



*The mission of the Kirksville R-III School District is:
Empowering all 21st Century learners to create their success,
build their community, and better the world.*

**KIRKSVILLE R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT
KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI**

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E S T I M A T E D R E V E N U E

Local	\$13,466,050
County	987,600
State	12,268,280
Federal	2,454,600
Tuition & Other	260,000
TOTAL	\$29,436,530

SCHOOL SYSTEM FACTS

Superintendent of Schools:

Dr. Damon Kizzire

School Board Members:

Nan Davis, President

Gayla McHenry, Vice President

Dr. Jeremy Houser, Secretary

Dr. Adam Moore, Treasurer

John McConnell, Member

Gay Nichting, Member

Michael Bishop, Member

Number of Schools:

Early Childhood 1

Elementary 2

Secondary 3

Exceptional (Special Ed) 6

Enrollment (PK-12) 2,585

Number of Teachers 227

Total Number of Employees 456

Teacher's Salary

Bachelors Degree \$36,900-\$40,250

Masters Degree \$39,900-\$50,900

Specialists Degree \$42,100-\$51,900

Doctorate Degree \$43,100-\$52,900

School Starting Times

Kirksville Primary School 8:10 - 3:00

Ray Miller Elementary 8:10 - 3:00

William Matthew Middle School 7:43 - 2:45

Kirksville High School 7:47 - 2:48

Kirkville Area Technical Center 7:47 - 2:48

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Primary	665-5691
Ray Miller Elementary	665-2834
Middle School	665-3793
Senior High	665-4631
Technical Center	665-2865
Central Office	665-7774
Superintendent's Office	665-8658
Transportation Office	626-1444
Special Education	626-1400
Early Childhood Learning Center	626-1459

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

Superintendent	Dr. Damon Kizzire
Assistant Superintendent	Tricia Reger
Early Childhood Learning Center Director	Jennifer Meyer
Primary Principal	Ernest Motley
Ray Miller Elementary Principal	Kristin VanRie
Middle School Principal	Dr. Michael Mitchell
Senior High Principal	Randy Mikel
Technical Center Director	Sheryl Ferguson
Special Education Director	Dr. Cindy Dowis
Transportation, Maintenance & Safety Director	Shawn Corbett
Activities Director	Sara Williams
Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction	Julie Esquivel
Community Education Coordinator	Sheryl Ferguson

THE KIRKSVILLE R-III BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board is responsible for the organization and control of the public schools in the R-III District. The Board consists of seven members who are elected at-large for three-year staggered terms. School Board meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Meetings are held in the Board Room of the Administration Offices at 1901 East Hamilton. The Board may call special meetings as needed.

ACCREDITATION

The Kirksville R-III School District is classified K-5-3-4 and Missouri School Improvement Program accredited with distinction in performance by

the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Kirksville Area Technical Center is a candidate for Accreditation by the Commission of the Council on Occupational Education which develops and maintains high standards assuring quality and integrity in career and technical education.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The District's Early Childhood Learning Center serves children from 6 weeks to Kindergarten eligibility in a licensed and accredited facility on the Kirksville Schools campus. Children are served in one or more of the following programs: Early Head Start, Early Childhood Special Education, Head Start, Half Day Preschool and/or Full Day Preschool. The Early Childhood Learning Center also includes Parents as Teachers. In addition to child care and preschool programming, the Early Childhood Learning Center provides extended care for working families, developmental screenings, personalized home visits, parent education and a network of community resources.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The Special Education Programs assure that all children in the Kirksville R-III School District, who are entitled to specialized instructional programs because of a disability, receive such instruction as established under Missouri statutes. The criterion for eligibility is based on guidelines for identification for such children established by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Specialized instruction also includes related services.

