

## History of Arlington Heights School District 25

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In 1849, the first primitive school building was erected on the northwest corner of Miner Street and Prairie Street (Prairie Street later became known as Evergreen Street).

In 1856, a two-room schoolhouse was erected and two teachers were retained.

In 1870, a four-room schoolhouse was erected on St. James Street between Evergreen Street and State Road.

On May 31, 1901 at a school board meeting, arrangements were made to purchase the land just north of the land already owned by the District for \$200. This land was known as parcel south 2/6 in the southwest corner of Lot 3 in Block 5.

In 1902, the School District changed its number from 10 to 25.

On July, 20, 1905, the board president was authorized to build a schoolhouse on Lots 3 and 4, Block 5 in the town of Dunton, west half of the southwest corner of Section 29, Town 42, Range 11, East of the third principal meridian. This is when the second building of North School was constructed.

In 1925, the new high school building was completed. An elementary school was built on the south side of the railroad tracks.

As the town prospered and grew so did the need for schools. The peak enrollment years were from the late 1950's lasting well into the early 1970's. During this time, the District built 14 schools. In 1969, the student population reached 10,036.

Enrollment started to decline in the early 1970's. In 1973, there was a decline in enrollment of 10.4%. As the declining enrollment continued, more schools were closed. In the mid-1980's, enrollment leveled off after reaching a low of 3,700 students. Since then, a gradual increase of 50-60 students per year has occurred. In 1999, District 25 had 9 operating schools and an enrollment of approximately 4,650.

1849 One-room School  
1856 Two-room School  
1870 Four-room School  
1905 Four and Six-room Schools  
1938 North School Built  
1952 Dryden Elementary School Built  
1953 Park and Ridge Schools Built  
1959 Windsor Elementary School Built  
1961 Kensington Elementary School Built  
1962 Olive and Patton Schools Built  
1964 Thomas Junior High School and  
Greenbrier Elementary School Built  
1966 Ivy Hill Elementary School Built  
1968 Rand Junior High Built  
1971 Berkley and Dwyer Elementary Schools  
Closed  
1975 North School Closed  
1977 Miner School Closed  
1978 Wilson School Closed  
1981 Dunton and Park Schools Closed  
1982 Kensington School Closed  
1983 Rand School Closed  
1985 Wilson and Ridge Schools Sold  
1986 North School Sold  
1991 Windsor and Patton Schools Expanded  
and Rededicated  
1992 Kensington School Sold  
1993 Berkley School Sold; Dryden and Olive-Mary  
Stitt Schools Renovated and Rededicated  
1994 Belmont School Sold; Renovated and  
Expanded Westgate School is  
Rededicated.  
1995 Ivy Hill School Renovated and  
Rededicated.  
1996 Renovated and Expanded Greenbrier  
School is Rededicated.  
1997 Renovated Thomas Middle School is  
Rededicated; South Middle School  
Construction is Completed.  
2008 July-Dunton Administration Building (A Mother's  
Touch moved to 125 N. Dryden Ave.)  
2016 Ivy Hill Addition Completed  
2016 Olive-Mary Stitt Addition Completed  
2017 Thomas MS Addition Completed  
2017 Windsor Addition Completed  
2018 Greenbrier Addition Completed

### National Blue Ribbon Schools

Thomas MS – 1983-1984  
Westgate Elementary – 2006  
Windsor Elementary – 2009  
Greenbrier Elementary – 2011  
Olive-Mary Stitt Elementary – 2017  
Ivy Hill Elementary – 2019