Outstanding Schools in an Outstanding Community

Urbana School District #116



The mission of Urbana School District 116, a multicultural community committed to educational excellence, is to ensure that all learners acquire knowledge, develop skills, and build character to achieve personal greatness and help create a better global society, by providing innovative, comprehensive programs, respecting individual learning styles and cultural differences, and fostering caring and nurturing relationships, while engaging each student, every family and the entire community.

Award-winning students and nationally recognized programs

USD #116 is home to academically talented and award-winning students, faculty and staff. Our students have won state chess championships, earned scholarships to Ivy League schools, have been honored with music awards, competed at the state and national level in a variety of sports, had their social justice group recognized by a national educational group, and have been invited to record a song from a Disney soundtrack.

Urbana School District #116 is an Early Childhood through Adult Education district located in East Central Illinois serving approximately 4200 students. Our outstanding schools in an outstanding community include:

- A state-of-the-art early childhood school
- Six outstanding neighborhood elementary schools
- An innovative middle school known for excellent before and after school programming
- The only high school in the area to be recognized by U.S. News and World Report
- A comprehensive adult education center
- An intensive, special education school for students residing at Cunningham Children's Home

Innovations and excellence

- In January, 2013, USD #116 was named the first Illinois State Board of Educations' Spotlight School District in recognition of its innovative programs and supports for students
- Dual language programs and bi-lingual instruction
- A school-based health center hosted at Urbana High School
- Commitment to elementary fine arts, with classes and performances in visual arts, music, dance, and drama at all elementary schools
- The secondary campus is home to several state-ofthe-art facilities, including the recently completed Athletic Complex, UHS Cobb Auditorium and Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center
- All Urbana schools welcome mentors and tutors

Education that leads to success

- Urbana students reguarly score above the State average for ACT, and are accepted to numerous universities and colleges including Boston College, Brown, BYU, Caltech, Columbia, Dartmouth, Harvard, Illinois State University, Illinois Wesleyan, Johns Hopkins, Juilliard, Northwestern, Parkland, Scripps, Tufts, UCLA, University of Chicago, University of Illinois, University of Massachusetts, and Yale.
- Awards: AP Honor Roll, ACT for College and Career Transition Award, Bronze medal ranking from U.S. News and World Report.
- All UHS courses are college prep or above and include AP courses. Approximately 89% of UHS students taking the AP exams receive a 3, 4, or 5.

It's all about the schools...

Urbana Early Childhood School (UECS) is committed to implementing the Illinois Early Learning Standards in the District's newest, state-of-the-art building. The NAEYC accredited school is staffed by caring, passionate, early childhood certified teachers who ensure students are prepared for elementary school.

Urbana Early Childhood | 2202 E. Washington St. 217.384.3616 | www.usd116.org/uecs

Leal Elementary is located in the state street area of west Urbana, and is home to one of the District's two Spanish dual language sites. With upgraded facilities, the historic school is known for providing differentiated instruction that meets the needs of all students.

Leal Elementary | 312 W. Oregon St. 217.384.3618 | www.usd116.org/leal

Thomas Paine Elementary recently celebrated its' 50th birthday, a proud history and promising future in Urbana education. The school, located immediately east of the Philo business district, is home to an active PTA, a strong, giving community, and active students that engage in inquiry based learning through events such as their annual science fair.

Thomas Paine Elementary | 1801 James Cherry Dr. 217.384.3602 | www.usd116.org/tpaine

Yankee Ridge Elementary is located in the southeast neighborhood of Urbana. Yankee Ridge is known for its welcoming and respectful environment. Its graduates move on to do great things!

Yankee Ridge Elementary | 2102 S. Anderson St. 217.384.3607 | www.usd116.org/yr

Urbana Middle School, home to the UMS Tigers, is the largest middle school in the region serving all of Urbana's students in grades six through eight. Being a large middle school offers an exceptional number of academic, athletic, extracurricular, and fine arts opportunities for all students. Every child in Urbana can find and develop his or her individual passions at UMS.

Urbana Middle School | 1201 S. Vine St. 217.384.3685 | www.usd116.org/ums

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary school has a culturally rich climate and is home to 40 different native languages with staff providing some academic instruction in four languages outside English. The renovated facilities and new modern gymnasium provides space for the larger King community.

King Elementary | 1108 W. Fairview Ave. 217.384.3675 | www.usd116.org/king

Dr. Preston L. Williams Jr. Elementary shares a campus with Urbana Early Childhood in historic East Urbana's Lierman neighborhood. The students take advantage of a new gynasium and state-of-the-art fine arts classrooms. Home to one of the District's dual language programs, the school's strong sense of "can-do" attitude is reflected in its students and staff.

Dr. Williams Elementary | 2102 E. Washington St. 217.384.3628 | www.usd116.org/drwilliams

Wiley Elementary stands proudly on the edge of the historic east Urbana neighborhood. Teachers and staff work with community partners to engage students in experiences that integrate the Fine Arts and traditional academic disciplines.

Wiley Elementary | 1602 S. Anderson St. 217.384.3670 | www.usd116.org/wiley

Urbana High School is a vibrant, diverse, and innovative community of learners and the premier comprehensive public high school for the Urbana community. The educators of UHS are committed to doing whatever it takes to help all students achieve their personal greatness. UHS offers a wide variety of student supports, unique academic opportunities, with emphasis on rigorous coursework, increased communication with parents, social justice and a broad array of elective and athletic options.

Urbana High School | 1002 S. Race St. 217.384.3505 | www.usd116.org/uhs