

HALF HOLLOW HILLS

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2025-2026 ANNUAL REPORT



LEADING WITH PURPOSE

On behalf of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District of Huntington and Babylon, I am proud to share the highlights of our 2025–2026 school year in this Annual Report.

The pages that follow reflect more than a year of accomplishments. They tell the story of a community united by a common purpose: providing every student with the opportunities, support and experiences they need to learn, grow and reach their full potential.

Throughout this report, you will see how our students have distinguished themselves in academics, fine arts and athletics. From the local level to the international stage, their achievements reflect not only their talent and determination, but also the dedication of our faculty and staff and the enduring partnership between our schools and families.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to creating meaningful opportunities for every student while continuing to foster curiosity, character and a lifelong love of learning. Together, we will continue the purposeful work of preparing every student for success in school and beyond.

Mr. John O'Farrell, Superintendent of Schools

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HALF HOLLOW HILLS BY THE NUMBERS





Our Shared Mission:

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

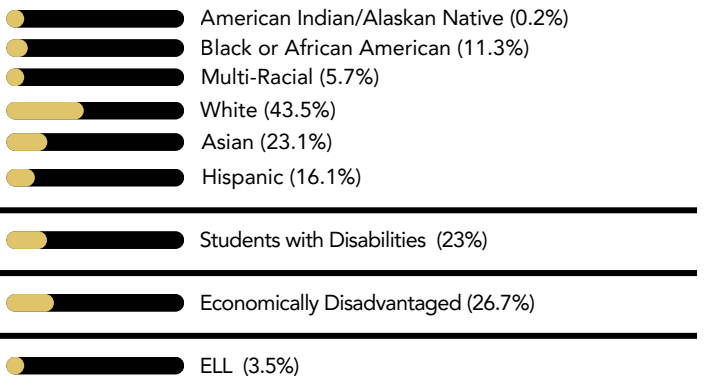
SCHOOLS
9 (5 elementary, 2 middle, 2 high school)

STUDENTS
7,045 students in grades kindergarten through 12

TEAM MEMBERS
2,193 employees across 15 buildings

FACULTY
720 teachers
18.5 years average experience
98 Percent Master Degrees or Higher
6 National Board Teachers (4 Pursuing)
8 NYS Master Teachers

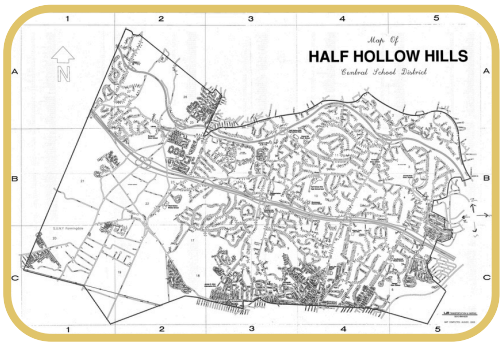
DEMOGRAPHICS



Data From NYSED BEDS Day - 10/1/2025

COMMUNITY

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



Where Excellence Comes to Life

Academic Achievement

- 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 32 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 Honors English 12 and Honors Government/Economics into a Humanities-based curriculum. Incorporated into this program is a required year-long professional internship.

1
National Merit Scholars

83
AP Capstone Diplomas

321
AP Scholars with Distinction









A DISTRICT OF DISTINCTION

Both of our high schools are ranked among the top 800 nationally out of nearly 18,000 high schools, according to U.S. News & World Report's 2025-2026 rankings.

Niche.com's 2026 rankings recognized Half Hollow Hills as the:

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

Individual school rankings include:

- Hills West: #1 in Suffolk, #4 in NY, #34 in the U.S.
- Hills East: #2 in Suffolk, #15 in NY, #116 in the U.S.
- Middle schools: Candlewood #1, West Hollow #2 in Suffolk
- Elementary schools (all top 10 in Suffolk): Vanderbilt #1, Paumanok #2, Otsego #4, Sunquam #5, Signal Hill #8

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

Where Excellence Comes to Life

Championship Tradition

- 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, 30 Junior Varsity Teams, 46 Modified Sports Teams, and 3 Unified Athletics teams.
- Both high schools were named 2025-2026 NYSPHSAA Schools of Excellence. To receive a School of Excellence Award, 75% of a school's varsity teams must qualify and receive the Scholar-Athlete team award.

1

NYS Champion (HHH Combined Flag Football)

4

Suffolk County Champions (HSE Girls' Tennis, HSW Girls' Volleyball, Combined Boys' Badminton, Combined Boys' Swimming & Diving)





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





Arts in Action

- 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 fine arts, as well as media arts, photography, architecture, and fashion design.

