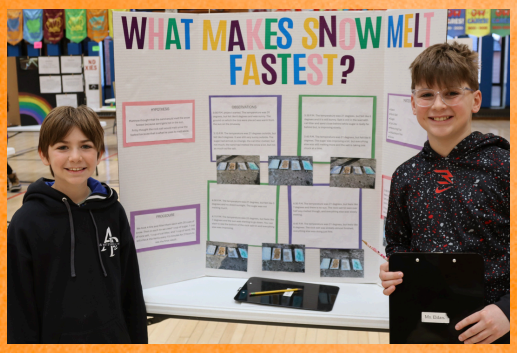
WHITE PLAINS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

2025-26 | YEAR IN REVIEW



















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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Joseph L. Ricca, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
White Plains City School District

Dear White Plains Community,

I am proud to share this 2025-26 end-of-year review highlighting the extraordinary achievements, growth and progress across the White Plains City School District. The accomplishments detailed in this report reflect the collective dedication of our educators, the hard work of our students and the unwavering support of our families and community partners.

Throughout the year, our schools continued to demonstrate strong academic momentum. This review provides examples of the impact of our instructional initiatives and the commitment of our staff to meeting the needs of every learner. Our students at all levels engaged in rigorous coursework, collaborative problem-solving and meaningful learning experiences that prepare them for success in college, careers and life.

Equally important, our district continued to strengthen its comprehensive system of social-emotional, mental health and physical wellness supports. As this report describes, a multidisciplinary team collaborates to address students' academic, social, emotional and behavioral needs, ensuring that every child is known, supported and empowered to thrive. Our students also distinguished themselves as leaders and global citizens through rigorous programs and extraordinary commitment to volunteer work. These achievements were made possible through strong partnerships with families, community organizations and local institutions.

Through responsible fiscal stewardship, we also continued to invest in innovative programs and facilities, including the forthcoming Innovation Wing at White Plains High School, while maintaining long-term financial stability for our community.

This report reflects not only the successes of the past year, but also the shared values that guide our work: excellence, equity, opportunity and community.

As we dive even deeper into the 2026-27 school year, I am deeply grateful for the trust of our families and community, and I remain inspired by the limitless potential of our students. Thank you for your continued support of and partnership with the White Plains City School District!

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ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS



The White Plains City School District is committed to providing every student with access to a rigorous, engaging and comprehensive educational experience that prepares them for success in college, careers and life.

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4 ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS



Across all grade levels, students are challenged to think critically, solve complex problems, collaborate with others and apply their learning in meaningful ways. From foundational literacy and numeracy instruction in the elementary grades to advanced coursework and specialized pathways at the secondary level, the district offers a broad range of opportunities designed to meet the diverse needs and aspirations of its students.



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5 ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS



Instructional efforts emphasize critical thinking, problem solving, civic engagement and interdisciplinary learning through project-based experiences, reflective portfolios and expanded opportunities for student voice and ownership of learning.

To further support academic growth, the district recently implemented the NWEA MAP Growth assessment system, providing educators with additional tools to monitor student progress, identify learning needs and personalize instruction.



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6 ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Teachers regularly analyze student data to inform instructional planning and ensure that supports are aligned with individual student needs.

Additional district initiatives include enhanced literacy instruction, expanded problem-based learning opportunities, implementation of The Writing Revolution strategies and increased support for multilingual learners through targeted instructional practices and collaboration among classroom and support staff.



96%

Average attendance rate for all White Plains Public Schools during the 2025-26 school year



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ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Academic goals at the elementary level are supported through targeted instructional initiatives, including implementation of the Arts and Letters literacy program, expanded writing instruction, enhanced intervention services, data-driven decision making and professional learning focused on effective instructional practices.



The most recent student achievement data reflects continued progress across the district. New York State assessment results for elementary students showed notable gains in English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science.



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ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS



At the middle school level, students continue to build the academic skills and habits necessary for high school success.

Seventh-grade ELA proficiency increased from 42% to 51% and eighth-grade mathematics rose from 50% to 59%, according to the most recent data. Students also achieved 53% proficiency on the eighth-grade science assessment.



