CANON-MCMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT



EVERY DAY COUNTS!

2024-2025 IMPACT REPORT

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MISSION

THE MISSION OF THE CANON-MCMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY, IS TO TEACH, TO CHALLENGE, TO MOTIVATE AND TO SUPPORT ALL STUDENTS TO MAXIMIZE THEIR FULL INDIVIDUAL POTENTIAL.

VISION

THE VISION OF THE CANON-MCMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT IS TO GRADUATE ALL STUDENTS WITH EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION SKILLS, THE KNOWLEDGE TO UTILIZE RESOURCES AND A PASSION FOR LIFELONG LEARNING, WHICH ARE IMPERATIVE FOR SUCCESS IN AN EMERGING GLOBAL SOCIETY.

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WELCOME TO CANON-MCMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT!



It is with great pride that I present an overview of our District's accomplishments and the substantial progress achieved over the 2024-2025 academic year.

Canon-McMillan is a vibrant community comprised of dedicated educators, engaged parents and talented students. Our District continues to exemplify academic excellence and is committed to ensuring success for every student.

Our academic mission focuses on making "Every Day Count" as we are committed to utilizing evidence-based teaching practices to optimize learning time and foster student engagement that promotes a deeper understanding of the material. The District invests in professional development focused on evidence-based instructional practices and empowering educators to support students in retaining knowledge.

Since beginning my role as superintendent, the District has implemented a Five-Year Strategic Plan, and the 2024-2025 school year marked its first year. Some of the key focus areas of this plan include expanding academic opportunities with College in High School courses, enhancing facilities, strengthening mental health and student support services and investing in professional learning for teachers. It will guide decision-making and hold us accountable to our goals.

It is an honor to be part of such a close-knit community and to work alongside such a dedicated team. Our District graduates students with critical thinking skills, the ability to access and apply resources effectively and a passion for lifelong learning, which are essential for success in an emerging global society.

As Big Macs, we are building a flagship District that leads to teaching, challenging and supporting every student in pursuing big opportunities.

Sincerely,

Greg Taranto, Ph.D.
Superintendent
Canon-McMillan School District

> **CANON-MCMILLAN BELIEVES IN THE POWER OF EDUCATION AND THE BIG POSSIBILITIES WE CAN CREATE FOR EVERY STUDENT.**

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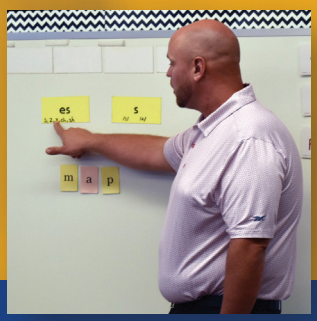
Mr. Jurdon Maier
Director of Facilities & Transportation

ACADEMICS

Canon-McMillan is proud to be a flagship school district, dedicated to providing academic opportunities that allow every student to explore big possibilities.









ELEMENTARY/INTERMEDIATE EDUCATION

Robotics in STEM

In the 2024-2025 school year, the District launched an AI Task Force to explore current research on AI technologies and their impact on learning. Students in fifth and sixth grade specifically have beginner-and intermediate-level lessons to build and program a variety of robots with UBTECH Education's uKits.

Science of Learning

Improving academic outcomes begins with an understanding of how the brain learns and processes information. By applying the latest cognitive science research, we help students better understand memory and learning, supported by our partnership with InnerDrive's Teacher CPD Academy.

Structured Literacy

We have adopted a research-based approach known as Structured Literacy. This enables students to learn the fundamental building blocks of oral and written language. Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) assessments indicate that 96% of our fourth-grade students are reading at grade level, a direct outcome of our Structured Literacy program.

The Next Generation Science Standards

Students develop scientific thinking through hands-on investigations, interactive tools and literacy-rich texts. In grades 1 through 5, Amplify Science, aligned with Next G eneration Science Standards (NGSS), helps students think, read and write like scientists and engineers.

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Middle School Offerings
Middle School students benefit by exploring Unified Arts courses over two years, rotating between courses every six weeks. They engage in technology education classes such as digital design, automation and robotics, and computer programming alongside creative courses like music theory, visual arts and family and consumer sciences.

