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A **STATE OF THE SCHOOLS** PUBLICATION *by* NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS

In an effort to enhance our communications with the Noblesville community, we're pleased to introduce our new annual State of the Schools publication – delivered right to your mailbox! As residents and taxpayers, we want you to be informed about what's happening in your schools. We also encourage you to sign up for our monthly email newsletter **In the Know** at noblesvilleschools.org or with the QR code.



WELCOME Dr. Daniel G. Hile



Hello, Noblesville! I'm the new superintendent of Noblesville Schools. I joined the community this past July after serving as a superintendent in the Ft. Wayne area. I've been so impressed with the many amazing things happening in our schools every day and how much the Noblesville Schools staff truly cares for all students. Please feel free to reach out to our staff, school leaders or me personally if you have questions, concerns or ideas to share. We are here to serve our students and the community.

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(L-R) Misti Ray, Laura Alerding, Joe Forgey, Stephanie Lambert, Christi Crosser

SCHOOL BOARD

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees is made up of five members representing the Noblesville community overall. The school board has responsibility for major district functions including:

- School district governance and oversight
- Setting school policies
- Approving funding
- Strategic planning
- Hiring and evaluating the superintendent

Visit the **"leadership"** section of noblesvilleschools.org to learn more about board members and to access board agendas, minutes and policies.

FINANCES

We take our role as stewards of your taxpayer dollars very seriously and are committed to transparency. We are in good financial health with a balanced budget, high credit rating, low interest rates, secure savings, and strong bond capacity.

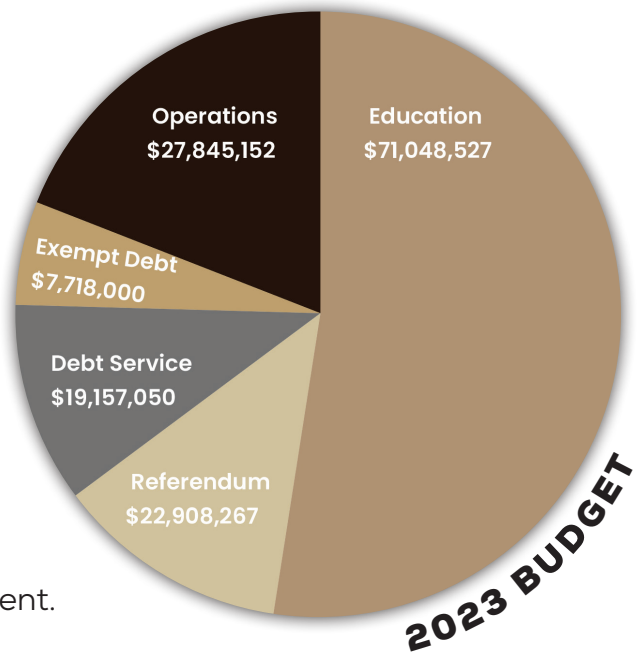
We're pleased to share that we have been able to:

*** Decrease the tax rate for the fourth year in a row.**

- Upgrade our credit rating. We are now in the top 8% of schools in the state.
- Make enhancements in our efforts to ensure competitive salaries for educators and support staff.
- Avoid increased costs through benefit plan management.

Referendum dollars continue to critically support financial needs through funding for safety, mental health and teacher compensation. The current operating referendum is set to expire at the end of 2026. Expect to hear more in coming years as decisions regarding next steps for the referendum are made.

For a list of how referendum funds are being used, visit the "business department, budget/finance" area of noblesvilleschools.org.



NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS DEMOGRAPHICS

- 10,300 students
- 10th largest high school in Indiana
- Largest employer in Noblesville with 1,700+ employees
- 50+ different home languages spoken by our students
- 21% of students are low income
- 18% of students have physical/emotional/learning disabilities
- 17% of students are academically gifted
- Over 300 student teams, clubs and organizations
- 10 schools, 17 athletic fields



Noblesville has been named
**A NATIONAL BEST COMMUNITY
FOR MUSIC EDUCATION**
for the seventh year in a row.

QUESTIONS? Contact your teacher, principal or district leadership with questions about Noblesville Schools. You can find emails and phone numbers for staff and leaders at noblesvilleschools.org.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Strong schools mean a strong community. We partner with the City of Noblesville, Noblesville Chamber of Commerce, and local businesses to support the economic needs of Noblesville and provide real-world skills for our students.

We're leaders in workforce development and offer multiple dual high school/college credit partnerships that save our families thousands of dollars per year in college tuition.



1 We have the **LARGEST HIGH SCHOOL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM IN THE STATE**, thanks to 160 local employers who have partnered with over 300 NHS students. Senior Sammy Dohnert has found her passion for automotive technology by interning at Reggie's Motorworks.

2 Freshman at NHS get the unique opportunity to begin exploring career options by meeting with local employers.

3 NHS is the **FIRST HIGH SCHOOL IN THE NATION** to offer an educator apprenticeship program. Through the experience, junior Mackenna Johnson will get a jump start on college teacher certification while still in high school.

