

Inspiring and Challenging Our Students

Bedford Central School District

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The Bedford Central School District Profile

**An Overview of Our School District
2024-2025**



2024-2025 Staff

Certified: 480
Classified: 295
Administrators: 24
Non-Unit: 10

About Us.....

Central Administration

Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Robert Glass
Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations: Thomas Cole
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction: Amy Fishkin
Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services: Stacey Haynsworth

Board of Education

Gilian Klein, President Steve Matlin, Vice President
Blakeley Lowry Robert Mazurek Lisa Mitchell
Amal Shady Betsy Sharma

District Clerk

Sandra Speyer

Who We Serve.....

School District Population: 32,000

School District Size: 59 sq. miles

Bedford: The Town of Bedford covers 39.8 square miles encompassing the hamlets of Bedford Village, Bedford Hills and Katonah, with a 2010 census of 18,457 residents.

Mount Kisco: The Town and Village of Mount Kisco covers 18.34 square miles, with a 2010 census of 10,349 residents.

Pound Ridge: The Town of Pound Ridge covers 23.1 square miles, with a 2010 census of 4,920 residents.

New Castle and North Castle: Parts of New Castle and North Castle are in the Bedford School District. New Castle covers 23.4 square miles with a 2010 census of 17,686 residents. North Castle covers 26.21 square miles with a 2010 census of 12,079 residents.

For more information on any of the towns, please visit their respective websites whose links are below:

<http://www.bedfordny.info/html/home.html>

<http://www.mountkisco.org/>

<http://www.townofpoundridge.com/>

<http://www.newcastle-ny.org/>



Financial Information

2024-2025

	Bedford	Mount Kisco	Pound Ridge	New Castle	North Castle
Share of Levy	47.91%	20.56%	24.53%	4.6%	2.4%
Tax Rate Changes (from previous year)	1.69%	1.96%	4.16%	4.396%	9.04%
Tax Rate (per \$1,000 of Assessed Value)	\$161.54	\$99.92	\$95.92	\$92.70	\$831.46

School Budget: \$155,825.00 (49.62% of budget = salaries; 26.65% of budget = related benefits)

Total Tax Levy: \$141,436,467.00

Tax Levy Increase (from previous year): 2.95%

Budget to Budget increase (from previous year): 2.15%

2023-2024

	Bedford	Mount Kisco	Pound Ridge	New Castle	North Castle
Share of Levy	48.30%	20.86%	24.09%	4.50%	2.25%
Tax Rate Changes (from previous year)	5.17%	-8.42%	5.40%	-0.17%	-0.38%
Tax Rate (per \$1,000 of Assessed Value)	\$158.85	\$98.00	\$92.10	\$88.32	\$762.54

School Budget: \$152,538.00 (51% of budget = salaries; 26% of budget = related benefits)

Total Tax Levy: \$137,383.087

Tax Levy Increase (from previous year): 2.19%

Budget to Budget increase (from previous year): 3.04%

Financial Information

	Bedford	Mount Kisco	2022-2023 Pound Ridge	New Castle	North Castle
Share of Levy	46.62%	23.22%	23.24%	4.60%	2.31%
Tax Rate Changes (from previous year)	0.94%	4.23%	2.68%	4.02%	12.37%
Tax Rate (per \$1,000 of Assessed Value)	\$151.03	\$102.67	\$85.10	\$85.05	\$681.14

School Budget: \$148,032,191 (50% of budget = salaries; 26% of budget = related services)

Total Tax Levy: \$134,440,264

Tax Levy Increase (from previous year): 2.69%

Budget to Budget Increase (from previous year): 2.47%

	Bedford	Mount Kisco	2021-2022 Pound Ridge	New Castle	North Castle
Share of Levy	47.23%	22.9%	23.25%	4.50%	2.09%
Tax Rate Changes (from previous year)	4.54%	1.62%	-0.89%	2.22%	-1.16%
Tax Rate (per \$1,000 of Assessed Value)	\$149.62	\$102.67	\$85.10	\$85.05	\$681.14

School Budget: \$144,465,256 (50% of budget = salaries; 26% of budget = related services)

Total Tax Levy: \$130,922,937

Tax Levy Increase (from previous year): 2.25%

Budget to Budget Increase (from previous year): 3.38%

Financial Information

	Budget-to-Budget Increase	Tax Levy Increase
Average Increase Per Year for Past 20 Years	2.84%	2.98%
Average Increase Per Year for Past 10 Years	2.12%	2.26%
Average Increase Per Year for Past 5 Years	2.38%	2.39%
This year's 2024-2025 Increase	2.15%	2.95%