Advanced Placement (AP) and College in High School Courses
AP courses offer a strong emphasis on affordability, academic rigor and future college and career readiness. Canon-McMillan currently offers 21 AP courses. One of the most valuable opportunities is the College in the High School (CHS) program, which allows eligible students to earn college credits during their regular high school schedule.

Career-Ready High School Programs
We are proud to offer students real-world, hands-on experiences that promote life skills and career readiness.

Big Mac Beanery
The Big Mac Beanery is a student-run coffee shop staffed by volunteers and students from our Autistic Support and Life Skills programs. It provides real-world training in functional math, fine motor development, communication and critical thinking.

Credit Union
In partnership with the Washington Area Federal Credit Union, Credit Union Club students run an in-school branch twice a week, reinforcing financial skills, gaining experience in customer service, financial education and promotional planning.

CM Store
The program equips students with entrepreneurial and technical skills that support their post-secondary goals, providing experience with tools and software such as Adobe Illustrator, a vinyl cutter, heat press, laser engraver, 3D printer and more.

Partners Courses
Inclusion is an essential part of our District's culture. Partner Courses pair students with exceptionalities with peer mentors. In Physical Education (PE) Partners, students build social and teamwork skills through different physical activities. In CM Store Partners, students continue to build social and teamwork skills while learning about entrepreneurial, design, management and marketing skills.

STEELS Standards
The District adopted new textbooks, curriculum programs and instructional resources for students in grades 1 through 12. This rollout was designed to align with Pennsylvania's newly adopted STEELS (Science, Technology & Engineering, Environmental Literacy and Sustainability) standards.

This initiative represented a significant commitment from the Board of Education, with an investment exceeding $750,000.







PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS (K-12)

Zoo in the Classroom
Students are learning about wildlife, ecosystems and animal care in an engaging way through Zoo in the Classroom. This program allows students to take on the role of educators, teaching elementary students about live animals, impacting hundreds of elementary students.

Canon-McMillan Cyber Academy
In partnership with IU1 Fusion Solutions, this program allows students to complete their education in an online environment. Balancing student and parent preferences with the academic standards expected of all learners, the Cyber Academy has grown to over 150 students district-wide in the past two school years.

Career and Technical Centers
Career and Technical Center (CTC) education plays a vital role in the academic and workforce development mission of the District, enrolling 200 students each year. This offers hands-on learning opportunities in high-demand career fields for high school students in grades 10–12.

CTC Partners: Western Area Career & Technology Center (WACTC), Parkway West Career & Technology Center (PWCTC) and Mon Valley Career & Technology Center (MVCTC).

2025 PROFICIENT AND ADVANCED PERCENTAGES

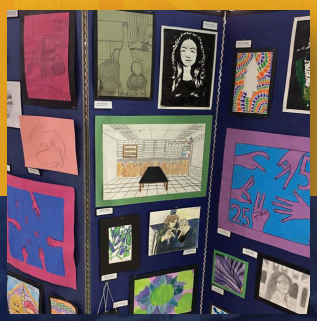
Grade	ELA	State	Math	State
Grade 3	67.5	48.6	72.2	53.6
Grade 4	63.9	48.4	63.2	50.6
Grade 5	62.2	44.7	76.5	43.9
Grade 6	74	50.8	58.3	37.8
Grade 7	74	49.2	56	33.7
Grade 8	67.1	49.3	54.6	30.5

Grade 11	Literature	State
	64	49.9
	Algebra	**State**
	52.4	41.7

EXTRACULARS

Extracurricular activities give our students opportunities to explore interests, build leadership skills and pursue their passions.







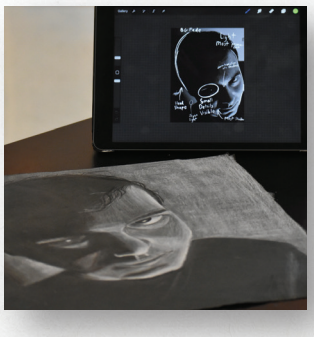


CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

The District offers a diverse and expansive range of extracurricular clubs and activities designed to enrich student life. High school students can choose from over 50 clubs, encompassing academic teams, service organizations, leadership opportunities, honor societies, performing arts groups and social interest clubs.

