're extremely proud of the progress we've made and look to the future with high expectations for all our students."

About Herron High School

Herron High School is a college preparatory school serving the near north side and surrounding communities. Founded in 2005 and located at 16th and Pennsylvania, Herron High School is a public charter school open to all students. Dedicated to providing a classical liberal arts education for students in grades nine through twelve, Herron uses an integrated curriculum and creative methodology, applying a timeline approach to aid students in assimilating knowledge by connecting logical relationships between subjects. With small class sizes and individualized attention, a classical education approach that includes Latin, art, music and rhetoric as well as rigorous math and science classes, Herron High School provides a truly unique high school experience for its students. With an enrollment capped around 400 students, Herron High School will graduate its first full class of seniors in 2010. Herron High School is not associated with Herron School of Art and Design at IUPUI. For more information, visit www.herronhighschool.org.

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