

HOW LARGE ARE CLASS SIZES WITHIN YOUR DISTRICT?

The Midland Board of Education has always been very careful to maintain manageable class sizes – particularly at the elementary level. Contemporary research indicates that class sizes of 25 students or less impact students in a positive manner for reading. For example, in 1995 the Tennessee General Assembly launched the STAR study (Student Teacher Achievement Ratio). The STAR Study was a four year project that assigned students to three different class sizes – small (12-17 students), regular (22-25 students), and regular with aide (22-25 with a full-time teachers aide) classes. Most importantly teachers were randomly assigned to the aforementioned classrooms. Upon completion of the study, academic achievement indicated a significant advantage of small classes over regular size classes and regular sized classes with a teaching assistant. However, how big are class sizes in your school district?

Brimfield	19
Dunlap 323	21.2
Farmington	21.8
IVC	21.7
Midland #7	15.3
Morton #709	22.1
Peoria #150	15.3
Princeville #326	19.7

ARE HOME VALUES COMPETITIVE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

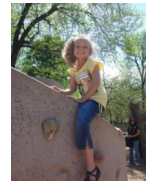
Housing within the Midland School District has remained relatively stable. In fact, the cost of housing has been, and remains, extremely affordable. The following graph indicates how housing within the Midland District compares to other Illinois Counties.

County	Median Price
Bureau	\$99,973
Dupage	\$208,000
Marshall	\$97,000
McLean	\$147,518
Peoria	\$110,000
Tazewell	\$114,622
Woodford	\$132,227

As indicated in the above statistical table obtained from the Illinois State Treasurer's Office – Marshall County is much more competitive than other comparable counties in Illinois. Most importantly, undeveloped property in Marshall County is very competitive. Currently the average price per acre of undeveloped property in Marshall County is \$4000. In neighboring counties it can be as high as \$30,000. In short, the Midland School District provides a scenic and affordable community that promotes family values that are conducive to raising children.

IN THE END, WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

What does it all mean? Many families are tired of urban living and the daily grind that urban living creates. As a result, people are searching for a slower, affordable, and family-conducive lifestyle. The Midland School District offers all of the aforementioned desires and more. Come see our district and find out for yourself. For more information please contact Midland Schools at 309-463-2364 or visit us at www.midland-7.org.



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How Does Your Child's School Stack Up to Other Schools?



WHAT CAN MIDLAND OFFER YOUR FAMILY? HOW ABOUT A FREE COLLEGE EDUCATION?

Midland High School provides the Fast Start Program for all High School Seniors. Fast Start is a program that enables senior-level students to attend Illinois Central College and receive at least 24 hours of college credit prior to high school graduation. It is important to realize that Fast Start is unique to the Midland District. Specifically, no other Central Illinois School District provides a similar program for High School Seniors. In fact, Fast Start was the first program of its kind in Illinois. In previous years one Midland High Student received a High School Diploma and an Associates degree at the same time. This same student is now enrolled at Illinois State University and will graduate in May with a BS in Nursing.

DOES YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCELERATE STUDENTS?

The Midland School Districts provides accelerated programs at the Middle School level in Math and Literature. In addition, Midland Middle School has initiated an Algebra I class for 8th grade students. Students successfully completing the Algebra I course receive High School Credit. Next year the Middle School will accelerate students in Language Arts Instruction.

HOW MUCH DOES YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT CHARGE YOU IN TAXES?

The Midland School District has one of the most fiscally conservative school boards in Central Illinois. For example, the Midland Board of Educa-

tion believes only in taxing for need and not for want. Similarly, the Midland School Board has maintained a careful balance between low taxes and a superior education.

Brimfield	\$4.02
Dunlap 323	\$4.06
Farmington	\$5.57
IVC	\$4.53
Midland #7	\$4.37
Morton #709	\$4.51
Peoria #150	\$4.48
Princeville #326	\$5.10

What does this mean? Take, for example, the Farmington School District. If you live in a \$100,000 home in the Farmington School District you will pay an average of \$1800 per year in taxes to the school district. In contrast, if you live in the Midland School District you will pay \$1397 in taxes to the school district.



Midland Community School District 7 is proud of the quality education its School Board, Administration and Staff provide for students within the Lacon/Sparland/Varna communities. Our primary goals, as set by the Board of Education, is to improve students achievement on standardized tests, to continue to build upon the positive relationships in our community, and to continue to be fiscally responsible with the districts finances.

This year many new initiatives were implemented at Midland Community School System, including an accelerated Math program at the middle school, a Curriculum Alignment Program, and a Strategic Plan. The 2010-2011 school year will see a continuation of the aforementioned system with the implementation of the Strategic Plan. Additionally, the district is has also improved school/parent communication by implementing a parental notification system.

Please feel free to contact me or any other administrator if you have any questions about our school district.

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