

GENERAL INFORMATION

Teacher Certification

Thirty-six percent of the faculty has a master's degree or higher.

Class Size

Looking at the number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) teachers district wide, the number of students to teacher ratio is adjusted each year. Classes of 1-17 students started at 29 in 2004-05, went to 32 in 2005-06, and dropped to 14 in 2006-07. Classes of 18-20 students started at 18 in 2004-05, dropped to 13 in 2005-06, and increased to 25 in 2006-07. Classes of 21-25 students started at 13 in 2004-05, increased to 17 in 2005-06, and dropped to 14 in 2006-07. Classes of 26-29 students started at 3 in 2004-05, dropped to 1 in 2005-06, and there were none in 2006-07. There were only two classes of 30+ students in 2004-05 and there have been none since 2005.

School Wellness Policy

In order to address school wellness, the district participates in the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs providing nutritious, well-balanced, and economical meals daily in all schools. All Milton Area School District buildings are designated as being a Keystone Health Zone.

The Milton Area School District supports the goals for nutrition education, physical activity and other school based activities designed to promote student and staff wellness.

Technology

The District website contains news, district events, athletic schedules, lunch menus, Superintendent's blog and more. New additions to the website that are currently in the works include an alumni section and an expanded sports page, with more improvements to come.

The Milton Area School District currently has 800 computers (360 new within last 2 years, 440 range from 3 to 7 years old). Of the 800 total computers, 40 are 4-6 year old Macintosh computers running the latest operating system (10.4). Since 2005, the District has also installed 10 new video projectors each year. The technology department is installing the software, Windows Vista, on the 100 new computers in 2007 and Microsoft Office 2007 throughout two High School Computer Labs. A recent grant has provided Montandon Elementary school with the innovative Smart Board.

The district is monitored by security cameras. Each district building has cameras which can be monitored by building administrators at school or through the internet. The Milton Police Department is able to access the cameras as well.

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Milton Area School District



Home of the Milton Black Panthers



School Colors Orange and Black

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The Milton Area School District is a public school district located in Milton, Pennsylvania. The district is located in both Northumberland and Union Counties. It is part of the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU). The district is presently comprised of one middle school, one high school and three elementary schools—James F. Baugher Elementary, White Deer Elementary and Montandon Elementary.

It is the purpose of the Milton Area School District to create an environment in which individual students develop to their maximum capabilities in order to prepare for their adult roles as responsible citizens in our American culture and global society. It is our mission to provide:

- An atmosphere of mutual trust, integrity, and cooperation so that we may treat each other with dignity and respect.
- Accessible educational opportunities and services which address a wide spectrum of individual needs and abilities.
- Comprehensive programs which integrate communications, technology, reasoning, math, science, the arts, humanities, interpersonal skills, and physical health and safety.
- Opportunities to develop personal, social, and cultural dimensions.
- Experiences and activities to develop the self-knowledge and skills needed to insure a successful school to career transition.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

- 2007 Ralph Morgan Award for the Advancement of Vocational Education
- Department of Education's Office of Environment and Ecology recognized Milton Area School District as one of seven Pennsylvania Environment and Ecology Exemplary School Districts for 2007.
- Montandon Elementary School received the National 2005 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Award.
- James F. Baugher Elementary School was recognized by Standard & Poor's School Evaluation Services as one of forty-eight schools to narrow the achievement gap between 2003-04 and 2004-05 School Year.

HIGH SCHOOL

Milton Area School District offers the following AP courses:

- Biology
- US History
- Calculus
- Spanish
- Latin
- Psychology
- English Literature
- English Language & Composition

Students who enroll in AP courses take the AP exam at the end of the course. The cost for the AP exam is covered by the School District. A partnership between the Milton Area School District and the Central Pa Chamber of Commerce, awards students who receive a 3, 4, or 5 on the AP exam a \$50 Scholarship. Fifty-five percent of the students taking the AP exam in 2006 received a recognized score on the AP exam.

