



WEST MIFFLIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Comprehensive Plan District Profile

District Population and Size

West Mifflin Area School District is a mid-size school district in Allegheny County. It has a resident population of over 20,000, covers approximately 17 square miles, and lies 11 miles southeast of Pittsburgh. The school district serves over 2,500 students and is comprised of West Mifflin Borough, City of Duquesne, and the Whitaker Borough.

Community

The community, which has been changing at an increasingly accelerated rate from predominantly industrial urban setting to a more suburban residential, offers many educational, cultural, medical, recreational, business, and civic advantages.

An array of transportation options are available to residents for access to the advantages of the area. The community has a Pittsburgh Regional Transit facility within the borders and houses the Allegheny County Airport. Residents can ride the “T” from the South Hills to the North Shore. Access to major roadways include state routes 51 and 837, the Pennsylvania Turnpike, and interstates 376, 43, 70, 79, and 76.

The district has the luxury of having nine college campuses within twenty minutes of our borders, University of Pittsburgh, Point Park University, Duquesne University, Carlow University, Robert Morris University, La Roche University, Chatham University, Penn State Greater Allegheny, and Allegheny County Community College. The district makes great efforts to build relationship with the post-secondary institutions to enhance our offerings to students, one example of which can be seen in our Dual Enrollment/College in High School programs where students can earn college credits in a multitude of courses.

Educationally enriching experiences are readily available via the number of museums, interactive facilities, and environmental learning. The Carnegie Art Museum, National Aviary, Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium, Andy Warhol Museum, and the Braddock Battlefield History Center are readily available destinations. Students can access interactive experiences at the Heinz History Center, Carnegie Science Center, and the accessibility to multiple Carnegie Libraries.

Healthcare is world-renowned in the area. Our community has the privilege of having two hospital networks that are on the cutting edge and a Children’s Hospital that people come to from all over the world. A new 46,000-square-foot UPMC outpatient clinic recently opened in West Mifflin, offering more than 20 outpatient services and specialists from UPMC Magee, the Hillman Cancer Center and the Heart and Vascular Institute, as well as orthopedic and sports medicine experts and a broad range of other subspecialties. Allegheny Health Network and UPMC provide healthcare for the area.

The district’s community has multiple recreational parks and access to the Monongahela River. It also features one of Pennsylvania’s best entertainment options for families, housing Kennywood amusement park. Residents enjoy the latest movies at Century Square Luxury Cinemas, and are in very close proximity to The Waterfront and many other shopping plazas. There are dozens of options for food, including fast food and formal restaurants. Handel’s Homemade Ice Cream in West Mifflin is an enticing draw for dessert for many in the area and is listed as one of the top 10 ice creams in the world by National Geographic. Finally, from apparel to hardware, most items can be found in the community or a short drive away and most major retail outlets can be found within the district.

In addition to these locations, West Mifflin is home to Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory, the US Steel Mon Valley Works–Irvin Plant, and many more businesses.

Facilities/Campus

District Administration

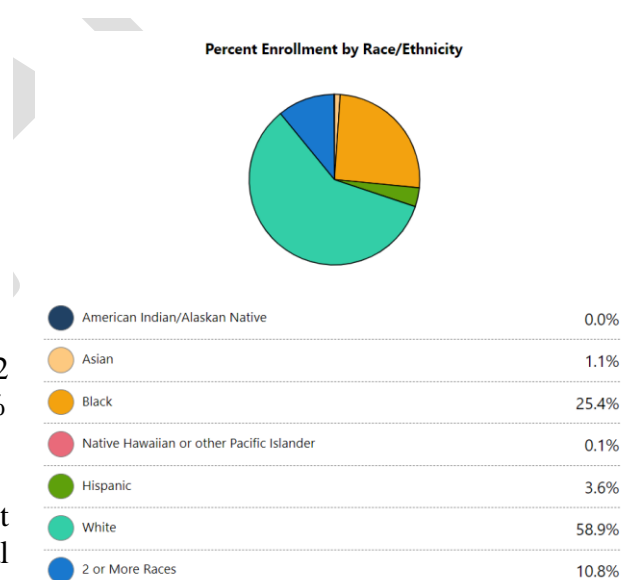
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Enrollment: 2583

Demographics: 58.9% White, 25.4% Black, 10.8% 2 or more races, 3.6% Hispanic, 1.1% Asian, and 0.1% Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.

