

# Report card on Rock River Valley schools

This table has standardized test information about public schools in Winnebago, Boone, Ogle and Stephenson counties. The information was compiled from data that school districts gave to the Illinois State Board of Education. For more information, see [rstar.com](http://rstar.com).

## Guide to this table

Schools with a lower ISAT/PSAE score than the previous year.

- ▲ Positive change
- No change
- ▼ Negative change
- NA Not applicable

## What is the report card?

The federal government requires most public schools to test students annually in certain grades in reading, writing and math. In Illinois, students are tested in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11. Results are reported by the Illinois State Board of Education. The 2009 results are for tests given in the 2008-09 academic year.

## How we did it

The Register Star received report card information early in exchange for agreeing not to publish it until today. We used the time to sort through nearly 4,000 schools for which information was provided and extract test-score data for those in the Rock River Valley.

## SCHOOL RANKINGS

We ranked local schools using the ISAT and PSAE composite scores. The scores come from standardized tests in individual topics taken in spring 2009. Statewide, the average ISAT composite score for 2009 was 79.8 percent of students meeting or exceeding state standards. In our region, 58 elementary or middle schools surpassed the state average. The PSAE average composite score was 53; 14 of 24 area high schools topped the state average.

## IDENTIFYING SCHOOLS

The number after each school's name identifies the district. Belvidere (100); Byron (226); Durand (322); Eswood (269); Forrestville Valley (221); Freeport (145); Harlem (122); Hononegah HS (207); Kings (144); Kinnikinnick (131); Lena-Winslow (202); Meridian (223); North Boone (200); Pearl City (200); Orangeville (203); Oregon (220); Pecatonica (321); Polo (222); Prairie Hill (133); Rochelle Community (231); Rochelle Township HS (212); Rockford (205); Rockton (140); Shirland (134); South Beloit (320); Winnebago (323).

## LOW-INCOME

This is the percentage of students who school districts said received Public Aid or were eligible for free and reduced-cost lunch. We provide the number here because poverty is widely recognized as a challenge to schools in boosting student performance.

## ISAT/PSAE: POINT CHANGE

Test results place schools in one of four classifications: exceeds standards, meets standards, falls below standards, is on academic warning. Schools where performance declined are highlighted by tan bars.

## READING, MATH

This is an average percentage of students who met standards calculated from the performance of students in each grade level on reading and math portions of the ISAT and the PSAE. The calculation results in slight variances from composite percentages reported by the state board on AYP reports because such reports include performance on specialized tests for special-education students.

## ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS

This measures improvement toward state achievement targets from year to year based on test results, percentage of students tested, and attendance and graduation rates. Schools that fail to show enough improvement are placed on a watch list. Parents have the option to transfer their kids from these schools and, in some cases, get tutoring.

## NOTES

\* Washington Gifted Academy now houses the Rockford School District's gifted program. It transferred to Washington from King Gifted School, now King Elementary School.

\* Dennis and Fairview early-education centers, White Swan, Riverdahl and Froberg elementary schools, the Jefferson wing of Oregon Elementary in the Oregon District; Clark Elementary in the South Beloit District; Seward School in the Winnebago District; the Jones Farrar Early Learning Center in the Freeport District; Parker Early Education Center in the Harlem District; Rockton Elementary School in the Rockton District; and Highland Elementary School in the Meridian School District are not listed because students aren't required to take the state standardized tests until third grade. Academic Career Education High School, or ACE, in the Rockford School District hasn't taken the state tests because the students won't be eligible until 2011.

