

EXCELLENCE AND CHOICE IN EDUCATION

Since its first graduating class in 1883, Hinsdale Township High School District 86 established an exceptional education system and continues to produce enlightened young adults today. Hinsdale Central High School has been recognized by Newsweek as one of the top 10 high schools in Illinois and among the very best public high schools nationwide. Nearly 97% of Hinsdale grads continue on to a college or university of their choice.

Community Consolidated School District 181 serves students through eighth grade with a traditional system of walk-to neighborhood schools. Hinsdale is also blessed with numerous, well-regarded options for private education including St. Isaac's Jogues elementary school and high schools such as Fenwick and St. Ignatius.



WHY HINSDALE?

Possessing a unique combination of New England charm and wholesome Midwestern sensibility, the Village of Hinsdale provides an exceptional, nurturing, and prosperous setting for its citizens and businesses. Our historic downtown is a destination for shoppers and diners from the Chicago region, with many looking to escape the impersonal atmosphere of "Anywhere USA" malls and lifestyle centers. Hinsdale is where small town charm meets urban sophistication.



LOCATION

Hinsdale (60521) is nestled 20 miles west of Chicago and is easily reached by road, rail, or air. Hinsdale's enviable location in Chicago's western suburbs means O'Hare International Airport and Midway Airport are equidistant, granting easy access to air travel. Those wishing to travel by car will find many options, including I-294, I-55, and Route 83. Three Metra rail-line stops make commuting to Chicago a breeze, especially during peak hours when Metra offers 22-minute express service into Chicago's Loop.

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Village Leisure & Lifestyle



A STORY OF SUCCESS

Warmth and comfort sweeps across you when you enter the Village of Hinsdale. Rich in history, our community is built upon a foundation of ideals and independence. It is the rarest of American locations, one that is able to maintain a delicate balance between the handshake of commerce and the embrace of community. Possessing a genuine sense of place, Hinsdale is a story of success.

The Village is a community of choice, highlighted by the quaint downtown, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. An ideal setting to spend a day, or a lifetime, Hinsdale is truly a place of distinct charm and character.

TRULY SPECIAL EVENTS

While Hinsdale offers a slice of Americana every day of the year, the Village's 4th of July Parade is especially stirring. Renowned throughout the Midwest as an inspiring display of patriotism, Independence Day in the Village is perhaps the highlight of the civic calendar.

Warm summer weather is cause for constant celebration in Hinsdale, and the Village is abuzz during Uniquely Thursdays and Live and Local Flavor. During these events, downtown streets are dedicated to pedestrian traffic, allowing friends to gather and mingle as vendors provide a taste of local food and spirits while live music fills the air. At the End of Summer Bash, blankets and lawn chairs ensure the crowd of all ages a front-row seat for noteworthy performers such as '60s pop icons Davy Jones and David Cassidy.

The winter holiday season kicks off the day after Thanksgiving with the Christmas Walk, is followed by the Polar Express, and then culminates with Distinctly Hinsdale for the Holidays. Classic Rockwell-like imagery is evident with horse-drawn carriage rides, professional ice sculptors, old time carolers, gingerbread cookie decorating, visits with Santa, a train ride to the "North Pole," and much more.



A CARING COMMUNITY

Adventist Hinsdale Hospital has been the Village's local healthcare provider for over 100 years. The only teaching hospital in DuPage County, a great number of its staff maintains teaching positions at Chicago's top medical schools and centers. The peace of mind that stems from having a world-class medical facility in your own backyard is yet another distinct advantage to life in Hinsdale.

The award-winning Hinsdale Center for the Arts (HCA) has been serving area residents for over 20 years, offering classes and workshops in dance, drawing, painting, sculpture, music, theatre, and more. HCA also offers outreach programs and grant opportunities beyond the Village, which in turn support arts programs throughout Chicagoland.

Described by a Life Trustee as "the mortar that holds together the bricks of the community," The Community House enriches the lives of people of all ages through athletics, theater, volunteer programs, new learning experiences, and counseling support. An annual highlight is the "Community Revue," an irreverent spoof of Hinsdale by Hinsdaleans (residents).

Founded in 1953, the Hinsdale Humane Society continues to provide safety and service to all creatures great and small. Further proof that life in Hinsdale can lead to great success, "Morris the Cat," the tabby pitch-pet made famous by Madison Avenue, was discovered at what some refer to as the Chicago area's "spa" of shelters.

A NATURAL FIT

Emblematic of Hinsdale's character is the handsome streetscape of downtown and the more than century-old Elms, Maples, and Oaks that canopy its pictorial boulevards and rolling hills. The Village boasts excellent "walkability" as neighborhood parks are abundant with passive and active open space with natural beauty surrounding residents and visitors alike. The keystone of the Village's park system is the spectacular Katherine Legge Memorial Park (KLM). Donated to the Village in the 1970s, KLM Park is a wonderful place to enjoy the outdoors and is open to the public. The American Institute of Architects has recognized KLM Park and Lodge as one of 150 "great" places in Illinois, a setting designed to "enhance our environment and enrich our quality of life."