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INFORMATION ABOUT AREA

LOCATION — El Paso is located 14 miles north of Normal on Interstate 39 and U.S. Route 24, 40 miles east of Peoria and 130 miles southwest of Chicago. Gridley is eight miles east of El Paso on Route 24.

SERVICES AVAILABLE — El Paso is a community with two banks, two car dealerships, a medical facility, two chiropractic clinics, a pharmacy, a public library, a weekly local newspaper, two motels, three convenience stores, a grocery store, a local ambulance service, three restaurants and four fast food outlets. Gridley has a bank, a dental office, a public library, a weekly local newspaper, two convenience stores and two restaurants.

RECREATION — El Paso has a park district and a very active recreation department. Both communities have public pools and multiple parks and playground equipment. There are three golf courses within 10 miles of El Paso. Lake Bloomington offer boating, fishing and water sports. Lake Evergreen has fishing and camping.

CHURCHES — Gridley has an Apostolic Christian Church and a First United Church. El Paso has a First Baptist Church, Community Bible Fellowship, Grace Fellowship Church, Harvest Chapel Assembly of God, Nazarene Church, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, United Church of Christ and a United Methodist Church.

FRATERNAL/PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS — The American Legion, Kiwanis Club, Knights of Columbus, Lions Club, Masonic Lodge and V.W.F. are strong in El Paso as well as the Gridley Men's Club.

COLLEGES — Major educational institutions within a 20-minute drive include Heartland Community College, Illinois State University, Illinois Wesleyan, Lincoln College and Mennonite College of Nursing.

INDUSTRY — DuPont Agricultural Products, American Buildings, Linco Equipment, Fabral Co., Kerry Industries, The Manna Group, Gourmet Foods, JBS United Inc., Trancom and an active Chamber of Commerce in El Paso.



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EPG Unit #11 Facilities

Vision of EPG

*Connecting: ...to our students, staff, and community
Creating: ...the best learning opportunities
Committing: ...to student achievement*

GENERAL INFORMATION

TYPE — Pre-K-12

SIZE — 171.2 square miles, 1,293 students, three principals, one principal/Director of Instruction, one dean of students, 113 teachers and 100 support personnel

OFFICE — 97 W. 5th Street, El Paso, Illinois

CENTRAL OFFICE PERSONNEL — Superintendent, administrative assistant, district bookkeeper, activity account manager

HISTORY--- El Paso Gridley CUSD#11 consolidated in 2004 and is operating in its eighth year of existence.

CURRICULUM — EPG students receive learning opportunities focused on preparing students for success in higher education and careers. Recent technological upgrades to infrastructure and hardware continue to broaden the scope of student learning experiences. The district continually evaluates the curriculum and aligns to core standards along with vertical and horizontal articulation in order to improve student learning each year.

FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM — The district has three cafeterias and serves breakfast and lunch daily. The campuses are closed at lunch.

TRANSPORTATION — The district leases 20 buses that run 11 regular routes, three special education routes, three pre-K routes and one vocational route. The district also leases an activity bus. A transportation supervisor is employed full time.

FACILITIES —

Jefferson Park School: PreK-3 (326 students)

(Built in 1976)

Gridley Grade School: K-3 (106 students)

(Built in 1944)

Centennial School: Grades 4-5 (189 students)

(Built in 1955)

El Paso Gridley Junior High: Grades 6-8 (311)

(Built in 1906)

El Paso Gridley High School: Grades 9-12 (361)

(Built in 1924)

DISTRICT WEB SITE — www.unit11.org Visit our site for the district calendar of events and the latest news from our classrooms, school activities and athletic teams.

MEMBER OF — Illinois Association of School Boards, Heart of Illinois Conference, Illinois High School Association, Little Tri-County Conference, Illinois Elementary School Association, Mackinaw Valley Special Education Co-op, Bloomington Area Career Center, Heartland Community College District, Illinois Central College District, Marshall-Putnam-Woodford Regional Office, Central Illinois Valley Vocational Education System.



Staff members welcome Andy and Kisha who registered their daughter with EPG at central registration. The young family moved to the district from Bloomington/Normal.

Upgrades in the District the Past Three Years

- ✓ The development of the brand of “EPG”
- ✓ Connectivity and Security systems
 - Connected all three campuses 8 miles apart—one network
- ✓ Technology:
 - Video Security System district wide
 - New servers/firewall/content filters
 - Interactive White Boards installed in 95% of all instructional classrooms along with the most relevant teaching tools available
- ✓ CISCO VOIP phone system

✓ Curriculum and Instruction:

- Added “Director Of Instruction” responsibilities to an administrative post for C&I, Professional Development, Grant support and Special Education
- Dual Credit offerings at HS: Tripled the offerings through HCC and ICC
- Expanded the curriculum through online offerings (E2020 added 2011)
- Expanding the vocational offerings with digital/web courses
- New Math textbooks (09), HS English (‘10), Social Studies and Science (‘11)

New Student Information System (Skyward)

- ✓ New District Finance Software Package (Skyward)
 - Online lunch program and fees payment
 - EPG Web Store
- ✓ Partnership with City of El Paso with the fitness center available to the public
- ✓ HVAC system replaced at Jefferson Park
- ✓ Centennial Roof gym and gutting system replaced
- ✓ High School is now ADA compliant with a 3 story elevator
- ✓ Updated paint scheme across district in high traffic areas
- ✓ District Web presence expanded and updated
 - Website overhaul
 - District Calendar of events
 - District Dashboard
 - RSS feeds for next day summary of board meetings
- ✓ District Policy Manual Update

What the Future Holds:

- 15 year Facilities Plan
- 1:1 Initiative Planning FY13