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Congratulations to Capron Elementary School which was one of 93 schools across the state to receive a 2010 Academic Improvement Award. The criteria for Academic Improvement Awards in 2010 are substantial:

- Show improvement of at least 7.5 points in state test scores in both reading and mathematics between 2009 and 2010, or
- Show an improvement of at least 15 points in state test scores in both reading and mathematics between 2008 and 2010; and
- Show an upward trend in state test results.



Additionally, Capron was selected as one of ten most improved elementary schools across the state to receive Special Recognition for 2010. This was based upon test score improvement over the past two years. Capron’s test score growth of 15.5 points in 2010 gave it the highest single year growth in test scores among Illinois’s 3202 elementary and middle schools.

**Special Recognition 2010**

*Ten Most Improved Elementary Schools*

School	City	One Year	Two Year
Dongola Elementary School	Dongola	11.4	23.4
Bernard Long Elementary School	Madison	5.3	22.7
Bontemps Elementary School	Chicago	7.1	20.7
Coonley Elementary School	Chicago	14.4	19.5
Dett Elementary School	Chicago	7.7	19.1
Brush College Elementary School	Decatur	6.1	18.9
Bronzeville Lighthouse Elementary Charter	Chicago	8.2	18.7
Dumas Elementary School	Chicago	13.3	18.3
Christopher Elementary School	Chicago	1.2	18.3
Capron Elementary School	Capron	15.5	18.2

The Capron staff provide special tutoring after school each year prior to the exam to assist the students in preparing for the ISAT exams. Again, congratulations to Mr. Matt Klett, principal, and his dedicated staff at Capron Elementary School. The entire list of schools honored is available at [www.ilhonorroll.niu.edu](http://www.ilhonorroll.niu.edu).

Capron serves children from age 3 through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade from the Village of Capron and surrounding rural Boone County. The pre-K and Early Childhood programs serve children from throughout North Boone CUSD 200.

North Boone Community Unit School District 200 serves approximately 1800 students in pre-school through high school in the Villages of Caledonia, Capron and Poplar Grove as well as the northern tier of unincorporated Boone County, Illinois. For more information visit the NBCUSD website at [www.nbcusd.org](http://www.nbcusd.org) or contact the district office at 815-765-3322.

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