



Success for Every Student

Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District Facts-at-a-Glance 2017-2018

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The Port Chester School District programs and services reflect a quest for scholastic excellence combined with respect and concern for the worth and development of individual students. The District Mission — **“Success for Every Student”**— has been internalized by every educator and all are focused on practices that enhance student learning and make school compelling.

Port Chester High School is one of only a handful of public high schools in Westchester to offer the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma in addition to Advanced Placement courses. Typically, about 95% of graduates go on to college, having completed a rigorous course of study and taking part in sports, music, theater, or a variety of clubs and organizations.

Port Chester Middle School and the John F. Kennedy Elementary School are National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence.

Our schools offer interesting, challenging course work and many types of arts and cultural enrichment in order to educate the whole child. Our first-rate music and arts programs, state-of-the-art science facilities, and hands-on experiences such as living history days allow all students to experience the joys of learning.

Port Chester teachers are dedicated to reaching diverse learners, with an instructional program focused on supporting individual student progress. Our schools abound in technology, and we teach coding and programming as well as online citizenship. **We also champion “full service community schooling” integrating academics, youth development, family support, health and social services and community development.**

Our students benefit from the diverse racial, ethnic, cultural, educational, and socioeconomic backgrounds of the school population. Some families have lived in the district for generations, while many others have only recently immigrated to the United States. This cultural diversity enriches the school community and the educational environment.

Schools:	4 elementary schools 1 middle school 1 high school
District Mission	Success for Every Student
Student Enrollment	4,621
Annual Budget	\$96,074,468
District Size	2.5 sq. miles

Volunteer Groups
PTA/PTO, Tamarack Tower Foundation, Port Chester Community Cares Coalition, band and athletics booster clubs, among others

- Rigorous K-12 academic program
- AP, IB and accelerated coursework offered in high school; accelerated coursework offered in middle school
- State-of-the-art science laboratories in the secondary schools and sophisticated, age-appropriate inquiry-based science education in the elementary schools
- Character education K-12. Our students are active volunteers in the community and perform hundreds of hours of community service each year
- Thriving K-12 cultural arts program includes art, theater and music
- Approximately one-third of our high school and middle school students participate in interscholastic athletics
- Every school offers after-school programs and clubs
- Partnerships with area corporations, arts organizations and colleges bring innovative programs into classrooms and professional development to our teachers



Port Chester High School

One Tamarack Road ▪ Dr. Mitchell Combs, Principal ▪ 934-7950 ▪ mcombs@pcschoools.lhric.org

The students in Port Chester High School select from a range of options including International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement and Honors courses. They are supported by professionals who value the importance of academic achievement and are dedicated to ensuring that students reach their potential in a positive and supportive learning environment. Port Chester High School is one of only a handful of public high schools in Westchester to be IB-certified.

About 95% of graduates are college bound each year, attending such schools as Boston University, Columbia, Ithaca College, Lehigh, NYU, Penn State, Princeton, University of Delaware, the US military academies, and the SUNY colleges and universities.

Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Honors, and College Coursework

Last year, over one-third of the student body successfully completed at least one Advanced Placement, Honors, or college level course offered through partnerships with bodies of higher education. In addition, students have the option of pursuing an International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma or taking individual IB courses. Enrollment in accelerated courses is open to students who have the desire to participate and the background, skills, and potential to be successful.

Co-Curricular and Athletic Activities

Port Chester High School recognizes the educational value of student participation in the life of the school. A range of clubs is **available and is designed to meet our students' school-related** interests and needs. We offer opportunities for students to develop and grow through participation in numerous co-curricular and athletic activities.

Students can challenge their potential and broaden themselves in art, choir, theater, journalism, student government, and a multitude of activities. About a third of our students participate in at least one sport. We offer a full interscholastic boys and girls sports program at the modified, junior and varsity levels.

Facts-at-a-Glance

Grades	9-12
Number of Students	1,500
Student/Teacher Ratio	15/1
Average Class Size	24
Student/Computer Ratio	1/1
Guidance Counselors, Social Workers, Psychologists	9

- Full complement of Advanced Placement courses (11 offered in 2017-2018)
- International Baccalaureate Diploma and courses (12 offered in 2017-2018)
- Partnership with the Early College Experience (ECE) program at Westchester Community College offers college level courses to students
- World Languages: Spanish, Italian, French
- State-of-the-art science program
- Art sequence leading to IB Visual Art, IB Music and IB Film
- Strong vocal and instrumental music programs, including participation in NYSSMA. Award-winning Marching Band has **marched in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, Rose Bowl** and Orange Bowl Parades and was featured in *SpiderMan 3*
- Extracurricular activities include student government, community service clubs, art, choir, theater
- Full athletic program. More than one-third of our students participate in at least one sport
- After school programs and clubs
- Honor societies: National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta (mathematics), National English Honor Society, Tri-M (music), Science, Art, French, Italian and Spanish





Port Chester Middle School

A National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

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A National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence serving students in 6th - 8th grade, Port Chester Middle School has a long-standing tradition of excellence. Our exceptional faculty and staff, supportive parents, and conscientious students allow us to create a solid educational and nurturing environment in which learning and the personal growth of each student are given the highest priority.

