

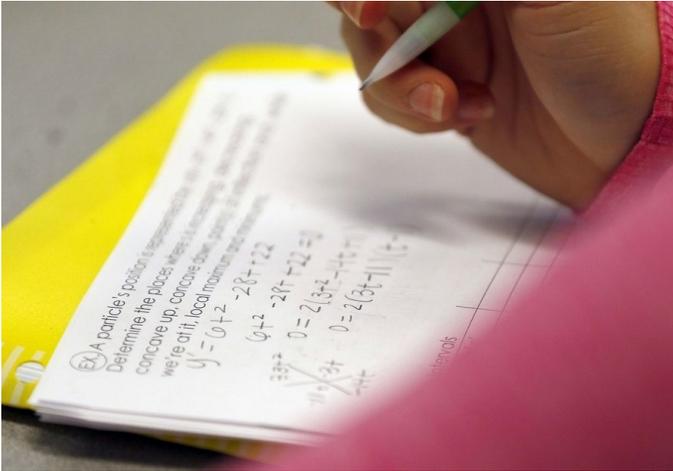
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-Daily Herald -

What you need to know about school report cards coming out Monday

By: Madhu Krishnamurthy

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The 2023 Illinois School Report Card releases Monday with comprehensive data on student performance on standardized tests and how well they are meeting other educational goals. (Brian Hill | Staff Photographer)

Parents and educators will get a glimpse into how their schools and students are performing statewide when the 2023 Illinois School Report Card data comes out Monday.

The annual school report card provides a snapshot of how students are progressing on a wide range of educational goals. School quality is measured through multiple indicators of student success -- standardized tests, alternative assessments, academic growth, English language and mathematics proficiency, science scores, fine arts participation, success on college entrance tests and graduation rates, as well as factors such as chronic absenteeism and school climate surveys.

Here are five things you need to know about the report card:

- **Standardized tests:** The Illinois Assessment of Readiness in English language arts and math administered each spring to students in third through eighth grades; the Illinois Science Assessment taken by fifth-, eighth- and 11th-graders; and the SAT college entrance exam taken by 11th-graders.

The tests measure student growth and proficiency in meeting state standards.

- **Student growth percentile:** It shows year-to-year progress toward meeting learning standards, that is how much a student grew compared to academic peers who started at the same level. Find out more at isbe.net/Documents/Student-Growth.pdf.
- **Proficiency:** It breaks down the percentage of students meeting or exceeding state standards, as well as the percentage of students approaching proficiency bench marks.
- **Summative designations:** The Illinois State Board of Education categorizes schools in one of four groups: exemplary, commendable, comprehensive and targeted. Schools in the exemplary category are among the highest performing top 10%, while schools in the targeted category are among the lowest performing 5%. Find out more at isbe.net/Documents/Enhanced-Summative-Designation.pdf.
- **Equity Journey Continuum:** An informational tool to help districts view their data through the lens of equity. It identifies gaps in student achievement, opportunities, and supports making the data more useful for districts to improve outcomes for students.

Parents will receive individualized report cards showing their student's assessment results, while districts can see how each school and how sub groups of students performed on the assessments to help identify gaps.

The 2023 Illinois Report Card goes live 9 a.m. Monday at illinoisreportcard.com.

- Chicago Tribune -

Sixteen players ran the ball for South Elgin, but London Leflore was best. His message? ‘All of us are trusted.’

**By: Rick Armstrong
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South Elgin's London Leflore (9) charges through Lane Tech's defense for a touchdown during a Class 8A first-round playoff game in South Elgin on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023. (Mark Kodiak Ukena/The Beacon-News)

All hands on deck.

Junior London Leflore and his teammates in **South Elgin's** running backs room are firm believers of the philosophy continually espoused over the years by coach Dragan Teonic.

Of course, many of them are also members of the Storm's strong defense.

"We're really flexible about it," Leflore said of the running backs committee, the backbone of **South Elgin's** triple-option attack. "We love that everybody on our team can run the ball.

"Everybody's athletic. First, second, third string, all of us are trusted with the ball."

Leflore was trusted as the lead back Saturday, carrying a team-high 11 times for 69 yards and one touchdown during a 55-6 rout of Lane Tech in a Class 8A first-round playoff game.

A whopping 16 players ran the ball as **South Elgin** (9-1) totaled 287 yards on 39 carries, with five players scoring TDs. The Storm limited the Champions (6-4) to 101 yards.

"It's definitely fun," said Leflore, who doubles at linebacker. "We try to get everybody in, middle linebacker, outside linebacker, defensive backs. Everybody rotates in.

