

GET TO KNOW US!

A Guide to Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools



Welcome to Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools. From the earliest learners at Franklin Early Childhood Center to the graduates of George W. Hewlett High School, our goal is to provide enriching and exciting educational experiences in caring, student-centered environments.

Our work is guided by the Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools Strategic Plan, developed in collaboration with staff, students, parents, and community members. We are proud of our accomplishments as reflected in our students and staff. We encourage innovation, risk-taking, and divergent thinking. We value questions and the voices of students in the shaping of their futures. We are Empowering the Next Generation for Success in Life!

The HWPS Family Our HWPS family includes dedicated staff members, eager and motivated students, involved parents, and active community members. Our faculty members regularly participate in rigorous professional learning to ensure that classroom experiences are fresh and interesting and provide breadth and depth across the curriculum. We are committed to celebrating diversity and exposing all students to a variety of rich and rewarding cultural experiences. The families within our

community entrust their children to us, and we take this responsibility very seriously. In addition to providing rewarding educational experiences, it is our goal for each student who walks through the halls of our school buildings to know that he or she is truly valued by the Hewlett-Woodmere family.

Digital Learning Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools provides students with access to devices and digital tools to enhance their learning. The District offers a one-to-one device program for students in grades 4-12. A skill-based approach allows for technology to be interwoven into the curriculum in order to enhance instruction and redefine the ways that students can showcase their knowledge. Each of our schools has one or more Technology Integration Lead teachers who assist their colleagues with purposeful technology use and professional development. Digital balance, online safety, and innovation through technology are central to our approach.

Connect With Us We invite you to learn more about us by visiting our website (www.hewlett-woodmere.net), or following us on Facebook and Instagram (HWPS14). *We look forward to meeting you!*

Franklin Early Childhood Center

Pre-K – 1st Grade

The Franklin Early Childhood Center is a place for great beginnings. High expectations for success are encouraged through developmentally appropriate instruction which allows for these individual differences. In an engaging environment, students have the opportunity to explore their world by asking questions, solving problems and by expressing their ideas. We excel at providing opportunities for all children to learn together. This supportive and welcoming atmosphere is fostered by our active partnership with parents, our commitment to professional learning, and our careful selection of curriculum.

- ◆ Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools offers free Full-Day Pre-K.
- ◆ HWPS is a participant in the NY State Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program in partnership with four local private schools.
- ◆ Our mathematics program helps students develop an understanding of number sense problem solving.
- ◆ Franklin celebrates student accomplishments through social and emotional themes such as Friendship, I Can, Mindfulness, I Am Me, Kindness, One Me, One FECC, One Community, Imagine, and Love.
- ◆ The Annual Pre-K Puffball Celebration is a tradition where students receive a quilted ball created with love.
- ◆ Keiser, FECC's Therapy Dog, provides comfort and support for children and adults who may need a little extra care.
- ◆ We are always celebrating special events with parades.

Hewlett Elementary School

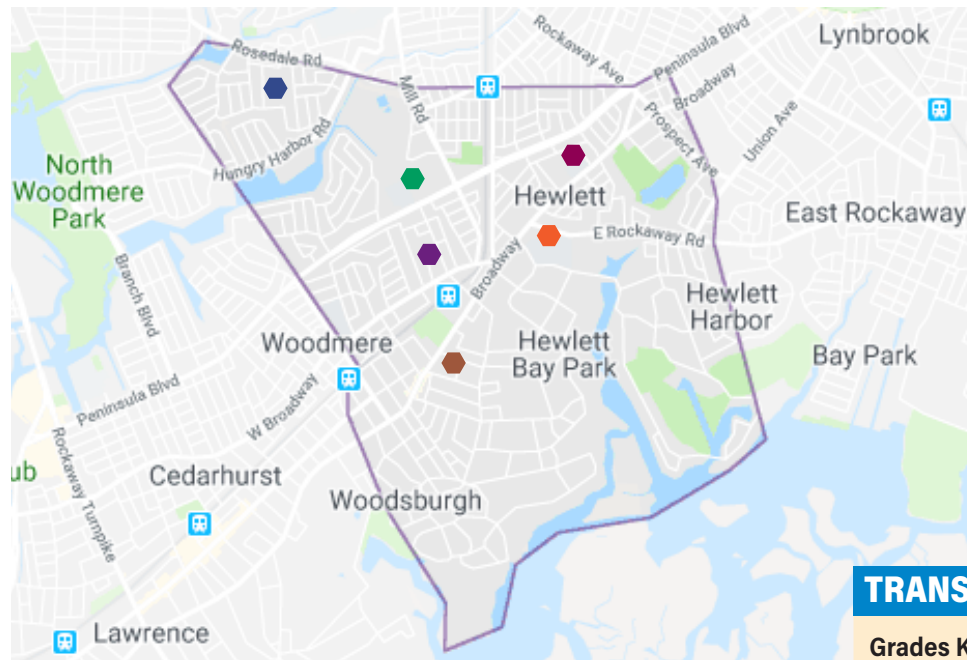
Grades 2-5

Hewlett Elementary School is a collaborative community that fosters academic growth, supports social-emotional well-being, and encourages creative expression, while recognizing that each child is a unique learner. It is a place that strives to encourage an enthusiasm for scholarship and the desire to make the world around us a better place to live, so that all students are on a path towards leading happy, successful, purposeful lives.

