Area UNIT District Comparisons

Unit District	2025-2026 K-12 Enrollment	% of ALL Students Proficiency ELA	% of ALL Students Proficiency Math	% of ALL Students Proficiency Science
Waterloo	2685 (-30)	70%	56%	64%
Columbia	1854 (-40)	78%	64%	75%
Edwardsville	6927 (-103)	68%	53%	64%
Mascoutah	4239 (-79)	76%	57%	65%
Highland	2649 (-61)	61%	49%	65%
Triad	3964 (-19)	69%	55%	68%
Valmeyer	310 (-17)	49%	26%	40%
Red Bud	918 (-27)	55%	38%	48%
Carterville	2129 (-14)	76%	62%	62%
Illinois	1,819,118 (-29,442)	55%	39%	49%

Points of Pride

- All five WCUSD #5 schools received the rating of Exemplary on the ISBE Illinois Report Card. Under ISBE's designation system, an exemplary rating represents the highest level of academic performance, student growth, and overall school environment.
- Waterloo CUSD #5 district-wide proficiency exceeds Illinois state averages across all three tested core disciplines:
- ELA: 70% (vs. 55% state average)
- Math: 56% (vs. 39% state average)
- Science: 64% (vs. 49% state average)
- Illinois Science Assessment proficiency ranks in the top 10% of all unit school districts in the state.
- ELA and Math ACT combined proficiency for grades 9, 10, and 11 ranks in the top 10% of all unit school districts in the state.
- Over the last 3 years, student cohorts (including graduating classes) have made significant growth in ELA proficiency.
- During this period, Roger's ELA scores have improved by 8%, Gardner's have improved by 18%, and WJHS scores have improved by 6%.

School	Waterloo 2024 Proficiency	Waterloo 2025 Proficiency	Waterloo 2026 Proficiency	Illinois Proficiency
ACT SUITE (Overall Avg. Grade 9, 10, 11)				
ACT ELA	43%	66%	63%	55%
ACT Math	40%	57%	53%	39%
ACT Science	54%	64%	58%	48%
Rogers Elementary IAR				
3rd Grade ELA	63%	75%	71%	56%
3rd Grade Math	76%	80%	75%	40%
Gardner Elementary IAR				
Gardner ELA	53%	69%	71%	56%
Gardner Math	46%	61%	60%	40%
4th Grade ELA	60%	71%	74%	56%
4th Grade Math	53%	58%	61%	42%
5th Grade ELA	46%	67%	69%	55%
5th Grade Math	42%	65%	59%	36%
Gardner Elementary ISA (5th Grade Science)	74%	63%	69%	50%
Waterloo Junior High IAR				
Waterloo Junior High ELA	72%	74%	79%	56%
Waterloo Junior High Math	45%	46%	50%	50%
6th Grade ELA	73%	72%	82%	58%
6th Grade Math	36%	39%	50%	36%
7th Grade ELA	65%	75%	74%	57%
7th Grade Math	47%	51%	55%	39%
8th Grade ELA	78%	78%	81%	63%
8th Grade Math	52%	51%	46%	34%
Waterloo Junior High ISA (8th Grade Science)	81%	67%	70%	49%