

Venice CUSD 3

General Information

MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of Venice Community Unit School District #3 is to give each student the opportunity to become educationally prepared for the challenges that they will face in their lifetime. It is to produce responsible citizens that will become life-long learners, while providing a safe, accessible learning environment, supported by quality staff and programs. Our mission is to work in conjunction with the family and community, while respecting the unique needs and accomplishments of individuals.

TYPE: (*grades included*): PRE K- 12 (Deactivated high school)

SIZE: ___21___ square miles _PreK-8, 84 H.S. 13, ___ students 1__ principals
___0__ assistant principals ___11__ teachers ___10__ support personnel

Please provide descriptive paragraphs about your district.

The Venice Community Unit School District provides a positive learning environment that enables every child to succeed. Venice School District is located in Madison County, in the small town of Venice, Illinois, approximately on half mile from the large urban city of St. Louis, Missouri. The median household income according to 2010 data was \$21,797 compared to \$53,966 for the state of Illinois.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL:

The district office and School is staffed with a Superintendent, Business/Bookkeeper, Director of 21st Century Learning Community Center, and the Secretary to the Superintendent, Principal, and School Secretary.

FINANCIAL DATA: Equalized Assessed Valuation \$ 9,192,747.00
(Rate Setting)

Bonds Outstanding \$ ___0_____

Total Budget \$ 2,993,404.00

TAX RATE:

Education	2.6500
Operation	0.4350
Transportation	0.2000
Working Cash	0.0500
Municipal Retirement	0.1088
Tort Immunity	0.9790
Bond & Interest	0.0000
Social Security	0.1088
Special Education	0.0400
Fire Prevention	0.0500
Life Safety	
Other	
TOTAL	4.6716

CURRICULUM:

The district implements a rigorous curriculum based on the New Illinois State Standards in grades PK -8. Students in grades 9-12 attend East St. Louis High School or Lovejoy Academy on a tuition basis. The K-8 program utilizes NWEA/MAP as the student growth assessment. In addition, the reading specialist uses the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) for identifying tier 2 and 3 students. The math specialist utilizes the Curriculum-Based Measurement (CBM) to determine tier 2 and 3 students. Technology is utilized throughout the school.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

The district offers a full day early childhood program that is funded by Illinois State Board of Education. In addition, the district offers state funded 21st Century Learning Community Center program after school for student in grades 1 -8. The district also participates in an IESA sports cooperative with Brooklyn School District #188.

SPECIAL SERVICES:

Venice CUSD #3 is a member of the Madison County Region 1 Special Education Cooperative. Venice Elementary offers two cross categorical classrooms, and refers students to approved private facilities when appropriate. “Enable Every Child to Succeed” is the vision of Venice CUSD #3.

FACILITIES (*buildings and grades housed in each*):

Venice CUSD #3 is a single building school district with Venice Elementary School for Pre K through Eighth Grade. High School Students attend East St. Louis High or Lovejoy Academy on a tuition basis.

MEMBER OF:

IESA, IASB, IASA, IASBO, Northern Illinois Independent Purchasing Cooperative, and Mississippi Valley Insurance Cooperative (MISVIC).

TRANSPORTATION:

Contracted service with Illinois Central Services

CAFETERIA SERVICES:

Venice Elementary School participates in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program providing a breakfast and lunch program prepared in house. Currently the district is a member of the Northern Illinois Independent Purchasing Cooperative.

DISTRICT WEB SITE:

www.veniceschools.org

Information about the Community

LOCATION:

Venice is located in St. Louis Metro East area of Madison County on the Mississippi River.

MEDICAL:

Venice is served locally by Gateway Regional Hospital in Granite City. Venice is also close to several major research hospitals in St. Louis including Washington University's Barnes Hospital, St. Louis Children's Hospital, St. Louis University Hospital, and Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital.

CULTURAL:

Venice is close to St. Louis and has all the cultural activities associated with a large Midwestern city.

RECREATION:

Venice is close to recreational activities throughout metro east and southern Illinois including local, state, national parks, fishing, hunting, hiking, climbing, boating, and Madison County Transit Authority's 100 hundred miles of bike trails.

PLACES OF WORSHIP:

Venice has a number of churches of all denominations.

RETAIL:

There are many shopping opportunities in Madison, Granite City, and other surrounding areas.

FRATERNAL AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

There are many opportunities to join a variety of organizations in the Venice, Madison, and Granite City communities.

COLLEGES:

Venice CUSD #3 is within the Southwestern Illinois Community College district. Venice is also close to Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, McKendree University, Lindenwood University, St. Louis University, Washington University, Harris Stowe State University to name a few.

INDUSTRY:

There is a variety of industry in the area including U.S. Steel at Granite City, and Terminal Railroad Association among others.

Board of Education

Name	Number of Years on Board	Occupation
Ms. Tisha Glasper President	8	Educator
Pastor John C. Williams Vice President	6	Pastor
Ms. Eloise Williams Secretary	14	Steel Worker
Ms. Thelma Jones Member	6	Retire Healthcare
Mr. Frank Hill Member	17	HVAC/Construction
Ms. Fonda Jones Member	14	Social Service
Mr. Sean Mosby Member	4	Highway Commissioner