



November Family Update

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ADM Families,

As hard as it may be to believe, Thanksgiving is next week. I love this holiday and I hope you all have a great time with family and friends during this special time of year. We continue to roll through the school year at ADM and it seems crazy that we are already developing the 2023-24 school calendar. Be sure to read the information below about the draft calendar and please provide feedback. I also hope that you will take a few moments to read through the other sections in this update that feature our performance on the ACT and the Iowa School Performance Profiles. Our mission is to ensure all students learn at high levels and we are expending a ton of effort to do just that! It is a great time to be a Tiger!

DRAFT 2023-24 School Calendar: **Calendar Feedback**

The following proposed 2023-24 DRAFT ADM Academic School Calendar has been developed, reviewed by the Board, and is being shared for feedback from families and staff. ADM's calendar is considered an "hours calendar" which must include a minimum of 1080 student instructional hours to meet state requirements.

The Proposed Calendar Includes:

- 1095 instructional hours
- 176 days of student attendance
- 189 contractual days for certified staff

Key Academic Dates Proposed 2023-24 Calendar Include:

- First Day of School: 8/23/23
 - Reminder: The earliest allowed start date by the state of Iowa is August 23.
- Thanksgiving Break: 11/22/23-11/26/23
 - Includes 11/24/23 teacher comp day for conferences
- Winter Break: 12/22/23-1/2/24
- Spring Break: 3/11/24-3/17/24
 - Includes 3/8/24 teacher comp day for conferences and aligns with area schools and DMACC spring break dates
- Seniors Last Day: 5/22/24
- Commencement: 5/24/24
- Last Day of School: 5/29/24

New Features and Changes of the Proposed Calendar

- No School / Flex Teacher Work Day: Friday, September 29
 - Students will not report to school on 9/29/23.
 - This non-attendance day for students will be part of a flex teacher work day for teachers.
 - Note: Teachers are required to work 8 hours between the dates of 8/1-8/15 and/or on 9/29.
- No School / Teacher Work Day: Friday, April 26
 - Students will not report to school on 4/26/24.
 - ADM teachers will complete a full work day.
- Student Attendance Days: Reduced from 177 to 176
 - In previous school years ADM has had 177 days of student attendance.
 - The draft calendar reduces the school days from 177 to 176 in order to provide teachers with a work day on April 26.
 - This approach still allows ADM to meet the required number of hours for student attendance.
- Commencement Ceremony: Friday, May 24
 - Commencement has been moved from Sunday to Friday to provide easier travel and flexibility for families over the Memorial Day Weekend.
 - A survey for feedback about this specific change will be sent to all families of current 9-11 grade students.

Public Hearing: **12/12/23 @ 6:00PM**

A public hearing for the proposed 2023-24 Academic School Calendar will take place on December 12 at 6:00 PM at the next regular board meeting. Families and staff are encouraged to provide their feedback about the draft calendar using the links below by 12/2/22.

[View Proposed Academic Calendar](#)

[Provide Feedback \(Complete by 12/2/22\)](#)

Enrollment Projections

In June, the ADM Board of Education received updated 10 year enrollment projections from RSP and Associates. The enrollment projections indicate steady growth to occur over the next 10 years. ADM will use this information to help identify building capacities and anticipated enrollment pressures to occur in ADM buildings over the next several years. View the full enrollment projections here: [ADM Enrollment Projections \(pg 35 and 35\)](#)



