

# Western Beaver County School District

## DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHIC OVERVIEW

### District Mission:

The Western Beaver County School District is committed to developing all students to their fullest potential creating responsible, self-sustaining citizens that are life-long learners.

The Western Beaver County School District was established in 1963 and receives students from the Boroughs of Ohioville, Industry, Midland and Glasgow. These boroughs are in a rural locality covering 34.5 square miles. Approximately 900 students are enrolled in our schools. There are three school buildings in our district all designated as single floor structures. The buildings include Fairview Elementary housing grades Pre K - 4, Ray W. Snyder housing grades 5 - 6, and Western Beaver Junior/Senior High School housing grades 7 - 12. In addition to having 71 full time faculty members, our staff is comprised of a librarian, a library aide, two reading specialists, a gifted coordinator and gifted support teacher, 15 teachers' aides, and a technology coordinator. The average teacher to student ratio is 1:16.

Our Pre K - 12 curriculum includes remedial interventions, transition, service learning, independent study options, advanced placement classes, inquiry based learning, inclusion based programs for both learning disabled and accelerated students, online learning, dual enrollment (college credit options), and strong core academic fundamentals.

The community is actively involved in our schools through a variety of programs. School based programs including PTO, Booster organizations, and a Community Task Force work cooperatively with the district to provide an educational program that includes a strong academic component as well as an equally strong community service learning component.

### Inside this issue:

On-Line Grading	2
Strategic Plan	2
Elementary Highlights	3
High School Highlights	4
District Report Card	5
Contact Information	6

## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome to the Western Beaver County School District. It is our hope that providing you with this publication gives you a preview of the outstanding educational opportunities available to you and your family. Western Beaver provides a diverse learn-

ing environment where students experience traditional learning while offering online learning, college credit while in high school, and access to other local school district's curricula. Please take some time to visit our schools. You can

visit online at [www.westernbeaver.org](http://www.westernbeaver.org) or visit in person by contacting the school's office to make an appointment.

Robert H. Postupac  
Superintendent

## Notice for Protected Students

The Western Beaver County School District will not discriminate against protected handicapped students as defined in Chapter 15 of the regulations of the State Board of Education

The Western Beaver County School District will provide each protected handicapped student with those related services or accommodations which are needed to participate in and benefit from school programs and extracurricular activities, without discrimination and to the maximum extent of the student's ability. These services and accommodations will be provided without cost to the student or his/her family.

## Online Grading

In an effort to better communicate with parents, the Western Beaver County School District is beginning to implement *Edline*. *Edline*, an online student management system, will allow parents, through the use of the internet, to monitor their child's progress.

*Edline* empowers parents to become an active participant in their child's education. By accessing their child's record, parents will be able to monitor daily attendance to class, average grade in each class, and homework assignments.

Through better parent—school communication each child's potential may be achieved.

# WESTERN BEAVER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN

## Chapter 4 - Academic Standards

Goal: Between 2008 - 2014, students will meet AYP in mathematics, reading, & science as measured by the PA Department of Education.

### Strategies:

- Curriculum Alignment
- Targeted Assistance for Struggling Student
- Qualified, Effective Teachers
- Parent & Community Participation
- Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Transition

## Teacher Induction Report

### Goals

- To design and implement a plan to address the common and emerging needs of new teachers at the district level.
- To plan and implement an orientation program to meet the professional and personal needs of the new teacher.
- To provide information on classroom management, lesson mastery, professional education, technology integration, and district orientation.

## Professional Education Report

Based on analysis of PVAAS, 4Sight, Terra Nova, PSSA Reading, Math & Science achievement, local assessments, and faculty/staff needs assessment, the district will have related professional development. The district has welcomed input from members of the Western Beaver Education Association and has collaborated with the faculty and staff to determine the professional development needs in our district.

