

## About the Center Point-Urbana Community School District.....

The Center Point-Urbana Community School District is a merged school district serving approximately 1300 students in a 90 square mile area approximately 12 miles north of the Cedar Rapids-Marion metro area (120,000 population) and approximately 20 miles south of the Waterloo-Cedar Falls metro area (125,000 population).

It is composed of two incorporated towns – Center Point, population 2,100, and Urbana, population 1,100 – and numerous acreages, farms and rural residences.

### Education



The younger students of the CPU district are served in a beautiful, new, state-of-the-art elementary school located in Center Point. CPU Elementary houses approximately 600 students in grades PreK-4. Though the original structure was first occupied in 1998, a new early childhood addition was completed in the fall of 2003 and a

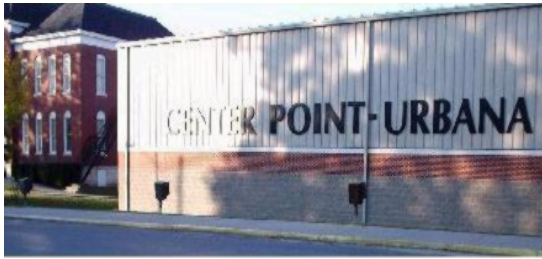
new gymnasium added in 2005. CPU was a recently awarded a grant for the preschool program that will provide instruction for four year olds.

Programs for the middle



school-aged children are housed at the Urbana-Center Point Middle School located at Urbana. Students in grades 5-8 learn in a program and environment planned specifically to meet their needs. The middle school is also composed of a number of different additions: six classrooms were added in 2000; in 2003 four additional classrooms were added; and the latest addition, which is nearly complete, will provide a new kitchen/cafeteria and remodeling of the gymnasium. The middle school serves approximately 425 students.

CPU High School is housed at Center Point. It provides a broad



program in a safe, respectful environment for its 380 students. The high school is also made up of many different additions. Construction completed in 2003 provides a Health and Fitness Center that includes a weight/exercise room, as well as, a wrestling room. This facility is open to community for use. The fall of 2007, CPU will become part of the WaMAc Conference in order to keep the mission statement of the district and what is the best interest of the students. Just as the academic program is important to our students and patrons, so is the activity program. With the recent passage of the Linn County Local Option Sales Tax, the construction of a new high school may be in the future.

A talented staff, small classes, school pride and a broad program make CPU an exceptional school. There are many activities available and its size helps every child find a place to fit in, make friends, and succeed!

## Communities

Both cities are “bedroom communities” with the majority of the patrons driving to jobs in either Cedar Rapids or Waterloo during the day. Great transportation is available to either, thanks to Interstate-380 that connects the two larger communities and dissects the CPU district. Proximity to these two metro areas also adds much to the quality of life in CPU land. A huge variety of great shopping, restaurants, entertainment and educational opportunities are only minutes away from our homes! It truly is the best of both worlds – small town living with easy access to the attractions of the city!

The CPU community has available housing in either community. New developments are evident both south and north of Center Point and both east and west of Urbana. Housing is affordable and attractive!

The communities offer great parks, recreational opportunities for children, access to a 52-mile Cedar Valley Nature Trail, choice of seven churches, and a safe, small town environment! Well-trained volunteer fire and EMS departments serve both communities. Two family doctor offices, a dental office, and three banks are also located within the community.

The Center Point-Urbana community is a great place to live and raise children!