MOLINE-COAL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOLS. CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY.



Moline High School's 151st graduating class included 483 graduates, with 209 students earning gold tassels for maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Abigail Greenlee and Eleanor Kuk shared the distinction of ranking No. 1 in the Class of 2026.

- **41** Presidential Academic Scholars
- **52** Illinois State Scholars
- **79** National Honor Society Members
- **15** Students received the Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish
- Representatives of this class are heading to **military service, college, and skilled-trade apprenticeships and training**
- **7** All-State athletes
- **22** Athletic College Signees
- **72** scholar-all conference
- **84** all-conference athletes
- The class raised **$65,681** to clothe 340 MCV students during Share Joys

Building for Tomorrow: Strategic Investments and Consistency for Taxpayers

As part of our long-term commitment, Moline-Coal Valley continues to make thoughtful investments in our facilities. These projects are designed to improve safety, accessibility, and learning while ensuring responsible stewardship of public resources and maintaining a stable, predictable approach to funding.

By strategically scheduling large-scale projects with the repayment cycle of previous bonds, we can continue improving while providing taxpayers with a rate that is consistent and dependable.

We are addressing important infrastructure needs, including fire alarm upgrades, ductwork and lighting, enhanced front entries, and improvements to sidewalks, ramps, parking lots, and traffic flow. Other projects include additional parking at Hamilton and a new right-turn-only lane exiting MHS. Learning-space upgrades include lockers, casework, painting, flooring, markerboards, shades, and stage/gym improvements. A completely renovated cafeteria is slated for MHS along with remodeled restrooms and updated building trades classrooms.

We also continue to invest in athletics and wellness. Renovated playgrounds are planned at multiple schools. At MHS, new visitor bleachers and a storage facility are scheduled for Browning Field; upgrades to the soccer bowl, baseball and softball facilities, and tennis court resurfacing are in progress; and Wharton has ceiling repainting and future flooring updates.

Most notably, work continues on the renovation and expansion of Lincoln-Irving. Once completed, this project will combine Lincoln-Irving and Willard Schools into one K-5 facility named Robert Ontiveros Elementary.

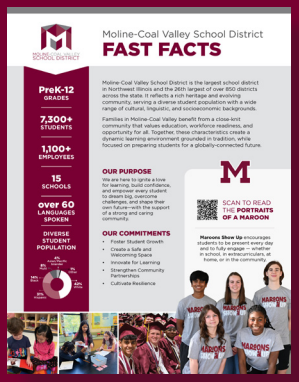

Baseball Fields


Ontiveros Elementary

Slated to open in the fall of 2027, we are excited to bring together Lincoln-Irving and Willard students in this new modern learning environment.

Every project reflects a simple goal: preserving community assets while creating safe, welcoming, and future-ready schools. Through careful planning, steady investment, and a commitment to fiscal responsibility, we are ensuring future generations of students have facilities that support learning, growth, and success.

A NEW LOOK AT MOLINE-COAL VALLEY SCHOOLS!





Scan to read the new District Fast Facts Brochure and explore District Career & Technical Education Pathways

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Another great year for the Moline-Coal Valley School District is in the books!

This summer will see a lot of changes at Moline High School and various campus buildings across our district. We are very excited to see the continued facility improvements. The addition and renovation of the future Robert Ontiveros Elementary is in full swing and will be a fantastic addition to our community.

I hope that all our students, faculty, staff and families enjoy a wonderful summer. As we look ahead to the 2026-2027 school year, let's remember that Maroons Show Up, not just in the classroom, but throughout the community we call home. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any Board member if you have questions or concerns.



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WELCOME 2026-2027 ADMINISTRATORS

These administrators are new to the district or new to their position.



Lynsy Oswald
K-12 Instructional Programs Coordinator
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Jennifer Graves
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Moline High School



Tom VanBlaricome
Dean of Students
Wilson Middle School



Marc Vermeire
Dean of Students
John Deere Middle School



CONGRATULATIONS DISTRICT RETIREES

Thirty-one staff members retired at the end of this school year with over 800 years of service! View the list of retirees at molineschools.org.

Join the MCV team and make a positive impact on our school community and youth!