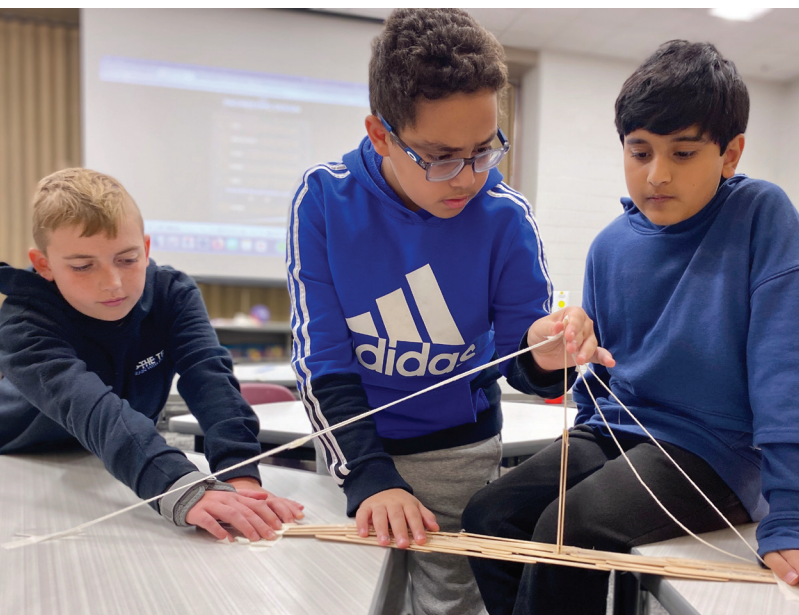
Congratulations to the Class of 2022 **ON A RECORD SETTING 6.3 MILLION EARNED IN SCHOLARSHIPS**, including four full-ride scholarships. Over 300 students from the Class of 2022 were recognized with a GPA of 3.5 or above.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The academic achievements of our students make us a top performing district in Indiana and nationally.

- A rated district
- 97% graduation rate
- 46% academic honors diploma
- Top 5% in state for SAT
- Top 10% in state for ILEARN
- National and state recognitions in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) in grades K-12
- National Advanced Placement (AP) recognitions
- Over 300 total courses offered at NHS, with 64 honors, AP and college credit classes

To learn more about our curriculum, instruction and assessments visit the “**academics**” section of noblesvilleschools.org.



Noble Crossing Elementary students test the integrity of a bridge they engineered in their STEM class (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). Noblesville Schools was one of the **FIRST DISTRICTS IN THE STATE WITH STEM CURRICULUM K-12.**



TEACHER SPOTLIGHTS

Our 750 highly accomplished and dedicated educators are at the heart of our success.

1 Congratulations to Noblesville West Middle School's Lori McGavic, our district-wide Teacher of the Year for 2022. An inspirational Spanish teacher, Lori was also a top-25 state finalist for Indiana Teacher of the Year. Elementary teachers Tara Kundert and Kylie Moyers, and high school teacher Laura Costa were also recognized. (L-R) Kundert, McGavic, Moyers, Costa

2 NHS jazz director and assistant band director Bethany Robinson has been a Noblesville Schools Teacher of the Year and Indiana Jazz Educator of the Year. She was recently named the Indiana High School Music Educator of the Year and is a two-time national Grammy Music Educator finalist.

SCHOOL SAFETY

Thanks to referendum funding from the community, we've been able to implement over 50 safety enhancements since 2018.

Visit the "[safety](https://noblsvilleschools.org/safety)" area of noblsvilleschools.org for the full list.



We're one of only a few districts in the state with school resource officers in every building and value the strong partnership we have with the Noblesville Police Department.



Safety dogs that detect the scent of firearms and drugs are just one of many layers of protection we provide for our students, staff and families.

CHALLENGES

STAFFING – teacher and labor shortages have made staffing our schools increasingly more challenging.

Please visit the "[careers](https://noblsvilleschools.org/careers)" area of noblsvilleschools.org to explore educator and support staff opportunities. We are hiring custodians, bus drivers, food service staff and classroom assistants.

**WE'RE
HIRING**

COMPENSATION – The best teachers and staff mean the best education experience for students. We will continue to focus on investing in competitive pay to attract and retain strong employees.

FALSE INFORMATION – The spread of false school information through rumors and misinformation, especially on social media, continues to be a challenge. We encourage the public to utilize our communication channels for factual information or contact us directly with questions.



THE NEW BEAVER STADIUM

has increased seating, lighting, parking, concessions, training space, and storage and is used for football, track, band and district events. Beaver Materials purchased the naming rights for the stadium.

CONSTRUCTION

We have experienced significant growth in certain areas over the last several years and are addressing over-capacity facilities with expansion and renovation projects.

Recent projects include a new classroom wing at Noble Crossing Elementary, and new cafeteria, gym, and music spaces at North Elementary. We also renovated the NHS gym "The Mill", dedicated additional tennis courts, and completed the first new Noblesville stadium in over 50 years. Additional expansion/renovation projects are currently underway at Promise Road Elementary, Noblesville High School, and the high school baseball facility near Hazel Dell Elementary.

Please note, these projects are funded through bonds (loans) with no use of referendum or classroom dollars, and no increase to the tax rate.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

- Follow Noblesville Schools on social media.
- Sign up to receive our monthly digital publication **In the Know**.
- Explore noblesvilleschools.org to learn more about curriculum, finances, school news and leadership.
- Volunteer to be a mentor.
- Support the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation and our parent teacher organizations.
- Attend school board meetings or watch past meetings online.
- Apply for our Miller Ambassadors community leadership experience.

Visit the "**community**" area of noblesvilleschools.org to learn more.



WE'VE LAUNCHED A MENTORING PROGRAM AND ARE LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS. No special skills or experience are required.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

Kindergarten enrollment for the 2023–2024 school year will take place April 17 – May 12, 2023. The noblesvilleschools.org website will have enrollment instructions this spring. Be sure to register during this window so you and your child can attend our spring kindergarten orientation sessions!



Within the last year, NHS has **CELEBRATED NATIONAL** jazz honors, **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS** in soccer, cross country, basketball, cheer and winter guard, and **STATE AWARDS** in science, engineering, journalism, theater and business.

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YOU'RE INVITED!

WE WELCOME THE PUBLIC TO JOIN US AT MANY OF OUR EVENTS!

Find events under "community" on noblesvilleschools.org or scan the QR code.



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