

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.

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 2010 results are for tests given in the 2009-10 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 2010. Statewide, the average ISAT composite score for 2010 was 80.9 percent of students meeting or exceeding state standards. In our region, 61 elementary or middle schools surpassed the state average. The PSAE average composite score was 53; 15 of 25 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
 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
 * 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 Farar 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 district are not listed because students aren't required to take the state standardized tests until third grade.
 * New to the chart: Willowbrook Middle in the Prairie Hill district, and Legacy Academy and Galapagos charters in Rockford, which opened in 2009-10; and Academic Career Education High School, which opened in 2008-09.
 * The charter schools made AYP in the first year despite all students' test scores not being counted; scores are tallied only for students enrolled before May 1. By that time, Galapagos had none and Legacy had seven.

Elementary and middle schools

RANK	2010	2009	SCHOOL (DISTRICT)	CITY	ENROLL	PERCENT LOW-INCOM	ISAT: MEET/EXCEED			2009: MEET/EXCEED		ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS	
							2010	2009	PT. CHG	READ	MATH	2010	2009
1.	--	1.	Washington Gifted (205)	Rockford	775	31.4	100.0	99.8	▲ 0.2	100.0	100.0	Yes	Yes
2.	▲ 8.	Ledgewood Elementary (131)	Roscoe	426	16.0	96.3	93.6	▲ 2.7	93.7	98.9	Yes	Yes	
3.	▼ 2.	Eswood C C Grade (269)	Lindenwood	113	29.2	95.5	96.7	▼ -1.2	80.3	98.2	Yes	Yes	
4.	▼ 3.	Stone Creek (131)	Roscoe	456	17.3	95.0	95.6	▼ -0.6	90.1	100.0	Yes	Yes	
5.	▲ 15.	Byron Middle (226)	Byron	360	15.3	94.1	92.1	▲ 2.0	92.5	94.6	No	Yes	
6.	▼ 4.	Mary Morgan Elementary (226)	Byron	724	15.6	93.9	94.7	▼ -0.8	92.6	94.7	Yes	Yes	
7.	▼ 5.	Stephen Mack Middle (140)	Rockton	534	18.9	93.8	94.6	▼ -0.8	93.9	92.4	Yes	Yes	
8.	▲ 18.	Simon Elementary (323)	Winnebago	300	22.7	93.3	91.6	▲ 1.7	91.8	94.8	Yes	Yes	
9.	▲ 10.	Roscoe Middle (131)	Roscoe	728	12.5	93.2	92.8	▲ 0.4	92.4	93.1	Yes	Yes	
10.	▲ 17.	Prairie Hill Elementary (133)	South Beloit	407	7.6	93.1	91.9	▲ 1.2	90.0	96.7	Yes	Yes	
11.	▲ 20.	Dakota Elementary (201)	Dakota	505	25.9	92.6	91.0	▲ 1.6	89.6	95.5	Yes	Yes	
12.	▼ 7.	Whitman Post Elementary (140)	Rockton	547	21.6	92.5	93.8	▼ -1.3	88.2	96.1	No	Yes	
13.	▲ 33.	Pecatonica Comm Middle (321)	Pecatonica	292	20.2	92.2	86.5	▲ 5.7	90.2	93.9	Yes	Yes	
13.	▼ 12.	Kinnikinnick (131)	Roscoe	499	13.4	92.2	92.5	▼ -0.3	89.0	95.2	Yes	No	
13.	--	Willowbrook Middle (133)	South Beloit	334	10.2	92.2	NA	-- NA	89.8	94.3	Yes	--	
16.	▼ 10.	Tilton Elementary (231)	Rochelle	263	23.2	92.0	92.8	▼ -0.8	90.6	94.2	Yes	Yes	
17.	▲ 66.	Capron Elementary (200)	Capron	199	38.2	91.9	78.0	▲ 13.9	89.8	95.0	Yes	Yes	