Our students are offered a range of academic experiences including foreign language instruction, physical sciences taught in our unique Planetarium, hands-on experimental science courses in our state-of-the-art science labs, and accelerated English, math and science strands for gifted students.

Our rigorous middle school curriculum is supplemented with living history days, school trips to theaters, historic sites, and cities such as Boston and Washington, DC. We also have instituted an exchange program with a middle school near Madrid, Spain.

Character education plays a significant role in our school. Our students and faculty have given much time and resources to many successful community service projects.

Finally, most of our middle school students are active in the extra-curricular life of our school and take advantage of a diversity of activities. Students participate in band and orchestra, drama, choral groups, sports teams, astronomy and other clubs and groups. An after-school program also provides a range of academic support and enrichment activities.

Facts-at-a-Glance

Grades	6-8
Number of students	1,074
Student/Teacher Ratio	12/1
Average Class Size	20
Student/Computer Ratio	3/2
Guidance Counselors, Social Workers, Psychologists	6

- Accelerated English, math and science strands for gifted students
- Strong science program, including experimental science in state-of-the-art labs and physical science taught in our unique Planetarium
- Foreign language instruction
- WiFi throughout the building; interactive white boards in every classroom; Emerging Technology Initiative using Chrome Books and Google apps for Education
- Music Program – vocal, instrumental, band and participation in NYSSMA
- **Character education, including ongoing Rachel's Challenge Programming**
- School trips and living history days to supplement rigorous curriculum
- Exchange program with a middle school near Madrid, Spain
- Comprehensive transition programs: Grades 5-6 and Grades 8-9
- Extracurricular activities include sports teams, band, orchestra, choral groups, drama, astronomy and other opportunities
- After school program provides enrichment and academic support



Elementary Schools



Four Elementary Schools serve students in grades K-5 and offer a variety of creative programs that instill a love of learning in its students. While each school has a distinct culture, all offer the same challenging curriculum.

District wide, heavy emphasis is placed on literacy and math skills in the early years and students are involved in a grade-appropriate, hands-on inquiry based science program. All elementary schools offer rigorous bilingual and dual language programs, including a K-5 dual language program at Park Avenue School. Edison School is a National School of Character. King Street School was recognized as a High Performing/Gap Closing School by the New York State Education Department. The

Kennedy Magnet School is a National Blue Ribbon School with a math, science and technology focus. Both Edison and JFK have school gardens.

The schools take full advantage of the many resources available here in Westchester. These include partnerships with IBM and Pepsico for student mentoring and programs in computing and science. A unique artist-in-residence program enables students to interact with professional artists in a variety of activities — singing, painting, sculpting, dancing, acting and story telling.

Class trips enhance the learning experience by connecting the classroom to the “real” world at large. After school programs provide both academic support and enrichment. For faculty professional development, we team with Manhattanville College and Pace University.

Students are assigned to elementary schools by neighborhood zones.

- Full day Kindergarten
- Emphasis on literacy and math skills
- Age appropriate, hands-on inquiry-based science program
- Dual language and bilingual programs
- Digital literacy computerized instruction
- K-5 character education program
- Artist-in-residence program
- Enrichment and after school programs offer students the opportunity to explore science, arts, drama, computer coding and include academic support
- Full service community schools, with health centers on site and dental

Facts-at-a-Glance

Thomas A. Edison School

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Ivan Tolentino, Principal
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Number of Students	409
Student/Teacher Ratio	12/1
Average Class Size	20
Student/Computer Ratio	1/1

King Street School

697 King Street
Samuel Ortiz, Principal
934-7995 sortiz@pcschools.lhric.org

Number of Students	387
Student/Teacher Ratio	12/1
Average Class Size	19
Student/Computer Ratio	1/1

John F. Kennedy Magnet School

A National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
40 Olivia Street
Judy Diaz, Principal
934-7990 jdiaz@pcschools.lhric.org

Number of Students	861
Housed by grade in 3 separate school buildings	
Student/Teacher Ratio	15/1
Average Class Size	24
Student/Computer Ratio	1/1

Park Avenue School

Park Avenue
Rosa Taylor, Principal
934-7895 rtaylor@pcschools.lhric.org

Number of Students	407
Student/Teacher Ratio	15/1
Average Class Size	22.6
Student/Computer Ratio	1/1