

Extra-Curricular Activities

In addition to the school's athletic program, there is a wide variety of student activities. Opportunities for students to become involved with music (chorus and band), the arts, drama, student government, yearbook, newspaper, recreational interest, and academic clubs occur throughout the grades.

The secondary grades' athletic programs include a variety of intramural programs such as weightlifting, tennis, basketball, winter track and field hockey. Competitive secondary school sports programs include football, cross country, basketball, wrestling, track, baseball, field hockey, softball, and soccer. Additionally, competitive and intramural programs are conducted at the middle school.

Technology

Northern Lehigh School District provides technology instruction through the use of IBM compatible computers utilizing the latest operating systems and application software. Peters Elementary has one fixed computer lab and Slatington Elementary has two, and additionally has wireless laptop computers. The computer labs are used for instruction in basic computer operation and word-processing, use of Math and Reading curriculum software, performing internet searches, and lessons in basic multimedia applications. The secondary schools have seven fixed computer labs and offer instruction in computer-aided design, programming languages, multimedia applications, and basic and advanced Microsoft Office applications. Every classroom within the district has direct internet access and each school has the capability to provide or receive distance learning. All libraries are equipped with computers, internet access, and an online card catalog system.

Planning The Future

We believe that all students can learn and succeed if given sufficient time and appropriate instruction. The district is working under its third strategic plan since 1996. The 2008-2014 plan includes goals for academic proficiency, district operations, highly-qualified effective teachers, student services and technology integration. Additionally, the Reading Apprenticeship Framework is embedded into all content area instruction in grades 5 through 12 and Response to Intervention is practiced at the elementary level.

Driving Directions

From New York or Northern New Jersey

Interstate Route 84 W to NE extension PA turnpike, Interchange 131, Scranton; south to Interchange 74 Mahoning Valley and pick up Route 209S to stop light; turn left on Route 248, continue on Route 248 to junction of 873 at stop light and bridge; turn right across bridge and bear south on Route 873 to Maple Spring Drive (indicated by large red barn). Turn right onto Maple Spring Drive and proceed up hill to first stop sign.

From Philadelphia

Take Route 309N to Schnecksville, turn right at the "Y" intersection onto Route 873N which becomes Main Street, Slatington; turn left on Center Street and continue on Center Street for several blocks until you intersect with Maple Spring Drive. Make a left onto Maple Spring Drive to the first stop sign.

From Western PA and Ohio

Take Interstate Route 80 to Hickory Run Exit and the NE Extension of the PA Turnpike. Take turnpike south to Interchange 34, Mahoning Valley and pick up Route 209S to stop light; turn left on Route 248, continue on Route 248 to junction of 873 at stop light and bridge; turn right across bridge and bear south on Route 873 to Maple Spring Drive (indicated by large red barn). Turn right onto Maple Spring Drive and proceed up hill to first stop sign.

The Central Administration Office is adjacent to the stop sign at the end of Maple Spring Drive. Adequate parking is available in front of the building in the lower parking lot. The Administration Office is located to the right of the lobby on the ground floor of the Slatington Elementary School.



Further information available at:
www.nlsd.org



School Colors: Navy Blue and White
School Mascot: Bulldog

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Welcome To

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

*You can teach a student a lesson
for a day; but if you can teach him
to learn by creating curiosity, he
will continue the learning process
as long as he lives.
~ Clay P. Bedford*

Slatington
Elementary



Northern Lehigh
Middle School

Peters
Elementary



Northern Lehigh
High School

"The Mission of the Northern Lehigh School District community is to create a challenging and supportive environment dedicated to meeting the diverse educational needs of all learners."

Northern Lehigh School District...

Northern Lehigh School District is located approximately 15 miles north of Allentown, Pennsylvania. The Lehigh River, the base of the Blue Mountain, and the Pennsylvania Turnpike traverse the school district.

The 27 square miles of the district encompass Washington Township, and the Borough of Slatington in Lehigh County, and the Borough of Walnutport in Northampton County. The district maintains both a small-town rural atmosphere while being close to Allentown, Pennsylvania's third largest city, and within 75 miles of Philadelphia and New York City.

With a community population of just over 13,000 divided between two boroughs and the hills, fields, and wooded lands of the township, Northern Lehigh School District is large enough to provide many advantages, yet small enough so that people know and care about each other.

