



HALF HOLLOW HILLS

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2024-2025
ANNUAL REPORT



LOOKING AHEAD TOGETHER

On behalf of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District of Huntington and Babylon, I am proud to share the highlights of our 2024–2025 school year in this Annual Report.

It is an honor to serve as Superintendent for a district I have been privileged to call my professional home for 25 years. Half Hollow Hills is a community that cares deeply about education, about one another, and about ensuring every student has the opportunity to thrive.

This past year, our students have once again distinguished themselves in academics, fine arts, and athletics, earning recognition at the local, state, national, and international levels. Their achievements reflect not only their talent and determination, but also the dedication of our educators and the strong partnership between our schools and families.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to providing an outstanding education that inspires curiosity, builds character, and prepares every student for success in school and beyond.

Mr. John O'Farrell, Superintendent of Schools

Our 2024-2025 Board of Education

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HHH AT A GLANCE



Our Shared Mission:

Committed to providing all students with opportunities to excel in academics, athletics and the arts.



SCHOOLS

9 (5 elementary, 2 middle, 2 high school)



STUDENTS

7,202 students in grades kindergarten through 12



TEAM MEMBERS

2,285 employees across 15 buildings



FACULTY

730 teachers

18 years average experience

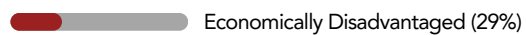
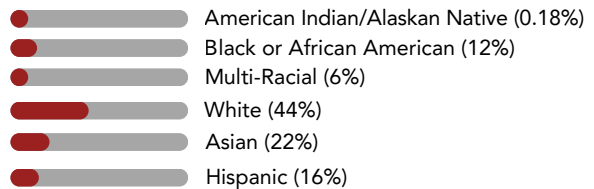
98 Percent Master Degrees or Higher

9 National Board Teachers (4 Pursuing)

9 NYS Master Teachers



DEMOGRAPHICS

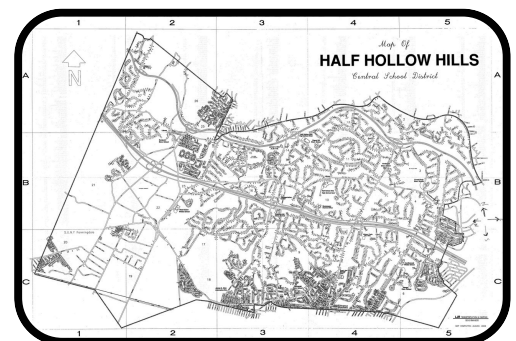


Data From NYSED BEDS Day - 10/2/2024



COMMUNITY

Serving families from Dix Hills, Melville, Wheatley Heights, and parts of Deer Park, Huntington, East Farmingdale and East Northport.



A Year of Excellence

Academic Distinction

- The Half Hollow Hills K-12 program is designed to meet the individual needs of all students. Our diverse population includes many students at various levels of educational development.
- Our high schools offer strong academic programs, including 31 Advanced Placement courses, and 25 Honors and/or college-level courses.
- Students have an opportunity to earn the AP Capstone Diploma™ or the AP Seminar and Research Certificate™.
- Both high schools offer “Project Lead the Way” Engineering courses affiliated with Rochester Institute of Technology.
- They also offer a “Senior Experience” program for a select group of senior-year students that combines English 12 and Government/Economics into a Humanities-based curriculum. Incorporated into this program is a required year-long professional internship.

2

National Merit Scholars



86

AP Capstone Diplomas

320

AP Scholars with Distinction



POINTS OF PRIDE

Both of our high schools remain among the top 540 nationally, according to U.S. News & World Report’s 2024 rankings.

Niche.com’s 2025 rankings recognized Half Hollow Hills as the:

- **#1 school district in Suffolk County**
- **#6 in New York State**
- **#20 out of more than 10,500 districts nationwide**

Individual school rankings include:

- Hills West: #1 in Suffolk, #7 in NY
- Hills East: #2 in Suffolk, #17 in NY
- Middle schools: Candlewood #1, West Hollow #2 in Suffolk
- Elementary schools (top 10 in Suffolk): Vanderbilt #1, Paumanok #2, Otsego #4, Sunquam #6, Signal Hill #9



Learn more about our Academic Programs at
www.hhh.k12.ny.us/teaching-learning

A Year of Excellence

Champions in Sports

- Half Hollow Hills offers our middle and high school students many opportunities to participate in sports. Our teams are very competitive and often succeed at the local, regional and state levels.
- We have 51 Varsity Teams, 29 Junior Varsity Teams, and 46 Modified Sports Teams.
- Both high schools were named 2024-2025 New York State Public High School Athletic Association Schools of Excellence. To receive a School of Excellence Award, at least 75% of a school's varsity teams must qualify and receive the Scholar-Athlete team award.

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NYS Champions
(Combined Boys
Lacrosse and
Hills West Girls
Volleyball)



1

NYS Finalist
(Combined
Flag Football)



Learn more about our Athletic offerings at
www.hhh.k12.ny.us/teaching-learning/athletics



Creativity & Performance

- More than 2,500 students participate yearly in performance ensembles that include concert bands, orchestras, choirs, wind ensemble, jazz bands, vocal jazz, a cappella groups, and guitar ensembles.
- Drama clubs are offered from grades 5-12, and each year there are two musical productions at each middle school, as well as one drama and one musical production at each high school.
- High school art classes are offered in all of the traditional arts, as well as media arts, photography, architecture, and fashion design.

