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How We Ranked Them

The charts on these pages are not all the same. The larger set of charts rank public elementary, middle, and junior high schools in Chicago and its six surrounding counties; out of the more than 1,740 schools in the Chicago area, we list only the 115 that came out on top in the data-crunching process described below. The number of schools we list for each area is roughly proportional to the total number of schools there; thus, for heavily populated Chicago and Cook County we list the top 30, but for the far less populous McHenry County, only five.

On the last chart, we show relevant data for a select group of private and parochial schools, but we do not rank or score them. (Instead, they are listed alphabetically.) Although universal measuring sticks for the public schools exist in the form of standardized data released by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) each fall, there are no such common gauges available for private schools. All information on private schools comes directly from the schools themselves.

The ISBE, based in Springfield, gathers data on every public school in

the state, measuring hundreds of attributes—from the essential, such as the number of children at the school performing at or above state standards on math tests, to the esoteric, such as the percentage of the school district's budget devoted to fire prevention and safety. This information is reported by the individual schools or school districts, and later released to local communities in the form of an annual report card. *Chicago's* data is from the 2005 report card, the latest available, which came out last fall and derives from the 2004-05 school year. (New figures, reflecting the 2005-06 school year, were scheduled to be released to schools in October.)

The first step in picking the best public schools was easy: we simply opened the floodgates and let a river of data from the ISBE rush through. *Chicago* then winnowed the data down to a small set of attributes most critical to the quality of education a school provides. Finally, we assigned point values for each of those attributes and tallied up the totals to arrive at our rankings. Some of the data we used is broken out on our charts by

individual school, while in other cases a district-wide figure is given.

On the city chart, none of the innovative new charter schools rank in our top 30. One reason is that our scoring system awarded high marks to schools with more experienced teachers and better pay. Charter schools tend to be staffed by younger teachers who are paid less than the average teacher in the Chicago Public Schools (CPS). That does not mean charter school teachers are inferior, just that their lack of experience limited their scores.

For our chart of private schools, we interviewed education experts and compiled a list of 25 based on their recommendations. Although these schools are topnotch, this is not a definitive list of the 25 best. Because no comprehensive data about private schools exist, we then solicited information from each school on our list, and included it in our chart. Many private schools, including the Chicago Catholic schools, would not release data related to standardized test scores.

Public Schools: CHICAGO	District Name	City	Grades in School	AVERAGE CLASS SIZE				Total School Enrollment	Pupil-Teacher Ratio	Avg. Years Teacher Experience*	Avg. Teacher Salary*	Spending per Student*	2005 School Composite % Meets/Exceeds (reading, math, and science)
				K	Grade 1	Grade 3	Grade 6						
1) Lenart Elementary Regional Gifted Center	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	pre-K – 8	23.0	22.0	30.0	32.0	263	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	100.0
2) Decatur Classical Elementary School	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	K – 6	26.0	25.5	25.0	22.0	266	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	99.5
3) Edison Elementary Regional Gifted Center	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	K – 8	27.0	27.0	28.0	31.0	259	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	99.1
4) Keller Elementary Gifted Magnet School	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	1 – 8	-	30.0	28.0	28.0	231	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	98.7
5) Edgebrook Elementary School	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	K – 8	31.0	40.0	30.0	27.0	288	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	97.0