17.	▲ 24.	Manchester Elementary (200)	Poplar Grove	168	22.0	91.9	88.4	▲ 3.5	86.0	96.3	Yes	Yes	
19.	▲ 26.	Lena Elementary (202)	Lena	426	29.6	91.8	88.1	▲ 3.7	86.4	95.2	Yes	Yes	
20.	▼ 6.	Empire Elementary (145)	Freeport	250	46.4	91.6	94.0	▼ -2.4	90.1	94.9	Yes	Yes	
21.	▼ 9.	Pearl City Elementary (200)	Pearl City	264	17.5	91.4	93.1	▼ -1.7	87.8	93.8	Yes	Yes	
22.	▲ 23.	Durand Elementary (322)	Durand	308	17.0	90.8	88.7	▲ 2.1	88.2	92.6	Yes	Yes	
23.	▼ 13.	Pecatonica Elementary (321)	Pecatonica	364	22.0	90.5	92.3	▼ -1.8	87.0	94.5	Yes	Yes	
24.	▲ 40.	McNair Elementary (323)	Winnebago	224	20.5	90.2	85.6	▲ 4.6	85.8	94.0	Yes	Yes	
25.	▲ 39.	Lena-Winslow Jr (202)	Lena	207	26.1	90.1	85.7	▲ 4.4	87.8	92.2	No	Yes	
26.	▲ 54.	Pearl City Jr (200)	Pearl City	98	24.5	89.7	83.5	▲ 6.2	87.2	88.1	Yes	Yes	
27.	▲ 31.	Dakota Jr/Sr (201)	Dakota	408	18.4	89.6	86.8	▲ 2.8	85.7	93.2	Yes	Yes	
28.	▼ 19.	Meridian Jr (223)	Stillman Valley	453	20.5	89.4	91.2	▼ -1.8	86.8	92.7	No	Yes	
29.	▼ 15.	Forreston Grade (221)	Forreston	276	23.6	89.3	92.1	▼ -2.8	86.2	90.4	Yes	Yes	
30.	▲ 51.	Shirland C C (134)	Shirland	152	26.3	89.1	83.9	▲ 5.2	83.6	92.3	Yes	Yes	
31.	▲ 42.	Belvidere Central Middle (100)	Belvidere	1,138	39.8	88.9	85.1	▲ 3.8	88.0	89.0	No	No	
32.	▼ 13.	Kishwaukee Elementary (100)	Garden Prairie	264	28.8	88.7	92.3	▼ -3.6	87.2	91.1	Yes	Yes	
33.	▲ 36.	Durand Jr (322)	Durand	111	22.5	88.5	86.1	▲ 2.4	84.4	92.2	Yes	Yes	
34.	▲ 45.	Perry Elementary (100)	Belvidere	300	59.3	88.1	84.5	▲ 3.6	83.5	91.2	Yes	Yes	
34.	▼ 26.	Monroe Center Grade (223)	Monroe Center	488	19.1	88.1	88.1	-- 0.0	84.7	90.4	No	Yes	
36.	▲ 46.	Caledonia Elementary (100)	Caledonia	602	24.8	88.0	84.4	▲ 3.6	84.3	89.7	Yes	No	
37.	▼ 25.	May Elementary (231)	Rochelle	261	56.7	87.3	88.2	▼ -0.9	79.9	95.5	Yes	Yes	
38.	▲ 50.	Rahn Jr (220)	Mount Morris	255	31.8	86.7	84.1	▲ 2.6	85.0	87.5	Yes	Yes	
38.	▲ 34.	Forreston Jr/Sr (221)	Forreston	476	20.0	86.7	86.3	▲ 0.4	85.0	90.1	Yes	Yes	
40.	▲ 43.	Ralston Elementary (122)	Machesney Park	426	31.0	86.5	85.0	▲ 1.5	83.2	89.3	Yes	Yes	
41.	▼ 36.	German Valley Grade (221)	German Valley	138	19.6	86.1	86.1	-- 0.0	76.8	95.3	Yes	Yes	
41.	▼ 31.	Olson Park Elementary (122)	Machesney Park	384	24.0	86.1	86.8	▼ -0.7	81.6	89.3	Yes	Yes	
43.	▼ 22.	Winnebago Middle (323)	Winnebago	397	19.4	85.9	89.0	▼ -3.1	85.3	86.8	No	Yes	
44.	▼ 30.	Meehan Elementary (100)	Belvidere	620	40.8	85.7	87.0	▼ -1.3	81.3	91.1	Yes	No	
45.	▼ 29.	Centennial Elementary (222)	Polo	311	42.1	85.3	87.2	▼ -1.9	81.7	90.6	Yes	Yes	
46.	▲ 63.	Marquette Elementary (122)	Machesney Park	345	55.4	85.2	78.3	▲ 6.9	77.6	92.8	Yes	Yes	
47.	--	Orangeville Jr (203)	Orangeville	65	27.7	84.7	84.3	▲ 0.4	80.6	86.5	Yes	Yes	
47.	▼ 28.	Seth Whitman Elementary (100)	Belvidere	721	33.4	84.7	87.5	▼ -2.8	79.1	89.2	No	Yes	
49.	▲ 64.	Blackhawk Elementary (320)	South Beloit	153	66.0	84.6	78.2	▲ 6.4	77.7	87.3	Yes	Yes	
