

Extra-Curricular Activities

In addition to the school's athletic program, there are a wide variety of student activities. Opportunities for students to become involved with music (chorus and band), the arts, drama, student government, yearbook, newspaper, recreational interests, and academic clubs occur throughout the grades.

The secondary schools' athletic programs include a variety of intramural programs such as weightlifting, basketball, winter track and field hockey. Competitive secondary school sports programs include football, cross country, basketball, wrestling, track, baseball, field hockey, softball, and soccer. Additionally, competitive and intramural programs are conducted at the middle school.

Technology

Northern Lehigh School District provides instruction through the use of desktop computers, iPads, Chromebooks, laptops, and interactive whiteboards. During the 18-19 school year we began our 1:1 Chromebook initiative and now all of our students have electronic devices. District-wide our libraries transitioned to AccessIt! a resource management system of library materials, IT devices, textbooks and more. Every student grades K-12 has a personal e-mail account (Gmail) that may be used to communicate with other students or teachers and staff. Using this account, Northern Lehigh students also have the ability to work collaboratively on projects through G-Suite, Google Classroom, and Canvas.

Planning for the Future

We believe that all students can learn and succeed if given differentiated instruction and supports in areas of need, in a positive school environment. The District's Comprehensive Plan (7/1/22 - 6/30/25) focuses on goals in the following three areas: 1.) Curriculum; 2.) School Culture and Climate; and 3.) Student Outcomes—Achievement and Growth.

Our [Comprehensive Plan](#), as well as the subplans, can be found on our website.

Driving Directions

From New York or Northern New Jersey

Interstate Route 84 W to NE extension PA turnpike, Interchange 131, Scranton; south to Interchange 74 Mahoning Valley and pick up Route 209S to stop light; turn left on Route 248, continue on Route 248 to junction of 873 at stop light and bridge; turn right across bridge and bear south on Route 873 to Maple Spring Drive (indicated by large red barn). Turn right onto Maple Spring Drive and proceed up hill to first stop sign.

From Philadelphia

Take Route 309N to Schnecksville, turn right at the "Y" intersection onto Route 873N which becomes Main Street, Slatington; turn left on Center Street and continue on Center Street for several blocks until you intersect with Maple Spring Drive. Make a left onto Maple Spring Drive to the first stop sign.

From Western PA and Ohio

Take Interstate Route 80 to Hickory Run Exit and the NE Extension of the PA Turnpike. Take turnpike south to Interchange 34, Mahoning Valley and pick up Route 209S to stop light; turn left on Route 248, continue on Route 248 to junction of 873 at stop light and bridge; turn right across bridge and bear south on Route 873 to Maple Spring Drive (indicated by large red barn). Turn right onto Maple Spring Drive and proceed up hill to first stop sign.

The Central Administration Office is adjacent to the stop sign at the end of Maple Spring Drive. Adequate visitor parking is available in front of the building in the lower parking lot. The Administration Office is located to the right front entrance of Slatington Elementary School.



Further information available at:
www.nlsd.org

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School Colors: Navy Blue and White
School Mascot: Bulldog

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Welcome To
NORTHERN
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*Living, learning, and
leading to make every
story better.*

District Office/
Slatington Elementary
School



Northern Lehigh
Middle School

Peters
Elementary
School



Northern Lehigh
High School

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Northern Lehigh School District...

Northern Lehigh School District is located approximately 15 miles north of Allentown, Pennsylvania. The Lehigh River, the base of the Blue Mountain, and the Pennsylvania Turnpike traverse the school district.

The 27 square miles of the district encompass Washington Township, and the Borough of Slatington in Lehigh County, and the Borough of Walnutport in Northampton County. The district maintains both a small-town rural atmosphere while being close to Allentown, Pennsylvania's third largest city, and within 75 miles of Philadelphia and New York City.

With a community population of just over 13,000 divided between two boroughs and the hills, fields, and wooded lands of the township, Northern Lehigh School District is large enough to provide many advantages, yet small enough so that people know and care about each other.

Mission

The mission of the Northern Lehigh School District is to provide a safe school climate where everyone is valued, respected, and included. Our community promotes a collaborative and supportive learning culture that meets students at their level and challenges all to learn and grow. We prepare and motivate our students for their future endeavors by teaching them essential skills, civic responsibility, and an appreciation for life-long learning. We encourage pride in ourselves, schools, and community. We strive for excellence in all we do.

