



2019–20

Bridges Community School Report to the School Board



Nov. 4, 2019



Strategic Direction A: Improve learning and development for ALL students

- Initiative: Increase proficiency for students who consistently score below the 60th percentile in reading. (2 or more years) Opportunities for growth;
 - Reading Corps
 - Intervention (PRESS and activities focused on specific areas of development)
 - Tiered group instruction
- Initiative: Build and sustain DIBELS benchmark goals for all;
 - Individual goals based on Fall DIBELS data
 - Progress monitoring in the classroom and with intervention and special education teacher
 - Collaborate with Mentor Coach to create stronger focus in groups
 - Home book packs
- On-going initiative: Identify student strengths and offer opportunities for challenge;
 - All teachers 3-5 trained in Talent Development
 - Opportunities for all students to participate in challenge work
 - One to one chromebooks 3rd - 5th grade
 - Annual Science Fair - open to all students 3rd - 5th grade.



Strategic Direction A: Improve learning and development for ALL students- social/emotional growth

- Initiative: Decrease the major behavior incidents for identified students. Bridges goal is to help all students be successful in all areas of student growth and citizenship. We have a variety of ways to work with students individually, in small group, large group and school wide.
 - Lifeskills and Lifelong Guidelines: The five Lifelong Guidelines provide consistent parameters and expectations of conduct in our school community. They are the social outcomes we set for our school community ensuring that all students are in an environment that encourages exploring, discovering, and learning.
 - Zones of Regulation and Second Step: Programs to help students identify their threshold of tolerance and an understanding of social cues and norms. Zones are accomplished in one to one and small group. Second Step is offered in social groups as well as introduced in each classroom during Morning Meeting.
 - Restorative Circles, Friendship Groups, and New Student Groups are conducted through our counseling program. Parents are included in the decision to have their child participate in a Restorative Circle.
 - Parent Communication: Bridges uses PBIS to build our citizenship skills. Parents are an important part of PBIS and Lifeskills. We need our parents to understand and work with us as we help their child become the best person he/she can be.



- Daily Community Groups
- All School Meetings
- Parent Communication
- Embedded throughout the day, week, and year.

Lifelong Guidelines

- Trustworthiness ~ To act in a manner that makes one worthy of trust and confidence
Truthfulness ~ To be honest about things and feelings with oneself and others
Active Listening ~ To listen with the intention of understanding what the speaker intends to communicate
No Put-Downs ~ To never use words, actions and/or body language that degrade, humiliate, or dishonor others
Personal Best ~ To do one's best given the circumstances and available resources

LIFESKILLS

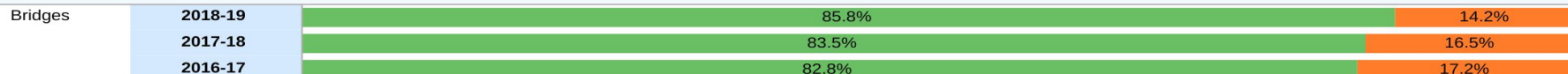
- Caring ~ To feel and show concern for others
Common Sense ~ To use good judgment
Cooperation ~ To work together toward a common goal or purpose
Courage ~ To act according to one's beliefs despite fear of adverse consequences
Creativity ~ To generate ideas; To create something original or redesign through imaginative skill
Curiosity ~ A desire to investigate and seek understanding of one's world
Effort ~ To do your best
Flexibility ~ To be willing to alter plans when necessary
Friendship ~ To make and keep a friend through mutual trust and caring
Initiative ~ To do something, of one's own free will, because it needs to be done
Integrity ~ To act according to a sense of what's right and wrong
Organization ~ To plan, arrange, and implement in an orderly way; to keep things orderly and ready to use
Patience ~ To wait calmly for someone or something
Perseverance ~ To keep at it
Pride ~ Satisfaction from doing one's personal best
Problem Solving ~ To create solutions to difficult situations and everyday problems
Resourcefulness ~ To respond to challenges and opportunities in innovative and creative ways
Responsibility ~ To respond when appropriate; to be accountable for one's actions
Sense of Humor ~ To laugh and be playful without harming others