## Special Education Report

The Special Education Report represents a three-year overview of the services provided to meet the needs of students with disabilities in the Western Beaver County School District. The plan provides data to the state to ensure that there are a full range of services, programs and alternative placements available to students in the school district. The report provides the state with assurances that the district has adopted appropriate policies and procedures that students with disabilities are included in general education programs as well as extracurricular and non-academic activities in accordance with an Individual Education Plan.

## Technology Report

### Goal: Expand Use of Technology

- Data Protection - Replace outdated backup systems in the district.
- Improve District Communication - Improve communication between administrators, principals, teachers, students and parents.
- Incorporate Distance Learning into the Classroom at all levels
- Increase the use of Technology in the Classroom - Better utilize the Wide Area Network (WAN) to assist in the instruction of students.

## Chapter 12 - Student Services Report

Student services consist of programs and services that support the overall mission of the Western Beaver County School District. Through the Student Services Report, the district provides the PA Department of Education with assurances for the collection, maintenance, and dissemination of student records, and for the operation for all student services and programs.

A copy of the district's strategic plan may be requested at the business office or may be viewed on the district website.

# WESTERN BEAVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS HIGHLIGHTS

Western Beaver elementary schools consists of two buildings: Fairview Elementary School houses students in grades Pre-K - 4. Ray W. Snyder Elementary School houses students in grades 5 - 6. The elementary schools offers a comprehensive curriculum to meet the diverse needs of all students.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- Pre - Kindergarten program through the Pre K Counts Grant for qualifying families
- Full Day Kindergarten
- Title I grades K- 4
- Reading & Math PSSA *Tutors* provided through the PA-Pact Grant
- Reader's Theater K - 4
- Weekly exploratory classes in Art, Music, Physical Education, and Technology
- Comprehensive Gifted Program - One teacher per building
- Teacher to Student ratio 1:10

## SOCIAL/TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM

- Pre - K and Kindergarten Orientation
- Access to a Guidance Counselor
- Guidance Programs
  - Building Blocks of Character
  - PATHS Program
- Anti-Bullying Program
- TAR Wars (Tobacco Education)
- Bicycle Safety Program
- Instructional Support Teacher

## TECHNOLOGY

- Online Accelerated Reader
- Internet accessible computer labs in each building
- Academic enrichment learning system: Study Island
- Online grading system: Classroll.com

## THE ARTS

- Full Time Art Teacher
- Full Time Music Teacher
- Recorders Lessons (grades 3 & 4)
- Instrumental Lessons (grades 5 & 6)
- Full Band (grades 5 & 6)

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- Beaver County Story Walk
- Read Across America
- National Young Readers' Day
- Title I Family Reading Nights

## COMPREHENSIVE TESTING PROGRAM

- DIBELS (Reading Assessment)
- 4--Sight (PSSA Prep)

# WESTERN BEAVER JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

## ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Western Beaver Jr./Sr. High School provides an academic program that meets the needs of a diverse group of students.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES:

- AP Literature
- AP Language
- AP Environmental Science
- AP U.S. Government/Econ.

### COLLEGE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL COURSES:

- Calculus - University of Pittsburgh
- Statistics - University of Pittsburgh

### DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES:

Courses offered at Western Beaver:

- English 15 - Penn State University (Beaver Campus)
- Psychology - Penn State University (Beaver Campus)

Courses offered at the campus

- Additional dual enrollment credits are available through Penn State University (Beaver Campus), CCBC, Clarion (online), and other local Higher Education Partners.

## REGIONAL CHOICE INITIATIVE PROGRAM (RCI)

- Interactive Video Conferencing courses (IVC) - these courses are available on site provided by local school districts.
- Cyber courses - Students have access to a variety of online learning opportunities at the high school and college levels.

