

2022

PENNRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRAMS REPORT



2023



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Penridge Community,

I am happy to present the 5th annual Rams Report! This Rams Report contains highlights from the 2021-2022 school year as well as an overview of our major goals for this school year.

As we begin the 2022-2023 school year, we can all reflect on the spirit of our Penridge communities and how we endured the last couple of years. I appreciate the trust you place in us as we help to educate and care for your children, and our students. It is a great responsibility that we take very seriously. Thank you for your continued support of the district!

I also encourage you to stay engaged through communication with the teacher(s) and administration, and I encourage you to utilize the resources available on our website www.penridge.org and through our official Penridge Media Network ("The Ridge Channel") on YouTube as well as through multiple social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram). Students are most successful when all the adults in their lives work together to teach and support them.



Penridge Proud!

David A. Bolton, Ed.D.
Superintendent

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings Penridge,

The Penridge School Board is committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for all students and staff in the Penridge School District. In the next few pages, we will highlight many of the reasons that we are proud to support the teachers, administrators, support staff, and of course the students of Penridge. However, this report is only a few pages and we could never fill them with all of our points of pride.

As we work closely with Dr. Bolton and his administration, we also want to remind you that you are a transparent part of the process that builds Penridge's success.

You will always be welcome to attend meetings in person or watch them online. You may also make public comments at committee and/or board meetings or write to us at our PSDSchoolboard@penridge.org address, for any additional questions or concerns you have. This email address sends your message to all nine Board members as well as Dr. Bolton, our Superintendent. We welcome your input on how we can make Penridge even better in the future, and, with your ideas, we'll need a few more pages on this report to fit it in all our excellence!

Joan Cullen
Penridge School Board President



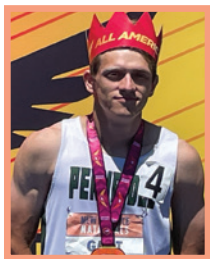
From Left to Right: Mrs. Megan Banis-Clemens, Mr. Robert Cormack, Mrs. Ricki Chaikin, Mr. Ron Wurz, Mrs. Joan Cullen, President, Mr. David Reiss, Vice-President, Mrs. Christine Batycki, Mr. Jonathan Russell, Mrs. Jordan Blomgren, Dr. David Bolton (Superintendent).

Coming this School Year...Watch us on Comcast Cable



We are thrilled to share the new district Cable TV Channel called, "The Ridge Channel" on Comcast #968. The Ridge Channel on Comcast is paired with our YouTube channel for the Penridge School District. By the end of Fall 2022, all residents of our Penridge Communities can see informative, entertaining, and exciting video content provided by all of our schools throughout the year.





Hockey & Track State Champions

There are not just one, but two Pennsylvania State Championships for Pennridge High School to celebrate! The Hockey team completed the 2021-22 Season undefeated as they won the SHSHL championship, the Flyers Cup, and the State Championship! The team defeated Thomas Jefferson HS in the State Championship game with a thrilling win in double overtime.

Joey Gant, Class of 2022, won the 100-meter and 200-meter races at the PIAA Outdoor State Championship in May of 2022 at Shippensburg University. Joey became the first Ram to win these State Championship races!



Property Tax Rebate Program

For the third year, the Pennridge School District continues to receive applications for the Pennridge School District Property Tax Rebate Program. The program will allow some taxpayers to benefit from tax relief. The Pennridge School District has refunded residents nearly \$50,000 over the last 2 years. For detailed information and program requirements, please visit our website at www.pennridge.org/business under the Property Tax Rebate tab.

A new Comprehensive Plan for the Years 2022-2025

The Pennsylvania Department of Education requires all districts to complete a comprehensive strategic plan every three years. The Pennridge School District has renewed its comprehensive plan that will cover the years 2022 through 2025. To see the entire Comprehensive Plan, go to the Pennridge School district website, and click on the "Comprehensive Plan" tab on the home page.



Advanced Placement (AP) scores hit the mark

We are so proud of our incredible High School students and our dedicated teachers for achieving excellent AP test scores in 2021-2022. In 90% of our Core content AP offerings, Pennridge students exceeded both the State and Global Mean scores.

Sports Ticketing Information

Join us this fall under the lights for all Pennridge Fall sporting events! You can find out more about our teams and ticketing information by scanning the QR code or at <https://www.msbtickets.com/pennridgehighschool/schoolevents>.



MAJOR GOAL AREAS FOR 2022-2023

Pennridge Pathways for our Students' Future

Career Pathways are now in full swing and we are looking to spread the word about our program and increase student participation. Career Pathways will be hosting several Career RAMS Day activities to bring local professionals into the High School to speak to students about their industry and career opportunities. As students engage with these professionals, we will develop career opportunities like job shadowing, site visits, and mentorship programs to allow students to immerse themselves in a field of interest while gaining valuable hands-on experience for potential future careers.