Academic Achievement Data - Elementary

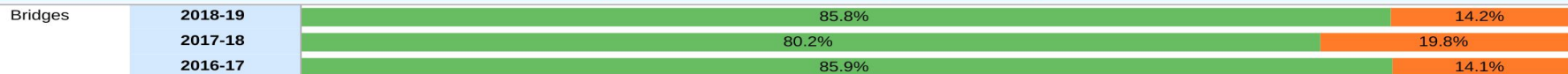
MCA Math Trend

Bridges MCA Proficiency - Math

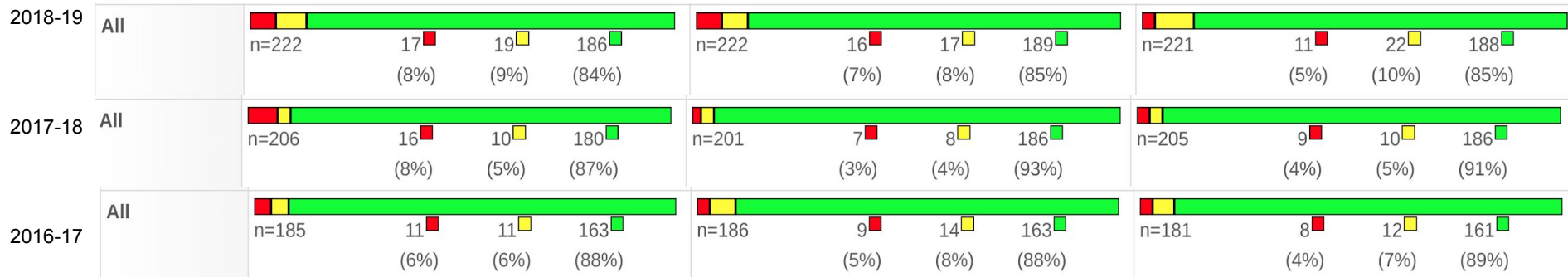


MCA Reading Trend

Bridges MCA Proficiency - Reading



DIBELS Trend





Attendance Data

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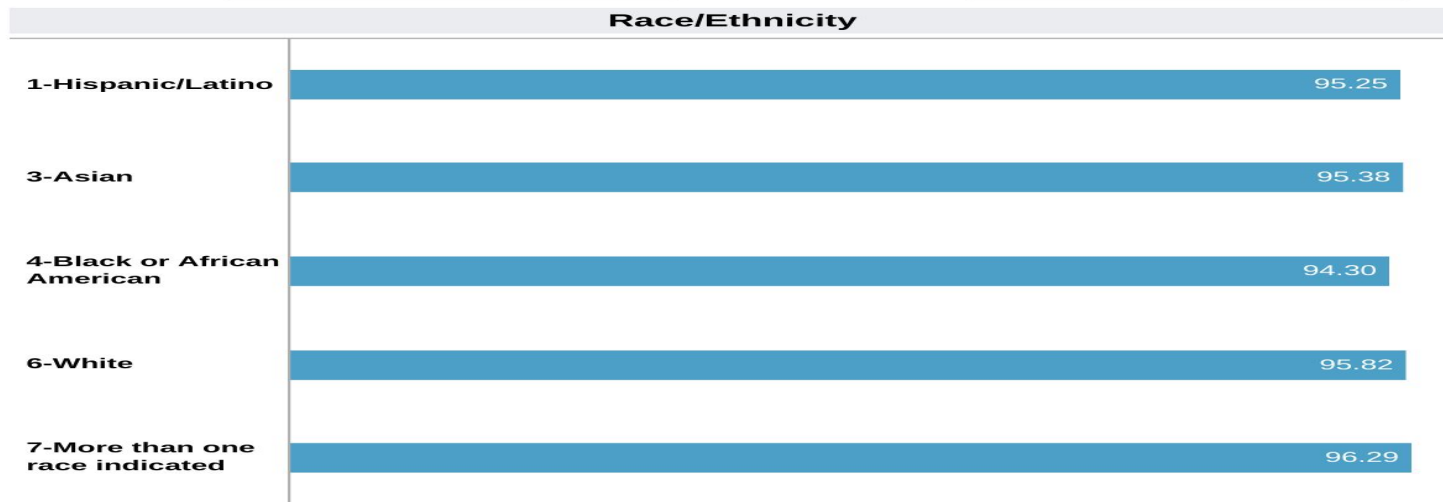
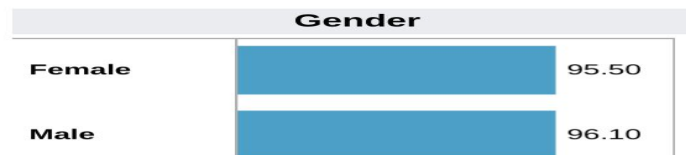
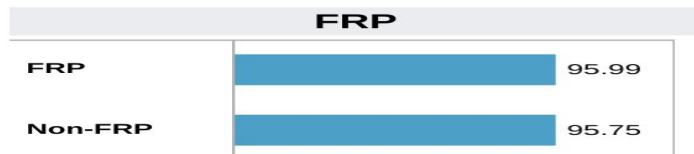
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Bridges Highlights