## Elementary and middle schools

RANK	2009	2008	SCHOOL (DISTRICT)	CITY	PERCENT		ISAT: MEET/EXC			2009: MEET/EXC		ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS		
					ENROLL	LOW-INCM	2009	2008	PT. CHG	READ	MATH	2009	2008	
1.	--	1.	Washington Gifted (205)	Rockford	783	30.3	99.8	99.7	▲	0.1	99.7	99.8	Yes	Yes
2.	--	2.	Eswood C C Grade (269)	Lindenwood	99	19.2	96.7	96.8	▼	-0.1	92.1	100.0	Yes	Yes
3.	--	3.	Stone Creek (131)	Roscoe	435	10.8	95.6	96.6	▼	-1	91.1	100.0	Yes	Yes
4.	--	4.	Mary Morgan Elementary (226)	Byron	720	12.5	94.7	95	▼	-0.3	93.2	95.8	Yes	Yes
5.	▲	7.	Stephen Mack Middle (140)	Rockton	563	14	94.6	93.9	▲	0.7	95.0	94.3	Yes	Yes
6.	▲	27.	Empire Elementary (145)	Freeport	270	45.9	94	88	▲	6	93.3	96.3	Yes	Yes
7.	▼	6.	Whitman Post Elementary (140)	Rockton	531	19.2	93.8	94.9	▼	-1.1	89.7	96.9	Yes	Yes
8.	▼	4.	Ledgewood Elementary (131)	Roscoe	499	12	93.6	95	▼	-1.4	89.6	97.6	Yes	Yes
9.	▲	23.	Pearl City Elementary (200)	Pearl City	299	19.1	93.1	89	▲	4.1	88.3	96.3	Yes	Yes
10.	--	10.	Roscoe Middle (131)	Roscoe	739	11.2	92.8	92.4	▲	0.4	93.2	92.4	Yes	Yes
10.	▲	16.	Tilton Elementary (231)	Rochelle	261	25.7	92.8	90.8	▲	2	87.9	95.5	Yes	Yes
12.	▼	9.	Kinnikinnick (131)	Roscoe	471	8.3	92.5	92.8	▼	-0.3	87.8	96.0	No	Yes
13.	--	13.	Kishwaukee Elementary (100)	Garden Prairie	246	26.8	92.3	91	▲	1.3	88.7	96.9	Yes	Yes
13.	▲	27.	Pecatonica Elementary (321)	Pecatonica	357	16.5	92.3	88	▲	4.3	88.5	95.6	Yes	Yes
15.	▲	49.	Forreston Grade (221)	Forreston	281	22.1	92.1	83.2	▲	8.9	91.3	94.3	Yes	Yes
15.	▼	8.	Byron Middle (226)	Byron	384	13.8	92.1	93.2	▼	-1.1	90.4	92.5	Yes	Yes
17.	▼	12.	Prairie Hill Elementary (133)	South Beloit	719	7.8	91.9	91.2	▲	0.7	89.7	93.4	Yes	Yes
18.	▲	40.	Simon Elementary (323)	Winnebago	316	19.3	91.6	84.9	▲	6.7	89.7	93.5	Yes	Yes
19.	▼	18.	Meridian Jr (223)	Stillman Valley	444	16.2	91.2	90.3	▲	0.9	89.1	92.5	Yes	Yes
20.	▲	21.	Dakota Elementary (201)	Dakota	481	18.5	91	89.2	▲	1.8	87.2	94.0	Yes	Yes
21.	▲	54.	Orangeville Elementary (203)	Orangeville	224	20.5	89.4	81.9	▲	7.5	87.1	90.4	Yes	Yes
22.	▲	37.	Winnebago Middle (323)	Winnebago	420	14.5	89	86	▲	3	87.6	90.0	Yes	Yes
23.	▼	11.	Durand Elementary (322)	Durand	365	9.6	88.7	91.3	▼	-2.6	85.6	93.0	Yes	Yes
24.	▲	29.	Manchester Elementary (200)	Poplar Grove	187	20.3	88.4	87.7	▲	0.7	79.7	95.5	Yes	Yes
25.	▼	18.	May Elementary (231)	Rochelle	264	97	88.2	90.3	▼	-2.1	84.2	93.9	Yes	Yes
26.	▲	45.	Lena Elementary (202)	Lena	432	27.8	88.1	83.9	▲	4.2	84.3	90.4	Yes	Yes
26.	▲	35.	Monroe Center Grade (223)	Monroe Center	514	17.9	88.1	86.1	▲	2	87.2	90.2	Yes	Yes