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9 ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

At White Plains High School, students can choose from more than 300 courses spanning core academic disciplines, the arts, world languages, technology, engineering and career-focused pathways. Students have access to 21 Advanced Placement courses, a wide range of dual-enrollment opportunities and specialized programs that allow them to earn college credit while still in high school.



Participation in advanced coursework remains strong across the curriculum in courses such as AP World History, AP Language and Composition, AP U.S. History, AP Spanish Language and Culture and AP Psychology.



300+

Courses at White Plains High School

21

Advanced Placement courses and additional dual-enrollment courses and specialized opportunities

REAL-LIFE LEARNING *unlocked*

10 ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS



Students can earn college credit through partnerships with Syracuse University, SUNY institutions, Marist University and Westchester Community College. Enrollment remains robust in dual-enrollment and college-credit courses, including English, Mathematics, Criminal Justice, Engineering, Public Policy, Personal Finance and World Languages. New offerings such as AP Business Personal Finance and AP Cybersecurity further expand opportunities aligned with emerging career fields and workforce needs.

4

Partnerships with colleges and universities

NEW

AP opportunities to support college and career readiness

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ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS



Additional initiatives, including Project Lead The Way engineering courses, expanded science inquiry experiences and career-connected learning opportunities, help students explore future pathways while applying their knowledge to real-world challenges.



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12 ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS



More than 50 students participated in the district's nationally recognized, three-level Science Research Program during the 2025-26 school year, reflecting continued student interest in authentic research and scientific inquiry.

The district's commitment to personalized pathways is evident across all schools, especially at Rochambeau Alternative High School. Seniors at Rochambeau collectively received more than $500,000 in scholarship offers, while all 24 graduating students were accepted to Westchester Community College and many secured career training, internship and workforce opportunities. These accomplishments demonstrate the district's belief that all students can achieve success when provided with meaningful support, high expectations and access to opportunity.



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13 ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS



73

Clubs and activities

35%

Up to 35% of students participated in clubs during the school year



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ACADEMIC, KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Arts





180+

Students participated in the NYS School Music Association's annual solo and ensemble festivals in the spring. Many of these students will be eligible for Area All-State and All-County honor ensembles next year based on their ratings.

2

New Dance Courses

ARTS AND MUSIC PARTICIPATION

SCHOOL AND PROGRAMS	# OF STUDENTS	PERCENTAGE
Eastview Middle School		
Art	429	86%
Music	432	86%
Highlands Middle School		
Art	798	77%
Music	848	82%
Rochambeau Alt HS		
Art	59	89%
Music	35	53%
White Plains High School		
Art	1,012	47%
Music	683	32%

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Class of 2026

GRADUATION RATE

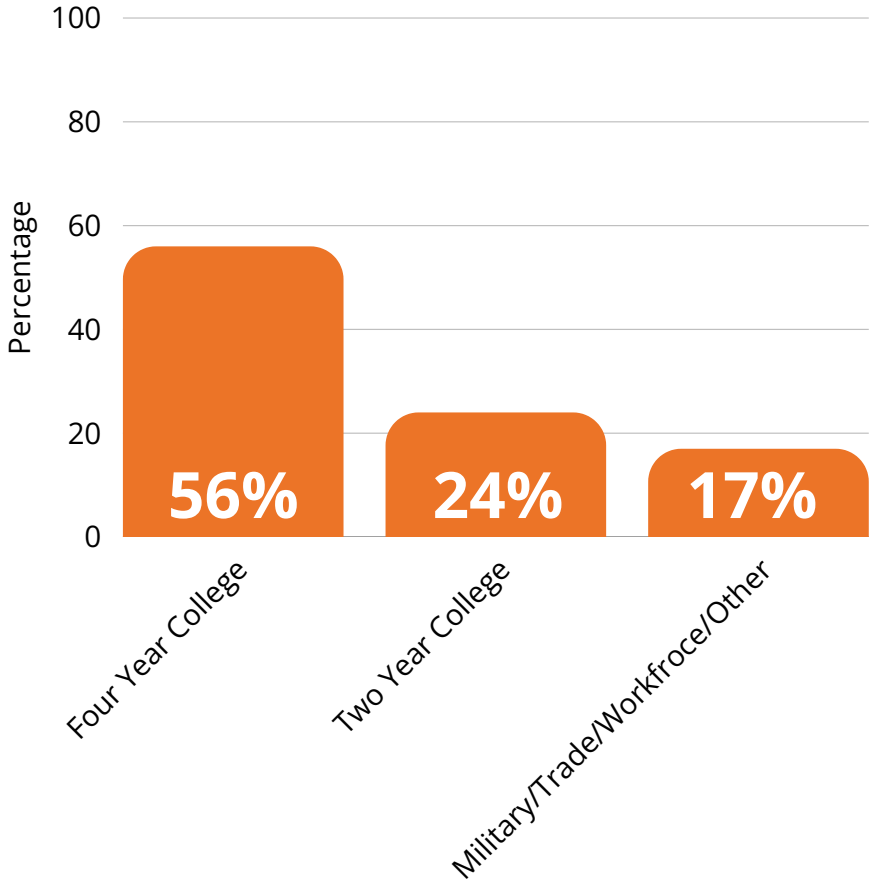
98%!