Middle school students have access to activities that introduce them to new interests and promote community building. Art opportunities include grade-specific clubs.





ARTS

7-12 Art Programming

Students partnered with WQED at Arts in the Park, the Art Club painted seasonal window displays at a local hospital in the 2025 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Students earned top honors, including two American Vision Awards and a national Gold Medal. Several seniors were also featured in the Youth Art Month Exhibit, with one student's work being displayed at the Pennsylvania State Capitol.

Fine Arts

The Fine Arts Department opened the year with "A Christmas Carol" and the musical "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," with over 80 students participating. Fifteen new members joined the International Thespian Society, including three honored staff and 20 seniors who earned Honor Thespian status. Students also competed in regional theatre events, earning recognition, and over 75 elementary students attended the 2025 theatre camp led by high schoolers.

Band/Marching Band Program

The CM High School Band is led by the 200-member Big Mac Marching Band and its Majorettes, Flag Corps and Canonettes. The Concert, Symphonic and Jazz Bands consistently earn "Superior" ratings at Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) and national competitions, with recent top honors in Williamsburg, Virginia. Many graduates continue in prestigious college music programs across the country, such as The Pennsylvania State University, The Ohio State University, Temple University, University of Pittsburgh and more.

The Little Mac Band and Chorus Festival

This festival brings together students from Cecil and North Strabane Intermediate Schools to perform with future middle and high school music teachers, strengthening a sense of community within the music education program and facilitating a seamless transition between school levels.

ATHLETICS

Canon-McMillan offers student-athletes the chance to push boundaries, embrace competition and reach their fullest potential.













Below is a summary of the standout achievements and accolades from our athletic teams, coaches and student-athletes who made a significant impact during the 2024-2025 school year.

TOTAL SPORTS OFFERED

14

TOTAL SPORTS TEAMS

24

(BOYS AND GIRLS COMBINED)

TOTAL COACHES

118

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

1,383

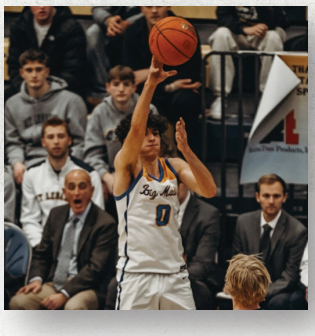
HONOR ROLL ATHLETES

422

DISTINGUISHED HONORS: **205**
HIGH HONOR: **83**
HONOR ROLL: **134**











COACHES OF THE YEAR

Girls Soccer Coach of the Year: **Matt Fonagy**

Girls & Boys Wrestling WPIAL Assistant Coach of the Year: **Albert Miles**

Baseball Big 56 Coach of the Year: **Brendon Steele**

Softball Big 56 Coach of the Year: **Michele Moeller**

TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

Boys and Girls Cross Country: **#1 in County**
Girls Soccer: **WPIAL Semi-Finalist**
Men's Soccer: **WPIAL Playoff Qualifier**
Boys Golf: **WPIAL Playoff Qualifier**
Girls Volleyball: **Section Champions, WPIAL Semi-Finalist**
Girls Basketball: **WPIAL Semi-Finalist**
Girls Wrestling: **West Region Champions**
Baseball: **WPIAL Playoff Qualifier**
Boys Lacrosse: **WPIAL Playoff Qualifier**
Softball: **WPIAL Playoff Qualifier**
Boys Volleyball: **Section Champions**

INDIVIDUAL ACCOLADES

PIAA State Wrestling Champion: **Marlee Solomon**

ESPORTS

The Canon-McMillan Esports Club has around 100 members, with 40 competing statewide and nationally. Students have collectively earned over $100,000 in Esports scholarships and prize money over the past four years.

FACILITIES

Our modern, state-of-the-art facilities inspire learning, creativity and prepare students for real-world success.







