

The Truth About Bethel Park Academics

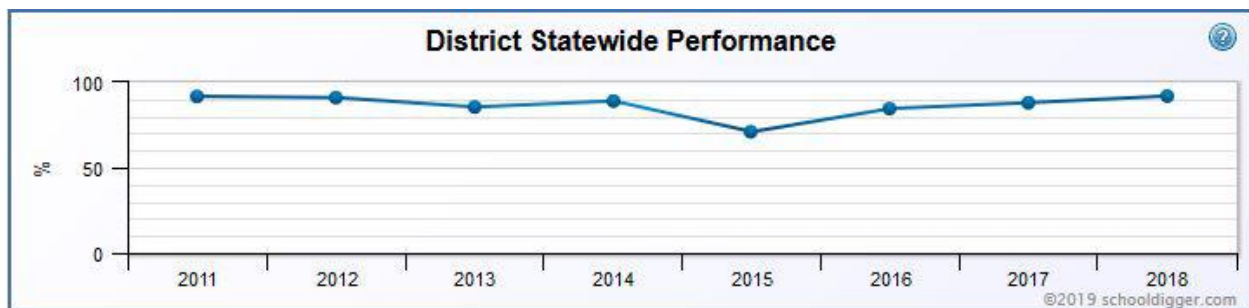
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It's time to put the lie our opponents' claims that Bethel Park School District's academic performance is falling precipitously. Bethel Park's academic performance is not falling precipitously. In fact, Bethel Park School District's test scores have been rising over the past three years.

This myth of failing academics is being fueled by school rankings that rely on subjective metrics that are not necessarily related to academics. Some of these rankings reveal what criteria they use and others are very secretive. However, there is one non-subjective criteria that is common to every student in the Pennsylvania public education system. That is the statewide exams that are taken by virtually every Pennsylvania student.

The trouble with using the statewide test scores is that the data provided to the general public is already processed into four categories. SchoolDigger.com works around these limitations by using raw scores that are not readily available to the public. Using a simple statistical process SchoolDigger.com converts these raw scores into a percentile for each school entity in the state. Percentiles are then averaged together to develop a percentile rating for each school district. This technique reveals that **in 2018 Bethel Park School District outperformed 91.9% of the other school entities in Pennsylvania and was rated 49 out of 603 school entities.** Note! Pennsylvania charter schools were included in this ranking because they are Pennsylvania public schools.

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