

“Excellent high school grades are tremendously important for laying the groundwork for future college success,” says Andrew Davis, Illinois Student Assistance Commission Executive Director whose agency has overseen the Illinois State Scholar program since 1958. Being named an Illinois State Scholar is based on ACT scores and class rank at the end of the junior year.

Area Schools	# of Illinois State Scholars	# of Seniors	% of class Named Illinois State Scholars
Althoff Catholic High	20	116	17%
Belleville West	72	524	14%
Chester	9	88	10%
Columbia	20	126	16%
Freeburg	23	149	15%
Gibault Catholic High	13	61	21%
Mater Dei Catholic High	22	120	18%
Red Bud	5	100	5%
Sparta	8	105	8%
Valmeyer	4	28	14%
Waterloo	28	214	13%
State Average			15%