HIGH SCHOOL REFRESH

The High School underwent a $5 million revitalization project that began in early 2025.

This refresh included the following upgrades throughout the facility:

- State-of-the-art auditorium sound system
- Aesthetic enhancements
- New gym bleachers
- New flooring
- Bathroom upgrades
- Improvements to conference rooms
- Modernized signage
- Flexible seating in the cafeteria, atrium and library
- New Esports room
- Upgraded athletic equipment
- Improved storage for band instruments
- Fresh paint throughout the entire interior and partial exterior of the building







NEW WYLANDVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Board of Education approved the reconstruction of Wylandville Elementary which is located on the existing 14.2-acre site. Designed by HHSDR Architects & Engineers, construction began in early 2025, with completion targeted for August 2027.

The new 149,200-square-foot structure will support modern educational practices. Notable design features will include a shared stage between the gymnasium and cafeteria, large team rooms for third- and fourth-grade students, two artificial play areas and an outdoor classroom space. Dedicated rooms for related arts and specialized programming will also be integrated into the climate-controlled facility.

Wylandville will feature modern accessibility elements, including elevators, braille signage, visual annunciators, grab bars, lever hardware and wide clearance paths. The kindergarten classrooms will be constructed to meet ICC-500 EF5 tornado shelter standards.

The facility will use energy-efficient materials, sustainable site design, indoor environmental quality controls, water-efficient systems and occupancy-sensor lighting. Additionally, the District received a $190,260 Solar for Schools Grant from the Department of Community & Economic Development to install new solar panels, which will help offset energy costs to operate the building.

Gas-fired boilers will power the HVAC system, providing complete climate control and CO_2 monitors in the air units to regulate ventilation. Hands-free faucets and flush valves will be installed to promote hygiene and reduce water usage. Throughout the construction process, the District strives to minimize waste and recycle materials whenever possible.

PROGRESS

The School District is making great progress in the areas of achievements, technology, facilities and much more.









CRISIS ALERT & VISITOR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The District recognized and launched an innovative safety solution, CENTEGIX, in March 2025. This technology is designed to significantly enhance campus security and emergency response capabilities. The system provides teachers, staff and administrators with a tool to offer help during critical situations.

The Canon-McMillan School District also partnered with CENTEGIX in 2025 to implement a new Visitor Management System to enhance security across all its school buildings. The CENTEGIX platform's self-service kiosk is an easy-to-use system that scans the visitor's ID, takes their photo and prints an ID badge. The optical scanner on the kiosk instantly checks the ID against sexual offender databases and will alert staff if there is a positive match.



ACHIEVEMENTS

AP Bronze

Canon-McMillan High School was recognized for the second consecutive year as an Advanced Placement (AP) Bronze Honor Roll school. This is awarded to schools that expand access to AP courses while supporting students on their path to college success.

Schools are evaluated on three key criteria: fostering a strong college culture, helping students earn college credit through AP exams and ensuring students are prepared for post-secondary opportunities. Canon-McMillan High School achieved Silver status in both the College Credit and College Optimization categories.

The board allocates funding each year to ensure that all AP students can take their AP exams at no cost, removing barriers and opening doors to success.

Best Communities for Music

CM has been recognized as a Best Community for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation for the fourth consecutive year.

Mrs. Deanna Grandstaff, band teacher at Cecil Intermediate and Muse Elementary and head of the District's music department, was also named a quarterfinalist for the 2026 GRAMMY Music Educator™. She is one of 200 educators nationwide recognized by the Recording Academy™ and GRAMMY Museum®.



GRADUATION STATISTICS

402 GRADUATES

MILITARY **2.4%**

FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT **6.6%**

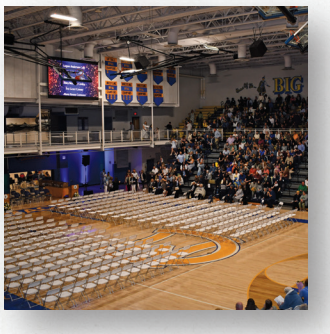
2-YEAR COLLEGE/INSTITUTION **13.3%**

4-YEAR COLLEGE/INSTITUTION **77.7%**

CM graduates are enrolled in over 50 institutions, including private and public universities, liberal arts colleges, faith-based schools, as well as community and technical colleges.