WHERE THEY WENT

474

Colleges and universities committed to, including Harvard, Yale, MIT and Cornell



ACADEMIC KNOWLEGE AND SKILLS

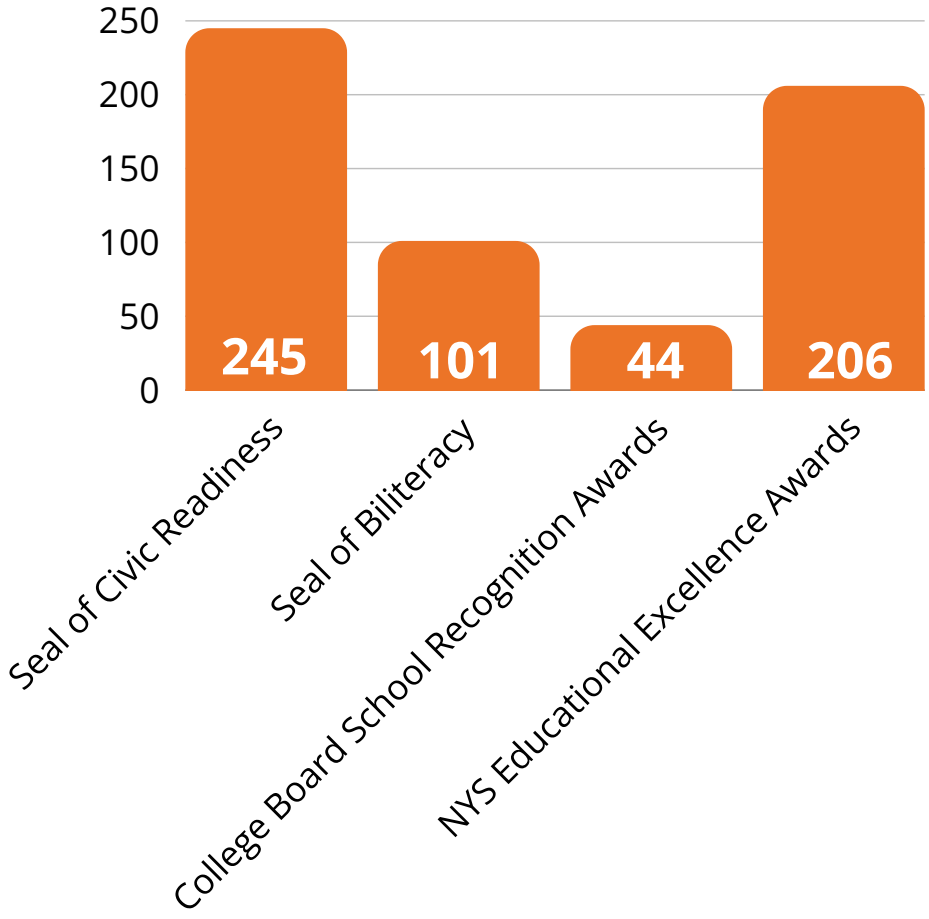
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Class of 2026

ACADEMIC KNOWLEGE AND SKILLS

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

$366,350

16

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SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH



The White Plains City School District recognizes that student well-being is fundamental to academic success.

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18 SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH



Through a comprehensive system of social-emotional, mental health and physical wellness supports, the district works to ensure that every student feels safe, connected, supported and prepared to learn.