Bridges is celebrating our 20th year in operation with 244 students / 165 families.

- **Students DIBELS, NWEA and MCA data continue to be at 80% or higher for proficiency or exceeding standards.**
- **Daily community groups support our students across grade levels and beyond Bridges.**
- **Our kids love to learn in the classroom and outside.**
 - **History Fest**
 - **SM Children's Museum**
 - **Science and Nature Conference**
 - **Young Writers and Artists Conference**
 - **Taylor Library**
 - **Simple Machines Museum and more....**



Bridges Highlights

Bridges celebrations continued:

- **A Great Team**
 - **2 Office Support / Principal / Custodial (3) / Food Service (2)**
 - **12 classroom teachers / 7 Specialists / Mentor Coach**
 - **Intervention teacher, Resource teacher, Counselor .5, Psychologist, Social Worker**
 - **Paraprofessional support (6) / Student Success support (1)**
 - **Site Council / Bridges Advisory Council (BAC)**



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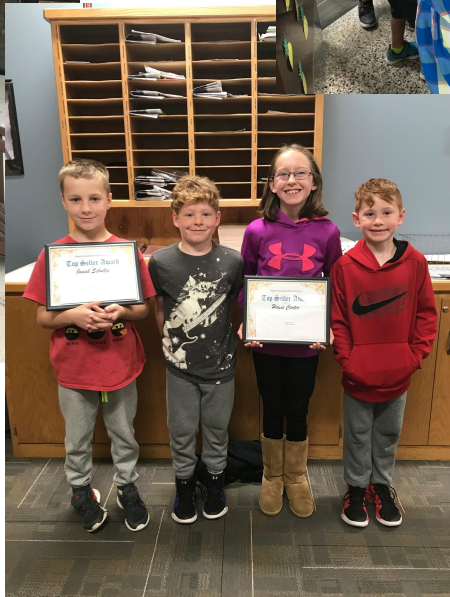
Bridges Advisory Council (BAC):

- **We love our parent support**
 - **BAC includes all parents as members supporting students everyday in the classroom and with special events.**
 - **Fundraisers: Walk A Thon 10/4/19 / Spaghetti Dinner - Silent Auction 4/23/20**
 - **School supplies / Snack cart for all**
 - **Classroom instructional needs**
 - **Bus and ticket costs for “being there” experiences**
 - **Family events: Picnic in the Park, Movie Nights, Evening at the Museum**
 - **End of Year Celebration and more....**



We Are Bridges Community School







Thank You!

Questions?