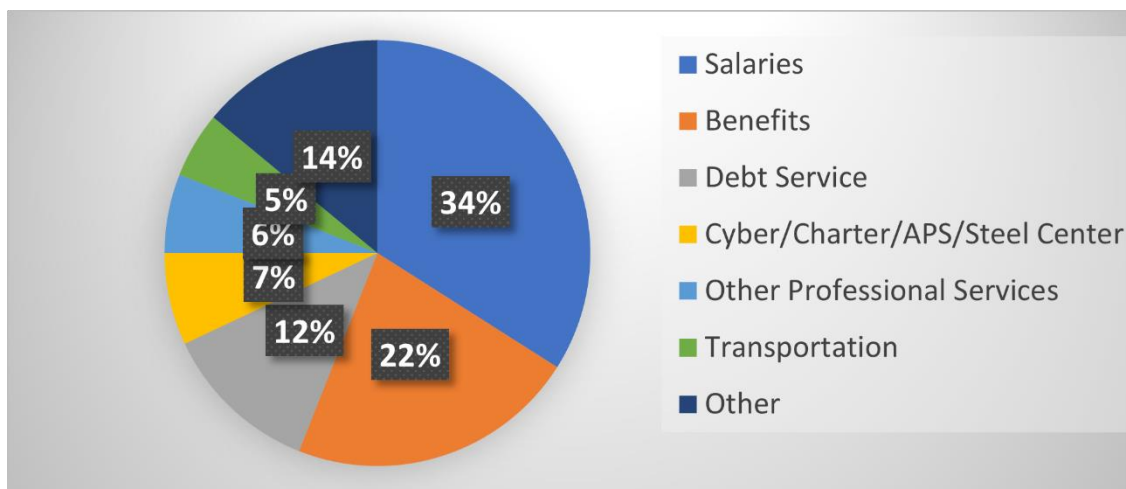
At the onset of the 2022-23 school year, the district consisted of 200 employees, including professional staff of teachers, guidance counselors, psychologists, and administrators. 67% of the professional staff held a master’s degree or higher. There were approximately 68 support staff including custodial and maintenance personnel, secretaries, and paraprofessionals.

Central Administration consists of the district Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Business Manager, Director of Pupil Services, and Facilities Director. All administrators belong to their respective professional organizations. The district belongs to multiple state and local groups including PSBA, PASBO, SHASDA, and is member of the Allegheny Intermediate Unit.



The district has made a significant investment in technology for students and teachers. We are currently a one to one school utilizing Microsoft Win-books. Every classroom is outfitted with an interactive 75” touchscreen TV with a wireless mouse and keyboard as a replacement to the interactive whiteboards and projectors. The district utilizes Schoology as its LMS. Schoology is compatible with all of the district’s software including Microsoft and Power School. An updated website has been released as well as a mobile app. The mobile app has the capabilities to send updates, news blast, and alerts.

The West Mifflin Area School District operates on a \$61,000,000.00 budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The district receives 57% of the budget from the local tax payers, 35% from state funds, and 8% through federal money. An approximate breakdown of expenses is as follows: 34% salaries, 22% benefits, 12% debt service, 7% non-traditional schooling (cyber, charter, APS, Steel Center), 6% other professional services, 5% transportation, and 14% other.



Security

The district has made great strides in the security of all buildings. In 2018, the district installed secure vestibules in each building. Any person coming into the building is vetted with the Raptor System and issued a temporary identification tag. A “BluePoint” alert system was installed in case of any emergency. These are pull stations that are directly connected to the county’s 911 network. Students and teachers are trained and conduct routine drills to reinforce what is needed to be done in case of an emergency.

The West Mifflin Area School District has also established a police department within the school district. We have armed police officers in the buildings that have the ability to write citations. The district has a positive relationship with the local authorities as well. West Mifflin police have jurisdiction over all four schools. The borough’s police department supports the school district in a multitude of ways, from being present at school activities to assisting students at bus stops.

The district has a contracted service for security in every building. The security company monitors the main entrances at each building. There are security guards that monitor hallways and common areas to make certain that students are safe and going to class.

In the spring of 2022, the district requested a Risk and Vulnerability Study be conducted for each school and campus. The Pennsylvania State Police conducted their study and provided the district with an in-depth report to strengthen our security measures. The district also works with first responders to make certain our security plans are updated and communicated.

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Clara Barton Elementary

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Enrollment: 203

Demographics: 68.8% White, 15.8% Black, 8.1% 2 or more races, 3.2% Hispanic, and 4.1% Asian.