6) McDade Elementary Classical School	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	K – 6	27.0	25.0	22.0	28.0	186	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	95.8
7) Hawthorne Elementary Scholastic Academy	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	K – 8	31.5	31.0	31.0	29.5	557	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	93.8
8) Oriole Park Elementary School	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	pre-K – 8	20.0	32.5	29.5	30.5	525	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	92.3
9) Jackson, A., Elementary Language Academy	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	K – 8	28.5	30.5	29.5	31.5	540	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	91.9
10) Poe Elementary Classical School	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	K – 6	20.0	25.0	29.0	25.0	182	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	91.9
11) LaSalle Elementary Language Academy	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	K – 8	31.0	32.0	31.5	29.5	563	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	91.7
12) Skinner Elementary School	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	pre-K – 8	29.7	26.5	30.0	32.3	611	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	89.0
13) Lincoln Elementary School	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	K – 8	22.5	31.0	33.5	25.0	604	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	88.1
14) Sheridan Elementary Math & Science Acad.	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	K – 8	28.5	28.5	30.5	30.0	527	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	87.7
15) Murray Elementary Language Academy	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	K – 6	29.0	30.5	28.0	28.0	367	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	86.5
16) Wildwood Elementary School	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	K – 8	34.0	28.0	28.0	27.0	334	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	86.5
17) Bell Elementary School	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	pre-K – 8	30.0	28.7	28.0	26.7	788	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	84.6
18) Thorp, O. A., Elementary Scholastic Acad.	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	K – 8	28.3	28.3	27.0	31.0	817	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	83.8
19) Blaine Elementary School	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	pre-K – 8	28.3	20.5	22.0	18.5	651	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	83.5
20) Franklin Elementary Fine Arts Center	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	K – 8	28.0	28.0	29.0	31.0	368	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	81.7
21) Sauganash Elementary School	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	K – 8	29.0	26.0	29.0	37.0	421	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	81.7
22) Garry, J., Elementary School	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	K – 8	28.5	27.0	23.5	30.0	541	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	81.6
23) Ebinger Elementary School	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	pre-K – 8	26.7	25.3	28.5	26.0	595	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	81.3
24) Beaubien Elementary School	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	pre-K – 8	22.0	27.0	28.8	28.8	993	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	80.4
25) Stone Elementary Scholastic Academy	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	K – 8	30.5	20.7	30.0	30.5	605	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	79.6
26) Canty Elementary School	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	pre-K – 8	26.0	24.5	28.0	33.0	609	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	79.0
27) Burley Elementary School	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	pre-K – 8	26.0	26.5	23.0	20.5	437	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	77.4
28) Norwood Park Elementary School	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	pre-K – 8	32.0	22.5	31.0	25.0	350	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	77.4
29) Solomon Elementary School	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	pre-K – 8	30.0	38.0	30.0	33.0	395	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	77.2
30) Washington, G., Elementary School	City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	pre-K – 8	22.3	20.7	29.0	18.7	699	20.2/1	13.4	\$61,178	\$6,023	77.1