16

All-State Musicians

2

Long Island Arts Alliance Scholar Artists

2

Congressional Art Award Winners

Learn more about our Fine Arts offerings at www.hhh.k12.ny.us/teaching-learning/the-arts

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR WHAT'S NEXT



Future Ready

Graduation Degree Data

- Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation with Honors (24%)
- Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation (45%)
- Regents Diploma with Honors (1%)
- Regents Diploma (25%)
- Local Diploma (8.7%)

93%

of Graduates Attend 2 or 4-year Colleges

Opportunities for Every Learner

Half Hollow Hills Central School District provides a comprehensive continuum of special education programs and related services designed to meet the unique needs of students with disabilities from preschool through the day before a student's 22nd birthday. In accordance with the New York State Education Department Part 200 Regulations, services are determined by the Committee on Special Education (CSE) based on each student's individual needs and are provided in the least restrictive environment appropriate to enable the student to make meaningful educational progress. The District offers a continuum of services, including resource room, related services, integrated co-teaching (ICT), special class programs, and, when necessary, out-of-district placements. Through individualized supports, specialized instruction, and collaboration with families, Half Hollow Hills is committed to ensuring that students with disabilities have equitable access to the general education curriculum and opportunities to achieve their academic, social, emotional, and functional potential.

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

Making a Difference

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.



$206,910

Raised in matching dollars for Students Rebuild Challenge

$4,622

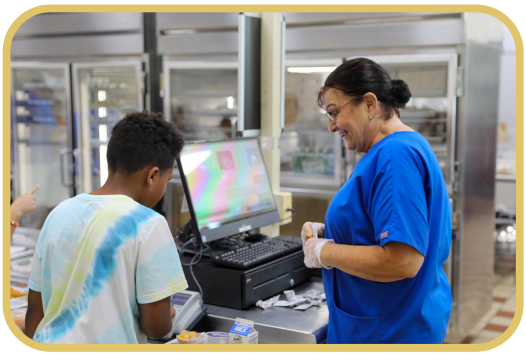
Raised for U.S. Veterans through the GI GO Fund

INVESTING IN STUDENT SUCCESS

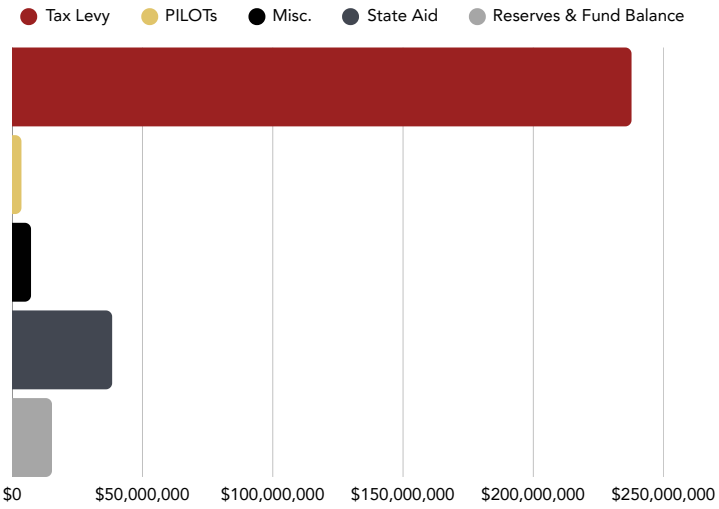
The leadership of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District is committed to responsible stewardship of the funds it receives from all sources, including taxpayers, as it administers the annual budget.

We continually scrutinize spending to ensure every dollar is used appropriately, always with a focus on student learning. In 2025-2026, the pre-audit total budget expenditures were $273 million with **over 82% percent budgeted to be directly spent on instruction and learning.**

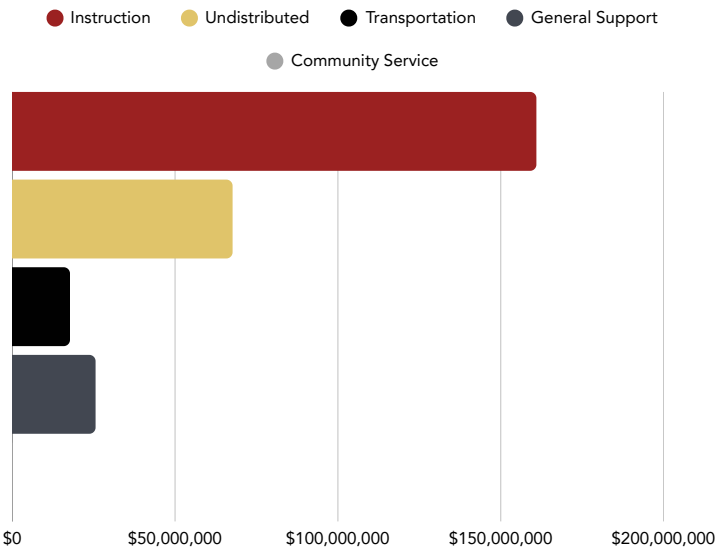




2025-2026 Revenue Overview



2025-2026 Expense Overview



1,536,480
Bus Stops Each Year

779,000
Meals Served Each Year

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



THE ROAD AHEAD

Focused on the Future

The 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 budget adheres to the property tax levy cap formula with a total budget increase of 3.35%, enabling many new and expanded opportunities for students.

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