

## A History of Keokuk

- ✓ What do Mark Twain, Howard Hughes, Gen. Samuel R. Curtis, 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 peer into both Missouri and Illinois. While at the intersections of the Des Moines and Mississippi Rivers, it's also at the intersection of US Highways 218, 136 and 61. Keokuk's "Rollin' on the River" blues festival attracts hundreds to the riverfront every summer!
- ✓ The major portion of the city is located high on the bluffs overlooking Lake Cooper, formed in 1913 with the construction of the dam and hydroelectric power plant and **Lock #19**. 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!!**
- ✓ 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**. The park's bubbling fountain, immaculate gardens and carved Eagle sculpture are sure to delight all!
- ✓ While the current population is approximately 10,431 residents, Keokuk is home to amazing adversity! The **Great River Players** is a thespian troupe that provides quality amateur theatrical productions for the tri-state area. And our **Grand Theatre** is lovingly used as a performing arts center for various groups.

## 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 now partnered with Quincy Medical Group
- ◆ 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 40 Miles  
Burlington Campus 40 Miles
- ◆ Ames, IA 212 Miles
- ◆ Cedar Rapids, IA 118 Miles
- ◆ Des Moines, IA 185 Miles

# Keokuk Community School District



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- Keokuk Community School District
- K-Pride at Keokuk High School
- KCSD Guidance
- KMS Pride at the Middle School
- K-Pride Hawthorne Elementary-Keokuk, Iowa
- Torrence Preschool
- George Washington K-Pride



## About our School District

The Keokuk Community School District has an enrollment of approximately 1860 students housed in six buildings. The District is proud to have underwent a \$14 million renovation fairly recently.

Size of District: 47 square miles

## Personnel

Teaching Staff 144

All Other Staff 134

Administrators 11



## Buildings

High School (9-12) 526 students

Middle School (6-8) 402 students

Hawthorne (K-3) 511 students

George Washington 296 students

Torrence (PK & Developmental PK)  
90 students

Alternative School (9-12)  
35 students

## Special Services

- AP In-House & Online Courses
- Concurrent Courses Available through Southeastern Community College
- Career Technical Education
- Talented & Gifted
- Special Education Programs
- 7-12 Alternate Education Program
- 9-12 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 KCSD

### 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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