
Our Mission

The mission of the Allegheny Valley School District, a group of small traditional communities, is to educate all students to achieve their maximum potential. A dedicated staff, in partnership with school, home, and community, will empower students to become responsible and contributing citizens able to meet challenges in an international society.

We Believe:

- Students are able to ethically function in an international society.
- Education is the foundation of future success and must have application to real-life situations.
- Education is the shared responsibility of the school, home, and community.
- Technology is an essential learning tool.
- Students learn best when provided with a variety of educational experiences.
- All students are capable of responsible and respectful behavior.
- All individuals have worth and dignity.

Our Community...

The Allegheny Valley School District comprises the residential communities of Cheswick Borough, Harmar Township, Springdale Borough, and Springdale Township. Located 15 miles northeast of Pittsburgh along the Allegheny River, the area remains a residential/industrial research center that offers a wide variety of sports and recreational facilities for community members.

Allegheny Valley School District

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School Principal, grades 4-6:	Jennifer L. Vecchio
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The School District

Located approximately 15 miles northeast of Pittsburgh, PA, the Allegheny Valley School District provides a quality education to approximately 935 students in the municipalities of Cheswick Borough, Harmar Township, Springdale Borough, and Springdale Township. The District emerged in 1965 when these four municipalities agreed to dissolve their previous jointure and begin a new venture. Two buildings – Acmetonia Elementary School and Springdale Jr-Sr High School – offer programs and activities to students in pre-Kindergarten through grade 12. Eighty-one professionals comprise the teaching staff. The communities of the District maintain the unique combination of being close to a major urban center while still maintaining a small-town atmosphere. Together these factors make the Allegheny Valley School District a great Partnership for Excellence – Youth, School and Community.

Highlights:

- ◆ District area: approximately 9.6 miles
- ◆ Millage rate: 20.8377 (1 mill brings approximately \$636,277 to the District)
- ◆ Colors: Orange and Black
- ◆ District Logo: Joined AV
- ◆ High School Logo: Capital S with a lightning bolt
- ◆ Web site: www.avsdweb.org
- ◆ District presence on Facebook

Springdale Jr-Sr High School

Established in 1932, Springdale High School was one of the first buildings in the area to develop a secondary curriculum. The main part of the current building was finished in 1959, with renovations in 1996. A new junior high wing and multi-purpose room were completed in the spring of 2012. Renovations at this time also included changes to the music/art wing, upgrades to the infrastructure throughout the building, and safety improvements. Additional changes were completed to the auditorium in December 2013.

Highlights:

- ◆ Approximately 425 students in Grades 7-12
- ◆ 19:1 Student/Teacher Ratio*
- ◆ Covers 154,450 square feet
- ◆ Special programs include: Independent Study, Vocational-Technical Education, Dual Enrollment & College/Career Articulation, Early College Admission, Advanced Placement courses, STREAM classes, Gifted and Talented Education (GATE), lifeskills and other special education programs
- ◆ 25 Extra-curricular activities, along with 14 Varsity, 5 Junior Varsity, and 7 Junior High athletic options, are available.

**Student/Teacher ratios are the total number of students in the building divided by the number of classroom teachers (elementary) or the number of core subject and special education teachers (secondary).*

Acmetonia Elementary School

The Acmetonia Primary School was built in 1971 to replace three area elementary buildings. This structure houses twenty-five classrooms, a music room, a library, a forum or large group instruction room, a gymnasium, a cafeteria, meeting rooms, and office space. Electrical and mechanical systems updates, alterations to classrooms, and preparations for additional technology education were completed in 2006. A second project to add a wing for grades 4-6 was finished in 2018, bringing all elementary students to one facility.

Highlights:

- ◆ Approximately 526 students in Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 6
- ◆ Covers 104,015 square feet
- ◆ Classrooms include: 3 Sixth-Grade, 3 Fifth-Grade, 3 Fourth-Grade, 4 Third-Grade, 3 Second-Grade, 4 First-Grade, 4 Kindergarten, and 2 Pre-Kindergarten classrooms
- ◆ 20:1 Student/Teacher Ratio*
- ◆ Full-Day Kindergarten, STEAM and technology classes, library, health, physical education, art, and vocal and instrumental music classes are part of the educational program.
- ◆ Special programs include: PATHS, Title I, Flexible Grouping, Gifted and Talented Education (GATE), life skills and other special education programs.