

# WHY CHOOSE AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT?



Serving nearly 2,300 students in the municipalities of Ambridge Borough, Baden Borough, Economy Borough, Harmony Township, and South Heights, the Ambridge Area School District is the largest school district in Beaver County. Covering approximately 27 square miles within the metropolitan Pittsburgh Area. The District is served by three elementary schools (Highland, State Street and Economy), a Middle School and a Senior High School. In the past 20 years we have built two new elementary schools (Highland and Economy) and renovated a third elementary school (State Street). The completion of a \$45 million Senior High School Construction Project brought an influx of new technologies across the campus for the District's High School Students.

*"The five communities comprising Ambridge Area provide a comfortable "hometown" atmosphere while offering an attractive mix of city and rural living".*

The District is home to one of the largest athletic field houses in the area which regularly, along with the stadium, becomes the site of off-season interscholastic competition. Moe Rubenstein Stadium is fitted with artificial turf. The District's ideal location allows its residents to easily access the region's vast academic, business, cultural, entertainment, sport, and recreational resources. The area is rich in tradition and offers a wealth of historic, cultural, and ethnic attractions. Revitalization projects are ripe in the commercial and historic districts. The area provides an array of entertainment, numerous churches and denominations, a myriad of restaurants, expansive shopping and nightlife, abundant parks and recreation, and a mass of cultural and historic vitality.

With approximately 200 dedicated, experienced, and highly qualified teachers and administrators, the Ambridge Area School District takes pride in meeting the needs of all students through a rich, seamless curriculum emphasizing high academic standards and expectations. Our theme this year is "Digging Deeper for Student Achievement," and it is our goal to assist our students in growing their knowledge base and improving their skills in all content areas. The three focus areas will be:

- Equitable access to learning for all students through co-teaching and effective instructional strategies.
- 21st century teaching through STEAM utilizing the 4C's.
- Common assessments and improving interventions

Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment Courses, GATE (enrichment), Technology (STEAM), Vocational, and MCJROTC are among district offerings. Additional specialized learning opportunities are available through a partnership with the Beaver County Area Vocational Technical School. The District is renowned for its Fine Arts Program which encompasses a wide array of choral, drawing, instrumental, and steel drum courses. Ambridge Area Alumni are represented among military academies, the armed forces, the nation's finest colleges and universities, and a variety of professions. We offer a full continuum of services for students with disabilities as well as an English as a Second Language Program for English Language Learners. We provide students services and supports through counseling, social skills groups, and partnerships with outside mental health agencies to ensure we meet the needs of all students. The Administrators, teachers and support staff, and the School Board of Directors recognize the need for students to adapt to the world's changing demands and marketplaces. Responding to this, measures are fully in place to keep our district in the competitive mainstream.



*The mission of the Ambridge Area School District is to be the "Bridge" to leading and learning, preparing students for the future through academic excellence.*

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# Arts & Activities

- Music Department
  - Marching Band
  - Steel Drums Band
  - Jazz Band
  - Concert Choir
  - Chamber Choir
  - Guitar
  - Ukulele
  - Theatre Technology
  - Chorus
  - 4th & 5th Grade Instrumental and Choral Instruction
- Visual Arts
  - Studio Art
  - Drawing
  - Ceramics and Sculpture
  - Painting
  - Jewelry Making
- Over 30 High School Clubs
- Spring Musical
- Spring Talent Show
- Elementary Activities
  - Agriculture in the Mobile Science Lab
  - Story Walks and STEAM Walks
  - Before and After School Child Care
  - Fulltime Pre-K Programs

# Academics

- Advanced Placement Courses
  - AP Biology
  - AP Calculus AB
  - AP Calculus BC
  - AP Chemistry
  - AP Computer Science
  - AP European History
  - AP Environmental Science
  - AP Language
  - AP Literature
  - AP Physics I
  - AP Physics II
  - AP Physics C
  - AP Psychology
- Dual Enrollment Opportunities
  - Advanced Chemistry
  - Applied Technical Design with CADD
  - CCAC Apprenticeship Program
  - CCBC Academies (Aviation, Health, Criminal Justice, STEM)
  - College Algebra
  - College Prep English 12
  - CIHS Argument
  - Statistics and Probability
- Academic Partnerships with
  - University of Pittsburgh
  - Robert Morris University
  - Carlow University
  - Pittsburgh Technical College
  - Community College of Beaver County
- Career and Technical Programs through the Beaver County Career and Technology Center
- Marine Corps JROTC program
- Digital 1:1 Curriculum
  - Laptops (Grades 6-12)
  - iPads (Grades PreK-5)

# Athletics

Ambridge Area participates in both the WPIAL and PIAA

| FALL  | WINTER  | SPRING  |
|---|---|---|
| Varsity / JV<br>Boys Golf<br>Girls Golf<br>Boys Soccer<br>Girls Soccer                                    | Varsity / JV<br>Boys Basketball<br>Girls Basketball<br>Bowling<br>Wrestling<br>Cheerleading<br>Hockey | Varsity / JV<br>Baseball<br>Boys Tennis<br>Boys Volleyball<br>Softball<br>Track<br>Girls Lacrosse |
| Boys Cross Country<br>Girls Cross Country<br>Football<br>Girls Tennis<br>Girls Volleyball<br>Cheerleading | Middle School<br>Boys Basketball<br>Girls Basketball<br>Wrestling<br>Cheerleading                     | Middle School<br>Baseball<br>Boys Volleyball<br>Girls Volleyball<br>Softball<br>Track             |
| Middle School<br>Boys Soccer<br>Girls Soccer<br>Football<br>Cheerleading                                  |   |   |