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				K	Grade 1	Grade 3	Grade 6						
1) Spring Avenue Elementary School	La Grange School District 105 (South)	La Grange	K – 6	15.5	16.5	19.5	15.5	230	14.9/1	18.3	\$66,438	\$7,409	96.3
2) Wescott Elementary School	Northbrook/Glenview School District 30	Northbrook	pre-K – 5	17.3	23.0	22.7	-	442	14.3/1	17.8	\$65,216	\$7,661	93.2
3) Wood Oaks Junior High School	Northbrook Elementary School Dist. 27	Northbrook	6 – 8	-	-	-	15.9	476	12.8/1	14.9	\$67,685	\$9,595	91.9
4) Grove Elementary School	Northbrook Elementary School Dist. 27	Northbrook	K – 3	13.0	18.3	18.0	-	262	12.8/1	14.9	\$67,685	\$9,595	91.8
5) The Joseph Sears School	Kenilworth School District 38	Kenilworth	pre-K – 8	20.7	15.3	23.7	19.0	580	14.4/1	15.1	\$63,693	\$7,856	94.4
6) Maple School	Northbrook/Glenview School District 30	Northbrook	6 – 8	-	-	-	22.7	401	14.3/1	17.8	\$65,216	\$7,661	90.9
7) Middlefork Primary School	Sunset Ridge School District 29	Northfield	K – 3	16.3	19.0	17.3	-	228	12.7/1	12.7	\$62,091	\$9,094	95.3
8) Shabonee School	Northbrook Elementary School Dist. 27	Northbrook	4 – 5	-	-	-	-	297	12.8/1	14.9	\$67,685	\$9,595	88.7
9) Willowbrook Elementary School	Northbrook/Glenview School District 30	Glenview	pre-K – 5	14.0	21.5	18.5	-	279	14.3/1	17.8	\$65,216	\$7,661	88.3
10) Sunset Ridge Elementary School	Sunset Ridge School District 29	Northfield	4 – 8	-	-	-	19.0	311	12.7/1	12.7	\$62,091	\$9,094	92.8
11) Hickory Point Elementary School	Northbrook Elementary School Dist. 27	Northbrook	K – 3	16.3	17.8	17.8	-	275	12.8/1	14.9	\$67,685	\$9,595	87.7
12) Westmoor Elementary School	Northbrook School District 28	Northbrook	pre-K – 5	15.7	16.0	16.0	-	322	13.3/1	13.4	\$59,595	\$8,785	93.5
13) Northbrook Junior High School	Northbrook School District 28	Northbrook	6 – 8	-	-	-	16.6	622	13.3/1	13.4	\$59,595	\$8,785	93.3
14) Hodgkins Elementary School	La Grange School District 105 (South)	Hodgkins	pre-K – 6	16.0	12.0	25.0	22.0	204	14.9/1	18.3	\$66,438	\$7,409	87.0
15) Crow Island Elementary School	Winnetka School District 36	Winnetka	K – 4	18.6	18.0	18.0	-	412	14.6/1	12.2	\$59,855	\$7,103	96.4
16) Greenbriar Elementary School	Northbrook School District 28	Northbrook	K – 5	19.0	13.7	18.7	-	312	13.3/1	13.4	\$59,595	\$8,785	91.7
17) Greeley Elementary School	Winnetka School District 36	Winnetka	K – 4	19.5	20.3	18.5	-	345	14.6/1	12.2	\$59,855	\$7,103	94.8
18) Carleton W. Washburne School	Winnetka School District 36	Winnetka	7 – 8	-	-	-	-	462	14.6/1	12.2	\$59,855	\$7,103	94.6
19) Hubbard Woods Elementary School	Winnetka School District 36	Winnetka	K – 4	20.0	20.7	22.5	-	392	14.6/1	12.2	\$59,855	\$7,103	94.1
20) Meadowbrook Elementary School	Northbrook School District 28	Northbrook	K – 5	17.8	20.0	17.4	-	522	13.3/1	13.4	\$59,595	\$8,785	89.4
21) Henry Winkelman Elementary School	West Northfield School District 31	Glenview	K – 5	18.8	16.4	17.0	-	537	13.2/1	14.4	\$60,924	\$7,155	88.3
22) The Skokie School	Winnetka School District 36	Winnetka	5 – 6	-	-	-	21.1	464	14.6/1	12.2	\$59,855	\$7,103	92.8
23) Horace Mann Elementary School	Oak Park Elementary School District 97	Oak Park	K – 5	18.5	17.8	18.8	-	439	16.3/1	14.3	\$60,032	\$6,542	91.9
24) South Elementary School	Glencoe School District 35	Glencoe	K – 2	21.0	20.4	-	-	437	14.5/1	12.0	\$55,967	\$6,556	95.1
25) Hollywood Elementary School	Riverside School District 96	Brookfield	K – 5	19.0	12.0	20.0	-	119	15.8/1	13.9	\$57,870	\$5,652	95.3
26) Pleasantdale Elementary School	Pleasantdale School District 107	La Grange	pre-K – 4	19.0	19.0	22.8	-	470	14.7/1	13.9	\$56,494	\$6,435	91.5
27) Highlands Middle School	La Grange Highlands School District 106	La Grange	6 – 8	-	-	-	24.0	311	16.1/1	14.0	\$56,485	\$6,041	93.9
28) Blythe Park Elementary School	Riverside School District 96	Riverside	K – 5	18.0	15.0	17.0	-	108	15.8/1	13.9	\$57,870	\$5,652	94.6
29) Field School	West Northfield School District 31	Northbrook	6 – 8	-	-	-	18.7	324	13.2/1	14.4	\$60,924	\$7,155	86.0
30) Willard Elementary School	Evanston C C School District 65	Evanston	K – 5	18.0	21.0	22.0	-	311	15.3/1	14.0	\$63,032	\$6,521	87.6