"It's fun playing on both sides."



South Elgin's London Leflore (9) picks part Lane Tech's defense for a gain during a Class 8A first-round playoff game in South Elgin on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023. (Mark Kodiak Ukena/The Beacon-News)

South Elgin also had nine players score, including one on defense and one on special teams, in advancing to the second round to meet Warren (8-2), which beat Oswego 39-3.

The Storm finished with 351 yards in recording the 100th career win as a head coach for Teonic, who has had stints at Harper College, Hersey and Larkin as well as **South Elgin**.

“That’s great, but more importantly, we’re really just trying to push through as a program and get to the next level, which we’ve yet to do,” Teonic said. “We’re unique to be four years in a row and win a playoff game, which is difficult to do. Not many have done it.

“It’s hard to be in this position, so you never take it lightly. We keep knocking on the door and see if we can push through. It’s not about winning the conference. We’re attempting to win the state championship — a really difficult thing to do.”



South Elgin's Kevon Brooks (12) picks up yards against Lane Tech on a quarterback keeper during a Class 8A first-round playoff game in South Elgin on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023. (Mark Kodiak Ukena/The Beacon-News)

Junior quarterback Kevon Brooks has kept Teonic's option offense clicking in the absence of injured starter Jack Ginnan. The Storm scored on all five possessions in the first half.

D'Andre Bartee II, Darrion Thurman, Ari Kravis and Leflore had TD runs of 7, 19, 6 and 5 yards, respectively, as **South Elgin** took a 41-6 lead. Brooks connected with Francesco Macaluso on a 15-yard TD pass, which featured an outstanding one-handed grab by the sophomore tight end.

Junior defensive back Stewart Williams Jr., who is also the team's third quarterback, intercepted a pass in the second quarter and returned it 16 yards to set up one of those TDs. He later returned a punt 64 yards for a TD.

"I struggled with catching the punt last week and let one drop," Williams said. "I made a point to practice it this week.

"I saw it, caught it and had one guy to beat at about the 45. I made him miss and then saw my blockers ahead and just followed them down the field to the end zone."



South Elgin's Stewart Williams Jr. (2) comes up with an interception against Lane Tech during a Class 8A first-round playoff game in South Elgin on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023. (Mark Kodiak Ukena/The Beacon-News)

Brandon Berrios added a 10-yard TD run and Nicolas Barkho returned an interception 46 yards to close out the scoring in the third quarter, which featured a running clock.

The Storm don't have a running back who has reached 500 yards for the season, but eight players have gone for 150 yards or more.

One of those eight is Leflore.

"It's unique," Teonic said. "We switch them around a lot, but they all play defense. You want them on the field as much as possible. This is the only way we know how to roll."

- Daily Herald -

Teonic reaches 100 milestone in South Elgin's first-round blowout

By: Lou Nunez Jr.
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Thirty-five years ago, a young 8-year-old boy along with his family emigrated from the former Yugoslavia to the Chicagoland area where they eventually settled in the west suburbs.

It was there that he developed a love for the game of football -- the American kind.

Through playing at Morton High School for Jim Delach and at Harper College for John Eliasik, that love blossomed into an interest in coaching and teaching the game. That first began as an assistant to Otto Zeman at Riverside-Brookfield over 20 years ago and then to Eliasik at Harper where he went on to succeed him in 2006 guiding the now defunct program to its third and final National Junior College Athletic Association non-scholarship national title two years later.

Then, a move to the prep coaching game took place two years later in 2010 beginning at Hersey, then to **Larkin** four years later followed by a move five miles south to **South Elgin High** in 2018.

On Saturday afternoon, that individual, Dragan Teonic, won his 100th game as head coach as his squad took care of Chicago Lane Tech 55-6 in Class 8A first round action that sends the No. 6 seeded Storm (9-1) to round two next weekend where it will host No. 10 Warren (8-2), a 39-3 home winner over No. 23 Oswego (6-4).

"It's awesome," said Teonic, now with a mark of 100-66 in his head coaching career, as he held his 4-year-old daughter Elena shortly after the contest concluded. "But more importantly we're really just trying to push through as a program and get to the next level (which) we have yet to do."

On Saturday, **South Elgin** pushed their way past a Lane Tech program that was making its second straight postseason appearance and 28th overall by finding pay dirt in each of their first six possessions. Sixteen different ball carriers got in the act led by London Leflore's 63 yards on 10 carries which featured a 5-yard TD jaunt in the second quarter. The Storm were comfortably ahead 34-6 with 3:42 remaining until halftime.

