

Hills Elementary  
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### **Community:**

Hills Elementary is located in Mingo Jct, Ohio. The village is in Eastern Ohio, and our population is made up of students from several towns in Jefferson County. The village was once a thriving steel community along the Ohio River.

### **School:**

Hills Elementary is a PK to 4 building with over 377 students. Recently the school went through a 10 million dollar renovation. The remodel has allowed the school to have a building and classrooms with modern technology. Each classroom is equipped with interactive touch screen televisions, computers (1-1), voice assistance, and classroom sound system.

As an elementary school, we strive to support the whole child through academics and community involvement. Our academics include an emphasis on reading and math. Small groups, whole class and individualized instruction is taught by highly qualified educators. The teachers give all students the time and support that is needed for students to be successful. The school was recently named to the U.S. News and World Report Best of Elementary School.

Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) is implemented throughout the school. PBIS is a broad range of individualized strategies for achieving important social and learning outcomes in school and communities while preventing problem behaviors. The key is to include preventative activities, data-based decision making and a problem solving orientation. PAX is also used throughout the school to support PBIS

Our commitment to early education prepares the students to be successful in school. This commitment has resulted in earning our Preschool program a Five Star rating, from the Ohio Department of Education. This is the highest recognition for Preschool programs.

S.T.A.R.T. (Share Time and Read Together) is a mentoring program. During this time a mentor works with an individual student on materials and activities prepared by the S.T.A.R.T. Instructor to target specific skills. The mentor provides feedback on performance to the student and the instructor.

Students are encouraged to get involved in service learning projects that are sponsored by Student Council and the National Elementary Honor Society. These projects take place both within the school and in the community. Also, throughout the school year community agencies come into the school - helping to make a connection between school and community.

The PTO (Parent/Teacher Organization) connects parents with the school. The PTO supports the students and teachers' success throughout the school year. They help to organize special events.