



“Ready to Go...”

## Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD 429 District Profile

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### Why Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD 429?

The Hinckley-Big Rock School District is committed to preparing its students to be “Ready to Go” on to the next phase of their lives whether that’s fifth grade, high school, college or career. We have long been in the forefront of education with strong Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), quality professional development for staff, and developing an aligned, rigorous, and relevant curriculum which guides instructional planning. The size of our schools means that we know our students well and can give them the time, attention and support that they need to be successful. Our students do more than test well, they do well, both in school and in life.



### About Hinckley-Big Rock School District

Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD 429 is a semi-rural school district located approximately 50 miles west of the City of Chicago. The District draws students from the villages of Big Rock and Hinckley plus surrounding areas. Students attend Hinckley-Big Rock Elementary School (K-5th), Hinckley-Big Rock Middle School (6th-8th), and Hinckley-Big Rock High School (9th-12th). District enrollment for 2018-19 is 705 students - 321 elementary, 167 middle and 211 high school students.

### Demographics

The District student body is 89 % white, 8 % Hispanic, 1% Asian, with 24% of students qualifying for free or reduced lunches. 77% of Hinckley-Big Rock High School graduates continue their post-graduate education within 16 months of graduation.

Average class sizes:

Hinckley-Big Rock Elementary - 23 students per class

Hinckley-Big Rock Middle - 18 students per class

Hinckley-Big Rock High - 14 students per class

### Faculty

56 % of the 61.5 certified teachers in our District have a Master’s degree. The District offers professional development to our staff through our Institute and SIP Day programs and encourage staff to attend conferences and workshops that further enhance their development as excellent teachers and leaders in our school community. The six administrative staff members have an average tenure of 8 years.

### Test Scores

66% of Hinckley-Big Rock students participating in PARCC testing meet or exceed state standards compared to 37% who meet or exceed state-wide. The 2018 graduates of HBRHS posted an SAT composite score of 527.4 in ELA and 505.7 in Math.



### Indian Valley Vocational Center – IVVC

Hinckley-Big Rock School Districts students may attend the Indian Valley Vocational Center (IVVC), located in Sandwich, an eleven-district vocational co-operative established in 1975 to meet the career training needs of area students. IVVC offers Career Technical Education courses for Juniors and Seniors in Auto Body Repair, Automotive Technology, Computer Technology, Construction Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Drafting & Design Technology, Early Childhood Development, Fire Science, Graphic Design & Digital Technology, Health Occupations CNA, Health Occupations Exploration, Law Enforcement, Sports, Medicine/Management, Welding & Fabrication. Many of these courses offer either articulated or dual credit through local community colleges.

### Extracurricular Activities and Athletics

Hinckley-Big Rock School District offers activities for students at all levels. Participation in extracurricular activities and athletics enhances a student's school experience and broadens their education.

**MUSIC and ART** - The District Band program is offered to students beginning in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and continues through the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Students may participate in Jazz Band at the middle and high school levels. Various concerts are given throughout the year. Vocal music is taught at the elementary level. Art is part of the curriculum as an exploratory in middle school and is an elective in our high school program.

**CLUBS** - Hinckley-Big Rock High School students can participate in FFA, FEA, Library Club, WYSE, Academic Bowl, Yearbook Club, Student Council, National Honor Society, Spanish Club and SOS. Hinckley-Big Rock Middle School offers student's participation in yearbook, Student Council, Science Club, Tech Club and Community Service Club. At the Elementary, students may run for and participate in Student Council.

**ATHLETICS** - Athletic teams at the middle and high school participate in conference play under the jurisdiction of the IESA (middle school) and IHSA (high school). Hinckley-Big Rock Middle School is part of the Junior 10 Conference and fields teams in girls volleyball, basketball, co-ed track and cheerleading, and boys basketball, co-ed track and soccer. An intramural basketball program is also offered for 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

Hinckley-Big Rock High School, which is a member of the Little 10 Conference, offers girls golf, volleyball, cross-country, basketball, soccer, track and softball and boys soccer, golf, cross-country, basketball, baseball, and track. The high school has both a cheerleading and a dance team. Both compete in the IHSA State Series.

### PTO and Boosters

Parent involvement through PTO (elementary and middle school) and Boosters (high school) is encouraged and welcomed! These organizations provide support to our programs and are pivotal to our overall success.



## 2018-19 Calendar

**August 13 & 14 - Teacher Institute Days**  
**August 15 – First Day of School ( Full Day)**  
**September 3 – No School/Labor Day**  
**October 4 – 11:55 AM Dismissal/SIP Day for Teachers**  
**October 5 – Curriculum Dev/Student Intervention**  
**October 8 – No School/Columbus Day**  
**October 25 – No School/ Parent/Teacher Conferences**  
**October 26 – No School/Teacher Institute**  
**November 22-23 – Thanksgiving Break**  
**December 24 – January 7 – Winter Break**  
**January 7 – Back to School**  
**January 21 – No School/ Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
**February 8 – 11:55 AM Dismissal/SIP Day for Teachers**  
**February 18 – No School/ Presidents Day**  
**March 21 – No School/Parent/Teacher Conferences**  
**March 22 – No School/Teacher Institute**  
**March 25-29– Spring Break**  
**April 22 – Flex Day in case of emergency days used earlier in school year**  
**April 22 – 11:55 AM Dismissal/SIP Day for Teachers**  
**May 31 – Last Day of School (due to emergency days)**



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