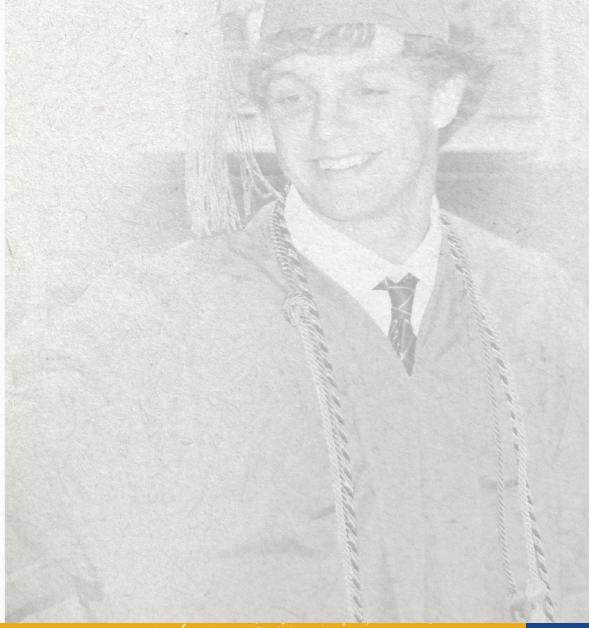
Great Schools Award

CM was honored in January 2025 with the prestigious Great PA Schools designation from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association. This four-year recognition affirms the District's commitment to excellence in academic rigor, student resilience, financial health and community engagement.

Canon-McMillan was recognized for its fully certified teaching staff and its wide range of advanced academic opportunities, including Advanced Placement (AP) courses, Career and Technical Center (CTC) programs and gifted education.



The District demonstrated sound fiscal management practices by conducting annual independent financial audits, adopting transparent budgeting processes and complying with all state procurement regulations. This four-year designation highlights Canon-McMillan's leadership in public education and its tradition of preparing students for success in college, career and life.

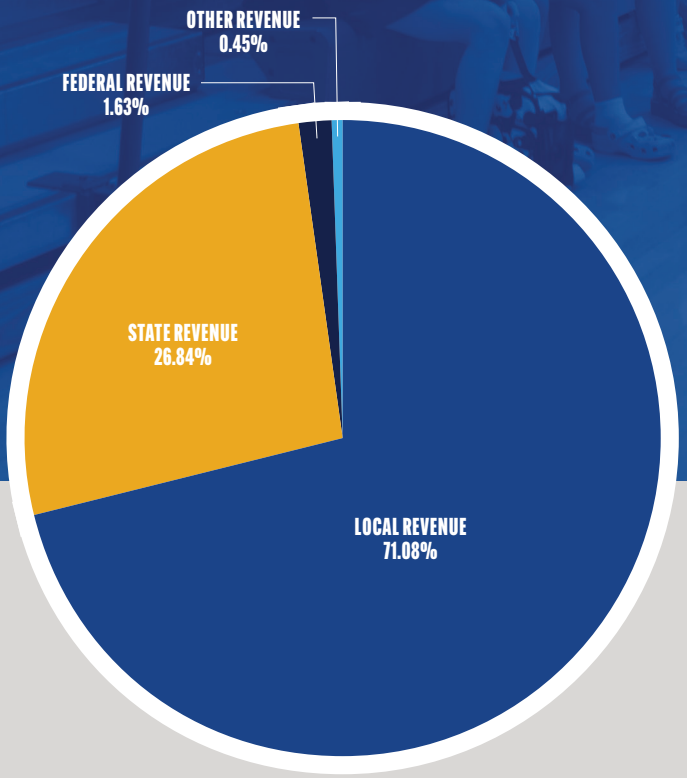


A DETAILED OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIALS CAN BE FOUND IN THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET.

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FINANCES

The District invests in every student's future to provide a high-quality education.



