

ORGANIZATION

Brief History of the District

Prairie Central CUSD #8 is a Twice-Consolidated District (1986, 2004) Comprised of the Former Chatsworth, Chenoa, Fairbury-Cropsey, and Forrest-Strawn-Wing School Systems. At 386 Square Miles, It is One of the Largest Districts in Illinois.

All Communities with Schools are Connected Via the U.S. Route 24 Corridor.



Busing

- 19 Regular Routes
- 25 Intercommunity Shuttles
- 5 Special Education Routes
- In-town Stops within 4-5 Blocks



Board of Education

Prairie Central Citizens are Represented by a Board of Education Consisting of Seven (7) Members, Elected At-Large.



Finance

Prairie Central Operates a Budget of **\$21.7 Million**. In Spite of Significantly-Reduced Funding by the State of Illinois, the District Has Maintained a "Recognition" Rating, the Highest Designation Made by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Higher Education in the Area

- Heartland Community College, Normal & Pontiac IL
- Parkland Junior College, Champaign IL
- Illinois State University, Normal IL
- Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington IL
- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL
- Eastern Illinois University, Charleston IL

Parental Involvement

Communication

Parents May Access Information About Children, a School, or the District Through the Following:

- STI Home (Log-in to Student Management System for Grades, Assignments)
- Parent-Teacher, Parent-Principal Conferences on Calendar and by Request
- E-Mail Accessibility to Teachers, Administrators
- Alert Now (Mass-Calling) System for Important or Emergency Information
- District-Wide, Building-Level Newsletters
- Website (www.prairiecentral.org)

Support

Parents Can Support Their Children and the School System in Many Ways. Here are a Few:

- Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) Participation
- Music, Athletic Booster Club Membership
- Field Trip Sponsorship
- After-Prom Committee Membership
- Curriculum Council Membership
- Classroom Volunteerism
- Auxiliary Coaching

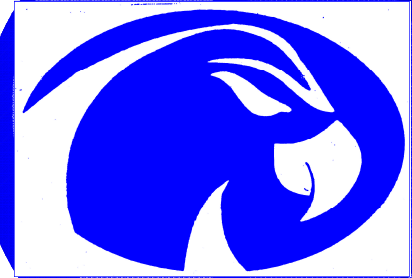


Philosophy

The School District, in an active partnership with parents and community, shall promote excellence in a caring environment in which all students learn and grow. This partnership shall endeavor to empower all students to become responsible learners and decision-makers, to develop strong self-esteem, and to engender and reach the highest career and personal aspirations possible. The School District is committed to developing and using a visionary and innovative curriculum, a knowledgeable and dedicated staff, and sound fiscal and management practices.



Prairie Central Community Unit School District No. 8



Home of the Hawks!

*"Pride in
Excellence"*

Serving the Cities of
Chatsworth
Chenoa
Cropsey
Fairbury
Forrest
Strawn
Wing

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Students

Placement & Enrollment

PreK/ECSE-4 Students Residing In

Chatsworth, Attend Chatsworth Elementary	132
Chenoa, Attend Chenoa Elementary	188
Forrest, Strawn or Wing Attend Meadowbrook Elementary, Forrest, IL	170
Fairbury or Cropsey Attend Westview Elementary, Fairbury, IL	406
<u>All 5-6 Students Attend</u> Prairie Central Upper Elementary, Forrest IL	319
<u>All 7-8 Students Attend</u> Prairie Central Junior High School, Forrest IL	311
<u>All 9-12 Students Attend</u> Prairie Central High School, Fairbury IL	624
<u>PK/ECSE-12 District Offices—Total Enrollment</u> Fairbury IL	2,150

Demographics

Average Class Size	19.9
Minority Population (%)	8.2
Special Education (%)	15.7



Staff

Certified Staff	168
Administrators	9
Non-Certified Staff	111
Average Teaching Experience (Years)	14.7
Teachers with Master's Degrees (%)	51.6

Technology

- More than **1,200 Computers** are Available for Student Use (1:<2 Ratio) in 16 Stationary Laboratories, 19 Mobile Laboratories, and Clusters
- An Interactive **White Board** is Available in Each District Classroom
- The District is a Charter Member of the Central Illinois Regional Broadband Network (CIRBN), a Federally-Funded Program Created to *Increase Internet Bandwidth in Rural Areas by as Much as 20 Times*
- The District has Undertaken the task of Providing **Wireless Access** in All Facilities



Programs

Curricular Highlights

- Pre-School for All
- All-Day Kindergarten
- Accelerated Reader (AR)
- “My Math” Web-based Math Program, Grades K-5
- “Digits” Math, Grades 6-8
- Selection of Elective Courses, Grades 7-12
- Vocational Studies, Grades 7-12
- Block Schedule, Grades 9-12 (Longer Periods, More Credits)
- 40 Dual Credit Hours, Grades 9-12
- Advanced Study in All Core Academic Areas, Grades 9-12
- Foreign Languages, Grades 9-12
- Title I Services for Economically Disadvantaged
- Response to Intervention (RtI)
- Special Education Services/Self-Contained Classes



Go-Curricular Highlights

- Arts (Instrumental/Marching Band, Choral Music, Visual Arts, Theatre, Dance)
- Athletics (Baseball, Basketball, Cross-Country, Football, Softball, Track, Volleyball, Wrestling, Cheer)
- FFA
- FCCLA
- Student Government



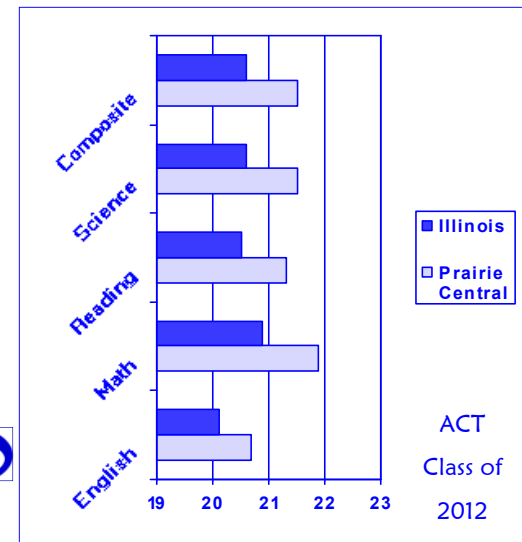
Accolades

- “Blue Ribbon” (National) Recognition
- Schools Named to Illinois State Board of Education Honor Roll 27 Times, 2003-2012
- 87% of Students Meet or Exceed State Standards on ISAT, PSAE
- Recognized with “Bronze” by U.S. News for College Preparation
- State and Nationally Recognized FFA and FCCLA Programs
- 68% of Prairie Central Grads Attend College or Trade School; 24% Attend Four-Year Institutions

Programs (Cont.)

ACT Assessment vs. State

Subject	Prairie Central	Illinois
Composite	21.5	20.6
Science	21.5	20.6
Reading	21.3	20.5
Math	21.9	20.9
English	20.7	20.1



After-School Programs

- Boys & Girls Club
- Central Illinois Football League (Youth Football)
- Forrest Mentoring Program
- Intramural Athletics
- Illinois State University String Project (Children Learn to Play Stringed Instruments)



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