



The DistrictAt A Glance

Fall, 2011

People from a variety of perspectives often have many questions about South Western School District. Our families and businesses have certain expectations of our students. Realtors and potential transfers to our district may be looking for specific information to help with decision making. Reviewing the following information should help all of our publics begin to understand South Western School District and the successes of our students. If additional information is needed, please call Dr. Barbara Rupp, Superintendent; Dr. Barbara Kehr, Assistant Superintendent; or Mr. Jeffrey Mummert, Business Administrator at (717) 632-2500.

Mission Statement

The South Western School District is dedicated to providing a continually improving educational environment, through a cooperative effort with the family and the entire community, in which all students are encouraged and expected to achieve their full potential, to express themselves clearly, to think reflectively, and to interact responsibly in preparation for lifelong personal growth.

*Adopted October 24, 1990
Revised March 25, 2002*

District Profile

District Size	56 Sq. Miles
Population	22,576
K-12 Enrollment	4,200
K-5 Enrollment	1,891
Baresville (Gr. K-5)	524
Manheim (Gr. K-5)	265
Park Hills (Gr. K-5)	561
West Manheim (Gr. K-5)	541
E.H. Markle (Gr. 6-8)	958
South Western H.S. (Gr. 9-12)	1,351
Ave. Daily Attendance:	
Gr. K-5	96.2
Gr. 6-8	94.8
Gr. 9-12	95.7
2011-12 Budget	\$53,876,496
Millage Rate	16.55
Funding Sources:	
Local	67.6%
State	31.4%
Federal/Other	.94%
Per Student Expenses	\$12,828
(58.9% goes directly to student instruction)	

Faculty	293
Support Staff	270
Administrative Staff	24
Faculty Experience:	
Percent under 5 years	16.7%
Percent over 20 years	19.5%
Percent with Master's Degree	76.5%
Faculty Average Salary	\$66,881
Free & Reduced Lunch Eligibility:	
Baresville Elementary	30.0%
Manheim Elementary	18.0%
Park Hills Elementary	31.0%
West Manheim Elementary	16.0%
E.H. Markle Intermediate	26.0%
South Western High School	20.0%
Ethnicity:	
White	91.40%
Black	3.03%
Hispanic	2.65%
Asian	1.55%
Indian	.16%
Other	1.21%
Graduation Rate:	88.7%
(Percent of students graduating in 4 years)	

(over)

2011 Graduating Class Profile

Post-Secondary Choices % Class of 2011 Future Plans

- 77% Planning on institutions of Higher Education
- 12% Have full-time employment
- 5% Have enlisted in the military
- 6% Are undecided

College Board (SAT) Scores

	South Western		National	
	Verbal/Math	Total	Verbal/Math	Total
2006-07	506/499	1,005	502/515	1,017
2007-08	499/498	997	502/515	1,017
2008-09	497/496	993	501/515	1,016
2009-10	498/506	1,004	501/516	1,017
2010-11	498/505	1,003	497/514	1,011

Academic Information

High School

- A 4X4 semester block scheduling design
- A broad curriculum of over 150 different courses & independent studies designed to meet the comprehensive needs of our growing student population

Middle School

- Strong emphasis on instructional and developmental needs of early adolescents
- Utilization of interdisciplinary teams
- Standards-based math program

Elementary

- Strong emphasis on differentiated instruction and the developmental needs of all students
- Balanced literacy approach to reading
- Research-based Math program – Everyday Mathematics

PA System of School Assessment

Listed below are 2011 PSSA results for South Western School District. At this time, the state requires 81% proficiency in reading and 78% proficiency in math to meet "No Child Left Behind" guidelines.

<i>School</i>	<i>Math Advanced and Proficient</i>	<i>Reading Advanced and Proficient</i>
Baresville	89.4%	79.6%
Manheim	81.7%	77.8%
Park Hills	81.2%	70.4%
West Manheim	86.1%	79.9%
EHMIS	86.2%	80.9%
SWHS	75.2%	72.5%

Miscellaneous Statistics

Class Size Average

Grades K-2	24	Grades 3-5	23
Grades 6-8	26	Grades 9-12	29

Expulsions Last Year

Drugs/Alcohol/Tobacco	6
Weapons/Violence	1
Misconduct	2

Special Education

Gifted – 3.6%	Learning Support – 12.6%
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% Students in Advanced Placement Class who took Advanced Placement Examination and scored grade 3 or higher

Calculus - 100%	U.S. History - 81%
Biology - 55%	Gov't/Pol - 63% / US
English - 100%	Physics - 100%

Technology

of Computers # of Labs # of Carts

Baresville	248	1	6
Manheim	189	0	6
Park Hills	252	1	6
West Manheim	272	1	6
E. H. Markle Intermediate	759	6	17
S.W. High School	1017	9	21
Total	2,737	18	62

English as a Second Language (ESL)

The South Western School District provides an ESL program for students whose dominant language is not English. The purpose of the program is to increase the English language proficiency of eligible students so that they can attain the Pennsylvania Academic Standards and achieve academic success. The ESL program provides instruction to meet each student's individual needs based on the assessment of English proficiency in reading, writing, listening and speaking. Content area support is also provided to ensure achievement of academic standards while the student is learning English.

STEEDS - Alternative Education Program

The purpose of STEEDS, South Western School District's Alternative Education Program, is to provide a safe, student centered environment structured to meet the individualized academic and behavioral needs of students who are not coping effectively within the regular school program and to preserve an environment where learning can take place without distraction for the remaining students. STEEDS is designed to be a short-term placement for students.

For more information visit our web site at:

www.swsd.k12.pa.us