

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.



FIRST ROW: HEATHER FOX, CHAD STATES, TRISTA MITCHELL

SECOND ROW: MATT FISCUS, DICK SCIALABBA, LARRY GARMAN, JAY WHITESEL,
ANNE MILLAR

MISSING FROM PHOTO: DR. DENNIS PLANE



LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

As we close another remarkable year at the Huntingdon Area School District, it is a privilege to share our collective achievements in the 2025–2026 Annual Community Report. This report reflects the hard work and heart of our dedicated faculty, staff, administration, and Board of Directors, who all strive daily to create a nurturing environment where our students can thrive. We invite you to explore these pages, celebrate our milestones, and join us as we look ahead to an even brighter future for our schools and community.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Mitchell

Superintendent





THE CLASS OF 2026

The class of 2026, 138 members strong, celebrated at the 146th commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 21st. Demetri Patitsas, a proud graduate of Huntingdon Area High School, Class of 2003, where he was not only valedictorian, but also class president, NHS president, and a varsity letterman in football, swimming, and volleyball. He even broke new ground as HAHS's first male cheerleader!

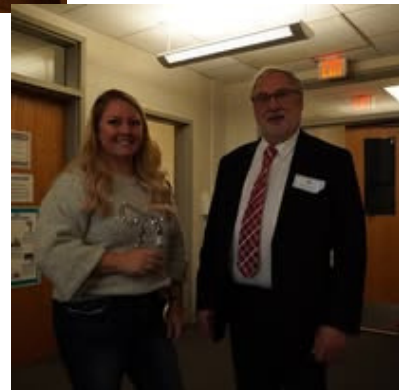




ENGAGING STAKEHOLDERS

As part of the Huntingdon Area School District's core mission, we continuously strive to actively engage our community stakeholders. On April 2nd, we hosted our annual Stakeholder Appreciation Event in the High School Learning Commons, where our food service partner, The Nutrition Group, served a wonderful breakfast to attendees. We deeply value our community partners and their shared commitment to our students.

[Click here to view our stakeholder presentation.](#)





ENGAGING STAKEHOLDERS

During breakfast, community members learned about the Public School Promise, a future-ready framework from the National Association of School Superintendents that HASD will utilize to refine our vision during our next comprehensive planning cycle.

The Public School Promise represents our district's commitment to ensuring every child in our community has access to a highly effective education that prepares them for college, careers, and life. This promise is built upon five core principles:

- Prioritizing student-centered learning
- Teaching real-world skills for life
- Attracting and retaining an excellent staff
- Building strong family and community partnerships
- Measuring outcomes that truly matter

This framework shows our commitment to equitable education. Attendees saw these principles in action through presentations by our workforce development programs. Students from the **Bearcat Institute of Learning (BILD)** and our **STEM Cat Coders** discussed and demonstrated how these hands-on programs are actively preparing them for life beyond graduation by building strong career pathways.



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We also highlighted our students' voices in a video created by student intern Molly Millar. [Watch her video here.](#) Timed to coincide with World Autism Acceptance Day, the video beautifully showcased our special education students' efforts to become future-ready Bearcats.

The program concluded with a "Community Partner Feedback Card" for participants to share how they can actively support efforts to rethink how our schools operate to meet modern student needs.

We are just getting started with our promise and look forward to envisioning the future of HASD education alongside our incredible community.



DISTRICT RECOGNITION



The Huntingdon Area School District is proud to announce that it has been officially designated a Great Pennsylvania School (GPS).

This prestigious recognition honors our district's commitment to academic excellence, community engagement, financial stewardship, and organizational resilience.

This achievement directly reflects the collective dedication of our students, staff, families, Board of School Directors, and community partners who support growth and learning every single day.

We are deeply grateful for the community collaboration that made this possible, and we remain steadfastly committed to continuing this vital work on behalf of our Bearcats.

