



Riverside Public School
District 96
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Press Release

District 96 has earned the SchoolSearch™ 2011 Bright Red Apple™ Award for educational excellence

Fifty-nine (59) Illinois elementary/unit school districts out of a total 868 school districts state-wide were honored with this award based on the following five categories (Information Source: 2010 Illinois Report Card Data):

- Academic Performance
- Pupil/Teacher Ratio
- Operating Expenditure Per Pupil
- Educational Level of Teachers
- Average Teacher Salary

Elementary Award Criteria:

- Teachers with Master's Degrees or Above $\geq 57.4\%$
- Pupil/Teacher Ratio $\leq 18.2:1$
- Average Teacher Salary $\geq \$54,229$
- Operating Expenditure Per Pupil $\geq \$10,372$
- Average percentage of 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grade ISAT (Illinois Standards Achievement Test) meets or exceeds percentages of Reading and Math ≥ 88.94 .

The complete list of 2011 award winners can be found by visiting the following website:
www.wdstudio.net/schoolsearch/apple2011.htm .