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1) Braeside Elementary School	North Shore School District 112	Highland Park	K – 5	21.0	16.0	15.7	-	286	15.5/1	14.3	\$67,874	\$7,092	94.4
2) Lincoln Elementary School	North Shore School District 112	Highland Park	pre-K – 5	22.0	18.0	18.0	-	277	15.5/1	14.3	\$67,874	\$7,092	93.4
3) Laura B. Sprague School	Lincolnshire-Prairieview School Dist. 103	Lincolnshire	K – 2	18.0	21.5	-	-	495	16.6/1	13.9	\$60,448	\$6,651	97.6
4) Edgewood Middle School	North Shore School District 112	Highland Park	6 – 8	-	-	-	16.8	569	15.5/1	14.3	\$67,874	\$7,092	92.3
5) Kildeer Countryside Elementary School	Kildeer Countryside C C School Dist. 96	Long Grove	1 – 5	-	18.8	21.3	-	500	17.6/1	14.6	\$64,330	\$5,518	94.8
6) Bannockburn Elementary School	Bannockburn School District 106	Bannockburn	K – 8	10.0	12.0	14.0	12.5	189	11.7/1	14.1	\$57,029	\$7,402	92.8
7) Daniel Wright Junior High School	Lincolnshire-Prairieview School Dist. 103	Lincolnshire	5 – 8	-	-	-	23.9	834	16.6/1	13.9	\$60,448	\$6,651	93.6
8) Half Day School	Lincolnshire-Prairieview School Dist. 103	Lincolnshire	3 – 4	-	-	22.3	-	367	16.6/1	13.9	\$60,448	\$6,651	93.4
9) Ivy Hall Elementary School	Kildeer Countryside C C School Dist. 96	Buffalo Grove	1 – 5	-	23.3	24.8	-	517	17.6/1	14.6	\$64,330	\$5,518	93.8
10) Ravinia Elementary School	North Shore School District 112	Highland Park	K – 5	22.0	21.5	16.7	-	304	15.5/1	14.3	\$67,874	\$7,092	89.9
11) North Barrington Elementary School	Barrington C U School District 220	Barrington	K – 5	22.0	21.3	24.5	-	533	18.8/1	12.2	\$62,709	\$6,093	96.6
12) Cherokee Elementary School	Lake Forest School District 67	Lake Forest	K – 4	19.0	22.8	21.5	-	425	14.0/1	11.3	\$57,679	\$6,292	93.7
13) Arnett C. Lines Elementary School	Barrington C U School District 220	Barrington	K – 5	21.5	20.5	26.0	-	607	18.8/1	12.2	\$62,709	\$6,093	95.2
14) Prairie Elementary School	Kildeer Countryside C C School Dist. 96	Buffalo Grove	1 – 5	-	21.5	18.7	-	364	17.6/1	14.6	\$64,330	\$5,518	93.3
15) Wayne Thomas Elementary School	North Shore School District 112	Highland Park	K – 5	18.7	19.7	20.3	-	361	15.5/1	14.3	\$67,874	\$7,092	88.5
Public Schools: DuPAGE COUNTY													
1) Brook Forest Elementary School	Butler School District 53	Oak Brook	K – 5	16.5	16.0	19.0	-	289	12.7/1	16.0	\$67,121	\$9,440	93.7
2) Butler Junior High School	Butler School District 53	Oak Brook	6 – 8	-	-	-	18.3	195	12.7/1	16.0	\$67,121	\$9,440	92.6
3) Gower West Elementary School	Gower School District 62	Willowbrook	pre-K – 4	19.0	21.4	21.0	-	497	16.0/1	18.5	\$68,692	\$6,560	92.3
4) Walker School	C C School District 181	Clarendon Hills	K – 5	24.0	20.3	19.0	-	307	17.9/1	13.8	\$73,504	\$6,064	97.2
5) Oak Elementary School	C C School District 181	Hinsdale	K – 5	22.5	20.0	20.3	-	351	17.9/1	13.8	\$73,504	\$6,064	96.7
6) The Lane Elementary School	C C School District 181	Hinsdale	K – 5	19.7	21.7	18.7	-	358	17.9/1	13.8	\$73,504	\$6,064	96.2
7) Madison Elementary School	C C School District 181	Hinsdale	K – 5	27.0	23.0	23.3	-	399	17.9/1	13.8	\$73,504	\$6,064	95.4
8) Prospect Elementary School	C C School District 181	Clarendon Hills	K – 5	21.7	24.3	23.0	-	448	17.9/1	13.8	\$73,504	\$6,064	95.3
9) Monroe Elementary School	C C School District 181	Hinsdale	pre-K – 5	18.0	22.0	26.0	-	467	17.9/1	13.8	\$73,504	\$6,064	94.2
10) Gower Middle School	Gower School District 62	Burr Ridge	5 – 8	-	-	-	26.2	447	16.0/1	18.5	\$68,692	\$6,560	89.1
11) Clarendon Hills Middle School	C C School District 181	Clarendon Hills	6 – 8	-	-	-	24.2	766	17.9/1	13.8	\$73,504	\$6,064	92.5
12) Meadow Glens Elementary School	Naperville C U District 203	Naperville	K – 5	23.5	25.5	22.3	-	599	20.2/1	14.5	\$69,719	\$5,671	95.0
13) J. T. Manning Elementary School	Westmont C U School District 201	Westmont	pre-K – 5	18.0	20.0	17.5	-	265	16.1/1	15.9	\$68,167	\$6,705	88.6
14) Edison Elementary School	Elmhurst School District 205	Elmhurst	K – 5	20.5	19.0	25.5	-	337	17.7/1	13.1	\$66,647	\$6,107	92.0
15) Jackson Elementary School	Elmhurst School District 205	Elmhurst	K – 5	25.3	20.3	23.3	-	395	17.7/1	13.1	\$66,647	\$6,107	91.8

