

Principal's Report

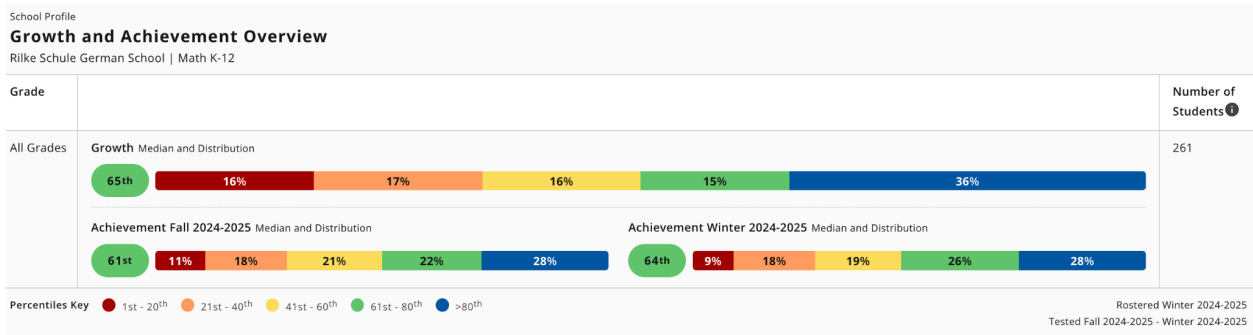
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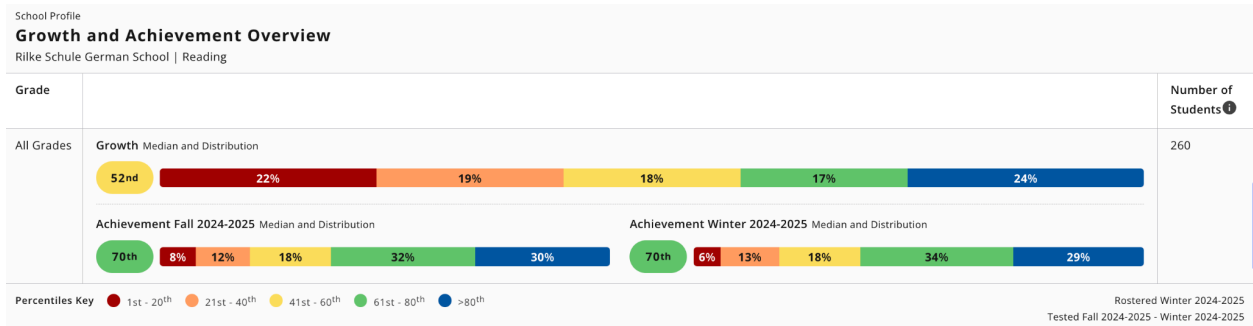


Students:
480 Students

We finished up middle-of-the-year testing this week to monitor student academic progress. School wide, 73% of students scored in the top 60% which we consider proficient in math. Our school goal is 70%.



81% of students scored in the top 60% for reading. Our school goal is to hit 80%



We are piloting a new personal device policy in 7/8th grade with the use of Yondr pouches; click here for the updated [Rilke Schule Device Policy](#). We held two Q and A zoom sessions on Tuesday for parents to answer questions, and went over the policy and processes with the students this week as well.

Staff:

42 Staff Members.

We have hired a new BPO and evening custodial services started last week. Huge thank you to RSI for covering the costs of the evening custodial services.

Curriculum and Instruction:

Nothing to report.

Facility:

Rilke Schule is continuing to track the ASD Rightsizing initiative.

Rilke Schule has implemented a new visitor management software system. This is a district wide initiative. [Please click on this link to read more about this new system and policy.](#)

Budget:

Rilke Schule has collected \$83,000 in activity and supply fees and has spent \$42,000 from this fund this school year.

The APC approved the 2025-2026 Rilke Schule budget on December 9th. [Please click on this link to read more.](#)

Community:

Skt. Nikolaustag and Christkindlmarkt were a great success. Huge shout out to the RSV and all the volunteers and workers who helped to organize and operate these events. Everyone really appreciates the supportive community at Rilke Schule.

Rilke Schule is coordinating with Dr. Wolfgang Leonhard and Dr. Bernd Nuss to conduct student research on second language German acquisition and comprehension. This group has been a part of our German Immersion School Team (GIST) which meets over zoom once a month to collaborate on a number of issues pertaining to German immersion schools. Additionally, this group has submitted their proposal to ASD and received approval to work with Rilke Schule. I am meeting with this team Wednesday morning to finalize plans and can provide more details after this meeting.

I am proposing that Rilke Schule hold full day parent - teacher conferences. Last month, I sent out a survey to receive feedback about extending parent-teacher conferences to a full day. We also met as a staff to discuss this parent - teacher conference proposal. In both cases, the majority of responses are in favor of extending conference days. [Please click on this link to read the proposal.](#)