The District

Scales Mound Community School District is a small, rural district comprised of students from the town of Scales Mound, the Galena Territory, Apple Canyon Lake and the surrounding area. We have the support of conscientious parents, a caring community, and a committed staff.

This exceptional combination has resulted in a student body that has excelled in citizenship, academics, and co-curricular activities. Scales Mound Schools are committed to helping all our students reach his or her full potential, as the future of our community and nation hinges on our children becoming well-educated and responsible citizens.

We ask that you take a few minutes to review this brochure about Scales Mound School and call Dr. William Caron, our Superintendent, with questions or for more information.

Scales Mound Community Unit School District #211

Mission:
From the top of Illinois, we are preparing today’s learners for tomorrow’s world by empowering all to reach their full potential.

Beliefs:
We believe our District is the heart of our community where pride, family, and tradition beat strong;
We believe in working together in a safe, healthy environment demonstrating respect, integrity, and teamwork; and
We believe in challenging innovative learners by promoting creative and critical thinkers.

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“At the Top of Illinois”

Finances

Scales Mound District #211 has been truly blessed with tremendous support from our constituents. The district is in excellent financial condition and has been awarded the Illinois State Board of Education’s highest financial rating of “Financial Recognition.” Moreover, we have one of the lowest tax rates in the area. The Board of Education has worked very hard to approve budgets that make the most efficient use of tax dollars, while providing excellent academic and co-curricular programs.

Technology

The Scales Mound Board of Education approved a technology initiative that provides the hardware, software and training necessary to prepare our students for the 21st Century. The initiative includes provisions for iPads and interactive whiteboards in our elementary and for each junior high and high school student to have personal access to a laptop computer.

The School District is committed to creating a 1:1 system where technology is regularly utilized to enhance teaching and learning. This technology is used to strengthen student mastery of the core curriculum and to promote critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creativity, innovation, and life and career skills.
Elementary School (PreK-5th grade)
Scales Mound Elementary School has ideal student-teacher ratios with educators that are responsive to individual student needs particularly in math and reading. The staff utilizes technology to enhance our students’ educational experiences. Instruction in art, music, physical education and Spanish complement a rigorous academic curriculum.

Junior High School (6th-8th grade)
Scales Mound Junior High School students enjoy the same educational opportunities as our elementary students. We have ideal class sizes, a rigorous core curriculum, several support services, as well as instruction in art, music, physical education and Spanish.

High School
Scales Mound High School offers a rich curriculum and comprehensive educational program including multiple Advanced Placement (AP) courses in addition to a variety of dual credit courses through Highland Community College. Our students also have the opportunity to take numerous vocational courses on site and through our partnership with the Jo Carroll Career Technical Education Academy (CTE).

We were recognized by the U.S. News and World Report as “One of America’s Best High Schools.” Prior to the state of Illinois requiring high school juniors to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), Scales Mound High School had the highest test scores on the ACT in a three-county region with a composite score of 22.2 compared to a state average of 20.8. Scales Mound High School students outperformed the average test scores across the State of Illinois in every ACT subject area tested including English, mathematics, reading and science.

Co-Curricular
Scales Mound School offers a variety of co-curricular opportunities for students at the junior high and high school levels.

Junior high students participate in the U.S. Grant/Fever River Conference comprised of schools from Southwest Wisconsin and Northwest Illinois. Junior high students have the opportunity to participate in football, volleyball, basketball, track, and academic bowl, a variety of music competitions and the school play.

High school students have an even greater opportunity to participate in co-curricular events in the Northwest Upstate Illini Conference with programs in volleyball, golf, basketball, softball, baseball, academic bowl, WYSE (Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering) and various music competitions. Our student athletics are also a part of the Six-Rivers Conference in Wisconsin through our football and track co-ops.

In addition to the school play, students have the opportunity to participate in organizations such as SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions), Student Council, and FFA.