

South Lyon Community Schools

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On January 10, 2013, [Bridge Magazine](#), in collaboration with the Lansing-based research firm of Public Sector Consultants, created a ranking system measuring a school's test scores adjusted for student family income, which is often a predictor of academic achievement. In essence, it is a ranking not of achievement, but **overachievement**. In other words, the analysis shows which Michigan schools do the best job in adding value – helping students succeed beyond expected achievement.

According to the analysis, a Value-Added Matrix (VAM) score of 100 indicates students are achieving at expected levels for their income level. The higher a school's score, the better their students are performing on standardized tests. Scores below 100 indicate that students are not achieving at expected levels for their income level.

With a VAM of 109.08, South Lyon Community Schools ranks in the state's top 8%; 43rd overall out of 560 school districts. In Oakland County, South Lyon ranks 3rd out of the 28 school districts. (See the chart below for Oakland County rankings.)

This study's data is only one tool we use to evaluate our yearly progress and shows positive results for South Lyon Community Schools. While this is only one indicator of our ongoing efforts for academic improvement, it does show that all of our schools continue to do great work at meeting the needs of all learners.

STATE RANKING	OAKLAND COUNTY DISTRICTS	VAM
	ABOVE EXPECTED LEVELS	
10	Bloomfield	112.91
36	Troy	109.4
43	South Lyon	109.08
52	Rochester	108.42
92	Novi	105.73
100	Birmingham	105.45
109	Lake Orion	105.05
117	Walled Lake	104.84
133	Huron	104.24

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	Valley	
140	West Bloomfield	104.08
176	Clarkston	102.8
205	Berkley	102.07
211	Holly	101.88
220	Farmington	101.63
236	Royal Oak	101.18
	BELOW EXPECTED LEVELS	
297	Brandon	99.76
299	Avondale	99.65
310	Clarenceville	99.43
368	Madison Heights	97.75
378	Ferndale	97.45
385	Oxford	97.22
396	Waterford	96.89
423	Lamphere	95.93
436	Hazel Park	95.44
496	Clawson	92.46
509	Southfield	91.33
512	Oak Park	90.92
548	Pontiac	86.41

<http://bridgemi.com/2013/01/state-champs-see-how-your-local-district-ranks/>

Mission Statement

In support of our community, the mission of the South Lyon Community Schools is to provide the highest quality educational process so that all students can excel as individuals and become contributing members of society.