

How does Triad Compare Academically?

Local Districts	Graduation Rate	Students Meeting/Exceeding on State Tests	College Ready Students
TRIAD CUSD 2	94%	65%	56%
O FALLON TWP HSD 203	93%	72%	68%
EDWARDSVILLE CUSD 7	93%	75%	64%
BETHALTO CUSD 8	89%	52%	37%
BELLEVILLE TWP HSD 201	87%	51%	43%
ALTON CUSD 11	85%	48%	34%
HIGHLAND CUSD 5	85%	66%	51%
COLLINSVILLE CUSD 10	82%	51%	36%
MADISON CUSD 12	80%	29%	3%
MASCOUTAH CUSD 19	79%	71%	65%
ROXANA CUSD 1	78%	46%	26%
GRANITE CITY CUSD 9	76%	40%	29%
EAST ALTON-WOOD RIVER CHSD 14	75%	36%	24%
VENICE CUSD 3		20%	

The above information is the most current that can be found on the Illinois Interactive Report Card site and is from 2014. Click [here](#) to link to this site for more information regarding Illinois Schools.

How Much Does Triad Spend Per Pupil in Comparison to Other Local Districts?

Local Districts	Instructional Spending per Student (\$)	Operational Spending per Student (\$)
VENICE CUSD 3	\$8,892	\$18,561
EAST ALTON-WOOD RIVER CHSD 14	\$8,575	\$14,687
MADISON CUSD 12	\$7,854	\$14,075
BELLEVILLE TWP HSD 201	\$6,611	\$11,516
ROXANA CUSD 1	\$6,332	\$11,502
ALTON CUSD 11	\$6,754	\$11,057
O FALLON TWP HSD 203	\$5,251	\$10,716
MASCOUTAH CUSD 19	\$5,353	\$10,333
GRANITE CITY CUSD 9	\$6,589	\$9,943
BETHALTO CUSD 8	\$5,394	\$9,608
HIGHLAND CUSD 5	\$5,385	\$9,321
COLLINSVILLE CUSD 10	\$5,408	\$9,193
EDWARDSVILLE CUSD 7	\$4,716	\$9,036
TRIAD CUSD 2	\$4,879	\$8,757

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About Troy Schools and the significance of their quality:

Qualified observers believe the contribution of our schools is integral to the whole quality of our community life. The overall lifestyle of Troy is very dependent upon it...and so is resaleability, if and when that occurs.

The Triad district has been known for providing an outstanding educational product on a modest budget. In the face of declining state support, the Triad school district did pass a modest tax increase that was deemed essential in maintaining that quality in the spring of 2015. That event should enable the schools to continue their enormous contribution to the quality of life in the entire Troy community, and so to our real estate values....and still enjoy reasonable taxes.

Obviously, we don't expect to generate many new children in Serenade, and many of our residents will not have personal family interests in the quality of our education.

We include the data here to speak to the subject of local taxes, and describe what we get for them in Troy's schools. The quality of local schools contributes enormously to the local quality of life, and especially to our resale values....always of concern, whenever it comes.

And that modest increase still keeps Troy below the average (just under Highland's rate) although some districts near the bottom will need to go to their voters for increases of their own.)

Note the top 3 are performing almost in a class by themselves, or, one could say that Triad has taken its place among the elite 3 districts in the two county area. Mascoutah could also be considered among them, but the military nature of their clientele means they move a lot, and so the high school suffers with an abnormally low graduation rate.

But only Triad and Edwardsville are doing it with exceptionally low costs both in Instructional Spending and Operational Spending.

Madison County Districts	Education Fund Rate
Venice	2.6500
Madison	2.5900
Wood River	2.5700
Granite City	2.5500
Collinsville	2.5500
Roxana	2.4500
Highland	2.3500
Alton	2.1500
Edwardsville	2.1500
Bethalto	1.8400
Triad	1.8400

Direct school comparisons can be found at [IllinoisReportCard.com](#), [GreatSchools.net](#), and others.

This discussion highlights the relationship between schools and local taxes, because schools consume such a large proportion. The overall tax rate for Troy is also well below immediate neighbors. Ironically, declining communities usually have the highest tax rate....because declining property values dictate that the rate needs to go up in those communities. Ask Merrill for a list of all local (2 county) overall tax rates by city. We get more for our money here than in any other local city, AND our property values are stable or rising.