DISTRICT DATA

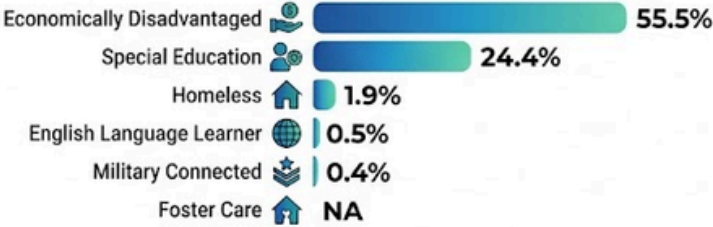


The Huntingdon Area School District is committed to providing a student-centered education that serves a diverse range of learning and socioeconomic needs.

This demographic breakdown highlights our ongoing responsibility to allocate resources efficiently, ensuring every "Future-Ready Bearcat" receives the equitable support required to succeed.

HUNTINGDON AREA SD 2025 ANNUAL REPORT - DEMOGRAPHIC OVERVIEW

1 ENROLLMENT BY STUDENT GROUPS



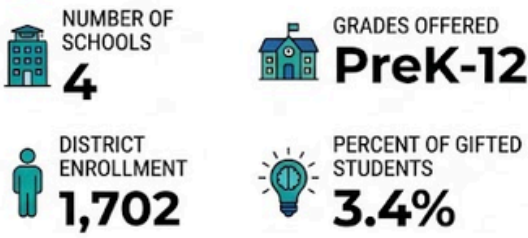
2 GENDER ENROLLMENT



3 ENROLLMENT BY RACE/ETHNICITY



4 DISTRICT QUICK FACTS





PUTTING OUR STUDENTS FIRST: A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

At the Huntingdon Area School District, our budget is more than just numbers on a ledger—it is a direct reflection of our core values. We believe that every dollar entrusted to us by local taxpayers and the state should work as hard as possible for our kids.

As of our May budget review, **67.1% of all district expenditures**—over \$23 million—have been invested directly in the student experience. Whether it is keeping our classrooms equipped with modern learning tools, ensuring our transportation runs safely every morning, supporting student wellness through our nursing staff, or funding the athletics and clubs that build well-rounded individuals, our financial priority remains exactly where it belongs: on our students.

Thank you to the Huntingdon community for your continued partnership and investment in the future of our youth!

H HUNTINGDON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT: MAY BUDGET STATUS SNAPSHOT

TOTAL REVENUE COLLECTED (YTD)

\$39,266,867



State Education Subsidies: 56.4%

Basic and special ed support via state funding formulas.



Local Property & Income Taxes: 41.2%

Direct investment from the Huntingdon community.



Federal Specialized Grants: 2.4%

Restricted support for reading programs and student aid.

★ THE HIGHLIGHT: INVESTING IN OUR STUDENTS.

Out of \$34.33 Million spent so far this year, look at what goes directly to the student experience:



\$19,372,107 --> DIRECT CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION (56.4%)

Teacher salaries, textbooks, classroom technology, and learning materials.



\$2,425,211 --> CONTRACTED BUS SERVICES

Safe daily routing to campus through contracted bus services



\$864,291 --> STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS (2.5%)

Athletics, marching band, and extracurricular programs.



\$389,380 --> PUPIL HEALTH SERVICES (1.1%)

School nurses, medical supplies, and campus wellness care.

SUMMARY: 67.1% of all district expenditures (\$23,051,021) go directly to the daily instruction, transportation, health, and activities of our kids!

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



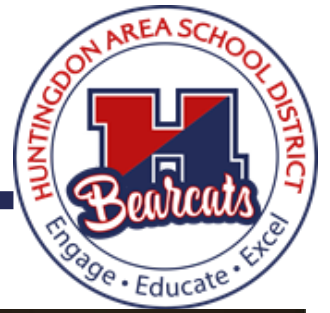
Elementary & Secondary
Virtual Instruction

Enrollment Updates

- Total Enrollment: 245 students for the 2025–2026 school year.
- Senior Participation: 62 seniors from the Class of 2026 took at least one online class this school year.

Each participating senior was given a senior BILD shirt and surveyed about their plans. Of the 51 students who completed the survey, the results indicate clear pathways forward: 29.4% are entering the workforce immediately, while 70.6% will enroll in post-secondary education.

CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS



Throughout the school year, our students have filled us with Bearcat Pride by earning numerous individual and group accolades. Please enjoy this collection of photo highlights, which captures a glimpse of their remarkable achievements, talents, and well-deserved recognition!



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