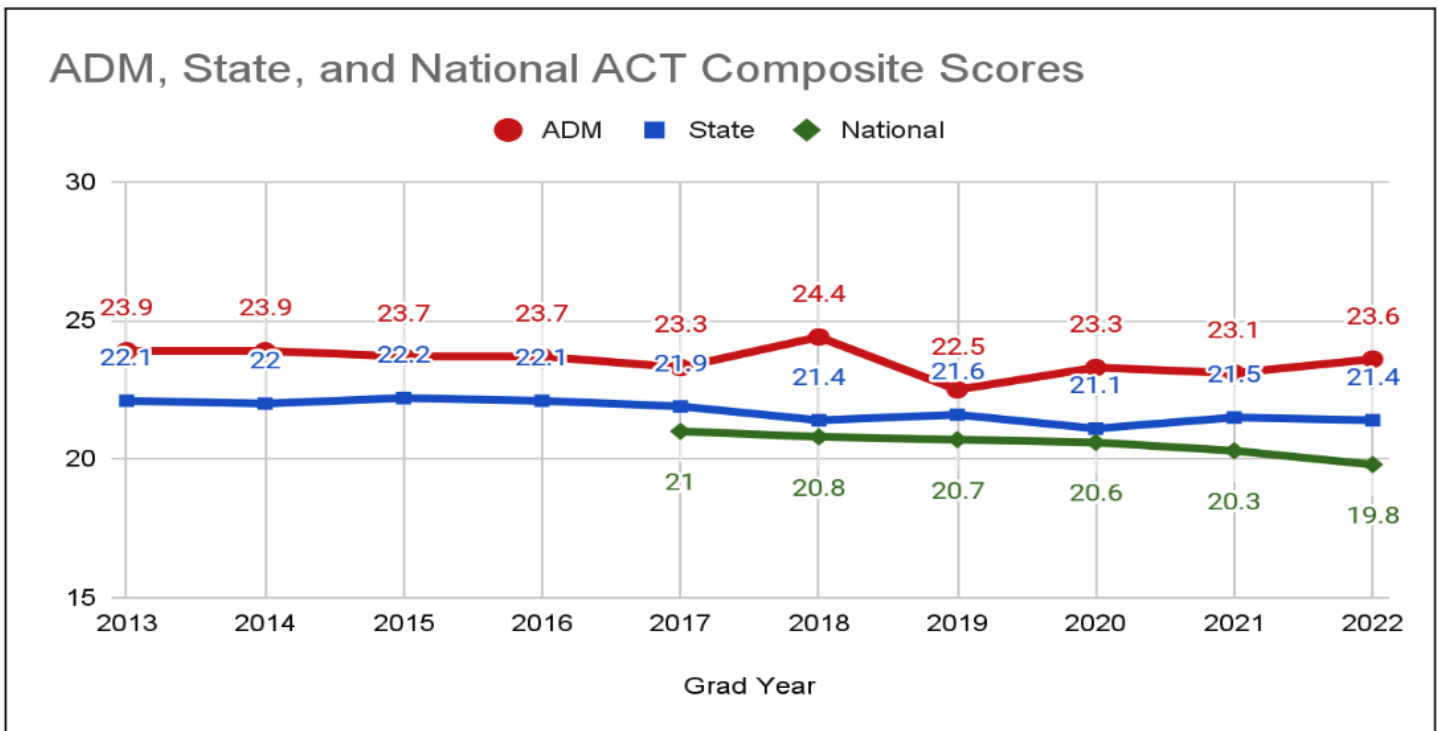
Facility Master Planning

In October, the ADM Board of Education approved a facility master planning committee to identify and prioritize the needs of current and future facilities in the district. The committee is composed of parents, the mayors Adel, DeSoto, and Minburn, teachers, and administrators. The committee will meet multiple times over the next several months.

The first Facility Master Planning Committee meeting will take place on December 5, 2022 at the District Administration Center. Non-Committee members are welcome to attend and observe the meeting. A list of the 2022 Facility Master Planning Committee members can be viewed here: [2022 ADM Facility Master Planning Committee](#)

ADM High School ACT Performance

In late October, ADM received the composite ACT scores for the class of 2022. ADM's 2022 graduating class ACT composite score was 23.6. The State of Iowa's ACT composite score was 21.4 and the national composite score was 19.8. While ADM's composite score has increased over the past 4 years, the national composite score was the lowest in 30 years.



Reminder: Student Assistance Program

ADM has recently partnered with Employee and Family Resources (EFR) to provide a formal Student Assistance Program (SAP). ADM's Student Assistance Program is confidential, free, and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please read the following overview for more information about this important and FREE program: [ADM Student Assistance Program](#)

A Focus On Learning and Results: Iowa School Performance Profiles (ISPP)

Travis Wilkins, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning and Communication

Iowa School Performance Profiles (ISPP): Each year the Iowa Department of Education updates new results to an online school accountability reporting system called the Iowa School Performance Profiles (ISPP). The Iowa School Performance Profiles launched in 2018 and serve as a public report for all public schools.

What The ISPP Measures: The ISPP report generates an overall score and rating for each building in each school district. The score is determined by multiple measures that include district and building performance in areas such as student academic growth, student academic proficiency, graduation rate, postsecondary readiness, a conditions for learning survey, and more.

Ratings: Schools can earn the following ratings: Exceptional, High Performing, Commendable, Acceptable, Needs Improvement, and Priority. Below are ADM's ratings since the Iowa School Performance Profiles were launched in 2018.

	AE	MV	DI	MS	HS
2018	Commendable (57.85)	NA	Commendable (57.85)	Commendable (57.85)	Acceptable (53.1)
2019	Acceptable (50.01)	NA	Acceptable (50.01)	Acceptable (54.33)	Commendable (59.85)
2021	Commendable (59.56)	NA	Commendable (59.56)	High Performing (62.37)	High Performing (63.43)
2022	High Performing (66.20)	High Performing (66.20)	Commendable (59.59)	Exceptional (66.97)	High Performing (61.05)

Key Points: Below are key highlights and celebrations from ADM's 2022 ratings.

- **ADM High School:** Ranked 23 out of all high schools in the state of Iowa. ADM High School is one of only 28 high schools in Iowa to receive a "High Performing" ranking. No high schools in Iowa received an "Exceptional Rating."
- **ADM Middle School:** Ranked 3 out of all middle schools in the state of Iowa and is only one of 3 Middle Schools in Iowa to receive an "Exceptional Rating."
- **DeSoto Intermediate:** Missed moving up to the "High Performing" ranking by 1.02 points.
- **Meadow View Elementary:** Ranked 18 out of all Elementary Schools in Iowa. Only 16 elementary schools earned an "Exceptional Rating." Meadow View Elementary missed the "Exceptional Rating" by 0.11 points.
- **Adel Elementary:** Due to AE only serving students in grades PS-1, it automatically receives the same score as Meadow View Elementary.

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

Greg Dufoe

ADM Superintendent