49.	▲ 52.	Apington Middle (222)	Polo	155	40.0	84.6	83.6	▲ 1.0	81.7	85.9	Yes	Yes	
51.	▼ 41.	Oregon Elementary-Etmyre Wing (220)	Oregon	439	37.1	84.5	85.4	▼ -0.9	81.1	87.6	No	Yes	
52.	--	Rochelle Middle (231)	Rochelle	522	41.0	84.4	83.6	▲ 0.8	82.5	86.1	Yes	Yes	
52.	▼ 43.	Machesney Elementary (122)	Machesney Park	448	46.0	84.4	85.0	▼ -0.6	81.2	88.0	Yes	Yes	
54.	▲ 55.	North Boone Middle (200)	Poplar Grove	275	34.9	84.3	83.2	▲ 1.1	83.9	82.6	Yes	Yes	
54.	▼ 48.	Brookview Elementary (205)	Rockford	494	44.3	84.3	84.2	▲ 0.1	80.3	91.6	Yes	Yes	
54.	▼ 34.	Creston Elementary (161)	Creston	127	32.3	84.3	86.3	▼ -2.0	82.3	88.5	Yes	Yes	
57.	▼ 21.	Orangeville Elementary (203)	Orangeville	234	24.8	83.7	89.4	▼ -5.7	79.1	88.1	Yes	Yes	
58.	▲ 70.	Poplar Grove Elementary (200)	Poplar Grove	299	38.8	83.6	76.0	▲ 7.6	78.8	91.5	Yes	Yes	
58.	▼ 56.	Cherry Valley Elementary (205)	Cherry Valley	238	58.4	83.6	81.4	▲ 2.2	75.1	90.9	Yes	Yes	
60.	▲ 61.	New Milford Elementary (205)	Rockford	213	62.9	82.2	78.9	▲ 3.3	76.4	89.3	Yes	Yes	
61.	▼ 38.	North Boone Upper Elementary (200)	Poplar Grove	273	37.4	81.9	85.9	▼ -4.0	78.0	86.2	Yes	Yes	
STATE AVERAGE							80.9% students meet or exceed state standards						
62.	▲ 77.	Loves Park Elementary (122)	Loves Park	366	65.3	80.6	74.2	▲ 6.4	79.8	82.0	Yes	Yes	
63.	▼ 57.	South Beloit Jr (320)	South Beloit	141	62.4	80.0	80.5	▼ -0.5	72.8	86.3	Yes	Yes	
64.	▲ 89.	Lincoln Elementary (231)	Rochelle	240	68.3	79.3	68.5	▲ 10.8	71.7	87.9	Yes	No	
65.	▼ 58.	Lincoln-Douglas Elementary (145)	Freeport	206	63.1	78.9	80.2	▼ -1.3	73.5	86.6	Yes	Yes	
66.	▲ 77.	Windsor Elementary (122)	Loves Park	431	55.7	78.6	74.2	▲ 4.4	75.9	84.6	Yes	No	
66.	▼ 48.	Central Elementary (231)	Rochelle	462	43.7	78.6	84.2	▼ -5.6	70.5	87.2	No	Yes	
68.	▲ 69.	Harlem Middle (122)	Loves Park	1,185	46.2	78.5	77.4	▲ 1.1	77.6	78.5	No	No	
68.	--	Freeport Jr (145)	Freeport	633	59.1	78.5	77.7	▲ 0.8	78.7	78.6	No	No	
70.	▼ 64.	Belvidere South Middle (100)	Belvidere	914	49.9	77.8	78.2	▼ -0.4	77.5	78.4	No	No	
71.	▲ 79.	Finn Middle (205)	Rockford	842	71.5	77.5	73.5	▲ 4.0	73.2	79.6	No	No	
71.	▼ 59.	Blackhawk Elementary (145)	Freeport	294	66.0	77.5	79.7	▼ -2.2	73.8	94.0	Yes	Yes	
73.	▲ 80.	Montessori Elementary (205)	Rockford	346	59.8	77.4	73.2	▲ 4.2	73.9	82.3	Yes	No	
74.	▼ 60.	Carl Sandburg Middle (145)	Freeport	636	63.4	77.1	79.2	▼ -2.1	74.0	80.0	No	No	
75.	▼ 73.	Johnson Elementary (205)	Rockford	363	64.2	76.4	74.7	▲ 1.7	71.0	81.5	No	Yes	
76.	▲ 83.	Eisenhower Middle (205)	Rockford	950	63.5	76.3	72.3	▲ 4.0	73.2	79.6	No	No	
77.	▼ 62.	Gregory Elementary (205)	Rockford	316	74.1	76.2	78.4	▼ -2.2	71.8	80.9	Yes	Yes	
78.	▲ 82.	Center Elementary (145)	Freeport	295	71.5	75.8	72.5	▲ 3.3	70.6	84.9	No	No	
79.	▼ 76.	Rolling Green (205)	Rockford	546	71.4	75.5	74.3	▲ 1.2	68.1	86.0	No	Yes	
79.	▼ 66.	Rock Cut Elementary (122)	Loves Park	443	43.3	75.5	78.0	▼ -2.5	74.6	77.0	No	No	
81.	▼ 71.	Riverview Elementary (320)	South Beloit	248	69.0	75.1	75.1	-- 0.0					