South Elgin finished with 265 yards on the ground (329 yards total) behind a line consisting of seniors Joey Cronin, Tommy Roath and Diego Cabello, and juniors Jayvin Thongsakounh and Aaron

Ayares.

"On the (offensive) line it's basically like a brotherhood," Cronin said. "Ever since summer camp you try a bunch of guys at different positions and over the season we found the right guys at the right spots and over that time we grew together, learned what we're best at and really just became one big family."

The Storm's defense also kept that family mantra by holding the visiting Champions (6-4) to just 97 yards. Only a 4-yard keeper by quarterback Noah Mayra in the second quarter was the lone blemish.

Lane Tech's season will continue on next weekend as it returns to the CPS/Prep Bowl playoffs while Teonic observed the program's fourth consecutive year with a postseason victory.

"It's unique," he said. "(It's) difficult to do and there's not many schools that have done it and it's hard to be in this position so never take it lightly (and) keep knocking on this door and see if we can burst through."

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First round playoff football scores

10/28/2023

Football playoffs

Class 8A

No. 32 Plainfield North (4-5) at No. 1 Loyola Academy (9-0), 1 p.m. Saturday

No. 16 Neuqua Valley 31, No. 17 Palatine 17

No. 8 Huntley 26, No. 25 Niles West 14

No. 29 West Aurora (5-4) at No. 4 Edwardsville (8-1), 2 p.m. Saturday

No. 20 Naperville North (6-3) at No. 13 Glenbard West (7-2), 1 p.m. Saturday

No. 28 Homewood-Flossmoor (5-4) at No. 5 York (8-1), 1 p.m. Saturday

No. 21 Lyons Twp. 31, No. 12 Stevenson 6

No. 26 Lane (6-3) at No. 7 **South Elgin** (8-1), 1 p.m. Saturday

No. 10 Warren 39, No. 23 Oswego 3

No. 3 Barrington 42, No. 30 Glenbrook South 18

No. 14 Naperville Central 31, No. 19 Downers Grove South 22

No. 6 Maine South 35, No. 27 Lockport 0

No. 11 Belleville East 70, No. 22 East Aurora 0

Class 7A

No. 17 St. Charles North (6-3) at No. 16 Bradley-Bourbonnais (6-3), 6 p.m. Saturday

No. 25 Addison Trail 21, No. 8 Lincoln Park 18

No. 9 Glenbard East 24, No. 24 Machesney Park Harlem 0
No. 29 Wheaton Warrenville South (5-4) at No. 4 Hersey (9-0), 6 p.m. Saturday
No. 13 Downers Grove North 42, No. 20 Kenwood 13
No. 28 Collinsville (5-4) at No. 5 Maine West (9-0), 3 p.m. Saturday
No. 12 Lincoln-Way West 40, No. 21 Hoffman Estates 14
No. 15 Willowbrook 21, No. 18 Yorkville 13
No. 7 Batavia 46, No. 26 Brother Rice 0
No. 10 Lincoln-Way Central 23, No. 23 Jacobs 14
No. 30 West Chicago (5-4) at No. 3 Quincy (9-0), 2 p.m. Saturday
No. 19 Wheaton North 34, No. 14 Whitney Young 0
No. 11 Prospect 46, No. 22 Buffalo Grove 20
Class 6A
No. 1 Lake Zurich 21, No. 16 Crystal Lake Central 7
No. 9 Kaneland 56, No. 8 Riverside-Brookfield 20
No. 12 Grant (6-3) at No. 5 Wauconda (7-2), 5 p.m. Saturday
No. 7 Geneva 50, No. 10 Senn 8
No. 3 Cary-Grove 49, No. 14 Libertyville 6
Class 5A
No. 8 St. Francis 45, No. 9 Rochelle 14
No. 7 Glenbard South 54, No. 10 Noble/UIC 0
No. 3 Antioch 63, No. 14 Englewood STEM 8
No. 6 Carmel 69, No. 11 Lindblom 14
Class 4A
No. 4 Wheaton Academy 68, No. 13 Phoenix 0
No. 12 St. Viator 14, No. 5 Richmond-Burton 0
No. 10 Geneseo (6-3) at No. 7 IC Catholic Prep (7-2), 5 p.m. Saturday
Class 3A
No. 6 Montini 48, No. 11 Eureka 6
Class 1A
No. 6 Aurora Christian 38, No. 11 Gibson City (Melvin-Sibley) 7