- ◆ HES students are encouraged to be Bridge Builders and demonstrate the core values of C.A.R.E. — **C**ourage, **A**ctive **C**itizenship, **R**espect for **D**ifferences, and **E**mpathy.
- ◆ Advancing Literacy at Teachers College, in conjunction with author visits and Book of the Month activities, build the foundation for a dynamic literacy program.
- ◆ HES celebrates the rich diversity of students and families through a variety of assemblies and special events, including Patriot Day, Veterans Day, Balloons Over Broadway, and many more.
- ◆ Enrichment for All provides opportunities for curricular extensions through critical thinking and hands-on learning for all students in grades two through five.
- ◆ Our STEM class teaches students about Digital Citizenship, the Engineering Design Process, Computer Programming, 3D Design/Printing, and Robotics.



This is the dynamic world of Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools!



LOCATIONS

- Franklin Early Childhood Center**
1180 Henrietta Place, Hewlett, NY 11557-1100
- Hewlett Elementary School**
1570 Broadway, Hewlett, NY 11557-1406
- Ogden Elementary School**
875 Longview Avenue, Valley Stream, NY 11581-2822
- Woodmere Middle School**
1170 Peninsula Boulevard, Hewlett, NY 11557-1224
- George W. Hewlett High School**
60 Everit Avenue, Hewlett, NY 11557-1224
- Woodmere Education Center**
1 Johnson Place, Woodmere, NY 11598

TRANSPORTATION ELIGIBILITY

- Grades K-3:** 1/2 mile
- Grades 4-5:** 3/4 mile
- Grades 6-8:** 1 mile
- Grades 9-12:** 1.5 miles
- Non-public Schools:** 15 miles

SCHOOL START AND END TIMES

FECC: 8:55 AM – 3:10 PM	WMS: 9:05 AM – 3:10 PM
OES: 8:05 AM – 2:30 PM	HHS: 7:25 AM – 2:56 PM
HES: 8:05 AM – 2:30 PM	

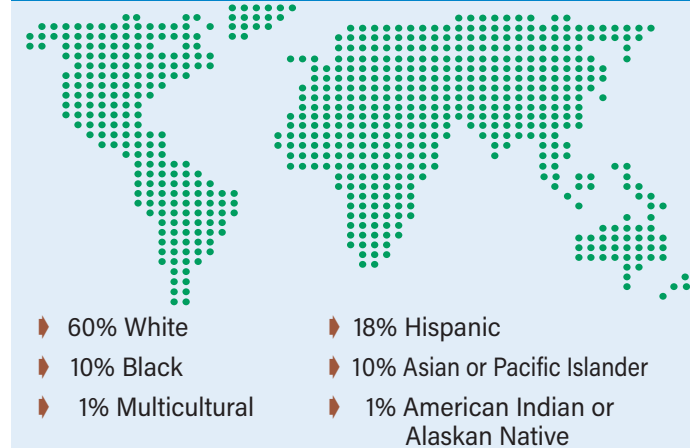
CLASS SIZE

Elementary Guidelines

- ◆ Pre-K: 18:1:1 (or 20:1:2)
- ◆ K-1: 20 – 22
- ◆ 2-3: 21 – 23
- ◆ 4-5: 23 – 24

In grades 6 – 12 we strive for 25 student maximum (excluding Physical Education classes).

DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS



HISTORICAL BUDGET AND TAX LEVY INFORMATION

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Budget	0.95	2.86	2.95	2.89	1.95	.95	3.39	2.58
Tax Levy	0.00	2.86	2.95	2.89	1.65	.50	0.00	0.00

8-YEAR AVERAGE
Average Budget-to-Budget Increase – 2.32%
Average Tax Levy – 1.36%

Ogden Elementary School

Grades 2-5

At Ogden Elementary School, our multicultural community thrives in a highly collaborative and supportive environment that embodies a commitment to continuous learning and innovative practice. Fueled by powerful connections among our children, families, and staff, Ogden cultivates critical and creative thinking and diverse perspectives, motivating children to take risks, respectfully challenge each other's thinking, and discover their own unique ability to be responsible citizens who make a positive change in the world.

- ◆ OES builds an inclusive, welcoming school community through fun events like Waffles and Welcome that embrace all families.
- ◆ Our PTA has been named a National PTA School of Excellence for two consecutive years, highlighting our supportive family atmosphere.
- ◆ Annual events, like It's Fall Y'all and Holiday Lights Spectacular draw hundreds together to celebrate the OES family spirit, what make us unique and what unites us all.
- ◆ Student-led daily news broadcasts highlight the holidays and cultures of our diverse student body.
- ◆ Our academic support team is dedicated to helping every student succeed. Instructional teams meet quarterly to analyze schoolwide data and student performance. These meetings drive decision making which helps to identify and assist each student in reaching their full academic and social potential.
- ◆ All students receive hands-on learning opportunities through Makerspace, STEM and Enrichment for all classes.



