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## **Pattonville still offers “What Parents Want”**

For the seventh year in a row, the Pattonville School District has been honored with a “What Parents Want” Award from SchoolMatch. Only 16 percent of the nation’s 15,573 public school districts have been recognized this year for meeting the needs of families choosing schools.

SchoolMatch is the nation’s largest school selection consulting firm and maintains information on every public school system throughout the nation and more than 14,000 accredited private schools throughout the world.

Among the criteria used for award selection include a close match to what SchoolMatch users most often request: competitive in academic test scores and academically solid; accredited; recognized for excellence by a national foundation or by the U.S. Department of Education; competitive in teacher salaries; above-average in instructional expenditures on a national percentile basis; above-average in expenditures for library-media services on a national percentile basis; and known for small class size.

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