

# **Mullica Township School District**

### Recognizing and nurturing the potential in all students

### **Our Schools**

The Elementary School serves over 360 students in grades preschool through fourth grade. Our mascot is the Coyote. We offer a curriculum that challenges students in all content areas while focusing on developing children academically, socially, emotionally, and physically. Go Coyotes!

The Middle School serves nearly 300 students in grades five through eight. Our mascot is also the Coyote. We offer a comprehensive curriculum in all content areas and support students in extending learning experiences beyond the classroom with service projects and enrichment activities to further develop strong character traits and leadership skills. Go Coyotes!



### **Our District Mission**

In an effort to prepare students to be college and career ready, the mission of the Mullica Township School District is to celebrate diversity by creating an emotionally and behaviorally safe learning environment where academics and the arts are esteemed.

### Who are the Mullica Public Schools?

The Mullica Township School District was once a scattering of one and two room school houses located in the township villages (Devonshire, Elwood, Weekstown, Nesco, Sweetwater, and Pleasant Mills).

After WWII, the three schools in operation were located in Devonshire on Darmstadt Avenue (the 2-room Agriculture School), Nesco on Nesco Road (the 2-room Nesco School), and on Union/Elwood Road in Elwood (the 4-room Elwood School).

Various building additions were constructed on the Elwood School property over the years to accommodate the growing school population. The first Middle School building was constructed in 1964 and added classrooms, a small library, and the gymnasium that shared space with the cafeteria. In the 2003-2004 school year, the entire Elwood School complex was completely renovated, existing space was reconfigured, and new spaces were added. The gym floor was replaced. The old four-room school was razed, a second floor for district offices was constructed, and the latest library and media center was constructed. The First Grade Hallway was added, as well as the 7th and 8th Grade Wing. The cafeteria was expanded and the stage was added in what was the last major construction referendum.

Since the 2007-08 school year, as part of an agreement with the Washington Township School District, the Green Bank Elementary School received additional teaching support from the Mullica district and shared our superintendent and business administrator.

Starting in the 2010-2011 school year, Washington Township students in grades six through eight started to attend Mullica Township Middle School. At the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year, the Washington Township Board of Education voted to enter into non-operating status and send the remainder of their students here to Mullica Township. Since 2016-2017, all Green Bank Elementary students have attended Mullica.

In Mullica...

We recognize and nurture the POTENTIAL in all students: All students can learn!

We show **GRIT** and **PERSEVERANCE**: We can overcome any obstacles!

We act with INTEGRITY: We always do the right thing because it's the right thing to do!

We value the academic and creative STRENGTHS in all students: Students have many avenues to shine!!

We RESPECT ourselves, others, our school and community: We consider how our actions affect others! We take RESPONSIBILITY for our actions: We learn from our mistakes and grow as a result!

We are READY for any challenge: We feel safe and supported!





# Academic Programming Excellence

The Mullica Township School
District is recognized by the NJ
Department of Education as a
High-Performing New Jersey
School District. Our programs
are designed to challenge
students and prepare them to be
productive citizens and college
and career ready..

The District staff, administration, and Board of Education take great pride in the curriculum we offer our students. Our teachers continue to work diligently to update our instructional plans on a continual basis ensuring we strive to remain at the forefront of educational trends and best practices. Our curriculum is developed in coordination with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. The documents are aligned to the standards, contain rigorous learning goals, outline appropriate assessments, and define clear accommodations and modifications for all students. We offer our students a variety of courses in order to promote well-rounded, life-long learners in all subjects – ELA, Math. Science, and Social Studies as well as Related Arts. **Character development themes** and social-emotional learning are threaded throughout our curriculum.

# Special Course Offerings

#### Visual Arts

Our visual arts program strives to enhance each student's overall education by providing unique and creative opportunities for expression, enrichment, cultural appreciation, and critical thinking. Students in Preschool through Grade 8

Students in Preschool through Grade 8 explore a variety of techniques and work with different media in drawing, painting, printmaking, graphics and sculpture skills.

#### Music/Instrumental/Chorus

The fundamentals of music begins in Kindergarten and progresses to include music awareness and music appreciation. The instrumental music program (Band) begins in fourth grade and the choir program begins in fifth grade. They offer the opportunity to play a variety of instruments or voice and receive weekly lessons. Performing is a key component that is built into the programs which include a winter concert, spring concert and various local performances.

#### Health & Physical Education

Our K- 8 Comprehensive Health and Physical Education assists students in developing the skills and habits that will result in physical and emotional wellness. We want our students to live healthy, productive lives that positively impact their families, schools and communities.

#### Financial Lit

In our K-8 Financial Literacy program, students are taught the importance of money management. Our goal is to expose students to habits that result in future career success and personal financial well-being.

#### Big History

Big History is an enrichment program for middle school students. It examines our past, explains our present, and imagines our future. It uses a growing, multi-disciplinary approach focused on lifelong learners, yet designed for all ages seeking answers to the big questions about history. This course captures students' natural curiosity about our past, present, and future world.

#### **STEM**

STEM is an approach to learning and development that integrates the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Through STEM, students develop key skills including problem solving, creativity and critical analysis. Topics include robotics, computer sciences, circuitry and coding to name a few.

#### **Exploratory**

The Mullica Township Middle School offers an exciting Exploratory program for all students. This program allows students to choose from over forty different staff-run learning experiences such as mindfulness, creative writing, coding and drama to name a few.

