

The Story of Our School

Annual Overview • 2025–2026

INAUGURAL EDITION

Academic Excellence

Ranked among the top schools in Massachusetts, our students achieve at the highest levels—driven by curiosity and a love of learning.

Creativity

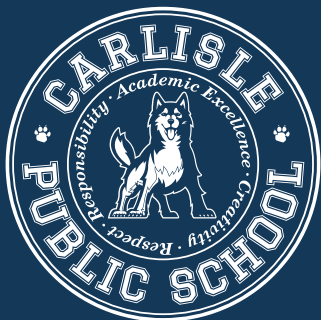
From the arts to STEAM, robotics to drama, students explore, create, and express themselves across a wide range of programs.

Respect

Every student is seen, heard, and valued. Our PreK–8 community fosters belonging, empathy, and a genuine care for one another.

Responsibility

Students grow into purposeful, reflective individuals who take ownership of their learning and contribute positively to their community.



CARLISLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

One school. One community.

CARLISLE
MASSACHUSETTS

At **Carlisle Public School**, our story is not static. It is a living document, shaped each day by the voices, experiences, and contributions of our students, educators, families, and community partners.

Here, every student is known, valued, and supported. From Carlisle's one-room schoolhouses of the 1800s to today's unified PreK–8 campus, our school has evolved over time, but our commitment has remained constant: providing an exceptional education grounded in belonging, purpose, and possibility.

Guided by our four pillars of Academic Excellence, Creativity, Respect, and Responsibility, we continue to build a school community where students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

This is our story.

And together, as a community, we continue to write it.

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A LETTER TO CARLISLE RESIDENTS

DEAR CARLISLE COMMUNITY,

It is my pleasure to introduce the inaugural edition of The Story of Our School. As I complete my tenth year as Superintendent, I reflect with great pride on the accomplishments of our students, faculty, staff, and the broader Carlisle community.

This overview was created to provide transparency, celebrate achievements, and strengthen the connection between our school and the town that supports it. It highlights the daily work, long-term planning, and community partnerships that make Carlisle Public School such an exceptional place to learn and grow.

Highlights from This Year:

- Community-wide strategic planning for the future of CPS
- Expanded STEAM programming through our partnership with the Carlisle Education Foundation
- International travel opportunities to support world language learning
- Increased town-wide operational collaboration
- Continued efforts to strengthen belonging and inclusion for all students and families

Carlisle should take tremendous pride in its school. From strong academic outcomes to a nurturing environment where students are truly known, Carlisle Public School is one of this community's greatest assets.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Jim O'Shea

Superintendent



Administration:

Jim O'Shea
Superintendent

Dr. Dennet Sidell
Principal

Valery Gransewicz
Director of Student Services

Deborah Bookis
Assistant Principal

David Zuckerman
President, Carlisle Teachers Association

CPS at a Glance:

Students: **614**

Full Time Teachers: **56**

Total Teachers: **62**

Total Staff Members: **136**

Student Teacher Ratio: **10:1**

Classroom Average: **17.2**

#1 English Language Arts

8th Grade

Carlisle Middle School

2025 MCAS Statewide Achievement Results

#1 Science

8th Grade

Carlisle Middle School

2025 MCAS Statewide Achievement Results

#1 Mathematics

8th Grade

Carlisle Middle School

2025 MCAS Statewide Achievement Results

#3 Civics

8th Grade

Carlisle Middle School

2025 MCAS Statewide Achievement Results

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ACADEMICS, TRADITIONS, AND STUDENT LIFE

ACADEMICS



Top-Ranked in Massachusetts

Our inquiry-based, student-centered approach builds critical thinkers who love to learn. STEM offerings include engineering, robotics, marine biology, and forensics, while world language study spans Chinese, French, and Spanish.

TRADITIONS

Rituals That Build Community

From the Kindergarten Chicka Chicka Boom Boom play to the 8th grade Washington D.C. trip and Day of Service, our traditions weave connection across every grade level.

- **PREK-8:** Every grade has the ability to participate in the Halloween Parade, Field Day, and Lunar New Year
- **K:** Chick Chick Boom Boom Play
- **1ST:** Country & Zoo Projects
- **2ND:** Iditarod Project
- **3RD:** Carlisle Investigations
- **4TH:** State Fair Project
- **5TH:** Think Give Program
- **6TH:** Outdoor Ed & Spaghetti Supper
- **7TH:** 7th Grade Play & Challenge Day
- **8TH:** Washington DC Trip & Graduation

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICE

Every Student, Fully Supported

Our dedicated support teams ensure every student, regardless of learning profile, can access high-quality, inclusive experiences. Services span academics, communication, executive functioning, social-emotional growth, and self-regulation.

In close partnership with families, we build responsive, individualized systems that reflect each student's strengths and the values of our community.

ARTS & ENRICHMENT

Creativity at Every Grade

Students explore visual arts, performing arts, and a wide range of activities:

VISUAL ARTS

Drawing, ceramics, sewing

MAKERSPACE

Ceramics, woodworking, LEGO robotics

BAND & CHORUS

PreK-8 music program

MODEL UN

Award-winning team

DRAMA CLUB

Two shows per year

ATHLETICS

Year-round sports

Together We Belong. And Together We Plan.

OUR COMMUNITY & FUTURE

Be Here. Be You. Belong.

Carlisle's "Belonging Collective", which includes the PTO, CEF, SEPAC, DEICAC, and WBYC, works together to create a school community where every student, family, and educator feels welcomed, valued, and included. Through the Carlisle Tulip Project, the "I Am More" campaign, and other collaborative initiatives, we actively celebrate individual identity and work to dismantle stigma across our community.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

A Network of Support

Carlisle's community partners each play a vital role in enriching student experiences and fostering belonging across our school community.

Carlisle PTO

Supports the day-to-day school experience through volunteerism, family engagement, community events, and enrichment funding that strengthens existing programs.

Carlisle Education Foundation (CEF)

Funds innovative programs, creative spaces, and new opportunities that expand what is possible for teaching and learning.

DEICAC

Promotes belonging, equity, and inclusion through education, dialogue, and community collaboration.

SEPAC

Partners with families and school leadership to advocate for inclusive practices and support students with diverse learning needs.

WBYC

Builds resilience, compassion, and connection through student-led service, education, and community initiatives that promote belonging.

LOOKING AHEAD

Planning for Our Future

Our new Strategic Plan was shaped by voices across the entire community, including students, families, educators, and partners, and puts student well-being at the center of every decision.

- 1 Launch and implement the new district-wide Strategic Plan**
- 2 Welcome new district leadership for 2026-2027**
- 3 Expand student support systems and early intervention services**
- 4 Grow Extended School Year programming**
- 5 Deepen community partnerships and continued investment in belonging initiatives**

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