Our Community

Northern Lehigh School District is blessed with a wide and rich array of community groups and services. Along with many places of worship is an active local pastoral association that provides support for families. Many active service groups add to the dynamic character of Northern Lehigh — Chamber of Commerce, Lions and Lioness Clubs, Rotary International, Slatington Women's Clubs, Veterans groups, Walnutport Canal Association, NL Community Center, Future Focus, Downtown Revitalization & Economic Development, Northern Lehigh Health & Community, Rails to Trails, Historic Preservation and Tourism and many volunteer fire and ambulance associations. For children, there are many opportunities such as, scouting programs, summertime recreation, parks and swimming pool, summer band, many Northern Lehigh Youth Athletic Association sponsored sport programs, library reading programs and environmental programs to name a just few.

The Schools

Northern Lehigh School District is proud of its students, staff, and facilities. Our small size of approximately 1900 students from pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade allows for personal attention and maximum participation in extra-curricular activities.

Two elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school, comprise Middle States Accredited Northern Lehigh School District. Peters Elementary School serves students in pre-kindergarten through second grade and Slatington Elementary School serves students from third through sixth grade. Approximately 20 students participate in our pre-kindergarten Head Start program. Class sizes in kindergarten through second grade average 20 students per teacher with only a slightly higher ratio in grades three through six. Slatington Elementary school facilities have undergone significant renovations. Both schools provide a pleasant, safe, and modern atmosphere conducive to quality learning.

Northern Lehigh Middle School houses 275 students in grades seven and eight. Middle school teams provide students with many opportunities for curriculum integration to maximize learning. Through this concept, an already excellent educational program has become an outstanding middle level program.

The Northern Lehigh Senior High School includes students in grades nine through twelve. The facility includes a library research center, an art complex, and state of the art technology. Due to our high academic standards and expectations, more than 80% of our students are involved in a post-secondary education program following graduation.



District Goals

Yearly, the district administrative staff develops individual goals for the school year based on the goals the superintendent of schools has developed for the district. The current district goals include:

Curriculum and Instruction—Staff members and administration will increase the relevance and rigor of instruction for all students to meet or exceed standards on the PSSA's and AYP.

Communication—Administration and staff will enhance communication efforts between all district buildings, schools, parents and community.

Financial—Central office administration will develop and implement a fiscally responsible, streamlined budget process district wide.

Renovations—The district is in the process of a major renovation at the Slatington Elementary School. This process will address current safety concerns, the open floor plan concept and a central administrative office building.

The Curriculum

Comprehensive and diverse are the best descriptors for the K-12 curriculum at Northern Lehigh School District. Written planned courses and learning assessments at every level provide the framework for excellence in teaching and learning. The district provides a comprehensive curriculum with experiences designed to support student achievement in communications, mathematics, science and technology, environment and ecology, social studies, citizenship, arts and the humanities, career education and work, business, and family and consumer science. In addition to being aligned with PA Academic Standards, the curriculum is designed to support self-worth, thinking skills, independent and collaborative learning, adaptability to change, ethical judgment, respect, and tolerance.

At the high school level, students may participate in the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute (LCTI) and dual enrollment courses at local post-secondary colleges. Honors & Advanced Placement

courses, as well as General courses, are provided. An expanding number of courses in information technology are offered. Career direction is further enhanced through the goals of Career Pathways, a High Schools That Work program, and dual enrollment courses offered on our own campus.

Our Staff

Along with its students, Northern Lehigh School District is most proud of its school staff. In addition to the Superintendent, department directors, and principals, the district employs a highly qualified teaching staff averaging 15 years of experience. The majority of our teachers have achieved advanced degrees. Instructional aides and personal care assistants also support the educational process.

Support Services

Special Education — Comprehensive evaluation, support, and specially designed instruction programs are provided for exceptional children. Special Education Services are provided by the school district, Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21, and a number of contracted providers. The district also screens, assesses, and develops specially designed programs for gifted students and English Language Learners.

Transportation — Almost 75% of Northern Lehigh School District students ride school buses. Buses are modern and safe. All bus drivers have received special training, clearances, and licensure.

Health — School nurses provide screening, daily routine health services and referral services for students. Pennsylvania certified school nurses and support staff assist with student needs. The district maintains Student Assistance Teams from third through twelfth grades. These teams provide assistance and/or referral services for "at-risk" students.

Counseling — Certified school counselors are available at each school to assist students and parents with school-related issues. The district also retains the services of two full-time psychologists who are available for student evaluations, special education needs, gifted education needs, and support with district-wide behavioral support initiatives.

"A proud tradition of educating successful students".