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All-State
Musicians

3

Long Island Arts
Alliance Scholar
Artists

2

Congressional
Art Award
Winners

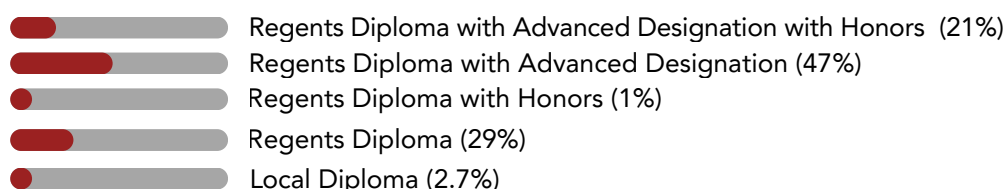


Learn more about our Fine Arts offerings at
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PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

College & Career Readiness

Graduation Degree Data



91%

of Graduates
Attend 2 or
4-year Colleges

Education For All



Half Hollow Hills offers special education and related services for students with disabilities, providing equitable opportunities for growth from kindergarten through grade 12. Programs range from related services and integrated co-teaching to specialized classes and out-of-district placements, with notable in-district offerings for students with autism and other developmental disabilities.

In Half Hollow Hills, approximately 40 home languages represent the diverse population in the ENL (English as a New Language) program. Our 20 ENL teachers service approximately 380 students in the district with varying proficiency levels of the English language.

Learn more about our Special Education programs at www.hhh.k12.ny.us/teaching-learning/special-education

Learn more about our ENL program at www.hhh.k12.ny.us/teaching-learning/english-as-a-new-language

Service Learning

Half Hollow Hills encourages students to engage in service learning, fostering a lifelong commitment to community service while building leadership skills and supporting important causes.



\$450,655

Raised in matching dollars for
Students Rebuild Challenge

\$1,200

Raised for ALS Ride for Life at
West Hollow Middle School

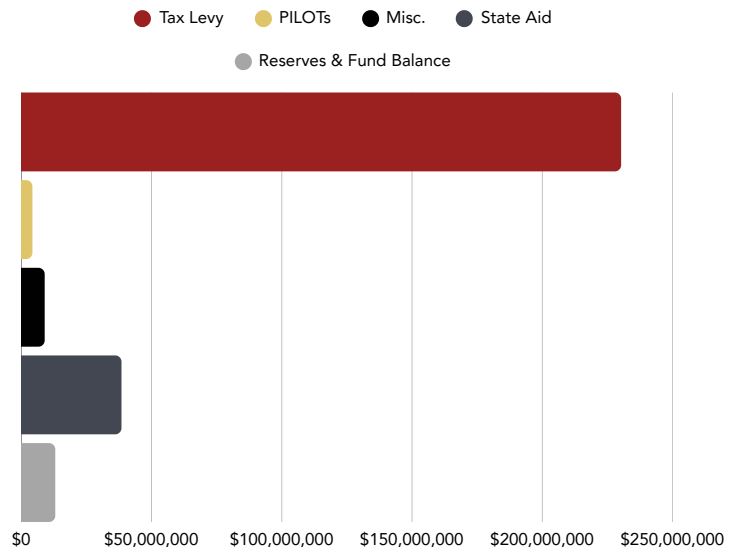
RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

The leadership of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District is committed to responsible stewardship of the funds it receives from all sources, including taxpayers, as it administers the annual budget.

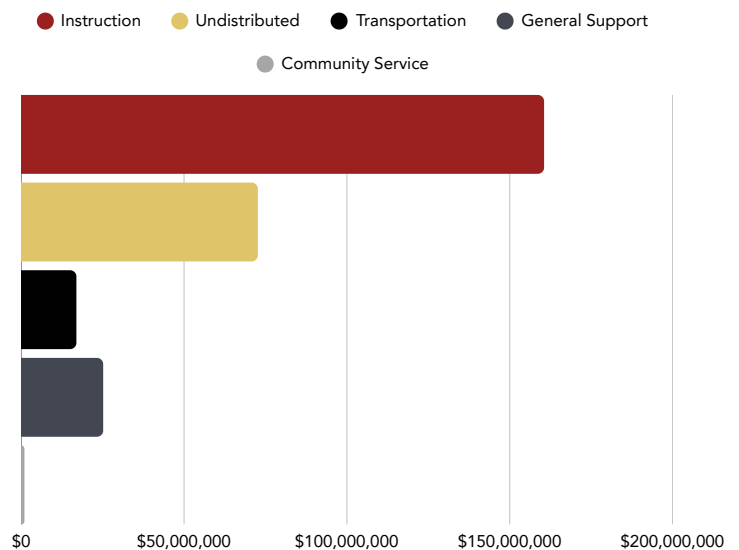
We continually scrutinize spending to ensure every dollar is used appropriately, always with a focus on student learning. In 2024-2025, the pre-audit total budget expenditures were \$276 million with **over 80% percent budgeted to be directly spent on instruction and learning.**



2024-2025 Revenue Overview



2024-2025 Expense Overview



1,515,513

Bus Stops Each Year

575,000

Lunches Served Each Year

Learn more about our Budget at www.hhh.k12.ny.us/budget



JOIN OUR JOURNEY

Looking Ahead to 2025-2026

The 2025-2026 budget for the Half Hollow Hills Central School District was developed to provide all the programs and services students need to excel, while also allowing for investments in our facilities.

The 2025-2026 budget adheres to the property tax levy cap formula with a total budget increase of 2.93%, enabling many new and expanded opportunities for students.

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