2024-2025 Enrollment Information

Elementary (K - 5)

Bedford Hills Elementary School	309 students
Bedford Village Elementary School	333 students
Mount Kisco Elementary School	503 students
Pound Ridge Elementary School	202 students
West Patent Elementary School	251 students

** BHES and MKES Numbers include Pre-K*

Average Class Size: grades K - 2 = 19; grades 3 - 5 = 19

Full day kindergarten — must be five by December 1

Secondary (6-12)

Fox Lane Middle School (grades 6 - 8)	767 students
Fox Lane High School (grades 9 -12)	1,161 students

District Wide K-12: 3,526

2024-2025 Enrollment Information (cont.)

Total K-12 Enrollment: 3,526
Special Education: 17.80%
English Language Learners: 17.50%
Free and Reduced Lunch: 36.50%

Ethnicity K-12

American Indian/Alaskan Native: N/A
Asian: 2.90%
Black: 2.90%
Hispanic: 41.00%
Multi-racial: 4.15%
White: 48.92%

2024 Graduation Information

Class Size: 254
College Bound: 88%
Of those College Bound:
4 Year College: 87%
2 Year College: 13%
Employment, Military & Other: 12%

Transportation

School District transportation provided to homes located beyond ½ mile from school
Number of Students Bused to Public Schools: 3,204
Number of Students Bused to Non-Public Schools: 240*
Number of Private/Parochial Schools to where transportation is provided: 31*
Number of Walkers: 242

**Includes non-public and special education locations.*

COMMUNITY

We are a diverse seven-school district located in Westchester County, an easy drive or train ride away from New York City. Serving approximately 3,599 students, we are located in an area that allows students to tend to lush gardens, explore scenic trails and visit historic landmarks. We are grateful to be supported by a variety of parent and community organizations including PTOs, The Foundation for Bedford Schools and Booster clubs.



SCHOOL DISTRICT

We believe in inspiring and challenging our students through a curriculum that encourages them to create, problem-solve, to know that they are each smart in different ways, to promote deep thinking, and to anchor and launch future learning.

We are committed to an inclusive philosophy that broadens opportunities, builds support systems and eliminates barriers. Our dedication to social-emotional learning is supported by the implementation of the RULER program districtwide. We're proud of our 8-12 grade AVID program, which targets capable but underperforming students and supports them to access the highest levels of coursework and begin the college planning process early. We were named to the 2023 and 2024 AP Program School Honor Roll and received the 2023 Access Award, which is given to schools that "demonstrate a clear and effective commitment to equitable access to advanced coursework." We partner with Project Lead The Way to offer technology and engineering courses to middle and high schoolers. We are proud of our Science Research Program and its commitment to growing students' research and leadership skills while participating in nationally recognized competitions. We've received the National Association of Music Merchants' "Best Community in Music" Award multiple times. Mount Kisco ES is home to our Dual Language Bilingual Education program which follows a two-way, side-by-side 50/50 immersion model.

Board of Education Mission, Vision and Goals

MISSION

We recognize each child as an individual with the potential to achieve their personal best. We are committed to guiding our students on their unique educational journeys by nurturing their abilities and encouraging a growth mindset, while challenging and supporting their academic development and fostering their social-emotional and physical well-being. We celebrate diversity, an inclusive learning environment, and respect for others as important components in developing global citizens.

VISION

We prepare each student for a continuously changing world by cultivating passion for discovery, creativity in solving problems, wisdom in making decisions, a willingness to take measured risks, and perseverance in the face of adversity. We foster independent thinkers who work collaboratively, respect each other's individuality, and embody integrity, honesty, empathy, and compassion. Our students will be able to succeed today, with self-confidence, motivation and resiliency to succeed tomorrow. We develop and support strong connections among schools, families, and the community to broaden opportunities for student learning, advancement, and growth.

2024-2025 Bedford Central School District Success Plan

Student Success & Well-Being

1. Improve K-12 student literacy outcomes, aligning to the Science of Reading
2. Improve K-12 student mathematics outcomes, focusing on conceptual understanding & mathematical reasoning
3. Strengthen data-driven, inclusive systems to support ALL students academically, behaviorally, socially and emotionally
 - a. Advance Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)
 - b. Complete Special Education review & action plan

Hiring & Supporting Excellence of Faculty & Staff

4. Strengthen and improve staff-related systems

Operational Excellence & Fiscal Stability

5. Advance safety and security
6. Strengthen standard operating procedures & documentation
7. Strengthen communication to the community