A multidisciplinary team of school psychologists, social workers, counselors, nurses, behavior specialists and student assistance professionals collaborates to address students' academic, social, emotional and behavioral needs. Each school maintains student support teams that identify concerns early, coordinate interventions and connect students and families with appropriate services. These supports are guided by the district's Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS).



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19 SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH



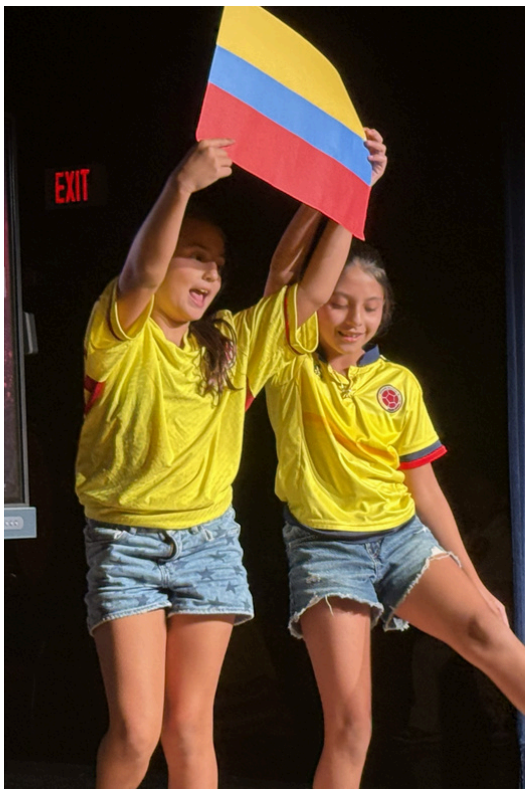
Social-emotional learning is embedded within classroom instruction, schoolwide initiatives and daily interactions with staff. Lessons and activities focus on building empathy, resilience, responsibility, self-awareness, respect and positive decision-making. Tier 2 interventions provide targeted small-group support for students who may need additional assistance navigating social challenges, emotional regulation or peer relationships. More intensive support such as individualized counseling, behavioral interventions and referrals to community-based mental health providers is also offered when appropriate.

3

Tiers of social emotional support in Multi-Tiered System of Supports

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20 SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH



The district prioritizes the creation of inclusive school environments that celebrate diversity, promote belonging and encourage positive relationships.

Character education initiatives, anti-bullying programs, cultural celebrations and ongoing staff training help foster welcoming and respectful school communities throughout the district.



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SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH



Through innovative physical education programming, students engage in a wide variety of activities that encourage lifelong fitness and healthy lifestyles. Elementary students participate in field days, family fitness events, movement activities and skill development programs. Middle and high school students engage in comprehensive physical education courses that emphasize personal fitness, teamwork, leadership and wellness. New high school offerings include aquatics, strength training, yoga, adventure sports, lifesaving and CPR certification programs, providing students with both recreational and career-related skills.



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22 SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH

Health education programs further support student well-being through partnerships with organizations including the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Hope's Door, Phelps Northwell Health, Donate Life, Alcoholics Anonymous and others. These partnerships provide students with valuable information about mental health, substance abuse prevention, nutrition, healthy relationships and personal wellness.





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23 SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH



1M+

Meals and after-school snacks served in 2025-26

The district's commitment to student wellness extends beyond instruction through its Food and Nutrition Services Department. During the 2025-26 school year, the district was expected to serve more than one million breakfasts, lunches and after-school snacks. Recent initiatives include the expansion of scratch-made menu items, implementation of a districtwide Farm-to-School program, increased use of New York State-grown products and enhanced student voice through cafeteria menu selection events. Together, these efforts help ensure that students have access to nutritious meals that support their health, learning and overall well-being.



