

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 rrstar.com.

Guide to this table

Schools with a lower average overall 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 2008 results are for tests given in the 2007-08 academic year.

How we did it

The Register Star got 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 2008. Statewide, the average ISAT composite score for 2008 was 79.1 percent of students meeting or exceeding state standards. In our region, 63 elementary or middle schools surpassed the state average. The PSAE average composite score was 52.5; 13 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); Creston (161); Dakota (201); 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, SCIENCE

This is an average percentage of students who met standards calculated from the performance of students in each grade level on reading, math and science 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

* Belvidere North High School appears for the first time in the 2008 data.
 * Wilson Middle School in Rockford was closed to make way for the Auburn High School Freshman Campus. Wilson, previously known as Rockford Science and Technology Academy, no longer appears in state academic achievement reports.
 * Dennis and Fairview early-education centers; White Swan, Riverdahl and Froberg elementary schools in the Rockford District; Highland Elementary in Meridian District; 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; and Rockton Grade School in the Rockton District are not listed because students aren't required to take the state standardized tests until third grade.

Elementary and middle schools

RANK		SCHOOL (DISTRICT)	PERCENT		ISAT: MEET/EXC			2008: MEET/EXC			ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS			
2008	2007		ENROLL	LOW-INCM	2008	2007	PT. CHG	READ	MATH	SCIEN	2008	2007		
1.	--	1.	King Gifted (205)	393	30	99.7	99.1	▲	0.6	99.3	100.0	100	Yes	Yes
2.	▲	5.	Eswood C C Grade (269)	107	13.1	96.8	93.4	▲	3.4	93.7	100.0	NA	Yes	Yes
3.	▲	7.	Stone Creek (131)	446	7.8	96.6	92.5	▲	4.1	94.1	99.2	NA	Yes	Yes
4.	▼	2.	Ledgewood Elementary (131)	478	9.6	95	95.9	▼	-0.9	89.9	100.0	NA	Yes	Yes
4.	▲	8.	Mary Morgan Elementary (226)	706	11.9	95	92.2	▲	2.8	92.7	96.0	98.9	Yes	Yes
6.	--	6.	Whitman Post Elementary (140)	496	12.1	94.9	92.8	▲	2.1	91.3	97.2	99.4	Yes	Yes
7.	▼	3.	Stephen Mack Middle (140)	543	14	93.9	94.5	▼	-0.6	93.1	94.3	94.6	Yes	Yes
8.	▲	19.	Byron Middle (226)	387	11.4	93.2	88.6	▲	4.6	91.6	93.7	96.8	Yes	Yes
9.	▲	17.	Kinnikinnick (131)	450	9.3	92.8	89.2	▲	3.6	89.1	96.0	94	Yes	Yes
10.	▲	20.	Roscoe Middle (131)	770	9.5	92.4	88.4	▲	4	91.9	92.6	92.9	Yes	Yes
11.	▲	35.	Durand Elementary (322)	347	12.7	91.3	85.8	▲	5.5	85.8	95.8	94.5	Yes	Yes
12.	▼	11.	Prairie Hill Elementary (133)	704	8.7	91.2	90.2	▲	1	89.8	92.5	91.6	Yes	Yes
13.	▼	4.	Kishwaukee Elementary (100)	239	21.8	91	93.7	▼	-2.7	86.8	94.2	93.9	Yes	Yes
13.	▲	18.	Perry Elementary (100)	289	64.4	91	88.9	▲	2.1	86.5	93.6	97.7	Yes	Yes
