



MERRILLVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

We Strive for Excellence!



Announcement of Opening for Superintendent





The Merrillville Community School Corporation serves the families of Ross Township which is located in Northwest Indiana and includes Merrillville, Northern Crown Point, and Southwestern Hobart in Lake County, Indiana. Over 6,000 students attend one of eight schools: one high school (9-12), one middle school (7-8), one intermediate school (5-6), and five elementary schools (Pre K-4).

**Student Enrollment & Population
2023-2024 School Year**

Enrollment

Merrillville High School	2065
Clifford Pierce Middle School	903
Merrillville Intermediate School	767
Fieler Elementary School	417
Iddings Elementary School	438
Miller Elementary School	274
Salk Elementary School	593
Wood Elementary School	253

Ethnicity

American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.1%
Black/African-American	60.9%
Asian	0.8%
Hispanic	20.7%
White	11.3%
Multiracial	6.1%

Free & Reduced Population 66%

Graduation Rate 93%



Vision Statement

WE challenge our students with an inclusive, world-class education that affords exciting opportunities for growth and development. **WE** engage our families and community through timely and accurate communications that cultivate dynamic relationships. **OUR** commitment establishes Merrillville schools as the dominant leader of relentless success.



Mission Statement

Merrillville Community School Corporation provides high-quality learning experiences that prepare students to be productive citizens in a global society.



Ross Township is made up of Merrillville, Northern Crown Point, and Southwestern Hobart, Indiana.