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1) Mill Creek School	Geneva Comm. Unit School District 304	Geneva	K – 5	22.8	22.6	22.3	-	568	18.3/1	12.2	\$58,396	\$4,965	93.8
2) J. B. Nelson Elementary School	Batavia Unit School District 101	Batavia	K – 5	22.3	21.3	24.0	-	444	18.6/1	11.5	\$60,945	\$5,140	90.9
3) Heartland Elementary School	Geneva Comm. Unit School District 304	Geneva	K – 5	23.7	19.0	21.3	-	479	18.3/1	12.2	\$58,396	\$4,965	92.7
4) Western Avenue Elementary School	Geneva Comm. Unit School District 304	Geneva	K – 5	20.3	23.0	23.3	-	490	18.3/1	12.2	\$58,396	\$4,965	91.5
5) Grace McWayne Elementary School	Batavia Unit School District 101	Batavia	pre-K – 5	19.0	21.8	28.3	-	572	18.6/1	11.5	\$60,945	\$5,140	89.3
6) Coultrap Elementary School	Geneva Comm. Unit School District 304	Geneva	K – 5	17.0	19.0	26.7	-	473	18.3/1	12.2	\$58,396	\$4,965	89.4
7) Alice Gustafson Elementary School	Batavia Unit School District 101	Batavia	K – 5	19.3	19.5	24.3	-	418	18.6/1	11.5	\$60,945	\$5,140	88.7
8) H. C. Storm Elementary School	Batavia Unit School District 101	Batavia	K – 5	20.8	21.3	22.7	-	402	18.6/1	11.5	\$60,945	\$5,140	88.5
9) Lily Lake Elementary School	Central Comm. Unit School District 301	Maple Park	K – 5	17.0	17.0	19.5	-	218	17.1/1	13.4	\$57,771	\$4,998	87.4
10) Hoover Wood Elementary School	Batavia Unit School District 101	Batavia	K – 5	23.5	20.0	22.5	-	570	18.6/1	11.5	\$60,945	\$5,140	87.7
Public Schools: WILL COUNTY													
1) Reed-Custer Primary School	Reed Custer C U School District 255U	Custer Park	K – 2	20.8	24.6	-	-	376	20.0/1	17.6	\$60,851	\$6,394	91.2
2) Milne Grove Elementary School	Lockport School District 91	Lockport	K – 3	20.7	18.3	24.7	-	247	17.4/1	13.8	\$51,693	\$4,824	83.8
3) Reed-Custer Intermediate School	Reed Custer C U School District 255U	Braidwood	pre-K – 5	-	-	24.8	-	446	20.0/1	17.6	\$60,851	\$6,394	82.0
4) Eisenhower Elementary School	Joliet Public School District 86	Joliet	1 – 5	-	19.7	24.5	-	278	22.4/1	13.3	\$49,066	\$4,554	93.8
5) Green Garden Elementary School	Peotone C U School District 207U	Frankfort	K – 4	20.5	16.5	20.0	-	171	17.8/1	13.2	\$44,232	\$4,353	92.7
6) Kelvin Grove Junior High School	Lockport School District 91	Lockport	4 – 8	-	-	-	21.3	407	17.4/1	13.8	\$51,693	\$4,824	79.3
7) Grand Prairie Elementary School	Frankfort C C School District 157C	Frankfort	pre-K – 3	25.2	25.3	24.4	-	888	19.0/1	11.4	\$48,064	\$3,938	88.9
8) Reed-Custer Middle School	Reed Custer C U School District 255U	Braidwood	6 – 8	-	-	-	23.1	465	20.0/1	17.6	\$60,851	\$6,394	76.0
9) Pioneer Elementary School	Valley View Cusd #365U	Bolingbrook	pre-K – 5	22.2	25.7	32.5	-	814	22.1/1	10.6	\$52,662	\$4,806	83.0
10) Chelsea Elementary School	Frankfort C C School District 157C	Frankfort	4 – 5	-	-	-	-	454	19.0/1	11.4	\$48,064	\$3,938	83.7
Public Schools: McHENRY COUNTY													
1) Algonquin Road Elementary School	Fox River Grove Cons School District 3	Fox River Grove	pre-K – 4	21.7	21.7	28.5	-	319	17.3/1	13.7	\$53,397	\$4,914	91.8
2) Ringwood School Primary Center	Johnsburg C U School District 12	Ringwood	pre-K – 2	20.3	22.6	-	-	568	23.5/1	14.6	\$56,260	\$5,239	87.4
3) Maplewood Elementary School	Cary C C School District 26	Cary	K – 4	20.7	19.6	25.7	-	387	21.8/1	14.0	\$58,607	\$4,549	91.7
4) Three Oaks School	Cary C C School District 26	Cary	K – 4	23.3	22.8	28.0	-	609	21.8/1	14.0	\$58,607	\$4,549	88.7
5) James C. Bush Elementary School	Johnsburg C U School District 12	Johnsburg	3 – 4	-	-	24.1	-	383	23.5/1	14.6	\$56,260	\$5,239	84.0