Boys soccer

Class 3A sectional finals

At Plainfield North

Naperville North vs. Naperville Central, 10 a.m. Saturday

At Evanston

New Trier 2, Leyden 1

At West Chicago

St. Charles East vs. York, 1 p.m. Saturday

At Fremd
Glenbrook North 2, Palatine 1
At Round Lake
Elgin 2, Round Lake 0
Class 2A
At Grayslake Central
Crystal Lake South 2, Harvard 0
At St. Francis
Timothy Christian vs. Benet, 5 p.m. Saturday

- Chicago Tribune - Football scores for the Southland, Aurora, Elgin, Naperville and Lake County

By: From Staff Reports

Oct 27, 2023



Richards' Dijon Newman (2) scrambles away from pressure against Hubbard during a Class 6A first-round playoff game in Oak Lawn on Friday, Oct. 27, 2023. (Troy Stolt/Daily Southtown)

Results and highlights of high schools and local colleges from the Southland and Aurora, Elgin, Naperville and Lake County coverage areas.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

FOOTBALL

STATE PLAYOFFS

First Round

CLASS 8A

Neuqua Valley 31, Palatine 17

Neuqua (7-3): Ryan Mohler 2 TD runs (46, 38 yards). Silvano Spatafora 2 TD runs (3, 30).

Lyons 31, Stevenson 6

Lincoln-Way East 56, Taft 0

Minooka 27, Sandburg 7

Sandburg (6-4): Anthony Shelton 44-yard TD pass to Charlie Snoreck.

Warren 39, Oswego 3

Warren (8-2): Aaron Stewart 2 TD runs. Xzavion Montgomery 75-yard punt return TD.

Naperville Central 31, Downers Grove South 22

Naperville Central (8-2): Aiden Clark 4 TDs.

Maine South 35, Lockport 0

Belleville East 70, East Aurora 0

CLASS 7A

Normal Community 43, Argo 0

Lincoln-Way West 40, Hoffman Estates 14

Willowbrook 21, Yorkville 13

Yorkville (6-4): Luke Zook 2 TD runs.

Batavia 46, Brother Rice 0

Lincoln-Way Central 23, Jacobs 14

Lincoln-Way Central (9-1): Braden Meyer 7-yard TD run. Justin Bafia TD reception.

Jacobs (6-4): T.O. Boddie TD run. Caden DuMelle TD run.

Mount Carmel 39, St. Rita 10

CLASS 6A

Lake Zurich 21, Crystal Lake Central 7

Lake Zurich (9-1): Lucas Lappin 2 TD runs.

Kaneland 56, Riverside-Brookfield 20

Kaneland (7-3): Dominick DeBlasio 3 TD runs (3, 13, 52); 23-yard TD reception.

Geneva 50, Senn 8

Cary-Grove 49, Libertyville 6

Kankakee 29, Bremen 6

Eisenhower 42, Dunlap 41 (2 OT)

Richards 55, Hubbard 7

CLASS 5A

Sycamore 42, Evergreen Park 13

Antioch 63, Englewood STEM 8

Carmel 69, Lindblom 14

Morris 56, Tinley Park 6

Tinley (5-5): Jonathan Collier 30-yard fumble return TD.

Joliet Catholic 40, Peoria 16

JCA (7-3): H.J. Grigsby 2 TD runs. Lawrence Stringham 2 TD runs.

CLASS 4A

Sandwich 49, Ridgewood 34

Dixon 10, Plano 7

CLASS 1A

Aurora Christian 38, Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley 7

BOYS SOCCER

CLASS 3A SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND LAKE

Elgin 2, Round Lake 0

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

CLASS 4A REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

ADDISON TRAIL

Wheaton Warrenville South d. Geneva 24-26, 25-14, 25-10

BARRINGTON

Barrington d. Lake Zurich 25-17, 25-19

BENET

Benet d. Naperville North 25-17, 25-12

EISENHOWER

Lincoln-Way East d. Oak Lawn 14-25, 25-15, 25-14

Lincoln-Way East (22-15): Alaina Pollard 14 kills. Tamia Maddox 13 kills. Maggie Simon 15 assists.

Lexi Byas 13 digs.

GRANT

Libertyville d. McHenry 21-25, 26-24, 26-24

Libertyville (28-9): Hannah Fleming 8 kills, 11 digs. Jaimie Marquardt 24 assists, 23 digs, 5 kills.

Charlie Fleegle 25 digs.

HONONEGAH

Hononegah d. Hampshire 26-24, 24-26, 25-21

JACOBS

Warren d. Jacobs 25-22, 24-26, 26-24

Jacobs (19-17): Jordan Miller 7 kills, 13 digs. Ali Pierre 5 kills, 10 blocks, 5 digs. Mia Koltuniuk 5 kills, 7 digs. Meghan Retzler 13 assists, 13 digs. Gracie Breeze 28 digs.