Population 2022 Census Est

Merrillville	36,233
Crown Point	34,523
Hobart	29,458

Population Under 18 Years 2022 Census

Merrillville	22.4%
Crown Point	24.6%
Hobart	21.3%

Median Household Income 2018-2022

Merrillville	\$62,221
Crown Point	\$92,810
Hobart	\$69,398

Bachelor's Degree or Higher 2018-2022

Merrillville	24.4%
Crown Point	34.2%
Hobart	23.2%

Housing Units 2022 Census

Merrillville	15,176
Crown Point	12,119
Hobart	12,023

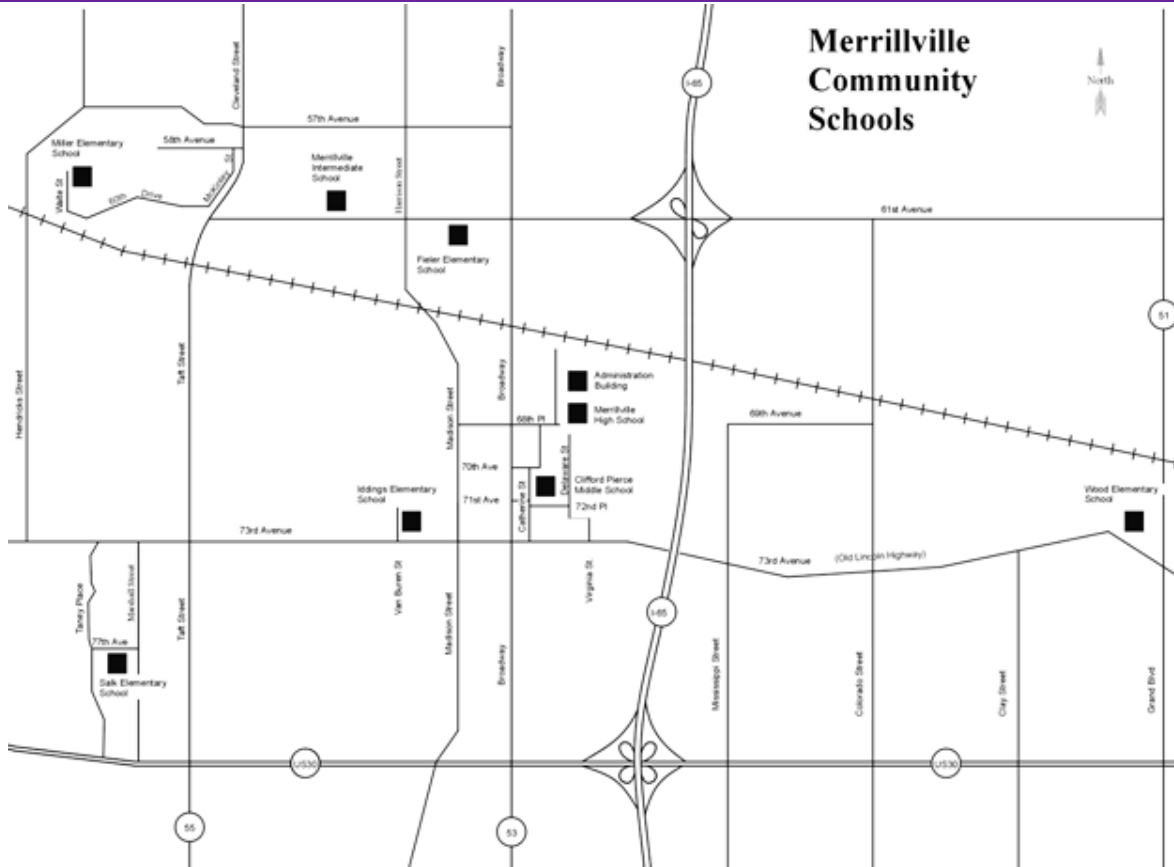
Land Area in Square Miles 2020 Census

Merrillville	33.22
Crown Point	18.07
Hobart	26.19

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Merrillville High School
276 E. 68th Place
219-650-5307

Homer Iddings Elementary School
7249 Van Buren St.
219-650-5302



Clifford Pierce Middle School
199 E. 70th Street
219-650-5308

Edgar Miller Elementary School
75901 Waite St.
219-650-5303



Merrillville Intermediate School
1400 W. 61st Avenue
219-650-5306

Jonas Salk Elementary School
3001 W. 77th Avenue
219-650-5304



Henry P. Fielser Elementary School
407 W. 61st Ave.
219-650-5301

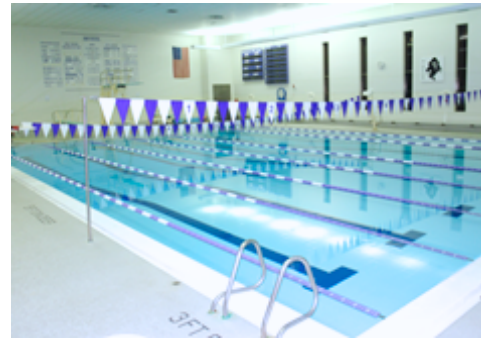
John Wood Elementary School
36100 E. 73rd Avenue
219-650-5305





Facilities

Planetarium
Demaree Stadium
Science Lab
Computer Lab
Fieldhouse
Auto Mechanics
Reinhart Auditorium
Basketball Gymnasium
Pool
Gymnastics Room
Baseball & Softball Fields
CTE (opening 2024)



Home of the Pirates!





Academic Rigor



MCSC's curriculum is rigorous regardless of grade or content area. Science of Reading, English/Language Arts, Inquiry Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Visual and Performing Arts, STEM courses, Industrial Technology, Business, Physical Education, Health, World Languages, Honors, and Advanced Placement courses all work together with our rich co and extracurricular activities like PBIS, S.T.A.N.D. and academic competitions, to provide a well-rounded education to both our collegiate and non-collegiate bound students.

Community Partnerships

The Merrillville Community School Corporation values their relationships with the Ross Township community, The Town of Merrillville, local businesses, faith-based organizations and community-based organizations such as the Merrillville Education Foundation, Kiwanis Club, Rotary and the Crossroads Chamber of Commerce. Their support remains vital to the academic achievements of our students.

These partnerships enable MCSC to connect the needs of the schools with the intellectual and financial resources of the community.

Mentoring and tutoring, volunteering, internships, financial contributions and in-kind donations are just a few ways that partners significantly impact student achievement.

The Merrillville Education Foundation remains a key supporter of the Merrillville Schools by providing grant opportunities. Since its inception in 2002, the Merrillville Education Foundation has awarded **486** teacher grants totaling **\$411,986.27** to the Merrillville Schools.



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Pirate Upgrades

Exciting and new things are happening in the Merrillville Community School Corporation! The Merrillville Community School Corporation (MCSC) is in the process of undergoing renovations and upgrades to all of its buildings to provide our students and staff with state-of-the-art facilities that are conducive to learning, safe, inviting, and equipped to meet the needs of all students. The estimated timeline to complete this process is winter 2022 through spring 2025 with projects underway in several locations currently.