AUXILIARY HIGH SCHOOL

The Milton Auxiliary High School is an on-campus evening alternative education program that integrates an intensive software-based curriculum, service learning in the community, as well as supplemental individual and group counseling resources. The program performs within the framework of a flexible schedule to maximize each student's achievement. Milton Auxiliary High School has established a working relationship with the Salvation Army, The Red Cross, and the Hands Up Foundation to provide community service opportunities and life lessons. Since its inception, the Auxiliary High School has reduced the drop-out rate for Milton Area High School senior students by more than 50%. The 2006-2007 senior class graduated 14 students who were enrolled in the Auxiliary High School evening program. All students completing the program receive a standard high school diploma.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Through the generous donations from individuals who live within the Milton Area School District, opportunities for scholarships are open in many areas for graduating seniors. One of the largest is the Dreifuss and Hackenberg Scholarships which in 2007 provided a total of \$129,252 to be divided among graduating seniors in the following categories: 1) Health Career Field, 2) a student(s) attending Bucknell, and 3) General scholarships. A wide variety of groups and individuals provide other scholarships totaling \$49,050.

GRADUATION RATE

90% for the Milton Senior High School

70% of the 2005-2006 graduates continued their education at a post-secondary institution either in Pennsylvania or outside of Pennsylvania.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Milton Middle School (MMS) has six teams of students (two per grade) located in dedicated pod areas. The result is six mini schools within a large school. Students within these teams develop a true sense of belonging...to their school family (or team). Twenty-nine activities are offered to students to compliment the academic curriculum. Activities include: dance, chess, woodcarving, stamping, yearbook, walking, weightlifting, and math games. A range of electives are offered to 8th grade students. A sampling of electives are: Spanish, French, Keyboarding, and Handbells. MMS has a very active parent association that sponsors an honor's ban-

quet, carnival, and student rewards yearly. The Student Council at MMS sponsors many student activities which include a monthly dance, book fair, visiting nursing homes, canned food drive, student incentive awards, and a carnival. An in-house alternative education program affords an opportunity to select students to receive an education which includes a formal academic curriculum (which ties in nicely to the regular program) as well as intensive guidance intervention.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Interscholastic athletics (High School and Middle School levels):

Football, Boys'/Girls' Soccer, Field Hockey, Cross Country, Golf, Boys'/Girls' Tennis, Cheerleading, Boys'/Girls' Basketball, Wrestling, Bowling, Baseball, Softball, Boys'/Girls' Track

Clubs (High School and Middle School levels):

Band, Interact, NHS, Drama, Yearbook, Skills USA/VICA, Art, Outdoor Ed., Genesis, Stock Market, TSA, Library, Key Club, Quilting, Latin, French, Photo, Spanish Honor Society, PYEA, SADD, Tri-Hi-Y, JIMC, Technology Club and more!!!

ELEMENTARY

The Milton Elementary system includes three buildings; White Deer, Montandon, and James F. Baugher. A variety of age-appropriate and developmentally sound programs are offered throughout the school year and summer months. Among the programs are Jump Start, a school readiness program for students entering kindergarten and Bridging to First, a program designed to assist students successful transition from kindergarten to first grade.

Each building has an extensive guidance program that includes in-class lessons, small group guidance, and individual counseling. In addition to Title I Math and Reading, the elementary schools offer ESL services, a Homework Club, and after school PSSA preparation and remediation activities. In an effort to provide a well-rounded educational experience, Milton elementary schools continue to provide instruction in art, health, physical education, and library instruction. Baugher Elementary is the host building for mental health services provided by Safety Net Counseling, Inc. that includes wrap around services, a therapeutically-based after school program, and summer day camp. All three elementary buildings have active Parent/Student Associations that provide additional activities and funding for the students.

The elementary buildings participate in the annual Art Expo with a week long Summer Arts Program for interested students. With a class size averaging 18 students per teacher, the Milton elementary system continues to provide breakfast and extracurricular activities including basketball, wrestling, band and chorus.