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SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH

Athletics



LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

- Boys Cross Country
- Girls Soccer
- Boys Swim and Dive
- Girls Wrestling (Genesis Garcia - Section Champion)

27 SCHOLAR-ATHLETE TEAMS

87% of White Plains High School teams were Scholar Athlete Teams



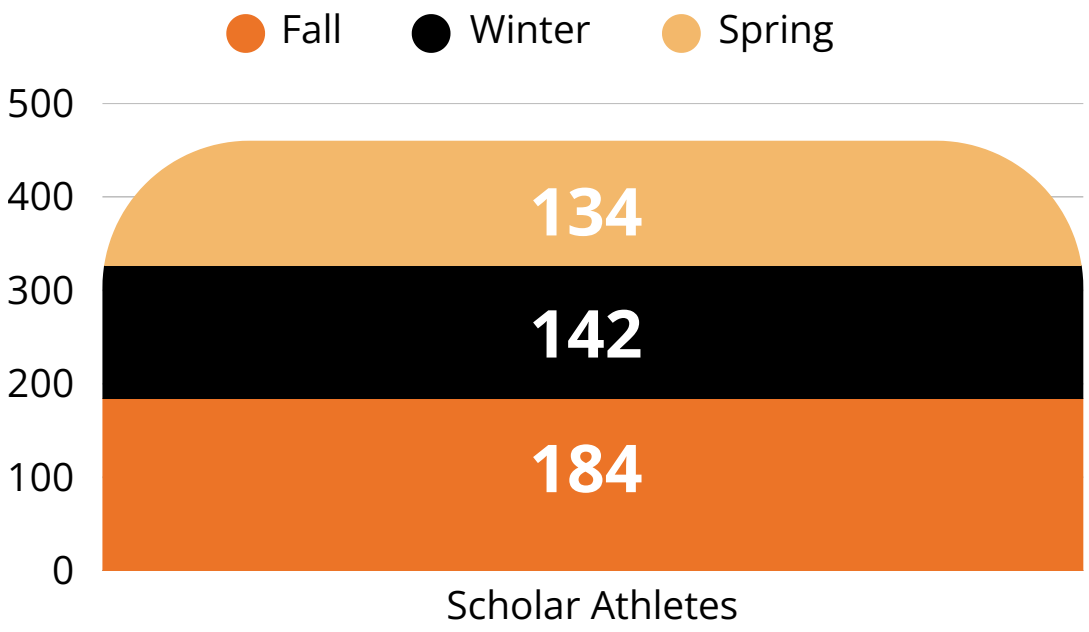
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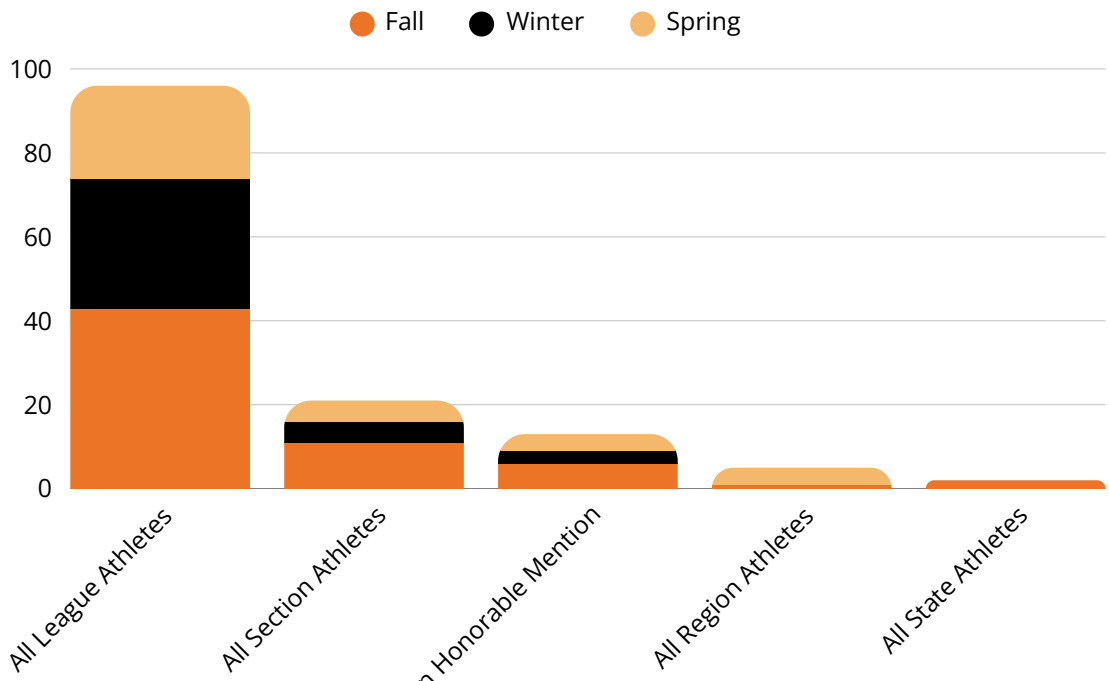
Athletics

SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH

25

460 SCHOLAR-ATHLETE DISTINCTIONS





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SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH

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Athletics

'25-'26 STUDENT PARTICIPATION

FALL
Varsity Boys Soccer, 25
JV Boys Soccer, 27
JV Boys Soccer, 29
Modified Boys Soccer, 43
Varsity Girls Soccer, 19
JV Girls Soccer, 20
Modified Girls Soccer, 32
Varsity Cheer, 28
Varsity Football, 47
JV Football, 28
Modified Football, 37
Varsity Girls Swimming and Diving, 46
Modified Swimming, 24
Varsity Girls Tennis, 14
JV Girls Tennis, 13
Varsity Volleyball, 13
JV Volleyball, 17
Modified Volleyball, 31
Varsity Field Hockey, 22
JV Field Hockey, 16
Modified Field Hockey, 15
Varsity Girls Cross Country, 27
Varsity Boys Cross Country, 60
Modified Girls Cross Country, 24
Modified Boys Cross Country, 62

WINTER
Varsity Ice Hockey,18 + 7 mgrs
Modified Ice Hockey, 21
Varsity Boys Basketball, 14
JV Boys Basketball, 14
Freshman Boys Basketball, 16
Modified Boys Basketball, 16
Modified Boys Basketball, 16
Special Olympics, 18
Varsity Girls Basketball, 15
JV Girls Basketball, 12
Modified Girls Basketball, 21
Varsity Boys Indoor Track, 38
Varsity Girls Indoor Track, 50
Varsity Wrestling, 53 + 4 mgrs
Modified Wrestling, 20
Varsity Cheer Winter, 24
Varsity Boys Swimming and Diving, 32 + 9 mgrs
Modified Boys Swimming, 16
Varsity Bowling Boys, 15
Varsity Bowling Girls, 16
Varsity Skiing, 4

SPRING
Varsity Baseball, 23
JV Baseball, 18
Modified Baseball, 30
Varsity Golf, 10
Varsity Boys Lacrosse, 26
JV Boys Lacrosse, 23
Modified Boys Lacrosse, 27
Varsity Girls Lacrosse, 26
JV Girls Lacrosse, 20
Modified Girls Lacrosse, 25
Varsity Girls Track, 53
Varsity Boys Track, 81
Modified Girls Track, 55
Modified Boys Track, 53
Varsity Softball, 17
JV Softball, 16
Modified Softball, 15
Varsity Boys Tennis, 15 + 2 mgrs
JV Boys Tennis, 16
Special Olympics, 19

mgrs = student managers

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GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP



Preparing students to thrive in an interconnected world is a central component of the White Plains City School District's mission.

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GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP



239

Graduates earned the prestigious NYS Seal of Civic Readiness

101

Graduates earned the New York State Seal of Biliteracy

Through civic engagement, cultural understanding, community service and leadership opportunities, students develop the knowledge, skills and dispositions necessary to become responsible global citizens who contribute positively to their communities and society.

White Plains students are encouraged to understand diverse perspectives, engage in meaningful dialogue, advocate for positive change and take action on issues that matter to them. These experiences begin in the earliest grades and continue throughout a student's educational journey, helping to cultivate empathy, cultural competence and civic responsibility.

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GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

The district's commitment to civic education is reflected in the accomplishments of its students. In 2026, about 240 White Plains High School graduates earned the prestigious New York State Seal of Civic Readiness, the largest group of recipients in school history, demonstrating advanced understanding of civic knowledge, participation and leadership. Additionally, 101 graduates earned the New York State Seal of Biliteracy in multiple languages, showcasing linguistic proficiency and appreciation for cultural diversity.

Students participate in a wide range of clubs, organizations and academic programs that foster leadership and community engagement. Opportunities include student government, science research, environmental initiatives, cultural organizations, service clubs and advocacy groups. These experiences encourage students to apply their learning beyond the classroom while making meaningful contributions to their schools and communities.