LARKIN

Stevenson d. Rolling Meadows 25-13, 25-18

Stevenson (30-7): Mija Jegers 9 kills, 7 digs. Brynn Smith 11 kills, 5 digs. Rachel Shin 14 assists.

LINCOLN-WAY CENTRAL

Lockport d. Neuqua Valley 25-21, 25-18

Lockport (28-9): Bridget Ferriter 6 kills. Lainey Green 18 assists. Amanda Bagdonaite 12 digs.

METEA VALLEY

Metea Valley d. St. Charles North 26-24, 25-13

NAPERVILLE CENTRAL

Glenbard West d. Naperville Central 25-22, 25-18

OSWEGO EAST

Lincoln-Way West d. Romeoville 25-22, 8-25, 25-21

PLAINFIELD NORTH

Oswego d. Plainfield North 25-21, 25-19

REAVIS

Marist d. Reavis 25-7, 25-5

Marist (32-4): Cassidy Cage 6 kills. Katie Schoebert 4 kills.

ROCKFORD EAST

Huntley d. Dundee-Crown 25-12, 25-13

SANDBURG

Sandburg d. Homewood-Flossmoor 25-17, 21-25, 25-15

THORNWOOD

Mother McAuley d. Shepard 25-8, 25-10

McAuley (32-5): Ellie White 6 kills, 5 digs. Peyton Heatherly 14 assists.

CLASS 3A REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

BURLINGTON CENTRAL

Sycamore d. Burlington Central 14-25, 25-15, 25-18

CARMEL

Carmel d. Lakes 22-25, 25-18, 25-17

Carmel: Abbey Sullivan 9 kills, 4 blocks. Bella Lucero 8 kills, 9 digs. Claire Parker 22 assists, 5 digs.

Isa Swiatkowski 19 digs.

DE LA SALLE

De La Salle d. Noble 25-6, 25-12

De La Salle (27-7): Jen Falk 7 kills. Haley Chavez 5 kills, 6 aces. Emma Bernal 5 kills. Giuliana

Graczyk 15 assists, 3 aces.

DEERFIELD

Deerfield d. St. Viator 25-15, 26-28, 26-24

EVERGREEN PARK

Kankakee d. Evergreen Park 25-14, 25-20

GRAYSLAKE NORTH

Prairie Ridge d. Grayslake Central 25-21, 25-17

HANCOCK

St. Laurence d. Trinity 25-20, 25-20

MARIAN CATHOLIC

Marian Catholic d. Oak Forest 25-14, 25-19

Marian (14-19): Michelle Charles 6 kills. Olivia Helfen 6 kills. Kaitlyn Nichols 10 assists. Sarah Gordon 13 digs.

MONTINI

Kaneland d. Montini 25-23, 25-20

PROVIDENCE

Providence d. Crete-Monee 25-10, 25-13

Providence (25-12): Payton Mandac 12 kills.

RIDGEWOOD

Wheaton St. Francis d. Vernon Hills 25-9, 25-14

Vernon Hills (17-19): Ronnie Ramirez 4 kills. Morgan Hart 4 kills. Maya Raval 9 assists.

TINLEY PARK

Tinley Park d. Washington 23-25, 25-13, 27-25

CLASS 2A REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

CHICAGO CHRISTIAN

Chicago Christian d. Reed-Custer 25-18, 25-22

IC CATHOLIC

IC Catholic d. Aurora Central Catholic 25-6, 25-8

LISLE

Timothy Christian d. Rosary 25-14, 25-18

PEOTONE

Bishop McNamara d. Beecher 25-18, 25-20

CLASS 1A REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

ALDEN-HEBRON

Harvest Christian d. Hiawatha 25-15, 25-21

ASHTON-FRANKLIN CENTER

Fulton d. Aurora Christian 25-21, 25-17

EARLVILLE

Newark d. Earlville 25-10, 25-16

Newark (33-4): Kiara Wesseh 7 kills, 9 digs. Kodi Rizzo 5 kills. Lauren Ulrich 18 assists. Elle Norquist 16 digs.

ELLISON

Morgan Park Academy d. Horizon-Southwest 25-9, 25-14

LOCAL COLLEGES

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Bethany (Kan.) 61, St. Xavier 58

St. Xavier (0-1): Eleanor Harris 14 points, 9 rebounds, 5 steals. Alyssa Crenshaw 13 points, 9 rebounds, 3 steals.