



*"The Tri-Creek School Corporation and Community ...  
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Each year, the Indiana Department of Education recognizes the top performing schools in the state through the Four Star School program. Being designated a Four Star School is the highest level of recognition a school can receive from the Indiana Department of Education. This year, only 234, a little more than 10%, of the 2,091 schools in the state earned Four Star School designation.

To qualify for the award, a school must meet the following criteria.

- A school must have received an "A" on the state's A-F Accountability system for the 2017-2018 school year.
- A school must have tested at least 95% of students on ISTEP English/Language Arts and Math.
- Combined ISTEP Pass Percentage (Pass Percentage of English/Language Arts ISTEP + Pass Percentage of Math ISTEP) must be in Top 25th Percentile for each grade tested. (minimum of 10 students).
- Percent Passing Both ISTEP (Percent of students who passed both the English/Language Arts ISTEP + Math ISTEP) must be in the Top 25th Percentile for each grade tested.

Of all of the schools in Lake County, only 11 schools qualified for the award. In Tri-Creek, **Lake Prairie Elementary School** received the award! ***Congratulations to all of the students, staff, and parents who worked so hard to earn the right to be called a Four Star School!***

Sincerely,

Dr. Rod Gardin  
Superintendent