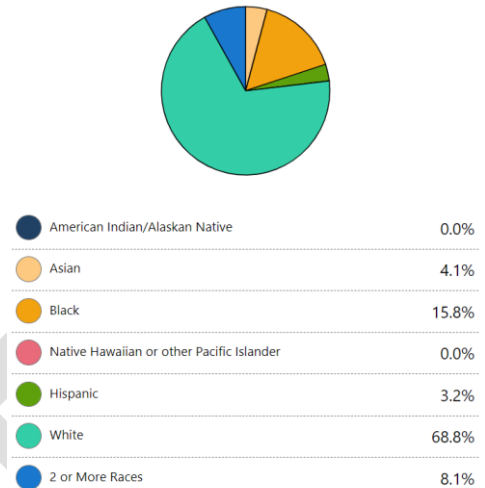
There are two elementary buildings in the West Mifflin Area School District: Clara Barton Elementary and Homeville Elementary. Clara Barton Elementary educates students in grades kindergarten through grade three with an enrollment of 203 students. At Clara Barton, data and student growth have been a priority over the past couple of years. In order to accomplish this, we have implemented an ELA and Math Coach for grades K-3. The coaches have data meetings with the staff members in order to inform instruction. Along with data-informed instruction is the increase in student growth, utilizing benchmark assessments in Acadience Reading, Acadience Math, HMH, and Wonders. With the coordinating MTSS program in grades K-3, students in Tiers 3, 2, and 1 have shown educational growth through small group direct, intense instruction. Students in math receive math interventions through the newly implemented programs: Number Corners K-2 and Spring Math 3-5. These are whole group interventions which assist with general education and special education students through our inclusion model at the K-3 level.

Technology is at the forefront of our students' educational experience in the West Mifflin Area School District. Students at Clara Barton have been provided laptops for a 1-1 initiative with an interactive television in every classroom. Wonders and HMH incorporate technology within the lessons on a daily basis, with Essential Skills and Heggerty as interventions that are completed on the student laptops and/or interactive televisions.

While we continue to put forth great educational efforts at the elementary level K-3, we also incorporate initiatives to assist students with socialization, motivation, self-esteem, and overall love for education. Some of the initiatives that are implemented at both buildings are: Student of the Month, PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support), Kindness Club, Birthday with the Principal, and Anti-Bullying Assemblies. We are proud of the accomplishments we have made at the elementary level and as an elementary team will continue to look to improve our student achievement and student initiatives while enhancing our programs offered to our students, parents, and community.

In 2021, Clara Barton Elementary School was recognized by U.S. News and World Report as one of U.S. News Best Elementary Schools, ranking #24 in Pennsylvania Elementary Schools.

Percent Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity



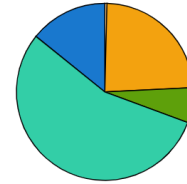
Homeville Elementary
 4315 Eliza Street
 West Mifflin, PA 15122
 Phone: 412-466-9131
 Fax: 412-461-5465

Enrollment: 420

Demographics: 55.1% White, 23.8% Black, 14.2% 2 or more races, 6.4% Hispanic, and 0.4% Asian.

Homeville Elementary School is located on the north end of West Mifflin and educates 420 students in grades K-3. Homeville Elementary serves students from Whitaker and West Mifflin. At Homeville Elementary, teachers educate using our standards-aligned curriculum to achieve academic success while simultaneously ensuring that the needs of every child are met. We strive to meet the needs of every child, every day both academically, socially, and emotionally.

Percent Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity



American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.0%
Asian	0.4%
Black	23.8%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.0%
Hispanic	6.4%
White	55.1%
2 or More Races	14.2%

The academic needs of our students are met through using best practices for instruction, a strong curriculum, and making data-informed decisions. Our MTSS (Multi-tiered Support System) program in grades K-3 ensures that the educational needs of all students are assessed and addressed in order to achieve student growth and academic success. The West Mifflin Area School District has implemented both an ELA and Math Coach for grades K-3. With the coordination of our coaches, students are given benchmark assessments in Acadience Reading, Acadience Math, HMH, and Wonders. The coaches then take this information and hold data meetings with staff members in order to inform instruction. The coaches, teachers, and administrators evaluate the benchmark results and use this information to make recommendations on how to best instruct students. The implementation of the MTSS program has shown that students in Tiers 3, 2, and 1 have shown educational growth through small growth instruction, data-informed instruction, and intense instruction when needed in grades K-3. Math instruction interventions include Number Corners in grades K-2 and Spring Math in grades 3-5. These whole group interventions are provided for both Regular Education and Special Education students within the classroom setting using our Special Education Inclusion Model.