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GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

30

Community service remains a hallmark of the White Plains student experience. During the 2025-26 school year, 218 students completed more than 11,000 hours of community service through nearly 3,700 individual activities. The estimated value of these contributions exceeds $424,000, reflecting the significant impact students have on local organizations, community initiatives and residents throughout the region.

Environmental stewardship and sustainability are also important components of global citizenship education. Students participate in projects focused on conservation, environmental awareness and sustainable practices. At Rochambeau Alternative High School, project-based learning experiences are aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, helping students explore real-world challenges through inquiry, research and collaborative problem-solving. Students also created a Community Pollinators Garden designed to support local ecosystems and promote environmental sustainability.

Together, these experiences empower students to become informed, engaged and compassionate citizens prepared to lead in a diverse and interconnected world.

11,000+

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FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



The White Plains City School District recognizes that strong partnerships among schools, families and community organizations are essential to student success.

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3.2 FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



By fostering meaningful relationships and creating opportunities for collaboration, the district builds a supportive educational environment that extends beyond the classroom and strengthens connections throughout the community.



Families play a critical role in the educational process, and schools across the district continue to expand opportunities for engagement, communication and participation. Open houses, curriculum nights, family fitness events, student performances, achievement celebrations and other school-based activities provide opportunities for families to connect with educators and actively participate in their children's learning experiences. Multilingual communication strategies and outreach efforts help ensure that information is accessible and inclusive for all families.

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3 FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



The district benefits from strong partnerships with organizations such as the White Plains PTA, Friends of White Plains Public Schools, the White Plains Youth Bureau, local businesses, higher education institutions and numerous community agencies. These partners provide grants, mentorship opportunities, enrichment experiences, internships, volunteer support and resources that enhance educational programming throughout the district.

The district recognizes the values of its partnership with families and consistently encourages PTA membership, with the goal of 100% participation among parents.

Schools continue to develop innovative approaches to family engagement. As an example, Rochambeau Alternative High School increased family participation by more than 400 percent.



3 FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

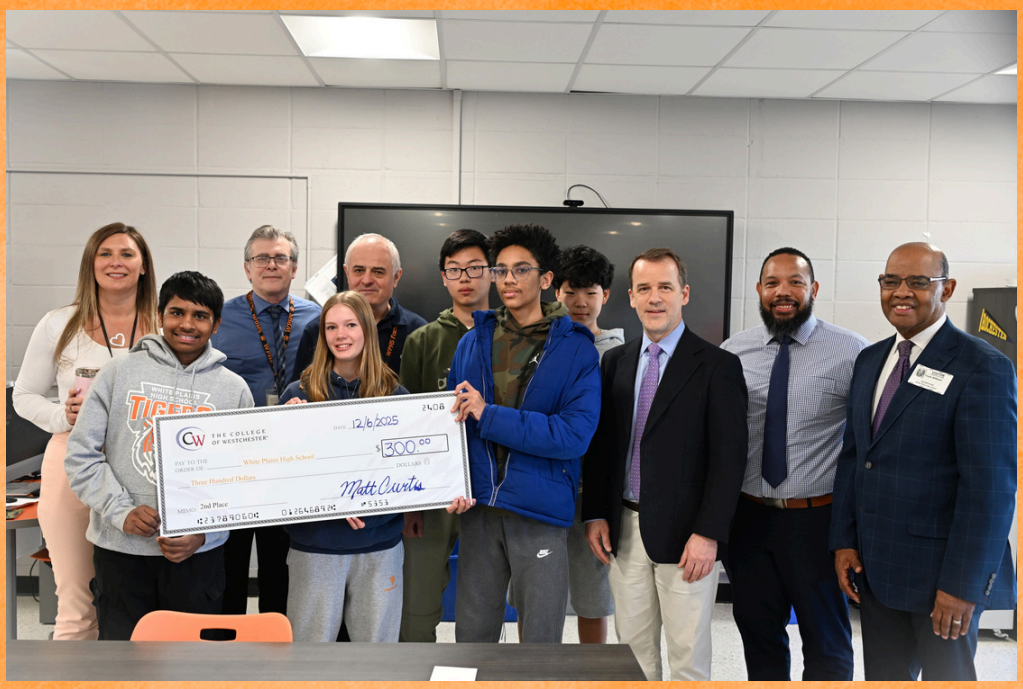
The school redesigned its outreach efforts, introduced flexible scheduling, enhanced multilingual communication and expanded recognition programs. By opening student achievement celebrations to families and creating more welcoming opportunities for participation, the school has strengthened relationships and increased family involvement in meaningful ways.

