



Student Achievement

- Howar Middle School was designated “Acceptable” this year on the Iowa School Performance Profile, still above “In Need of Assistance”. The snapshot of the school performance from IDOE assesses several different main categories ranging from achievement, growth, proficiency and participation rate on the ISASP to the rating of the overall learning environment, safety and student engagement in each building. We are proud of the student achievement shown in these indicators while working through challenges of the past few years.
- PROGRESS! We have completed our Winter screenings and are pleased by strides students (and staff) are making to improve our reading and math goals.
- Data-informed...Kid-focused. Led by our Howar Building Leadership Team, we continue to review our FAST & STAR screening scores and guide our grade-level and content-level teams.



One goal for HMS is to continue to improve the overall learning environment for all students as indicated on the Conditions for Learning on the profile.

Professional Development & Training

- In February, HMS teachers trained in Youth Mental Health First Aid USA, a 6.5 hour public education program which introduces participants to the unique risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems in adolescents, builds understanding of the importance of early intervention, and teaches individuals how to help an adolescent in crisis or experiencing a mental health challenge.



Students (and staff) stop by our coloring outpost- relaxing and as another outlet to be creative and beautify our school.



Sponsored by HMS StuCo, our students had a BLAST at the February dance for grades 6-8.

Culture & Programs

Our HMS Student Council has been busy this winter fundraising and providing FUN-raising events!



Thanks to HMS StuCo distribution of valentine’s flowers as a fundraiser. EVERY student received at least 1 flower thanks to an anonymous donar to ensure all kiddos were involved.

Family & Community

- Catch our HMS Drama Club production of “Hospital” by Tim Kelly during the weekend of March 11 at Howar.
- HMS Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for March 18 & 23, 4:00-7:30 pm face-to-face & virtual/phone options.