Woodmere Middle School

Grades 6-8

The Woodmere Middle School faculty and staff are devoted to creating a safe and supportive environment where students can learn, succeed, and are encouraged to take risks. Classroom environments are designed to foster responsibility and motivate students to strive for excellence. We are dedicated to helping our students recognize their individuality and maximize their unique potential and abilities. It is our goal to create critical thinkers and problem solvers. We believe that the standards presented in this mission will prepare our students intellectually, socially, and emotionally for the future.

- ◆ Eighth graders have the opportunity to enroll in high school credit algebra, geometry, earth science, and studio in art. In total, eighth graders may earn four high school credits.
- ◆ WMS offers three foreign language options: Spanish, French and Italian.
- ◆ The Outdoor Environmental Center provides studies in environmental sustainability.
- ◆ WMS focuses on performance-based learning.
- ◆ WMS continues its partnership with Advancing Literacy at Teachers College.



George W. Hewlett High School

Grades 9-12

George W. Hewlett High School (HHS) is a comprehensive four-year high school with programs designed to meet the needs of all students. HHS offers a student-to-teacher ratio of nine-to-one. We encourage students to immerse themselves in all that HHS has to offer by taking diverse courses and being involved in activities and athletics. Our self-selection policy allows students to take a variety of rigorous and relevant courses that reflect their interests and aspirations.



- Graduates self-report more than \$13 million in college scholarships.
- Eighty-four percent of seniors take one or more AP or dual-credit college course.
- Thirty-two dual-enrollment/college courses are offered.
- Thirty Advanced Placement courses are offered including the AP Capstone diploma program.
- HHS has award-winning science research and social science research programs.
- HHS is a Blue Star School in financial literacy.
- HHS has 14 academic honor societies.

Special Education

The District offers the full continuum of services for eligible students with disabilities. We pride ourselves on providing opportunities for students to learn in an inclusive setting within the least restrictive environment. Careful consideration is given to creating programs that meet the needs of eligible students and adhere to the NYS Commissioner's Regulations.

Beyond The Core

Art and Music HWPS continues to maintain its high quality art and music education during a time when many districts have been forced to reduce their programs. Our student-centered curriculum spans Pre-K through twelfth grade. We are continually recognized for excellence in New York State and beyond for art and music accomplishments. HWPS has been named a 2024 Best Communities for Music Education.

Athletics HWPS is home of the Bulldogs athletic teams. Our interscholastic athletic teams foster excellence through the educational and competitive experience and an atmosphere of sportsmanship. We offer 47 boys and girls junior varsity and varsity teams at Hewlett High School and 27 WMS teams.

Lifelong Learning HWPS brings the community together through our vibrant recreation and adult education programs for residents of all ages. Our commitment to lifelong learning includes after-school, evening, and summer programs for children and adults to develop both the mind and body.

Our Points of Pride

- In 2024, Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools ranked the 18th Best School District in America and the 7th Best School District in New York by Niche.
- Free Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program.
- Two schools named National PTA Schools of Excellence in 2024.
- Named one of NAMM Best Communities for Music Education in 2022, 2023, and 2024.
- 100% Graduation Rate for Class of 2024.
- 89% of Class of 2024 attending college.
- Ten National Merit Finalists in the past five years.
- One HHS student was named a Regeneron STS Scholar; another HHS student was named a JSNS National Finalist.
- Twelve students earned 16 New York State Seals of Biliteracy in 2024.
- Seven HHS students received the Seal of Civic Readiness in 2024.
- Hewlett High School offers 44 co-curricular clubs and 14 honor societies.
- Home of the Bulldogs: the District has 47 junior varsity and varsity athletic teams and 27 middle school teams.



HW 2025 Strategic Plan

Our Vision: Empowering the next generation for success in life.

Our Mission: Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools provides an engaging curriculum in a caring, student-centered learning environment that is designed to maximize individual potential, cultivate character, and celebrate success.

Our Beliefs/Values: We believe that student learning occurs best in a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment where diversity and inclusion are valued. We aim to create equitable learning and work environments that encourage compassion and respect for ourselves, one another, and our individual differences. We value innovation in teaching and learning that supports and promotes student wellness: social, emotional, and intellectual well-being. We honor our commitment to the Hewlett-Woodmere community to create opportunities for students to fulfill their potential and achieve personal success. We believe that meaningful collaboration with parents, community members, staff, and students builds strong relationships and increases parental involvement.

Our Pillars



Our Goals: 1. Ensure high quality and innovative curriculum, instruction, and learning. 2. Provide a network of student support to meet the needs of the whole child. 3. Strengthen family, school, and community partnerships to support student growth. 4. Provide efficient and cost-effective operations, systems, and services.