Upcoming Projects

High School Pool Upgrades and ADA Accessibility

High School Air-Handlers / HVAC

Miller Interior Renovations

Miller Cafeteria Addition



Career & Technical Education Program

Merrillville Community School Administration and School Board broke ground for the new construction of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Building on December 16, 2022. The new CTE facility will be a state-of-the-art 57,000-foot facility that will provide MCSC students with a hands-on modern learning experience. The new CTE facilities will respond to the overwhelming interest in career and technical education courses for students and be housed on the east side of Merrillville High School.

The focus will include major upgrades for popular CTE subjects like welding, construction, auto shop, and fire and rescue. Some improvements include a welding section with 14 sections, storage, classroom and a demonstration area, five auto shop lifts, classroom space, and a tool room, lab space, classrooms, and lumber yard and storage for the construction trades classes, large lab spaces and lofts for fire and rescue ladder training, and space to accommodate future labs and classrooms. MCSC began offering classes at MHS in 2015 and the program grew rapidly. The CTE program currently has 24 courses and 29 instructors that offers certification for students in OSHA, CNA, and welding.



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Academic Additions & Upgrades to MCSC



Learning Knows No Bounds

Beginning the academic year of 2024-2025, Merrillville Community School Corporation will establish a new department called the "Special Education Department for Exceptional Learners: Curriculum and Instruction Division". This department is a testament to our commitment to providing quality education and support to all of our students, with a particular focus on those with unique needs.

We are proud to have a team of experienced and dedicated educators, as well as specialized support staff, who are motivated to collaborate in delivering individualized instruction and support. This ensures that every student receives specially designed instruction to meet their specific needs. We are committed to working closely with parents and guardians to keep them informed and involved in their child's educational journey.

The launch of our Special Education Department under the guidance of the Curriculum and Instruction Division reaffirms our commitment to inclusivity, equality, and greatness in education. We firmly believe that every student deserves an education that equips them with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to succeed and thrive. With the creation of this dedicated department, we are taking a significant step toward creating a more inclusive and supportive learning environment for all of our students.

Merrillville Integrated Tiered System of Supports (MITSS)

We are thrilled to announce the implementation of the Merrillville Integrated Tiered System of Supports (MITSS) in the Merrillville Community School Corporation. MITSS is an evidence-based approach to education that helps us provide the most effective and targeted support for all students. The overall goal is to serve the needs of our students better and to help them achieve academic and personal success.



With MITSS, we can identify and address the individual learning needs of each student. This comprehensive framework involves a multi-tiered system of interventions, from universal support to intensive interventions for students with more significant needs.

This framework includes three tiers of intervention. The first tier provides high-quality instruction to all students. The second tier offers targeted support to students who need additional assistance, and the third tier provides intensive support to students with more significant needs.



By using this approach, we can better identify the specific areas where students need support and provide the resources and strategies that are most effective. Phase one will begin the second trimester of the 2023-2024 school year with our elementary schools, phase two will consist of our intermediate school, and phase three will consist of our middle and high school.

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The Merrillville Advantage



Merrillville High School's Air Force JROTC program was established in 2004. Cadets recently visited the Grissom Air Reserve Base where they flew along with the Air Refueling Squadron.

The Gregg L. Williams Planetarium is a unique theater for presenting programs about astronomy and the space sciences. It is the only planetarium in Northwest Indiana presenting public and group programs. The Director of the Planetarium is the recipient of the Thomas Brennan Award for Secondary Teaching from the Astronomical Society of the Pacific (ASP) and is the first recipient of the Great Lakes Planetarium Association's Mentor Award.

Merrillville High School has been named a Model School by the International Center for Leadership in Education, a Model School by the Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color (COSBOC), and a Bronze Medalist by U.S. News and World Reports.

Fielier Elementary and Pierce Middle Schools were named PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports) Indiana pilot and Model Schools.

Salk Elementary School has been named a Title I Distinguished School, a Model School by the Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color (COSBOC), and a Blue Ribbon School by the Indiana and U.S. Departments of Education.

A **Merrillville HS** senior has been a recipient of the Lilly Foundation's Scholarship for the past 4 years consecutively.

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