

Lincoln Elementary School District No. 27
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Each year the Illinois State Board of Education and Northern Illinois University recognizes schools in the state to spotlight for academic excellence. This year three of the schools in District 27 received this award: Central, Washington-Monroe, and Northwest Schools. Spotlight schools recognize the achievements of high-poverty, high-performing schools. According to NIU's Center for Governmental Studies, the common characteristics of these schools include strong leaders who advocate high expectations for all students, emphasis on early literacy and intervention for struggling readers, exceptional teachers, parental involvement, regular use of data to drive instructional decisions, high quality, school-based professional development, and attention to health and safety needs of students.

We are very proud of the work these educators consistently do to provide an outstanding education to our students in District 27, and we are gratified that they are recognized for excellence. I would like to congratulate the administrators, teachers, parents, and students for all of their hard work.

Mary Ahillen, Superintendent