

Geneseo Community Unit School District #228 General Description

Geneseo Community Unit School District #228 is a K-12 district that was formed in 1949. It assumed its current 261 square mile area in 1988 with the annexation of the former Atkinson School District. The District is located in northwestern Illinois approximately 20 miles east of the Mississippi River and the Quad Cities. The economy of the District's area is primarily agricultural-based, but the District's location affords its residents access to manufacturing and commercial activity in the Quad Cities area. The population of the District is approximately 16,000 with 6,400 residing in the City of Geneseo, the largest incorporated municipality in the District. Approximately 99.9% of the District's taxable property is located within Henry County.

The District operates five schools plus the Unit Office. All schools are located within the Geneseo city limits. Students in grades K-5 attend elementary schools in the District. Geneseo Middle School serves grades 6, 7, and 8, while Geneseo High School serves grades 9-12.

The District serves approximately 2,650 students, ages 3 to 18. The staff includes approximately 180 certified teachers, 135 support staff, and 11 administrators. A majority of the certified staff has advanced degrees.

Special programs in the district begin with the Ladders to Learning program for 3 to 5 year old children. The District also supports an early childhood (ECE) program for 3 to 5 year olds. Special Education programs are offered at all levels. Title 1 Reading services are provided to elementary students. Accelerated programs are offered in the core content areas of Math, Science, Social Studies and English in grades 6-12. Art, music, and physical education are taught by certified specialists in all grades.

The Geneseo Schools maintain three elementary schools: Millikin Elementary School, Southwest Elementary School, and Northside Elementary School. The Ladders to Learning Pre-School and ECE programs are also housed within the elementary buildings.

The middle school program provides a transition from the elementary to the high school. Geneseo Middle School serves approximately 625 students divided into "houses" to increase student/teacher interaction. Students are offered electives in music, art, technology, and consumer science.

Geneseo High School offers a wide variety of courses in vocational/technical, academic, and fine arts disciplines. With a student enrollment of 865, students have the opportunity to avail themselves of not only core academic classes, but also a wide-ranging selection of elective courses to meet students' particular interests and career goals. Geneseo High School's extra-curricular programs in music and athletics are known throughout the State of Illinois for their excellence.