



## 2017 SCHOOL PROFILES

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### ***Message from the Principal:***

Dear Ator Families,

As you look over the results from last year's assessments, you will notice that more students struggled on last year's test than in previous years. This is because the state changed the expectations for Oklahoma students. I want to make it clear that the change in test score does not mean that students are learning less. Results on the new assessments cannot be compared with last year's results since the old scores are from an old test based on the former standards. Our test results tell us that we have a long way to go to meet the rigorous new standards. We have work to do in many different areas.

Our efforts in the upcoming years will focus on:

- Helping students gain the knowledge and skills that they need to think and work at a deeper level
- Supporting students to think critically about what they read
- Helping students to understanding the conceptual side of math
- Building students' abilities to apply what they have learned to real world experiences

Seeing a change in scores can be challenging for any parent, school, or community, but we know that where we are now only marks a beginning. We all want the same thing: for all of our children to succeed in 21st century college and careers, and to be good citizens. The updated standards are new and challenging. We know that students won't be able to meet these standards without the support of teachers, parents and our community.

You will also notice that we have work to do surrounding attendance. We need you to make sure your child is at school every day. Students are able to retain and apply more information when they are present at school. We are very fortunate to be in a district and community that supports our students. I look forward to continuing the work together as a team to ensure all students are prepared for the path they choose!

Your Principal,

Jennifer Newton