

Location

The Chartiers-Houston School District includes Chartiers Township and Houston Borough and is located just north of Washington, PA.

The residents enjoy the luxury of direct access to the interstate system via I-79 along the eastern boundary of the district with the I-79/I-70 interchange just three miles to the south.

The district is approximately 20 miles south of Pittsburgh and encompasses approximately 25 square miles.

The community includes seven churches, two volunteer fire companies, a museum, two post offices, a county fairground complex, a community library, a county health facility, numerous farms, various residential housing developments, various industrial and business/commercial areas, two police departments, and a vocational career and technology center.



Enrollment

Our school system includes Allison Park Elementary School housing our K-6 student population and Chartiers-Houston Junior-Senior High School for our students in grades 7-12.

Enrollment figures over the past five years indicate the following information:

• District Enrollment	1145
• Allison Park	595
• Junior/Senior High School	550
• Graduation Rate	93%
• Attendance Rate	94.5%



Chartiers-Houston Junior/Senior High School

School Sponsored Activities

Extra-curricular and athletic activities play an integral part in student lives and achievement. The Chartiers-Houston School District recognizes the value of a balanced program of academics, athletics, arts and other extra-curricular activities.

Athletics

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross-country
- Football
- Golf
- Soccer
- Softball
- Track & Field
- Volleyball
- Wrestling
- Cheerleading

Student Assistance Team

A team of professionals, ranging from faculty and administration, counseling staff, to community liaisons, who support the growth of teenagers, is on hand. They may also identify, refer, and handle referrals of students who may be struggling academically and/or socially.

Music

Marching band is available for students in grades 7-12. Dance and flag auxiliary squads are open to students in grades 9-12 through auditions. Other performance opportunities are also available by audition and through teacher recommendations.

Chorus Program

Concert Choir for grades 9-12 and Chorus 7 and 8 are available for large group opportunities. Small group experience is available in various groups by audition and teacher recommendation. **The District-Wide Musical is open to all students - Grades 5-12.**

Publications

Buccaneer Newsletter - Charconge Yearbook

Curriculum

Instruction in our secondary school focuses on the development of abilities needed to succeed in post-secondary education. Our 7th & 8th grade students are housed in a school-within-a-school environment, this affords the opportunity to offer instruction and activities pertinent to the middle age learner. Planned instruction is available to meet the needs of all students in the following areas: Language Arts, Mathematics, Science & Technology, Social Studies, the Arts, Health, Physical Education, Family & Consumer Science and the use of applications of technology and software.

College in High School

Calculus - Chemistry
Computer Science I & II
French - Physics
Spanish - Statistics

Advanced Placement

Calculus
English Literature and Composition
Physics "B"
United States History

Chartiers-Houston Food Service Department provides a variety of nutritious and appealing meals that accommodate the health and nutrition needs of all students. School nutrition programs reflect the US Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Free and Reduced meals are available for those who qualify. A Wellness Policy is in place for our students.

High School Technology

The high school is equipped with several computer labs, both mobile and stationary throughout the building. These labs provide students the opportunity to do research through monitored internet access as well as completing assignments and projects throughout their school day. The library also has computers and an interactive whiteboard, a powerful tool for 21st Century Learning. Interactive whiteboards are also located in each classroom in the high school. Several classrooms also have several computers for student use, like the chemistry, biology, and physics labs. Along with the students having access to computer usage and interactive learning, every parent/guardian and student has access to class assignments and grades through Edline. Edline is updated frequently giving parents/guardians and students the most current information.



A Service for our Senior Citizens

A reminder to all senior residents, 62 years of age or older, who are eligible for the Golden Age Card. Your personalized, non-transferable card will be prepared for you at the Administration Office. When presented at the entrance of school events, the card will gain you free admission for any activity sponsored by the school district (not valid for reserved seating). The Gold Card is our way to say "thank you" to our Senior residents for their continued support for the children of the community.

Buildings and Grounds, Facilities

Allison Park Elementary School

803 McGovern Road, Houston, PA 15342
Originally constructed in 1953 it has been renovated and additions added to it in: 1971,1988,1992,2002, and 2009. The facility is 77,900 square feet and sits on a 12-acre site. Adjacent 14 acres are designated as a parkette leased to Chartiers Township Parks and Recreation.

Chartiers-Houston Jr. / Sr. High School / Administration

2050 West Pike Street, Houston PA 15342
Originally constructed in 1938, the facility now houses the Jr. / Sr. High School and District Administration Offices. It has been renovated and additions added to it in: 1950, 1958, 1988, 1995, 2006 and 2012. The facility is 172,540 square feet and sits on a 24.41 acre site.

Recreational and Athletic Sports Facilities

Buccaneer Stadium, adjacent to the Chartiers-Houston High School, is a synthetic in-fill stadium surface; surrounded by an all-weather six lane 400 meter running track with a seating capacity of 2355. Adjacent to Buccaneer Stadium is a full size natural grass practice field for football and soccer usage.