## Special Education and Student Services

The Special Education and Student Services Department includes a variety of services, supports and programs dedicated to ensuring equitable access and success for students with and without disabilities. Services and supports are based on each student's need and eligibility as outlined by Federal and New Jersey State law. The District offers a range of educational programs for students who qualify for an IEP. The IEP is developed by the IEP team and specifies which services a student will receive by frequency, duration, and location. It will identify how much of your child's day will be spent in the general education setting and how much will be spent in a special education setting, if applicable.

#### ACES

The Nita M. Lowey 21stCCLC Mullica Township School ACES Program provides Mullica Township resident students in Grades 3-12 with quality "out of school time" academic support and instructional programs and activities. Mullica ACES collaborates with grant-approved organizations and community groups/programs to provide a safe environment where opportunities in academic remediation and enrichment, positive youth development, culture and the arts, health/nutrition/fitness, and physical activity - as well as opportunities for parental involvement are offered. In addition, ACES also provides positive social and emotional experiences to promote the academic success of all students.

#### ACES Programming will:

- Expand STE(A)M offerings through added robotics, coding, and problemsolving opportunities.
- Infuse SEL and life skill opportunities into our programs.
- Incorporate more "physical movement for life" activities.
- Provide remediation and enrichment opportunities to support student learning.
- Promote student voice and equity in education.







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## Extra and Co-Curricular Options

In addition to our comprehensive curriculum and academic programming, the Mullica Township School District values and offers a variety of extra and co-curricular activities to develop the whole child.

#### **Elementary School**

Band Chorus Gymnastics Positively Powerful Girls Club Drama Yearbook Art Club Robotics Student Council



#### Middle School

Art Club Band Chorus Drama Club **NIHS** Student Council Safety Patrol Chess Club Robotics Yearbook Basketball Cross Country Track

Talent Show

Volleyball 6<sup>th</sup> grade overnight trip

#### District Events

Turkev Bowl World Down Syndrome Day Week of Respect Band/Choir Performances Holiday Show PTA Book Fair Middle School Drama Show PTA Holiday Night PTA Family Game Night **ACES Family Nights** Mullica's Got Talent Halloween Parade Town Hall Tree Lighting



# Private Tuition Program

The Mullica Township School District welcomes non-resident students in grades PreK through 8 who value academic excellence, commitment to character education, and a dedication to developing leadership skills. Openings in the District's programs are available on a limited basis to preserve Mullica's high quality instruction. Prospective students must apply with records indicating academic success.

What does Mullica offer? Students may become part of the Mullica Schools' family by joining one of our successful athletic teams, participating in one of our cocurricular activities, or engaging in one of our after school clubs.

#### Applying for Admission

For residents outside of the District, attending one of the Mullica Schools starts with submission of an application along with past report cards and standardized test scores.

#### Regular Education Tuition Rates

There are individual rates for PreK through fifth grades as well as rates for grades six through eigth. The District also offers rates for specialized programs.

#### Questions about the Tuition Program?

Please contact: Kelly Capaldi Superintendent Secretary Mullica Township School District 609.561.3868 ext.120

### **High School**

Cedar Creek High School opened its doors in September 2010 as the third high school in the **GEHRHSD** and sits on a 66 acre campus in Egg Harbor City, NJ. The Creek offers a robust academic program that includes close to 20 Advanced Placement courses, over 60 dual credit opportunities, college credit and/or industry valued credentials in Culinary Arts, Carpentry, Music and Performing Arts, Business, Applied Technology, and Media and TV Production.

Cedar Creek is home to approximately 950 students. The Creek is the home high school for Mullica Township, Egg Harbor City, Port Republic, Washington Township, and welcomes students from **Galloway and Hamilton** Township within the **Greater Egg Harbor** Regional District via **Engineering and Environmental Science** Magnet Programs. Cedar Creek is proud of their student participation in extracurricular activities, offering over 40 different clubs and activities and 26 Varsity athletic programs. Those academic clubs and athletic teams have won state championships and been recognized nationally in events as varying as Cross Country, Football, **Environmental Science, and** the Stock Market Game.

> Cedar Creek High School Home of the Pirates 1701 New York Avenue Egg Harbor City, NJ 08215 609.593.3560

https://www.cedarcreekhs.net



# Community Connections

The Mullica Township **School District has strong** community connections with the parents, families, organizations and businesses in the local area. Our Mullica Township **Education Foundation and** Parent Teacher Association generously support the efforts of our school district to provide a well-rounded education for children. The MTEF and PTA have provided hundreds of thousands of dollars of support to our educational programs with grant funding to Mullica staff for technology, assemblies, and more!

## Mullica Schools' Board of Education

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# Mullica Schools' Administration and Support Staff

Mr. Andrew Weber, Superintendent
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Mrs. Janine Gentilini, Supervisor of Special Education & Student Services
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Mr. Steven Ware, Facilities Manager
Mr. Michael Irwin, Technology Coordinator
Office Staff: Mrs. Kelly Capaldi, Mrs. Meryl Evangelisti, Mrs. Kristy Torres

# Awards and Recognitions

The only public school in Atlantic County accredited by the Middle States Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools

A New Jersey Department of Education High-Performing District

2022 Cape Atlantic League Boys and Girls League Champions 2023 Cape Atlantic League Co-ed Volleyball League Champions





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