



Community High School District 155

• Crystal Lake Central • Cary-Grove • Crystal Lake South • Prairie Ridge • Haber Oaks Campus •

The District 155 Mission:

For each student, we will inspire a love for learning, empower the pursuit of personal aspirations, and nurture a desire to contribute to the world.

Enrollment 7,009	Average ACT 22.9	Faculty 400	Average Class Size 17.8	Teachers w/ Master's Degree or Higher 87.3%
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Background

Community High School District 155 includes four comprehensive high schools and one alternate education center, each with full State of Illinois recognition and accreditation. More than 7,000 students are served in grades 9-12. The district is located approximately 45 miles northwest of Chicago in McHenry and Lake counties and serves 67.75 square miles including students from Cary, Crystal Lake, Fox River Grove, Lake in the Hills, and Prairie Grove.

The district began serving Crystal Lake, Cary, and Fox River Grove at what is now Crystal Lake Central High School in 1936. Cary-Grove High School was added in 1961, with Crystal Lake South High School following in 1978. A fourth high school, Prairie Ridge, was opened in 1997. Eleven years later, the district opened an alternative education campus, Haber Oaks.

Each junior takes the American College Test (ACT) as part of the Prairie State Achievement Exam. The composite score for District 155 seniors graduating in 2012 was 22.9 compared to a state average of 20.6 and a national average of 21.1. In other testing, the district is one of only 539 districts in the U.S. and Canada named to the 2012 AP District Honor Roll by the College Board for increasing AP participation while maintaining student success rates. The district's students took 1,655 Advanced Placement exams last year in subjects including biology, calculus, chemistry, computer science, English language & composition, physics, music theory, U.S. history, and statistics. Honor scores (three or higher) were received on 83% of these examinations. Further, 90.6% of the students in the class of 2012 continued their education beyond high school at 2- or 4-year colleges/universities or technical/vocational schools.

Each year the Chicago Sun-Times ranks Illinois' 689 high schools. For the current year, all four District 155 schools are in the top 25% of all public high schools. This includes Cary-Grove (54th, 7.8%), Prairie Ridge (60th, 8.7%), Crystal Lake Central (157th, 22.8%), and Crystal Lake South (90th, 13.1%).

Facts & Figures

Founded: 1936

Schools: Crystal Lake Central, Cary-Grove, Crystal Lake South, Prairie Ridge, Haber Oaks Campus

Pupil:Teacher Ratio: 19.7:1

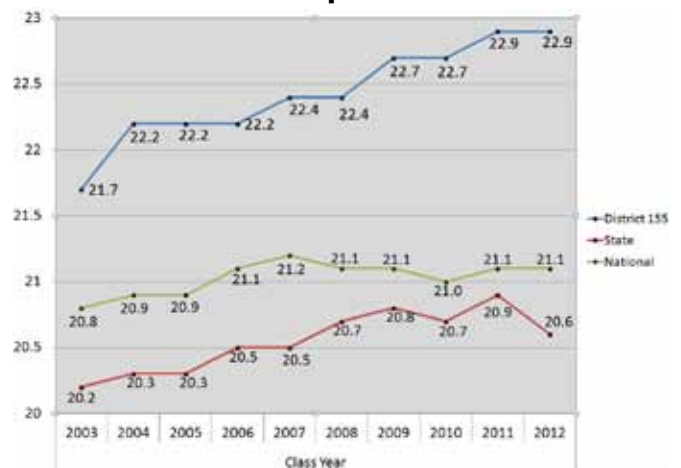
Courses Offered: 210

Course Types & Specialized Programs: Advanced Placement, dual credit, honors, regular, remedial, English Language Learners, Project Lead the Way, Virtual Enterprises International

Athletic Conference: Fox Valley Conference

Recent State Championships: Baseball (2008, Prairie Ridge), Chess (2008 & 2009, Cary-Grove), Football (2009, Cary-Grove; 2011, Prairie Ridge), Girls Volleyball (2007, Central; 2009, Cary-Grove)

ACT Composite Scores



Key Contacts & Administrators

Superintendent: Dr. Johnnie Thomas

Director of Human Resources: Dr. Randy D. Davis

Principals: Jay Sargeant (CG), Steve Olson (CLC), Marsha Potthoff (CLS), Paul Humpa (PR)