KIRKSVILLE AREA TECHNICAL CENTER

The following programs are offered at the Kirksville Area Technical Center (KATC): Business, Digital Design & Graphics, Automotive Collision Repair, Automotive Technology, Construction Trades, Early Childhood/Teaching Careers, Health Careers, Agriculture, Project Lead the Way Engineering, Project Lead the Way Biomedical Science, and Project Lead the Way Computer Science. The Practical Nursing program is available to high school graduates. Federally approved financial aid programs are available to adult students who qualify and placement services are provided to all individuals completing programs. Call 665-2865 for more information!

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The Kirksville Area Technical Center Community Education program is committed to meeting the varied educational needs of adults in the Kirksville community and the surrounding area. Scheduled short-term evening and weekend offerings address job-related and job-seeking skills, personal development and improvement, and pursuit of leisure-time activities and hobbies. Free English-as-a-Second Language classes are offered Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-6 p.m. and Tuesdays and Fridays from 9-11 a.m. Customized training provides assistance for new and existing businesses and industries in the Kirksville area in employee training. Classes can be offered where there are six or more students and when a competent instructor can be obtained. Kirksville Area Technical Center is an authorized testing center offering LaserGrade, PearsonVUE, CASTLE Worldwide, and HiSET testing. Call Kirksville Area Technical Center at 660-665-2865 for further information.

ENTRANCE AGE AND ATTENDANCE

All children between the ages of seven (7) and seventeen (17) must attend school, according to Missouri law. A child shall be five (5) years of age before August 1st to enroll in Kindergarten. All students attending R-III schools for the first time must provide a record of immunization against communicable diseases, birth certificate, and proof of residency within the Kirksville R-III District.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

School bus transportation is provided free to qualifying students in the Early Childhood Program through 2nd grade, regardless of the distance of their residence from the Primary School. For students in 3rd through 12th grades, free transportation is provided to students living a mile or more from their school. Transportation service is provided to children in special education, including physically challenged students. The Kirksville R-III Board contracts to provide bus service for the District. Residents can sign up for busing at the Transportation Office located at 1901 East Hamilton. Information may be obtained by calling the Transportation Office at 660-626-1444.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM

Kirksville R-III Schools participate in the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program. Type A lunches served in all school cafeterias include a main dish, fruit and/or vegetables, bread and milk. High School and Middle School students also have the option to purchase from a la carte selections.

ABSENCES AND EXCUSES

Parents are requested to inform the school concerning the reason(s) for absence(s). In cases where a reason is not provided, the principal is directed to secure the information. Students are not to leave the school premises during the school day without the knowledge and permission of the principal or assistant principal. Attendance policies are available from building principals.

ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

If a child becomes ill while at school, the teacher or principal may isolate the child from other children until such time as the parent or guardian can be notified and/or the child can be returned to his/her home or cared for appropriately.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

“On-line” monitoring of academic progress is available for grades K-12. Contact your child’s school to obtain passwords and access information. Report cards are issued at the end of each quarter. Parents are notified between reports when students are not progressing satisfactorily. Grading is used as a measure of a pupil’s progress and achievement in mastering a particular subject.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Schools must be supplied with the correct name, mailing and street address, and telephone numbers of a parent or guardian. Please notify the school immediately of such changes.

SCHOOL VISITS

The R-III District maintains an open-school policy. Visitors are welcome at any time. An appointment made in advance with the school’s office is helpful to both the school and the teachers. Upon arrival in a building, visitors must report directly to the office and sign in with office personnel.

WEATHER CLOSURES

Whenever hazardous weather results in calling for a 2-hour delay start, or the cancelling of school, announcements will be made on local radio stations, beginning at approximately 6:00 a.m. KTVO television will also carry the notice. The School District will also make text message announcements (See Below). Please do not call the news media.

TIGER ALERTS! (TEXTCASTER)

Get important information about the Kirksville R-III School District sent as text messages and emails directly to your mobile phone, wireless PDA or pager. Sign up for “Tiger Alerts” at www.kirksville.k12.mo.us. Select a school and click on the Tiger Alerts in the School Information section. Since Textcaster is used frequently in our district, be sure to check your individual plan with your cellular provider to avoid unanticipated charges.