Our Schools

Northern Lehigh School District is proud of its students, staff, and facilities. Our small size of approximately 1525 students from kindergarten through twelfth grade allows for personal attention and maximum participation in extra-curricular activities.

Two elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school, comprise the Northern Lehigh School District. Peters Elementary School serves students in kindergarten through second grade and Slatington Elementary School serves students from third through sixth grade. Peters Elementary also houses a pre-kindergarten Head Start classroom. Class sizes in kindergarten through sixth grades average about 20 students per class. Both schools provide a pleasant, safe, and modern atmosphere conducive to quality learning.

Northern Lehigh Middle School houses students in grades seven and eight. Middle school teams provide students with many opportunities for curriculum integration to maximize learning. The schedule also incorporates a "flex" period where students participate in remediation, enrichment activities, or special activities (like band, chorus, Makerspace), based upon need and interest.

The Northern Lehigh Senior High School includes students in grades nine through twelve. The facility includes a library research center, an art complex, and brand new science classrooms. Due to our high academic standards and expectations, more than 90% of our students transition to post-secondary, military or work upon graduation in 4 years and more than 90% do in 5 years, which surpasses the state average.

District Goals

Yearly, the administrative staff develops individual goals for the school year based on the goals the superintendent of schools has developed for the district. Currently, [district goals](#) focus on the following areas: Achievement and Growth, Professional Development, Culture and Climate, Instructional Technology and District Operations.

The Curriculum

Comprehensive and diverse are the best descriptors for the K-12 curriculum at Northern Lehigh School District. The district provides a comprehensive curriculum with experiences designed to support student achievement in communications, mathematics, science and technology, environment and ecology, social studies, citizenship, arts and the humanities, career education and work, business, and family and consumer science. In addition to being aligned with PA Core Standards, the curriculum is designed to support self-worth, thinking skills, independent and collaborative learning, adaptability to change, ethical judgment, respect, and tolerance.

At the high school level, students may participate in the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute (LCTI) and dual enrollment courses at post-secondary colleges and universities. Honors and Advanced Placement courses, as well as general courses, are provided. An expanding number of courses in a variety of areas are offered. Career direction is further enhanced through the goals of PDE's Career Education and Work Standards and dual enrollment courses offered on our own campus.

Our Staff

Along with its students, Northern Lehigh School District is most proud of its staff. In addition to the administration, the district employs an appropriately state certified teaching staff averaging 14 years of experience. The majority of our teachers have achieved advanced degrees. Paraprofessionals and personal care assistants also support the educational process.

Support Services

English Language Development Program – Our ELDP is growing and available to students who qualify based upon the home language survey and language proficiency screening. For those in the program, instruction is delivered by the regular classroom teacher, as well as, the ESL teacher who either pushes into or pulls out of the classroom based upon individual need. English Learners are tested annually in reading, writing, speaking, and listening via the WIDA assessment.

Support Services (cont.)

Special Education – Comprehensive evaluation, support, and specially designed instruction programs are provided for students with exceptionalities. Special Education Services are provided by the school district, Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21, and a number of contracted providers. The district also screens, assesses, and develops specially designed programs for our students.

Transportation – About 90% of Northern Lehigh School District students ride school buses. Our buses are modern and safe. All drivers have received special training, clearances, and have the proper credentials. Our drivers are an essential part of our educational system, and we value their contributions. Their greatest responsibility is the safety of all students on the way to and from school.

Health – School nurses provide screening, daily routine health services and referral services for students. Pennsylvania certified school nurses and support staff assist with student needs.

Counseling – Certified school counselors are available at each school to assist students and parents with school-related issues. The district retains the services of two full-time psychologists who are available for student evaluations, special education needs, gifted education needs, and support with district-wide behavioral support initiatives. Beginning in the 18-19 school year, NLSD also developed a partnership with Nulton Diagnostic so that school-based mental health services could be provided on campus to students in need.

Homelessness – Students are considered to be "homeless" under the McKinney-Vento Act if they lack a consistent, adequate, fixed nighttime residence. This includes but is not limited to: "living doubled-up" with friends or family due to economic hardship or loss of housing; "couch-surfing"; living in temporary or emergency shelter; living in a car, hotel, campground, or trailer park; living in a place that is not ordinarily used for sleeping; living unsheltered; or living in housing that is legally recognized as substandard. If you are experiencing homelessness, please visit our [webpage](https://www.nlsd.org/Page/2659) (https://www.nlsd.org/Page/2659) for more information and contact our Homeless liaison listed on the other side of this brochure.