Community partnerships also provide students with valuable real-world experiences. Through internship opportunities, career exploration programs, mentorship initiatives and service-learning experiences, students develop important skills while building connections with professionals and organizations throughout the region. These collaborative relationships help prepare students for future success while reinforcing the district's commitment to creating opportunities for all learners.



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FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY & STEWARDSHIP



The White Plains City School District remains committed to being a responsible steward of public resources while maintaining a strong focus on student achievement, opportunity and long-term sustainability.

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3 FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY & STEWARDSHIP



Through careful planning, transparent decision-making and strategic investments, the district works to ensure that every taxpayer dollar supports educational excellence and operational effectiveness.

The 2026-27 budget of $284.9 million reflects this commitment by preserving all academic, arts, athletic, extracurricular and student support programs while maintaining a tax levy increase of just 1.6 percent. The budget continues to support the district's strategic priorities, including academic achievement, student wellness, safety, facilities improvements and workforce development.



Since 2017-18, district actions have generated approximately $191 million in taxpayer savings

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FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY & STEWARDSHIP



Over the past decade, district leaders have implemented a variety of financial strategies designed to reduce taxpayer burden while maintaining high-quality educational opportunities. Through the effective use of reserves, pursuit of external funding sources, operational efficiencies and long-range fiscal planning, the taxpayer share of the budget has decreased from 86 percent in 2021-22 to 74 percent in 2026-27, representing the lowest level in more than a decade.

Since 2017-18, district actions have generated approximately $191 million in taxpayer savings while continuing to invest in students, staff and facilities.

The taxpayer share of the budget has decreased from: 86% in 2021-22 to 74% in 2026-27, the lowest level in more than a decade.

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08 FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY & STEWARDSHIP



These investments have supported instructional programs, technology enhancements, transportation services, building improvements, safety initiatives, nutrition programs and expanded student support services.



The district continues to maximize available state and federal funding opportunities, including Universal Pre-Kindergarten aid, grants and reimbursement programs that help offset local costs while expanding services for students and families. Strategic use of capital reserves and long-term facilities planning allow the district to address infrastructure while minimizing financial impacts on taxpayers.



3 FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY & STEWARDSHIP



The future Innovation Wing at White Plains High School, a high-tech hub for Career and Technical Education, arts instruction and cutting-edge learning opportunities, is rapidly taking shape.

The approximately 48,000-square-foot facility -- designed by H2M Architects + Engineers and oversighted by Triton Construction -- is expected to house new CTE programs, expanded arts facilities, specialized learning spaces and a variety of collaborative environments when completed.





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FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY & STEWARDSHIP







A balanced approach to fiscal stewardship ensures that White Plains students continue to benefit from exceptional educational opportunities while preserving affordability and maintaining the community's trust in the responsible management of public resources.

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CLOSING REMARKS

In 2025-26, the White Plains City School District built on its commitment to its students at every level, showing strong academic growth. New literacy and assessment initiatives drove gains in the elementary and middle schools. White Plains High School gave students a wide range of advanced coursework, college-credit options and career-focused pathways. The Class of 2026 graduated at a rate of 98% and went on to hundreds of colleges across the country as well as military and professional paths.

The district also continued to support the whole child. A comprehensive system of social-emotional, mental health and wellness supports helps every student feel safe, connected and ready to learn. Students also excelled in the arts and athletics, and they showed what it means to be global citizens through record civic achievement and thousands of hours of community service.

Strong partnerships with families and the community remained central to this success, as did careful financial management. The district preserved all of its programs while keeping tax increases low and reducing the taxpayer share of the budget. It also continued to invest in the future, including the start of construction of the new Innovation Wing at White Plains High School.

To the White Plains community: thank you for your steady support, your partnership and your belief in our students. Together, you have helped build schools and programs that White Plains can be proud of, and we look forward to all we will achieve together in the years ahead.

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