Technology is an important aspect of learning both for students and teachers. All classroom technology has been upgraded to include an interactive television for instruction. As early as Kindergarten, our students are learning how to become computer competent and good digital citizens. Each Homeville student is provided with a laptop in grades K-3. Wonders and HMH incorporate technology within the lessons on a daily basis. Essential Skills and Heggerty are

interventions that can be used by the student on their individual computer or by the classroom teacher for the whole group on the interactive television.

At Homeville Elementary, we strive to provide a positive school experience and create experiences for students and families to make strong connections and build long lasting memories. While great effort is made to ensure academic achievement is attained, there are also initiatives to assist students with socialization, motivation, self-esteem, and creating an overall love for education. As part of our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Incentive System) program, students earn Homeville Hero tickets by demonstrating that they are respectful, responsible, and ready to learn. Students are given a certificate and can pick a prize of choice. Students then have the opportunity to earn additional bonus prizes for appropriate behavior. Each month homeroom teachers select a Student of the Month. Our students of the month receive a special T-shirt and have a pizza party with the principal. Additionally, their pictures are featured outside of their classroom and a special video is prepared and shared on Facebook.

Homeville Elementary has an active Kindness Club. Third grade students are eligible to apply to become Kindness Club members. Students meet after school with their sponsors Mrs. Onuffer and Mrs. Didjunas. Kindness Club members actively spread kindness in our school and beyond. In 2022, the Kindness Club partnered with the Home Depot to create a Kind space at the Andzelik Gazebo. The children painted “kindness rocks” to spread kindness and beautify our building. Homeville celebrates student birthdays by announcing them daily as well as the birthday with the principal celebration monthly. The Dean of Discipline teaches about kindness using the Second Step anti-bullying curriculum. Additionally, we have anti-bullying assemblies. Homeville participates in the Pittsburgh Penguin and US Steel Reading Program. In the 2021-2022 school year, Ms. Green’s class read over 60,000 minutes which was the highest of all participants in the program in the area. They received a Stanley Cup (made by US Steel), were invited to a penguin game, and received a pizza party that was attended by the Penguin’s Iceberg and Penguin staff at Homeville Elementary.

The Homeville PTA is active and provides many wonderful opportunities for our children. Homeville has a STEM lab and children have STEM class as a special. Our PTA has organized Family STEM night throughout the school year. These events feature STEM experiments, Student Ambassador helpers, dinner, and many opportunities for families to explore STEM and our building.

West Mifflin Area Middle School

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West Mifflin, PA 15122
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Enrollment: 786

Demographics: 55.8% White, 28.6% Black, 10.7% 2 or more races, 3.9% Hispanic, 0.7% Asian, and 0.3% Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.

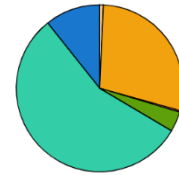
Academically, we have new a book series in grades 4-8 for Math and English Language Arts. Within our new series, we have programs that provide interventions to our students in areas that they need improvements. We also have academic coaches that are remediating and working with small groups of students to improve their areas of weakness within Math and ELA. These coaches work closely with our MTSS program. These students are receiving 84 minutes of instruction in Math and ELA daily. During the second part of the block, students are broken down in small groups for targeted instruction to fill the gaps needed in their academics.

We are in the second year of our PBIS program that has demonstrated student success within students' Participation, Responsibility, Integrity, Dedication, and Empathy for grades 6-8. Grades 4-5 is running their Super Star program that focuses on Respectful, Responsible, and Ready to Learn. Both PBIS programs offer students the opportunity to earn dollars that are used to shop in the fully stocked school store. Students also participate in a Student of the Month assembly to recognize the students that are going above and beyond with their academics, attendance, and behaviors. Students in eighth grade hold jobs throughout the building from working at the store to tutoring lower grade students. These students have specific periods where they can perform the tasks they are responsible for. In 2022, the 6-8 program received special recognition from the state for high fidelity implementation of Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS).

The TV studio has morning announcements on a daily basis. This is a student run group that performs all duties within the television studio. Morning announcements for grades 6-8 are performed by students in those grades while grades 4-5 are in charge of their respective grade announcements. Students in these grades cover all the popular news of happenings within our building.