15.	▲	43.	Centennial Elementary (222)	318	23.6	90.8	89.2	▲	1.6	86.5	97.4	97.8	Yes	Yes
16.	▲	52.	Tilton Elementary (231)	271	23.6	90.9	82.5	▲	8.3	82.1	94.4	93.9	Yes	Yes
17.	▲	34.	Pearl City Junior High (200)	70	8.6	90.4	85.9	▲	4.5	85.9	93.2	94.6	Yes	Yes
18.	▲	23.	Meridian Junior High (223)	462	13.2	90.3	87.8	▲	2.5	88.0	93.7	88.7	Yes	Yes
18.	▲	43.	May Elementary (231)	270	47.8	90.3	84.2	▲	6.1	84.6	97.1	86	Yes	Yes
20.	▲	30.	Olson Park Elementary (122)	383	17	89.4	86.5	▲	2.9	86.8	91.5	91	Yes	Yes
21.	--	NA	Forreston Junior/Senior High (221)	551	20	89.2	NA	--	NA	86.8	91.4	75.3	Yes	Yes
21.	▲	32	Dakota Elementary (201)	469	18.8	89.2	86.2	▲	3	84.4	94.1	90.5	Yes	Yes
23.	▼	13	Pearl City Elementary (200)	299	15.7	89	89.7	▼	-2.4	85.5	91.4	97.3	Yes	Yes
24.	▼	10	Aplington Middle (222)	165	24.2	88.8	91.3	▼	-2.5	88.3	88.2	90.7	Yes	Yes
24.	▲	39	Rahn Junior High (220)	285	25.6	88.8	84.7	▲	4.1	86.5	90.5	89.9	Yes	Yes
26.	▲	29	Kings Elementary (144)	131	19.8	88.3	86.8	▲	1.5	83.3	90.8	86.7	Yes	Yes
27.	▼	14	Empire Elementary (145)	295	42	88	89.5	▼	-1.5	88.4	88.9	86.7	Yes	Yes
27.	▼	26	Pecatonica Elementary (321)	366	14.5	88	87.4	▲	0.6	84.9	93.1	80.6	Yes	Yes
29.	▼	9	Manchester Elementary (200)	243	27.2	87.7	91.4	▼	-3.7	82.3	94.3	85	Yes	Yes
29.	▼	12	McNair Elementary (323)	242	18.6	87.7	90	▼	-2.3	80.5	92.2	94.5	Yes	Yes
31.	▼	15	German Valley Grade (221)	132	17.4	87.3	89.4	▼	-2.1	78.8	93.5	88.9	Yes	Yes
32.	▼	27.	Ralston Elementary (122)	470	20.9	87.2	87.3	▼	-0.1	85.8	89.3	86.4	Yes	Yes
33.	▲	50.	Machesney Elementary (122)	486	36.4	87	82.9	▲	4.1	84.1	88.8	90.1	Yes	Yes
34.	▲	36.	Creston Elementary (161)	109	26.6	86.5	85.3	▲	1.2	85.4	86.7	83.4	Yes	Yes
35.	▼	23.	Monroe Center Grade (223)	467	18.6	86.1	87.8	▼	-1.7	84.9	86.2	88.6	Yes	Yes
35.	▲	40.	Belvidere Central Middle (100)	1,144	36.2	86.1	84.5	▲	1.6	84.1	87.0	89.6	Yes	Yes
37.	▼	30.	Winnebago Middle (323)	426	10.6	86	86.5	▼	-0.5	83.7	87.4	88.8	Yes	Yes
38.	▲	61.	Durand Junior High (322)	109	11	85.3	79.1	▲	6.2	84.6	87.5	87.7	Yes	Yes
39.	▼	37.	Caledonia Elementary (100)	641	24	85.2	85.1	▲	0.1	78.7	89.4	91.3	Yes	Yes
40.	▲	25.	Simon Elementary (323)	313	15.3	84.9	87.6	▼	-2.7	76.5	93.3	NA	Yes	Yes
41.	▼	38.	North Boone Middle (200)	259	21.2	84.8	85	▼	-0.2	85.2	82.8	88.2	Yes	Yes
42.	▼	21.	Seth Whitman Elementary (100)	705	28.7	84.5	88.2	▼	-3.7	80.2	87.2	90.6	Yes	Yes
43.	▲	47.	Dakota Junior/Senior High (201)	417	15.1	84.1	83.5	▲	0.6	81.6	85.3	86.6	Yes	Yes
43.	▲	67.	Brookview Elementary (205)	513	40.2	84.1	78.2	▲	5.9	78.3	93.7	72.7	Yes	No
45.	--	45.	Lena Elementary (202)	444	27.5	83.9	83.8	▲	0.1	75.8	89.3	93.7	Yes	Yes
45.	▲	54.	North Boone Upper Elementary (200)	265	28.3	83.9	81.9	▲	2	79.4	88.4	NA	Yes	Yes
47.	▲	73.	Carl Sandburg Middle School (145)	613	58.7	83.7	76.4	▲	7.3	80.7	86.8	NA	Yes	Yes
48.	▼	22.	Meehan Elementary (100)	654	34.7	83.6	88	▼	-4.4	80.0	88.9	77	Yes	Yes
49.	▼	48.	Forreston Grade (221)	304	24.7	83.2	83.4	▼	-0.2	79.0	87.3	84.6	Yes	Yes