28.	▲	42.	Seth Whitman Elementary (100)	Belvidere	694	31.7	87.5	84.5	▲	3	84.4	90.0	Yes	Yes
29.	▼	15.	Centennial Elementary (222)	Polo	303	36	87.2	90.9	▼	-3.7	80.7	94.1	Yes	Yes
30.	▲	48.	Meehan Elementary (100)	Belvidere	646	24.8	87	83.6	▲	3.4	80.6	91.3	No	Yes
31.	▼	20.	Olson Park Elementary (122)	Machesney Park	389	22.1	86.8	89.4	▼	-2.6	85.3	88.0	Yes	Yes
31.	▲	43.	Dakota Jr Sr (201)	Dakota	407	14.5	86.8	84.1	▲	2.7	87.2	88.1	Yes	Yes
33.	▲	65.	Pecatonica Comm Middle (321)	Pecatonica	315	14.6	86.5	78.9	▲	7.6	85.8	86.8	Yes	Yes
34.	--	34.	Creston Elementary (161)	Creston	116	31	86.3	86.5	▼	-0.2	82.5	88.2	Yes	Yes
34.	▼	21.	Forreston Jr/Sr (221)	Forreston	511	19.2	86.3	89.2	▼	-2.9	84.3	88.7	Yes	Yes
36.	▲	38.	Durand Jr (322)	Durand	112	12.5	86.1	85.3	▲	0.8	84.5	87.0	Yes	Yes
36.	▼	31.	German Valley Grade (221)	German Valley	135	19.3	86.1	87.3	▼	-1.2	77.5	88.2	Yes	Yes
38.	▲	45.	North Boone Upper Elementary (200)	Poplar Grove	246	28.5	85.9	83.9	▲	2	83.2	88.8	Yes	Yes
39.	▲	54.	Lena-Winslow Jr (202)	Lena	225	20	85.7	81.9	▲	3.8	82.2	87.8	Yes	Yes
40.	▼	29.	McNair Elementary (323)	Winnebago	237	19	85.6	87.7	▼	-2.1	78.2	89.1	Yes	Yes
41.	▲	53.	Oregon Elementary-Etnyre Wing (220)	Oregon	453	32	85.4	82.2	▲	3.2	82.1	88.9	Yes	No
42.	▼	35.	Belvidere Central Middle (100)	Belvidere	1,131	32.2	85.1	86.1	▼	-1	83.8	86.3	No	Yes
43.	▼	32.	Ralston Elementary (122)	Machesney Park	438	25.8	85	87.2	▼	-2.2	81.5	86.5	Yes	Yes
43.	▼	33.	Machesney Elementary (122)	Machesney Park	456	40.4	85	87	▼	-2	84.2	87.4	Yes	Yes
45.	▼	13.	Perry Elementary (100)	Belvidere	299	54.8	84.5	91	▼	-6.5	80.3	87.5	Yes	Yes
46.	▼	39.	Caledonia Elementary (100)	Caledonia	606	23.8	84.4	85.2	▼	-0.8	78.1	88.8	No	Yes
47.	▲	60.	Orangeville Jr (203)	Orangeville	68	23.5	84.3	80.8	▲	3.5	84.5	84.5	Yes	Yes
48.	▼	43.	Brookview Elementary (205)	Rockford	495	45.7	84.2	84.1	▲	0.1	78.7	90.6	Yes	Yes
48.	▲	51.	Central Elementary (231)	Rochelle	461	53.8	84.2	82.8	▲	1.4	77.5	87.4	Yes	Yes
50.	▼	24.	Rahn Jr (220)	Mount Morris	273	29.7	84.1	88.8	▼	-4.7	80.7	88.5	Yes	Yes
51.	▲	58.	Shirland C C (134)	Shirland	145	19.3	83.9	81.4	▲	2.5	78.7	87.4	Yes	Yes
52.	▼	24.	Aplington Middle (222)	Polo	159	30.2	83.6	88.8	▼	-5.2	82.9	83.7	Yes	Yes
52.	▲	59.	Rochelle Middle (231)	Rochelle	550	41.5	83.6	81.1	▲	2.5	83.1	85.1	Yes	Yes
54.	▼	17.	Pearl City Jr (200)	Pearl City	75	17.3	83.5	90.4	▼	-6.9	80.2	88.1	Yes	Yes
55.	▼	41.	North Boone Middle (200)	Poplar Grove	261	1.9	83.2	84.8	▼	-1.6	84.7	82.5	Yes	Yes
56.	▲	62.	Cherry Valley Elementary (205)	Cherry Valley	227	52	81.4	80.4	▲	1	75.9	87.9	Yes	Yes