A new special class offered beginning in 2022 is computer graphics. A new lab is being installed so students can learn how to use computer generated graphics. These students will use their

Percent Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity



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Asian	0.7%
Black	28.6%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.3%
Hispanic	3.9%
White	55.8%
2 or More Races	10.7%

graphics to assist the TV studio in their productions. This class will add to students' computer technology courses as a different aspect of computers than is offered in our coding class.

West Mifflin Area High School

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Enrollment: 888

Demographics: 62.1% White, 25.0% Black, 9.6% 2 or more races, 2.0% Hispanic, and 1.2% Asian.

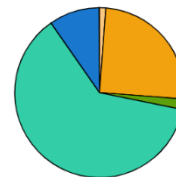
West Mifflin Area High School is a comprehensive high school that strives to meet the needs of a diverse population of learners. Students have the opportunity to participate in traditional and non-traditional learning environments.

West Mifflin Area High School offers students a variety of opportunities. There is an array of classes and schooling selections to fit every student: online studies, AP and CHS classes, even recovery courses. The Titan Cyber Academy offers an education that allows students to earn credits and learn skills from the comfort of their homes without lacking in quality. AP and CHS courses give students the opportunity to earn college credits and gain a thorough understanding of a variety of topics. The recovery program is an excellent way to help students earn back credits in order to graduate on time. The incredible array of academic opportunities, though, is only a small portion of West Mifflin's noteworthy repertoire.

West Mifflin Area High School also offers a variety of opportunities for students to meet their social needs. Pep rallies and assemblies are lively and energetic; the bleachers are always packed during football games. Dances and formals offer a way for students to relax and feel free of worry for a night. Clubs, such as the National Honor Society, Environmental Club, and Drama Club, give students a way to create connections with under and upperclassmen. The diverse variety of sports allows future athletes a taste of their life beyond high school. These social elements, though, are not all that is offered.

Three of the most unique aspects of West Mifflin would be the school store, the pre-school, and the aquaponics lab. The school store provides a place for students and teachers to have breakfast, coffee, or any sort of refreshment they may want. The excitement for the store rivals that of a Saturday morning Starbucks shift. The preschool presents not only a way for students to learn how to handle children but a safe place for parents to drop their kids off. Finally, the aquaponics lab is perhaps the most noteworthy thing of all. It is a system that, while not put in place yet, will bring multiple classes and clubs together. With the environmental club as the planters, CHS Biology there to monitor the growth of the vegetables and fruits, and the cooking class as the

Percent Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity



American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.1%
Asian	1.2%
Black	25.0%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.0%
Hispanic	2.0%
White	62.1%
2 or More Races	9.6%

recipients of the food, the aquaponics project brings different parts of the school together in perfect harmony.

West Mifflin Area High School presents a home for students to nurture their academic minds and creative souls. Everything from classes to clubs not only prepares students for their future as an adult but excites them for tomorrow. There is an unmistakable charm to West Mifflin Area High School that continues to shine day after day. *(Contributed by Senior Morgan Horvat)*

West Mifflin Area School District students in high school can choose to participate in any of the eighteen programs at Steel Center for Career and Technical Education designed for student learning through a combination of real-world experiences with vital academic, technical, and employability skills needed in the modern workplace. Steel Center CTE offers career and technical education to students from eleven school districts of the Mon Valley and South Hills areas of Allegheny County, PA. Steel Center CTE is undergoing a 29 million-dollar renovation to modernize their facilities and better prepare students for the future. The renovations are set to be fully completed in April 2026.

Titan Cyber Academy (TCA)

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Enrollment: 86

The district offers all West Mifflin Area School District K-12 students the option of full-time online instruction through the Titan Cyber Academy. West Mifflin Area School District faculty provide online instruction using West Mifflin Area School District approved curriculum along with a combination of K-12 Edgenuity online curriculum resources to create the ultimate online learning environment that meets PA Common Core standards while utilizing a wide variety of instructional methods designed to engage K-12 students in the remote setting. Instruction is tailored to students' unique needs and interests and includes asynchronous, synchronous, blended, and hybrid learning opportunities. With hybrid learning, students have the option of attending their respective West Mifflin Area school building for any in-person classes in addition to their remote schedule if they choose. Students have access to district athletics, extra-curricular activities, and after-school functions that are available throughout the school year as well as additional opportunities to participate in social activities and events.