

## About Gardner Grade School – Gardner CCSD 72C

Gardner Grade School is located in the Village of Gardner, Illinois. Gardner, IL is located on Interstate I-55 about 25 miles Southwest of Joliet, Illinois and about 70 miles Southwest of Downtown Chicago.

The District houses approximately 220 students; depending on the grade level, class sizes range from between 18 and 25 students. Our small class size and an advantageous teacher-student ratio support the District's child-centered philosophy.

Our dedicated and professional teachers and support staff place a strong emphasis on meeting the unique needs of every learner. Hands-on learning and stimulated educational experiences provide students with varied opportunities to interact with the material in meaningful ways. Technology is used as a tool to support instruction and further enhance the learning experience. Students in Kindergarten through eighth grade have the opportunity for special classes in Technology, Physical Education, and Band or chorus on a daily basis. Character education is an important part of our school program and Rachel's Challenge is new in 2015. GGS has started a chain reaction of kindness.

Our high level of community and parent support and involvement contributes significantly to the success of our school.

Gardner Grade School has very well-maintained school facilities. Gardner Grade School Junior High students grades 6-7-8 are housed in the Junior High that was constructed in 2005. Gardner Grade School is home to GSWB (Gardner, South Wilmington, Braceville) Basketball, Volleyball, Track, and Cheerleading teams. Our Co-op teams compete in the IESA tournaments and our trophy cases display many state trophies.

Gardner Grade School students who continue in public school education attend Gardner South Wilmington High School located in Gardner, IL. At GSW High School they join students from Braceville Elementary School and South Wilmington Grade School.