

A History of Keokuk

What do Mark Twain, Howard Hughes, NFL player Mike Pyle, Gen. Samuel R. Curtis, Orion Clemens, actor Conrad Nagel, lead vocalist and bass player for the band “Mr. Mister” Richard Page, and social reformer Annie Wittenmyer all have in common??? Why, Keokuk, of course!! *Google us to learn more!*

Keokuk is located on a scenic stretch of the historically-rich Mississippi from whose hills one can stand in Iowa and look into both Missouri and Illinois.

Keokuk is located in Southeast Iowa at the intersection of US Highways 218, 136 and 61--as well as the intersections of the Des Moines and Mississippi Rivers. The major portion of the city is located high on the bluffs overlooking Lake Cooper which was formed in 1913 with the construction of the dam and hydroelectric power plant and Lock #19.

The city is named for Chief Keokuk of the Sac Indians. A massive bronze statue of Chief Keokuk looks out over the Mississippi River in beautiful Rand Park.

Currently, the population is approximately 10,732 residents with many diverse interests and representing a variety of occupations.

Keokuk is home to the Great River Players, a thespian troupe that provides quality amateur theatrical productions for the tri-state area.

Keokuk’s location on the Mississippi and Des Moines Rivers caused it to be a Civil War hospital center. Iowa’s only national cemetery is cherished and located in the city.

About the Community

The community provides:

- ◆ Variety of Churches
- ◆ Modern Public Library
- ◆ YMCA and City Rec Programs
- ◆ Newly Remodeled Aquatic Center
- ◆ Historic, Scenic City Parks
- ◆ Traditional and Unique Shopping
- ◆ Community Hospital
- ◆ Municipal Airport
- ◆ Southeastern Community College Campus



Centrally Located

- ◆ University of Iowa 95 Miles
- ◆ Iowa Wesleyan 45 Miles
- ◆ Western Illinois University 40 Miles
- ◆ Truman State University 90 Miles
- ◆ Southeastern Community College
Keokuk Campus
Burlington Campus 40 Miles
- ◆ Ames, IA 212 Miles
- ◆ Cedar Rapids, IA 118 Miles
- ◆ Des Moines, IA 185 Miles
- ◆ St Louis, MO 185 Miles

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- * Keokuk Community School District
- * K-Pride at Keokuk High School
- * KMS Pride at the Middle School
- * K-Pride Hawthorne Elementary-Keokuk, Iowa
- * Torrence Prekindergarten
- * George Washington K-Pride



About our School District

The Keokuk Community School District is the forty-third largest in the state of Iowa with an enrollment of approximately 1933 students housed in six buildings. KCS D recently underwent a \$14 million renovation.

Size of District: 47 square miles

Personnel

Teaching Staff	144
All Other Staff	155
Administrators	11



Buildings

High School (9-12)	603 students
Middle School (6-8)	385 students
Hawthorne (K-3)	578 students
George Washington	255 students
Torrence (PK & Developmental PK)	76 students
Alternative School (9-12)	36 students

Special Services

- ◇ AP Online Courses
- ◇ Post-Secondary Options Act in conjunction with SCC ◇ TAG
- ◇ Special Education Programs
- ◇ 7-12 Alternate Education Program
- ◇ iJag ◇ Title I Services
- ◇ Extra-curricular Activities *including but not limited to:* 10 sports for boys, 10 sports for girls, Individual and Large Group Speech, Drama Productions, Little Feathers Dance Squad, Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Concert Choir, Show Choir, Flag Corps, Cheerleading, Yearbook, Newspaper, Spanish Club, Math Club, NHS

Beliefs of the KCS D

We believe:

- ◆ Child development and education are the highest priorities.
- ◆ In students mastering basic academic skills in the early grades confirmed by comprehensive assessment.
- ◆ In a secure and nurturing environment that builds self-esteem.
- ◆ In a learning environment appropriate for the changing needs of our students and work world.
- ◆ In schools which value and understand each student's uniqueness and enable all students to reach their full potential.
- ◆ Schools should create opportunities for exploration and preparation for a diversity of careers.
- ◆ That involvement by and communication among the community, family, staff and learners is vital to education at all levels.
- ◆ In utilizing technology to improve student achievement.

The three "R's" of K-PRIDE!!!

RESPECTFUL,
RESPONSIBLE,
and READY

At Keokuk Community School District we acknowledge positive behaviors through incentives, teaching and re-teaching behaviors, and celebrating successes so that our students will be respectful, responsible and ready for the real world.

Our Mission Statement

The Keokuk Community School District provides an educational foundation where students are active participants in becoming adaptable and critical thinkers along with achieving the skills necessary (academic and vocational) for life-time success.

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