Now hiring **substitute** teachers, paraprofessionals and custodians for the 2026-27 school year. Enjoy flexibility and competitive pay! **Visit molineschools.org/careers or call Human Resources at 309-743-1600.**

JOIN THE MOLINE BOOSTER CLUB!

The Moline Booster Club supports athletic programs at the high school and middle school levels. Get involved and become a member today! Follow the Boosters on Facebook and X @Moline Booster Club to learn about the many ways the organization supports all Moline student-athletes.

SCAN TO BECOME A MEMBER

STUDENT *Achievements*



ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission named 52 Moline High School students as 2026 Illinois State Scholars. The State Scholar Program recognizes Illinois high school students for outstanding academic achievement.



NATIONAL HISTORY CLUB OF THE YEAR

The MHS History Club has been named a National History Club of the Year for the third time! The club previously won this national honor in 2018 and 2023.



MHS 2026 graduates Aden Blome, Naga Sai Dhiraj Kasam, and Tristan Baxter were awarded first place in the Illinois Retail Challenge Scholarship Competition. Their winning business proposal earned them a $60,000 shared scholarship, presented by Governor JB Pritzker.

MAROONS IN THE NEWS

Maroon Matters highlights just a few of the many successes happening across our schools. For full stories, student and staff spotlights, and the latest updates, visit the News section at molineschools.org or follow us on Facebook.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS



Seniors returned to John Deere Middle School for a graduation walk, celebrating their success and inspiring younger students.



SUPERINTENDENT OF DISTINCTION

Congratulations to Superintendent Dr. Rachel Savage for being selected by her peers for the 2026 Illinois Association of School Administrators' Superintendent of Distinction for the Blackhawk Region.



Franklin Elementary



Wilson Middle School

Franklin Elementary and Wilson Middle School both earned the National Model School Award from the Center of Model Schools for their commitment to academic growth, continuous improvement and student success.



PORTRAIT OF A LEADER

Congratulations to Assistant Principal Caitlin Hillier, Principal Lynsy Oswald, and Dean of Students Tia-Farrah Edwards for being selected by their peers in Administration for the 2026 Portrait of a Moline-Coal Valley Leader Award.

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REGISTER FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

RETURNING STUDENTS:

Online Only!

Register and pay fees online via Infinite Campus

Scan or visit **molineschools.org** to learn how to register via Infinite Campus. If you need assistance with your password or setting up your portal, email edtech@molineschools.org.

*If Infinite Campus tells you that you may not complete Online Registration at this time, parents must go to the high school registration event on July 21 or 22 to verify your address prior to completing Online Registration.

ALL RETURNING STUDENTS MUST REGISTER ONLINE

NEW STUDENTS:

In-Person Registration

Tuesday, July 21: 10 am-7 pm OR
Wednesday, July 22: 8 am-1 pm

Moline High School PE Center
(Park in west student lot)

In-Person registration is only for NEW students to the district, a kindergarten student who did not attend a district preschool, or current student who needs to update their address in our records*

Strong Schools, Strong Results

We believe that student success begins with strong relationships and a culture where everyone feels valued. This year's Illinois 5Essentials Survey results confirm that we are moving in the right direction and that our students are benefiting from the positive climate and culture being built across our schools.

The 5Essentials Survey measures five research-based factors proven to impact student achievement: Ambitious Instruction, Collaborative Teachers, Involved Families, Supportive Environment, and Effective Leaders. When three of five are present, schools are ten times more likely to be successful. This year, our district demonstrated significant growth in several key areas, a proud reflection of the collective efforts of all of our stakeholders.

A positive school culture creates environments where students feel connected and ready to learn. As a result, we continue to see positive trends in attendance, achievement, and engagement. Strong culture also helps us retain great people. Moline-Coal Valley continues to benefit from outstanding employee retention, bringing stability across our classrooms and schools.

While we are proud of our progress, we remain committed to getting even better. Through our Strategic Plan, P.A.C.E. (People, Achievement, Community, Environment), we continue toward our goal of earning a rating of "Strong" in all five categories of the 5Essentials by 2028. We are almost there, earning 4 out of the 5 in 2026. ***Thank you to all of our stakeholders for your continued support!***