49.	▲	75.	Rock Cut Elementary (122)	467	32.1	83.2	75.4	▲	7.8	80.9	84.8	87.3	Yes	Yes
51.	▼	45.	Central Elementary (231)	394	47.2	82.8	83.8	▼	-1	78.3	85.9	86	Yes	Yes
52.	▲	60.	Johnson Elementary (205)	353	52.1	82.7	79.9	▲	2.8	80.0	85.0	84.8	Yes	Yes
53.	▲	56.	Oregon Elementary - Etnyre (220)	484	31.6	82.2	81.7	▲	0.5	78.2	88.1	76.6	No	Yes
54.	▼	40.	Lena-Winslow Junior High (202)	225	20.4	81.9	84.5	▼	-2.6	77.5	84.4	88.1	Yes	Yes
54.	▲	68.	Orangeville Elementary (203)	220	13.2	81.9	77.2	▲	4.7	80.5	89.0	71.4	Yes	Yes
56.	▲	91.	Blackhawk Elementary (320)	152	59.2	81.6	67.2	▲	14.4	73.9	89.3	NA	Yes	Yes
57.	▼	50.	Lincoln-Douglas Elementary (145)	208	63	81.5	82.9	▼	-1.4	77.9	88.5	75	Yes	Yes
58.	▼	33.	Shirland C C (134)	143	17.5	81.4	86.1	▼	-4.7	73.8	90.9	82.4	Yes	Yes
59.	▲	70.	Rochelle Middle (231)	526	40.5	81.1	76.6	▲	4.5	80.6	80.8	82.9	Yes	No
59.	▲	48.	Orangeville Junior High (203)	66	19.7	80.8	83.4	▼	-2.6	79.7	81.1	83.8	Yes	Yes
61.	▼	58.	Belvidere South Middle (100)	966	31.7	80.7	80.7	--	0	78.6	82.0	82.5	Yes	Yes
62.	▲	65.	Cherry Valley Elementary (205)	208	46.6	80.4	78.4	▲	2	73.1	87.9	80.3	Yes	Yes
63.	▼	55.	Windsor Elementary (122)	387	42.6	79.2	81.8	▼	-2.6	78.1	81.4	75.7	Yes	Yes
64.	▼	62.	Thompson Elementary (205)	330	53.6	79.1	79	▲	0.1	74.3	86.1	72.2	Yes	Yes
STATE AVERAGE							79.1% students that meet or exceed state standards							
65.	▼	59.	Pecatonica Community Middle (321)	327	11.3	78.9	80.6	▼	-1.7	76.8	80.9	82.8	Yes	Yes
66.	▼	63.	Harlem Middle (122)	1,260	36.1	78.7	78.6	▲	0.1	78.8	77.6	80.7	No	No
67.	▼	52.	Poplar Grove Elementary (200)	211	27	77.8	82.5	▼	-4.7	65.4	86.7	86.1	Yes	Yes
68.	▲	70.	Freeport Junior High (145)	666	55	77.6	76.6	▲	1	78.4	77.3	76.5	Yes	No
69.	▼	40.	Lincoln Elementary (100)	670	54	76.6	84.5	▼	-7.9	70.6	87.4	69.1	No	Yes
70.	▲	72.	South Beloit Junior High (320)	162	58.6	75.7	76.5	▼	-0.8	69.7	82.1	74.7	Yes	Yes
71.	▼	16.	Capron Elementary (200)	253	32	75.4	89.3	▼	-13.9	67.5	79.1	89.2	Yes	Yes
72.	▼	28.	Lincoln Elementary (231)	273	57.1	75	87.1	▼	-12.1	63.4	88.7	67.5	No	Yes
73.	▲	74.	Center Elementary (145)	270	64.1	74.8	75.9	▼	-1.1	74.3	80.5	64.2	Yes	Yes
74.	▲	86.	New Milford Elementary (205)	219	58.9	74.6	69.7	▲	4.9	69.9	82.4	64.9	Yes	Yes
75.	▲	63.	Eisenhower Middle (205)	916	59.5	74.4	78.6	▼	-4.2	74.3	73.9	76.2	No	No
76.	▲	77.	Blackhawk Elementary (145)	276	84.1	74.3	74.8	▼	-0.5	68.5	85.5	61.9	Yes	Yes
77.	▼	69.	Marsh Elementary (205)	599	71.3	73.5	76.9	▼	-3.4	65.8	81.8	71.7	No	Yes
78.	▲	88.	Montessori Magnet (205)	329	52.9	73.3	69.1	▲	4.2	72.6	80.0	63.6	Yes	Yes
79.	▲	83.	Loves Park Elementary (122)	405	50.1	73	72.1	▲	0.9	69.4	76.0	79.4	Yes	Yes
80.	▲	84.	Gregory Elementary (205)	320	70.3	72.8	71.2	▲	1.6	66.5	79.7	68.8	Yes	Yes
81.	▼	79.	Riverview Elementary (320)	255	60.4	72.3	73.6	▼	-1.3	64.1	81.9	65.8	Yes	Yes
82.	▼	81.	Rolling Green/Muhl (205)	572	64.9	71.7	72.4	▼	-0.7	64.8	80.4	66	Yes	Yes
83.	▲	97.	Welsh Elementary (205)	36										