REVENUE

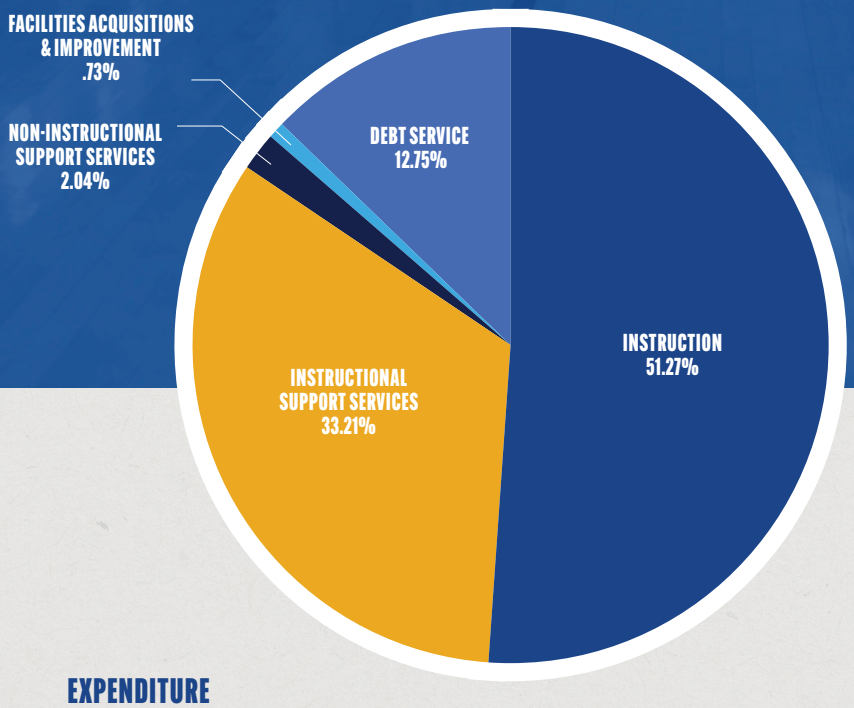
Local Revenue	$84,329,322.45	71.08%
State Revenue	$31,844,635.39	26.84%
Federal Revenue	$1,930,313.46	1.63%
Other Revenue	$535,455.23	0.45%
Total Revenue	**$118,639,726.53**	**100.00%**

The Canon-McMillan School District relies on real estate and earned income taxes as its principal sources of local revenue. The District's revenue is further strengthened by investment interest and the diligent collection of outstanding taxes. We maintain a steadfast commitment to fiscal responsibility, ensuring the transparent and effective allocation of all local funds to benefit our students and community.

2024-2025 LOCAL TAX COMPARISON

1	0.0192430	Charleroi
2	0.0166705	Ringgold
3	0.0162100	Trinity
4	0.0157400	Bentworth
5	0.0157200	Fort Cherry
6	0.0156600	Peters
7	0.0153696	Washington
8	0.0152645	Burgettstown
9	0.0149741	California
10	0.0139710	Chartiers-Houston
11	0.0139632	Avella
12	0.0139300	McGuffey
13	0.0134200	Brownsville
14	0.0129731	Bethlehem-Center
15	**0.0129097**	**Canon-McMillan**





EXPENDITURE

Instruction	$60,592,019.45	51.27%
Instructional Support Services	$39,253,444.51	33.21%
Non-Instructional Support Services	$2,419,392.99	2.04%
Facilities Acquisitions & Improvement	$857,574.53	0.73%
Debt Service	$15,065,102.03	12.75%
Total Expenditures	**$118,187,533.51**	**100.00%**

Our commitment to a student-first approach is demonstrated through innovative academic programs, robust career and college preparation, and a dedication to student experience and excellence. Instructional Services, which accounts for over 51% of our budget, delivers core educational programs, while Instructional Support Services provide essential guidance and health services to ensure a supportive learning environment for all students, including those in regular, special and vocational education.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Canon-McMillan School Board exemplifies best practices to improve educational outcomes and foster student success, while legally ensuring high-quality education and advocating for students and the community.

PRESIDENT
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