Private Schools	Religious Affiliation	City	Grades in School	AVERAGE CLASS SIZE		Total School Enrollment	Pupil-Teacher Ratio
				Grade 1	Grade 6		
Alphonsus Academy and Center for the Arts	Catholic	Chicago	pre-K – 8	18	11	222	12.0/1
The Ancona School	none	Chicago	pre-K – 8	25*	16	260	9.0/1
Baker Demonstration School	none	Wilmette	pre-K – 8	20*	16*	360	8.0/1
Chicago City Day School	none	Chicago	pre-K – 8	16	20	275	8.0/1
Chicago Jesuit Academy	Catholic	Chicago	5 – 6	–	10	40	5.7/1
Council Oak Montessori School	none	Chicago	pre-K – 8	18*	10*	80	10.0/1
Frances Xavier Warde Schools	Catholic	Chicago	pre-K – 8	20	24	720	15.0/1
Francis W. Parker School	none	Chicago	pre-K – 12	18	16-18	590	9.0/1
The Hyde Park Day Schools	none	Chicago/Northfield	1 – 8	10	10	85	5.0/1
Immaculate Conception School	Catholic	Chicago (North Park Ave.)	pre-K – 4	20*	20*	210	10.0/1
Lake Forest Country Day School	none	Lake Forest	pre-K – 8	14	15	430	9.0/1
The Latin School of Chicago	none	Chicago	pre-K – 12	21	19	663	8.0/1
Morgan Park Academy	none	Chicago	pre-K – 12	16-18	18	240	12.0/1
North Park Elementary School	none	Chicago	K – 8	20	20	180	15.0/1
North Shore Country Day School	none	Winnetka	pre-K – 12	25*	18	286	9.0/1
P.L.A.I.D. Academy	none	Chicago	K – 8	12*	20*	50	15.0/1
Providence–St. Mel School	none	Chicago	K – 12	16	18	365	17.0/1
Queen of the Rosary School	Catholic	Elk Grove Village	pre-K – 8	15	30*	315	21.0/1
Sacred Heart School	Catholic	Winnetka	pre-K – 8	18	22	317	15.0/1
Sacred Heart Schools at Sheridan Road	Catholic	Chicago	K – 8	18-20*	18-20	650	8.5/1
St. Helen School	Catholic	Chicago	pre-K – 8	25*	25	275	23.0/1
St. Therese Chinese Catholic School	Catholic	Chicago	pre-K – 8	22	22	216	15.0/1
St. Zachary Catholic School	Catholic	Des Plaines	pre-K – 8	12	16	155	16.0/1
Solomon Schechter Day School	Jewish	Skokie/Northbrook	K – 5/K – 8	15	15	980	10.0/1
University of Chicago Laboratory Schools	none	Chicago	pre-K – 12	22	17	1,250	10.0/1

*These classrooms have more than one instructor, often a teacher and an assistant.