The High School Athletic Field House complex includes a gymnasium with a 1200 seat capacity, Fitness Center with cardio and weight lifting equipment, full service concession stand, ADA accessible restrooms for stadium and gymnasium events, and ADA accessible locker room facilities for both indoor and outdoor events

Varsity Baseball and Softball Fields are natural grass with clay infields, a total of four ball fields are located at the Allison Park Parkette complex on McGovern Road. All ball fields have sheltered team dugout areas and have perimeter fencing installed.



Allison Park Elementary

Located at 803 McGovern Road, is a large one story building surrounded by residential housing plans, beautiful farmlands, ball fields and playgrounds. Allison Park Elementary School includes Full-Day Kindergarten through Grade 6. To enroll at Allison Park, kindergarten students must be 5 years of age by August 31.



We are committed to providing a well-rounded curriculum that includes not only core academic content, but also creative and fine arts instruction. In addition to our core curriculum, we also provide programs that work collaboratively with our core curriculum to provide enrichment and remedial services to best meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of our students.

- Speech & Language Support
 - Learning Support
 - Gifted Support
- ESL Support
 - Instructional Support
 - RTII Title I Services

Integrating technology resources into the curriculum is a primary goal of the elementary program. All of our classrooms use interactive white boards which promote 21st Century Learning. Students have access to a classroom lab equipped with numerous computers with supervised internet access. The library also has several computers for students to utilize.

ProSoft is our child accounting system which has the capability to interface with GradeQuick, an electronic grade book as well as documenting student attendance. EdLine provides parents with access to students’ current grades, assignments, and lesson plans, and Alert Now is a communication system that is utilized to call all district parents within minutes to share information regarding absentees, upcoming events, unexpected emergencies, etc.

To ensure that our students are properly identified, the district administers the following assessments:

- DIBELS - (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) - grades K-3
- 4Sight, a benchmark assessment that enables you to predict reading and math achievement throughout the year in grades 3-6.
- Study Island Program, a benchmark assessment that enables you to predict reading and math achievement multiple times throughout the year in grades K-6.
- TerraNova In-View provides a CSI (Cognitive Skills Index) to measure an IQ for students in a group format for grades 2 and 6.
- Star Reader provides reading levels for Kindergarten students.
- Star Math provides math levels for students in grades K-6.
- Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) in reading and math for students in grades 3 - 6.
- PSSA writing assessment for students in grade 5
- PSSA Science assessment for students in grade 4.

Other resources at Allison Park include:

- Full time elementary guidance counselor in grades K-6
- Full-time social worker to help with students and parents to access community resources
- Health Assistant
- The Olweus [pronounced Ol-VEY-us] Bullying Prevention Program is a comprehensive, school-wide program providing anti-bullying skills for students in grades K-6
- RTII a combination of high quality, culturally and linguistically responsive instruction; assessment; and evidence-based intervention.
- District after school programs: Carnivals, A Walk in the Park, Kindergarten Play-date, and training for parents and students.
- Student Assistance Team works with outside agencies to meet the growing needs of students, as well as those who may be struggling academically and/or socially.
- Safe & Drug Free Programs such as DARE, Stranger Danger and Gateway
- Active Parents Faculty Organization (PFO) providing volunteers and other resources



Mission

We will strive to achieve excellence in every aspect of our school district with an emphasis on proficiency in reading, writing, and mathematics to become the regional leader in K-12 public education.

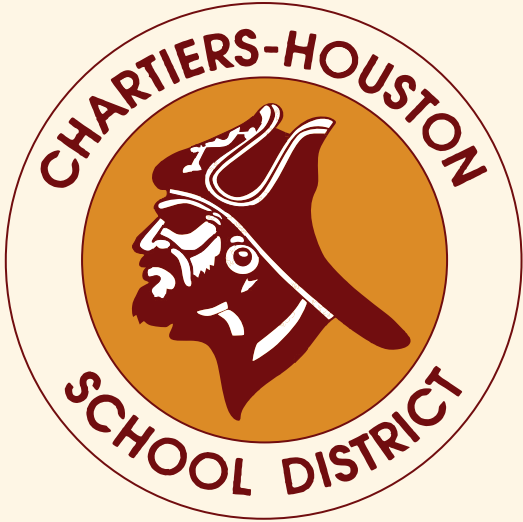
Vision

It is our vision that the Chartiers - Houston School District will evolve as the nucleus of the community to benefit and serve all citizens while developing individuals who are positively aware of self, become productive citizens, and are lifelong learners.

Shared Values

1. Students will be afforded the opportunity to enhance their self worth by valuing their individuality and that of others.
2. A dedicated professional staff will provide basic skills and critical thinking across all disciplines.
3. Ongoing appropriate staff development opportunities in instructional techniques are essential to meet the needs of learners.
4. We as a district will reach out to the community and draw on the experiences of family and members of the community who have a positive influence on our students.
5. We will provide a safe, comfortable, and friendly environment for our students and staff.
6. We will graduate well-educated, respectful, thoughtful, disciplined, and productive life-long learners.
7. Beyond the concept of self, students will be part of a greater whole, humankind.
8. We will remain constantly aware of the changing world and will be prepared to adapt in a positive manner.
9. Every child will be given the opportunity to learn through effective instructional strategies.

Welcome
to the
Chartiers-Houston
School District



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