

John Barry Elementary School's Executive Summary
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Introduction

John Barry Elementary is a Pre-K through 6th grade neighborhood school on the northwest side of Chicago. With a student population of 767 students, 94% are Hispanic and over 40% are ELL Learners. Thanks to the Illinois Children's Low-Cost iPad Grant, this year we were able to receive 96 iPads for our 5th and 6th grade students.

Data

Looking at the scaled scores on Scantron's performance series assessments, our students showed gains of nearly 200 points from the beginning of the year: Room 208's Scantron mean scaled scores started at 2464 and progressed to 2616, and Room 210's Scantron mean scaled scores started at 2503 and progressed to 2702. Some of this growth was contributed by the differentiation and accessibility influenced by continual use of the iPads.

iPad Usage at John Barry Elementary School

With this being our initial year, we're still finding ways to incorporate the iPads into our curriculum. Some of the ways we used them were:

- Vocabulary Lists & Digitalization of Words
- Keynote Presentations
- Achieve 3000 (an online literacy instruction tool)
- Creating Persuasive Commercials
- Note Taking
- Researching
- Google Earth

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Thanks again to the Illinois Children's Low-Cost iPad Grant. We look forward to a successful second year of new innovations and continual achievement.