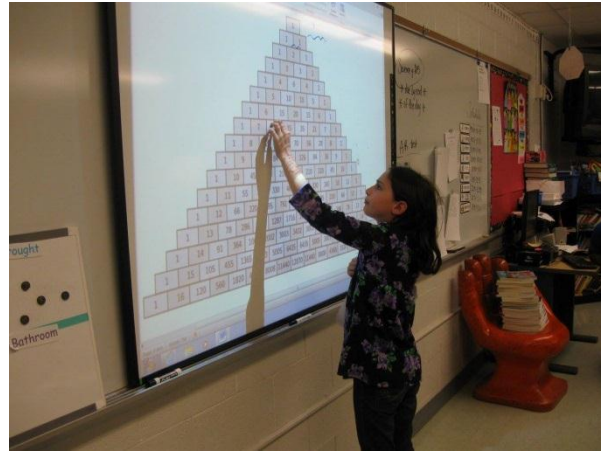


**Edwardsville Community Unit School District 7 Named Number 12 of “Best School Districts in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area” and Number 26 of “Best School Districts in Illinois”**



Edwardsville Community Unit School District 7 has been named number 12 of “Best School Districts in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area” (<https://k12.niche.com/rankings/public-school-districts/best-overall/m/st-louis-metro-area/>) and number 26 of the “Best School Districts in Illinois” according to the 2015 Niche Rankings (<https://k12.niche.com/rankings/public-school-districts/best-overall/s/illinois/>).

According to the website <https://k12niche.com>, “Best Public School Districts ranks 8,738 school districts based on dozens of key statistics and 4.6 million opinions from 280,000 students and parents. A high ranking indicates that the district contains great schools with exceptional teachers, sufficient resources, and a diverse set of high-achieving students who rate their experiences very highly.”

NicheK-12 is a website that “offers unique insight into more than 120,000 K-12 schools. Students and parents can explore millions of reviews and rankings and compare educational outcomes across schools and districts.”

Niche ranks and grades districts and schools in the following areas: Academics, Administration & Policies, Educational Outcomes, Extracurricular, Food, Health & Safety, Resources & Facilities, Sports & Fitness, Student Culture & Diversity, and Teachers. Edwardsville Community Unit School District 7 results for each category can be found at <https://k12.niche.com/d/edwardsville-community-unit-school-district-no-7-il/>.