If you, or your company, are interested in supporting our students learn about the breadth of careers available to them, please contact Mr. Chris Dyer at cdyer@pennridge.org.



Pupil Services Advisory Group

Comprised of teachers, administrators, psychologists, support staff, and parents, the goal of the Pupil Services Advisory Council is to listen, share, collaborate and educate on topics related to special education and gifted education. This group will meet throughout the school year to share and collaborate on supporting students and provide two sessions of training for the community.

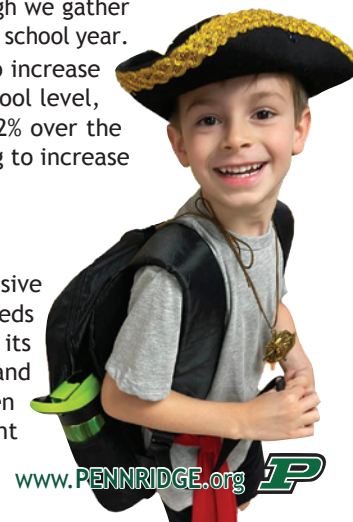
Data Goals for Academic Success

The Pennridge School District is looking to continue building academic rigor in all grade levels K-12. Although we gather and analyze multiple data points on a regular basis, we have chosen one goal at each grade level to highlight this school year.

At the Elementary level, the district is focusing on the 3rd Grade Reading/ELA PSSA scores by striving to increase the number of students scoring proficient and advanced by 10% over the next two years. At the Middle School level, the goal is to increase the average of students scoring proficient and advanced on Math PSSA exams by 12% over the next two years. At the High School level, we are focusing on the Algebra 1 Keystone test scores and working to increase the district average of students scoring proficient and advanced by 10% over the next two years.

Capital Plan Updates

The board and administration work together to develop, implement and complete a multi-year comprehensive district capital improvement plan. Within the planning process, projects are prioritized based on building needs and aligned with available funding levels each year. The Pennridge School district works seamlessly with its building Administrators to ensure students, staff, and programs are supported and receive the materials and infrastructure needed. Among other projects, South Middle School will receive a state-of-the-art kitchen renovation in the Summer of 2023 and a large multi-purpose building will help our Maintenance department store and protect materials and equipment for years to come.





POSTAL PATRON LOCAL

2022 - Pennridge High School Ranking

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PENNRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT BY THE NUMBERS

2022-2023 Budget

\$149.5 million dollars

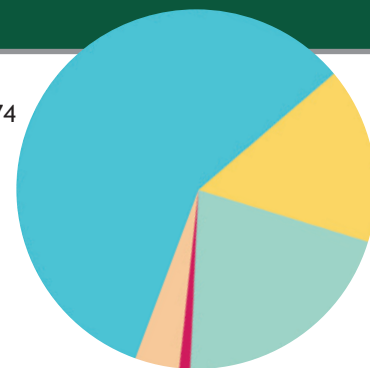
The Pennridge School Board has again adopted a District Budget that does not increase property taxes, does not include a structural deficit, and does not include new borrowing. All of that occurred while continuing to provide for the educational needs of the students. This is the sixth year in a row without a tax increase.



Class of 2022 - Graduates: 574

Post High School Plans

- Four-Year College 58%
- Two-Year College 16%
- Entering the Workforce 21%
- Entering the Military 1%
- Other 4%

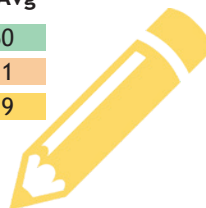


SAT Statistics

	Reading	Math	Total	State Avg	Nat. Avg
2021	586	562	1148	1131	1060
2020	591	582	1173	1082	1051
2019	589	586	1175	1086	1059

ACT Statistics

	English	Math	Reading	Science	State Avg	Nat. Avg
2021	24.5	24.9	26.5	25.3	23.7	20.7
2020	22.9	23.8	24.6	23.8	23.7	20.6
2019	23.7	23.9	24.6	24.4	23.6	20.9



2022-2023 Enrollment

- Approximately 6,550 Students
 - 2,600 in Seven Elementary Schools
 - 1,550 in Three Middle Schools
 - 2,400 in Pennridge High School

Staff

- 548 Teachers (87.5% with advanced degrees)
- 515 Support Staff

Advanced Placement Test Statistics

- 368 students took 714 AP Exams
- 78.35% of these students received a score of 3 or higher

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8th Grade Civics Test

Act 35 was passed by the Pennsylvania State Legislature in 2018. It requires all school districts (beginning in the 2020-2021 school year) in Pennsylvania to assess students once in their academic career (grades 7-12) in civics, government, and United States History. Pennridge utilized the 40-question United States Citizenship Test as our examination.

- How many students took the assessment? 524
- How many students passed the assessment? 451- 86%
- How many students had a perfect score? 15