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

- Blended-school offerings for credit recovery and enrichment
- Individualized consultation for PSSA Reading and Math
- Enhanced technologies including (wireless labs, laptops, networked resources, and interactive video conferencing).
- Excellent student participation rate in extracurricular activities
- Excellent student to teacher ratio, rivaling private schools
- On staff Gifted Coordinator
- Beaver County Gifted programs (Math Counts)

## HIGH SCHOOL FACTS AND TRENDS

- Among the highest PSSA scores in Beaver County
- Lowest property tax millage in Beaver County
- Over 30% of high school students earning honors and high honors degree
- 62% of current seniors attend a college or university
- Students have been accepted to prestigious college and universities including but not limited to: U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, Harvard, MIT, Colgate, University of Southern California (USC), Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), University of Pittsburgh (PITT), Penn State University

## ATHLETICS/EXTRACURRICULAR

Western Beaver is a W.P.I.A.L. member school participating in the following:

Football, Volleyball, Golf, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Track & Field, Cheerleading, Marching Band, Color Guard, Bowling

# WESTERN BEAVER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT CARD

Student Group	✓ Reading Percent Proficient in Reading**				✓ Math Percent Proficient in Math**			
	Grade Results	Sub-group Result	Percent Proficient	2000-2010 State Target	Grade Results	Sub-group Result	Percent Proficient	2000-2010 State Target
				50%				50%
<b>Grades 3-5</b>	✓				✓			
Students Overall		✓	75.1%			✓	83.4%	
Race/Ethnicity								
White		✓	74.9%			✓	83.8%	
Black		-	-			-	-	
Economically Disadvantaged		✓	62.3%			✓	75.5%	
<b>Grades 6-8</b>	✓				✓			
Students Overall		✓	78.1%			✓	76%	
Race/Ethnicity								
White		✓	79.4%			✓	76.2%	
Black		-	-			-	-	
Latino/Hispanic		-	-			-	-	
Asian/Pacific Islander		-	-			-	-	
American Indian/Native Alaskan		-	-			-	-	
Multi-racial/ethnic		-	-			-	-	
IEP-Special Education		-	-			-	-	
English Language Learners		-	-			-	-	
Economically Disadvantaged		✓	74.6%			✓	69%	
<b>Grades 9-12</b>	✓				✓			
Students Overall		✓	69.8%			✓	65.1%	
Race/Ethnicity								
White		✓	73.3%			✓	68.3%	
Black		-	-			-	-	

**Western Beaver County School District**  
**343 Ridgemont Drive**  
**Midland, PA 15059**

WE'RE ON THE WEB  
[WWW.WESTERNBEAVER.ORG](http://WWW.WESTERNBEAVER.ORG)

Western Beaver County School District is an equal opportunity employer in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 (45CRF 86), Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-112), and the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990.

Western Beaver will not discriminate for academic programs, activities, student services, and employment regardless of age, gender, disability, race, color, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, or other similar factors.

## WESTERN BEAVER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

### ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Robert H. Postupac  
 Superintendent

Mr. Steven Wellendorf  
 High School Principal

Mr. Barry Borza  
 Assistant High School Principal  
 & Athletic Director

Mr. Gabriel Engel  
 Elementary School Principal

Ms. Karin Pilarski  
 Supervisor of Curriculum, Instruction,  
 & Special Programs

Mr. Eric Palmer  
 School Psychologist

### SCHOOL BOARD:

Mr. Patrick McGeehan  
 President

Mr. Frank Mosura  
 Vice- President

Mrs. Paula Kadilak  
 Secretary

Mr. John Nadzam  
 Treasurer

Mr. Martin Gimbus

Mr. Hubert Kovalesky

Mrs. Ilene McLean

Mr. John Metzler

Mr. Michael Vujakula

### DISTRICT OFFICE:

343 Ridgemont Dr.  
 Midland, PA 15059  
 (724) 643-9310

### WESTERN BEAVER JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

216 Engle Rd.  
 Industry, PA 15052  
 (724) 643-8500

### RAY W. SNYDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

215 Engle Rd.  
 Industry PA 15052  
 (724) 643-4910

### FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

343 Ridgemont Dr.  
 Midland PA 15059  
 (724)643-9680