

Huntingdon Area School District Annual Report



Mission

The Huntingdon Area School District community engages all stakeholders to create a nurturing learning environment, focused on achievement and growth, social and emotional wellness, and preparation for varied career pathways.

Vision

The Huntingdon Area School District will create diverse opportunities for each student to meet their maximum potential in an engaging environment.





LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

As we close another year at the Huntingdon Area School District, we celebrate our collective achievements with the 2024-2025 Annual Community Report. Our dedicated faculty and staff, administration, and Board of Directors have all contributed to our mission of creating a nurturing learning environment focused on our students' achievement and growth. As we reflect on the year, we hope to showcase our efforts to the community and look ahead to our future.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Mitchell





THE CLASS OF 2025

The class of 2025, 130 members strong, celebrated at the 145th commencement ceremony on Friday, May 23rd. Dr. Christian Long, a 1998 HAHS graduate and local dentist, served as the graduation speaker. The class of 2025 was described as kind, caring, and service-oriented, qualities that will serve them well in their future endeavors after high school!





ENGAGING STAKEHOLDERS

As part of the District's Mission, we strive to engage our community stakeholders. The annual stakeholder appreciation luncheon was held on April 21st in the High School Cafeteria. The Nutrition Group served lunch to attendees. We value our community partners!

Luncheon Video





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BEARCAT INSTITUTE OF LEARNING



Creative Quality School Options for all Students with Cost Savings for all!

What is BILD today?

The Bearcat Institute of Learning and Development (BILD) is the Huntingdon Area School District's own free, online learning program that provides quality online and hybrid learning solutions to students K-12.

- 3 Elementary Learning Options (fully online, blended, and hybrid)
- 2 Secondary Learning Options (part time or full time)
- 7 Full Time Staff Including 2 dedicated Special Education Teachers
- 2 Dedicated Spaces: HAHS & Southside Elementary
- Mid Day Transportation Offered
- Asynchronous & Synchronous Virtual Learning Options (Canvas and Zoom)
- Learning Coaches & Support



Elementary
Blended Learning Options



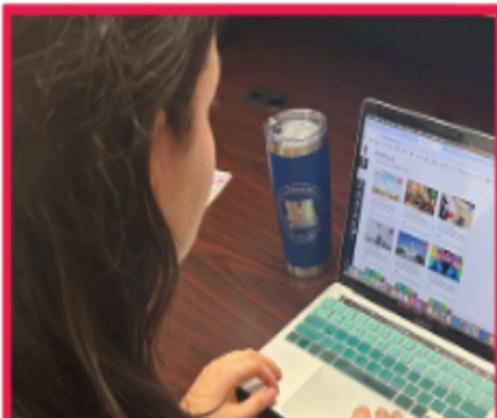
Secondary
Student Hours In Person



Elementary & Secondary
Virtual Instruction

Current Costs

An update on current costs of BILD and public cyber charter schools.



At Huntingdon Area School District

- Supplies: \$91,679.46
- Staff: \$666,103.00
- Other: \$65,800.00
- **TOTAL: \$823,582.46**

Average Cost per Student: $\$823,582.46/87 = \$9,466.47$

**As of Friday, October 4, 2024*



At Public Cyber Charter Schools

- Regular Education: $29 \times \$13,353.34 = \$387,246.86$
- Special Education: $21 \times \$33,792.20 = \$709,636.20$



IN MEMORIAM

Brenda Miller, a beloved teacher, wife, mother, and grandmother, was lost unexpectedly in February due to a short battle with cancer. Mrs. Miller was known for love, care, friendship, laughter, and boldness. The entire school community will remember Brenda for her passion for education and as a devoted member of our faculty. We will strive to uphold her commitment to kindness.



GOAL SETTING WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S



The district strategically planned for the yearly goals for 2024-2025 in collaboration with the superintendent.

- A budget was created using data and projection tools to ensure fiscal responsibility while enabling growth and sustainability, and to educate community stakeholders on how school funding policies and procedures impact our district and the reasons behind local decision-making.
 - The district worked to improve academic outcomes for all students by developing written curriculum on a shared platform and also continued to increase the consistent use of effective instructional practices to expand educational opportunities for students.
 - The district continued to improve safety by prioritizing the physical safety and security of all district buildings.
 - The district continued to develop communication with students, families, staff, and community stakeholders in various formats.
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2024-2025 HIGHLIGHTS

