



# The Bethel Park School District

**T**he Bethel Park School District is located within the boundaries of the Municipality of Bethel Park, an outstanding, progressive and safe community, rich in history, with a strong sense of family. Located just 10 miles south of Pittsburgh, Bethel Park is a 12-square mile community of tree-lined streets and rolling hills. Close to 34,000 residents call Bethel Park “home,” making it one of the largest communities in southern Allegheny County.

The Bethel Park School District is comprised of eight schools—five elementary (grades K-4), two middle (one grades 5-6 and the other grades 7-8) and one high school (grades 9-12). The elementary schools are organized by neighborhood. Total district enrollment for the 2011-2012 school year is 4,589.

The school district has a solid reputation for providing quality instruction and exposing students to a variety of academic subjects, enhanced by a strong technology program, that includes computers and Internet access in all classrooms and interactive smart board technology in most.

At the high school, Advanced Placement courses are offered in American and European History, English Literature and Language, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Macro Economics, Java, Spanish, French, German and Latin. Recent course offerings at the high school include: Media Productions, Principals of Engineering, Art & Chemistry, and Sports and Entertainment Marketing.

Extracurricular opportunities are plentiful and increase with each grade level. In addition to athletics (27 varsity, 17 junior varsity, 9 freshman and 16 middle school teams, as well as six club sports), there are more than 12 clubs and activities available to students at the middle schools and over 20 at the high school. The high school produces a fall play and spring musical, in which more than 150 students participate.

The United States Department of Education awarded a National Blue Ribbon for Excellence in Education to Independence Middle School in 1992-93 and 1997-98, which places the school among the top one percent of schools in the nation. A new Bethel Park High School will open in January 2012 across the street from the current school and will feature 96 classrooms, a 1,300 seat auditorium, 2,300 seat gymnasium, a television studio, small theater/large group instruction room, eight-lane swimming pool and outdoor courtyard.

Parent involvement at all schools is high, with active PTA, PTO and PTSO groups functioning in all of the schools and meeting monthly with district administration as a Council to discuss district-wide issues and share information. Sports and Club Booster Groups actively promote the district’s teams and organizations. Community involvement is encouraged with residents given the opportunity to participate on a variety of committees, including the Curriculum Committee, Budget Advisory Committee, Citizens Advisory Council for each school and the Technology Advisory Committee.

On the opposite side of this page you will find updated statistical information that will provide you with a quick overview of achievement in Bethel Park.

***For more information about the Bethel Park School District, please contact Vicki Flotta, Director of Public Relations, at 412-854-8438.***



# Bethel Park Facts and Figures

## ENROLLMENT

(for the 2011-2012 school year)

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (Grades K-4)

Benjamin Franklin .....	338
Abraham Lincoln.....	332
Bethel Memorial .....	334
William Penn.....	224
George Washington.....	318
<b>Elementary Total .....</b>	<b>1,546</b>

### MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Neil Armstrong (5-6).....	703
Independence (7-8).....	700
<b>Middle School Total.....</b>	<b>1,403</b>

### HIGH SCHOOL

Bethel Park High School .....	1,640
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**TOTAL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT .....** 4,589

## CLASS OF 2011

- 425 students graduated June 4, 2011
- 99.5% plan to continue their education (81% to a 4-year college; 13.5% to a 2-year college; 5% to a business/technical school).
- 167 graduated with Honors or higher (QPA of 3.5 or higher)
- 3 National Merit Special Scholars, 1 Finalist and 5 National Merit Commended Students
- 130 students received scholarships totaling \$6 million

## 2011 SAT SCORES

	Reading	Math	Writing
Bethel Park ( <b>1533</b> )	510	522	501
State ( <b>1473</b> )	493	501	479
National ( <b>1500</b> )	497	514	489

## PREVIOUS YEAR BP SAT SCORES

2010 1562

## 2011 ACT SCORES

Bethel Park	23.0
State Average	22.3
National Average	21.1

## 2011 PSSA SCORES

### Reading Percentage Scores

(BP scores in bold/State scores not bolded)

	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Below Basic
<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>37/28</b>	<b>54/49</b>	5/10	3/13
<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>47/36</b>	<b>40/38</b>	10/15	4/11
<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>32/22</b>	<b>49/45</b>	14/18	5/15
<b>Grade 6</b>	<b>50/39</b>	<b>37/31</b>	9/17	4/13
<b>Grade 7</b>	<b>50/43</b>	<b>36/33</b>	12/15	3/9
<b>Grade 8</b>	<b>77/58</b>	<b>16/24</b>	4/9	3/9
<b>Grade 11</b>	<b>49/36</b>	<b>35/33</b>	12/15	4/16

### Mathematics Percentage Scores

(BP scores in bold/State scores not bolded)

	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Below Basic
<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>54/46</b>	<b>38/37</b>	7/11	1/5
<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>67/54</b>	<b>28/31</b>	4/8	1/7
<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>58/46</b>	<b>27/30</b>	12/16	3/8
<b>Grade 6</b>	<b>69/54</b>	<b>24/25</b>	6/11	1/10
<b>Grade 7</b>	<b>62/54</b>	<b>23/25</b>	10/11	5/11
<b>Grade 8</b>	<b>62/50</b>	<b>24/27</b>	10/12	4/11
<b>Grade 11</b>	<b>33/29</b>	<b>43/32</b>	14/18	9/22

## DISTRICT FINANCES

2011-2012 Budget .....	\$71,527,879
Millage.....	24.97
One Mill Generates.....	\$1.8 million

## EMPLOYEE STATISTICS

Administrators/Principals.....	24
Professional Teaching Staff.....	380
<i>(includes teachers, nurses, counselors and psychologists)</i>	
Classified Staff .....	308
<i>(includes aides, paraprofessionals, secretarial, clerical, custodial/maintenance, bus drivers, and security)</i>	
<b>Total Staff.....</b>	<b>712</b>