57.	▲	70.	South Beloit Jr (320)	South Beloit	140	60	80.5	75.7	▲	4.8	77.8	85.7	Yes	Yes
58.	▼	57.	Lincoln-Douglas Elementary (145)	Freeport	223	65.9	80.2	81.5	▼	-1.3	71.8	91.2	Yes	Yes
<b>STATE AVERAGE</b>							<b>79.8% students that meet or exceed state standards</b>							
59.	▲	76.	Blackhawk Elementary (145)	Freeport	281	83.6	79.7	74.3	▲	5.4	74.4	86.9	No	Yes
60.	▼	47.	Carl Sandburg Middle (145)	Freeport	636	60.5	79.2	83.7	▼	-4.5	76.2	82.7	No	Yes
61.	▲	74.	New Milford Elementary (205)	Rockford	231	59.7	78.9	74.6	▲	4.3	74.8	84.9	Yes	Yes
62.	▲	80.	Gregory Elementary (205)	Rockford	307	70	78.4	72.8	▲	5.6	72.8	84.3	Yes	Yes
63.	▲	94.	Marquette Elementary (122)	Machesney Park	342	55.8	78.3	66.7	▲	11.6	75.0	82.0	Yes	Yes
64.	▼	61.	Belvidere South Middle (100)	Belvidere	941	39	78.2	80.7	▼	-2.5	75.9	80.2	No	Yes
64.	▼	56.	Blackhawk Elementary (320)	South Beloit	132	57.6	78.2	81.6	▼	-3.4	69.5	84.9	Yes	Yes
66.	▲	71.	Capron Elementary (200)	Capron	201	29.4	78	75.4	▲	2.6	69.7	87.3	Yes	Yes
66.	▼	49.	Rock Cut Elementary (122)	Loves Park	453	38	78	83.2	▼	-5.2	77.9	80.7	No	Yes
68.	--	68.	Freeport Jr (145)	Freeport	655	56.2	77.7	77.6	▲	0.1	78.3	78.1	No	No
69.	▼	66.	Harlem Middle (122)	Loves Park	1,241	41.7	77.4	78.7	▼	-1.3	76.4	77.0	No	No
70.	▲	67.	Poplar Grove Elementary (200)	Poplar Grove	293	30.4	76	77.8	▼	-1.8	67.6	87.6	Yes	Yes
71.	▲	81.	Riverview Elementary (320)	South Beloit	258	59.7	75.1	72.3	▲	2.8	69.8	84.4	Yes	Yes
72.	▼	69.	Lincoln Elementary (100)	Belvidere	664	56.2	75	76.6	▼	-1.6	70.4	83.2	No	No
73.	▼	52.	Johnson Elementary (205)	Rockford	350	59.1	74.7	82.7	▼	-8	71.6	81.4	Yes	Yes
73.	▲	64.	Thompson Elementary (205)	Rockford	332	58.4	74.7	79.1	▼	-4.4	73.9	79.0	Yes	Yes
73.	▼	26.	Kings Elementary (144)	Kings	119	15.1	74.7	88.3	▼	-13.6	70.9	80.5	Yes	Yes
76.	▲	82.	Rolling Green (205)	Rockford	574	67.6	74.3	71.7	▲	2.6	67.6	81.6	Yes	Yes
77.	▲	79.	Loves Park Elementary (122)	Loves Park	369	58.5	74.2	73	▲	1.2	70.1	77.7	Yes	Yes
77.	▼	63.	Windsor Elementary (122)	Loves Park	429	53.1	74.2	79.2	▼	-5	70.3	79.7	No	Yes
79.	▲	85.	Finn Middle (205)	Rockford	864	67	73.5	70.4	▲	3.1	71.2	76.9	No	No
80.	▼	78.	Montessori Elementary (205)	Rockford	336	56.3	73.2	73.3	▼	-0.1	66.6	81.5	No	Yes
81.	▲	98.	Carlson Elementary (205)	Rockford	384	56.5	72.8	64.3	▲	8.5	68.0	81.3	Yes	No
82.	▼	73.	Center Elementary (145)	Freeport	276	65.9	72.5	74.8	▼	-2.3	66.8	79.8	No	Yes
83.	▼	75.	Eisenhower Middle (205)	Rockford	946	62.9	72.3	74.4	▼	-2.1	70.5	73.4	No	No
83.	▲	89.	Spring Creek Elementary (205)	Rockford	525	83								