

WEST MIFFLIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

From an early age, I've had a passion for working with children, and providing support and equitable learning experiences for all students. At the West Mifflin Area School District, myself and the district's administration share the same feverish dedication to each and every one of our students. The district is stocked with a vast array of resources that support our students not just academically, but socially and emotionally. Every day, we will continue to exhaust every option to grow upon that, and to see every West Mifflin Area School District student thrive in school and life afterwards.

- **Dr. Dayna Sikora**
Director of Special Education



THE DAILY GRIND



- Fully-functioning coffee shop.
- Acts as a curriculum tool for students who require instruction taught through alternative standards.
- Students learn how to count money and take inventory in order to purchase needed supplies.

RESPECT ROOM

- The Respect Room is a place for high school students to take a moment to reflect and refocus when they're having a moment of need. If a student feels that they are in crisis, the Respect Room is located in the guidance office, where school counselors can offer immediate assistance.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

- Family Behavioral Resources
- On-Site Counselors
- Turtle Creek Valley (TCV) Community Services
- UPMC AnywhereCare
- Ronald McDonald Care Mobile
- Bark for Schools
- Adelphoi Partial Program
- Family Engagement Opportunities
- Respect Room
- Elementary School-Based Therapist

FROM OUR PARENTS

"My kids' experiences have been really great. The teachers recognized what they needed and got them the necessary support. My oldest daughter did very well in the program, and now she's an English Major at Duquesne University. It was a complete turnaround. The program helped her learn at her level and get caught up, which I thought was great. My two kids who graduated went from not being able to read at their own level, to both of them ending their high school careers with high honors. I think they would've never gotten that far if it wasn't for some of the teachers that they dealt with."

Christina Gavron has two children who graduated from the West Mifflin Area School District, and has one child currently enrolled in the district.



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OUR SERVICES

TITAN SHOPPE



- Staffed by high school students, who learn a valuable set of employment skills.
- Teaches time management & multitasking skills.
- Students brew coffee and prepare food items, while also gaining a fundamental understanding of operating a business through inventory management, handling cash, and basic financial transactions.

TITAN LAUNDROMAT



- Equipped with commercial grade appliances and accessories
- Provides work-based learning experiences, while also teaching independent living skills.



TITAN INDEPENDENT LIVING LAB



- Features a kitchen, living room, dining room, and bedroom simulations.
- Students engage in hands-on activities such as cooking and cleaning, as well as developing social and employment skills.
- Students gain necessary daily skills needed to live independently or as a contributing member of their family and community.

CHILL ROOM



- Provides soft lighting, furniture, and materials.
- Fosters a comforting environment for students when they are feeling overwhelmed academically or socially.
- Staffed by Family Behavioral Resources, these professionals work closely with students to help them access and alleviate their feelings.

CALMING CORNER



- Equipped with sensory tools, such as lights, fidgets, and special seating.
- Allows students to take a break in order to refocus.

COOL ZONE



- Provides a safe space for children who exhibit symptoms or who currently have a behavioral health diagnosis.
- Open year round — including the summer.

ON-SITE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

- Weekly on-site OVR (Office of Vocational Rehabilitation) representative conducts comprehensive assessments of individual strengths, interests, abilities, and aptitudes.
- Develops and implements individualized employment strategies.
- Provides career counseling and training.
- Delivers job placement services.

TRANSITION COORDINATOR

- Assists students with transitioning from student life to adulthood.
- Works with school staff to determine a student's functional needs within the school and community settings.
- Develops an appropriate transition plan.
- Provides students with information on available resources, employment opportunities, and programs.

ON-SITE COUNSELORS

- The district employs a group of caring, well-trained counselors. Currently, the district has one on-site counselor at each elementary school, two counselors at the middle school and three at the high school.

TITAN TROOP

- Inclusive club that integrates all students regardless of skills and abilities.
- Promotes inclusive practices within the school district and community.
- Students meet with other, similar high school clubs in the multi-county area, as part of the STARS (Schools Together with Athletes Reaching Success) program.

TITAN PARTNER PROGRAM

- Supports students with higher academic, social, or emotional needs.
- Partners students with peers to help them thrive within elective classes.
- Offers social support and facilitates individual student needs through programs presented by teachers.
- Creates a strong school community and fosters inclusivity.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- The district makes a strong effort to engage with and develop strong relationships with its students' families through learning, special events, and individualized meetings.

ROBOKIND



- Student-friendly, assistive robots.
- Helps educators teach students the fundamentals of emotional regulation, conversational dynamics, and other social skills.

COMMUNITY-BASED INSTRUCTION

- Teaches students hands-on, daily living activities and/or employment skills.
- Engages students in community-based activities, which serves as a vehicle for learning independent living skills and vocational programming.