



Committed to Learning

Our district mission is to be a community of learners involved in and dedicated to the learning process. We're expected to teach all students a continuously updated curriculum, using a variety of practical, proven research-based methods to actively engage students and meet individual learning styles. We're expected to hold our-

selves accountable for this via continuous assessment of programs, practices and operations. That's part of the mission, too.



The Peru Central School District Community

Peru CSD is this largest school district on the New York side of Lake Champlain, as measured by our enrollment of 2,150 students.

We're a progressive school district, with focus on continuous improvement of all programs and support services. The community we serve features rural living,

plus various suburban neighborhoods and subdivisions for families who prefer such settings.

Our K-12 centralized campus is located roughly seven miles south of the City of Plattsburgh. We're a 'preferred bedroom community' for families wishing to experience quality life and living,

while being in close proximity of the city, the region's shopping centers, Lake Champlain, the airport, state parks and the Adirondack foothills.

Peru CSD has productive relationships with the towns we serve.

Providing for All Our Student Needs

Primary School: Grades K-2

- ☛ The curriculum meets and frequently exceeds contemporary expectations for early grades literacy and mathematics development, active engagement of students and state standards across the content areas.
- ☛ Literacy development is the prime focus for student achievement and continuous improvement, day-to-day.
- ☛ Students gather at monthly assemblies for recognition and character education activities.

Intermediate School: Grades 3-5

- ☛ The curriculum provides a comprehensive academic program with provision for differentiation to 'match' each student.
- ☛ Programs include choirs, band, orchestra and visual arts, citizenship committee, grade level field days, health fair, grade level field trips. All such activities are aligned with State standards and enhance our curriculum.
- ☛ Students gather at quarterly 'Celebrations of Success' to recognize student achievement and citizenship. In addition, students set goals and celebrate achievement toward their individual goals.



Middle School: Grades 6-8

- ☛ The curriculum is designed on student transitions that characterize the middle years: incoming 5th graders from Intermediate school who receive a 6th grade 'hybrid' program blending the best of elementary grades and secondary grades practices, coupled with a 7th and 8th grade course of studies that promote student success in 9th grade at the high school.
- ☛ Orientation and visitation promote partnerships between 5th and 6th grade teacher teams, and 8th and 9th grade teacher teams.
- ☛ Student activities include student council, honor societies, pet and animal club, math club, 'Helping Hands' community service club, and a full range of modified athletics and sports.

High School – Grades 9-12

- ☛ Placement of graduating 12th graders, year 2007 through 2010: 40% placed in four-year colleges; 46% in two-year colleges; 12% into the workforce and 2% into the military.
- ☛ 85% of incoming 9th graders participate in the high school's orientation program and transition programs.
- ☛ Nine community service projects were completed last school year via various high school student service clubs.



Student Achievement Spans the Grade Levels

- Student achievement at Peru CSD is competitive regionally and with similar schools statewide, as measured by state tests, Regents examinations, annual graduation rates and class sizes.
- Our strong partnership with Clinton Community College, located within our school district, offers students an array of 18 dual-enrollment college/high school courses. Many students graduate from Peru CSD with a Regents diploma, plus a SUNY college transcript, reflecting completion of SUNY college coursework on our campus, while in high school. There were 195 student registrations for dual-enrollment during the 2009-2010 school year. We offer six advanced placement (AP) courses, as well.
- More than 130 scholarships were awarded to members of the Peru CSD graduating class of 2010.
- We offer our students and community a K-12 comprehensively revamped academic, performing arts, visual arts and information technology programs and resources. Each grade span offers academic intervention staff and programs, focused on providing supplemental instruction and support for students identified as needing added time and academic support.
- Peru CSD students regularly engage with the region's top students in science fairs, interscholastic athletics, arts festivals, mathematics competitions and career-technical programs.
- Our music program includes orchestral strings, an unusual feature for a rural school district. We offer accelerated coursework in the middle and high school grades.
- We offer a full range of student clubs, which expand leadership, service and interest-building opportunities for the students we serve.



Core Values

Peru CSD advances the mission and student success through core values

- 🍎 Visionary district leadership, complemented with 'management by facts.'
- 🍎 Worthwhile district goals coupled with high, reasoned expectations.
- 🍎 Clearly stated expectations for achievement and success.
- 🍎 Focus on professional development, lifelong learning and recruitment of top quality employees.
- 🍎 Clearly defined conduct expectations, coupled with consistent, equitable enforcement of those expectations.

- 🍎 An academic 'core' curriculum at each grade level that is written in clear fashion, delivered day-to-day in classrooms and assessed by appropriate means to measure student achievement and progress.
- 🍎 Respect for and tolerance of differences among individuals.
- 🍎 Making recommendations and performing assigned tasks with the needs of students placed first in mind, as part of focusing on good public service.
- 🍎 Variety in how students may demonstrate achievement and reach success.
- 🍎 Benchmarking programs, practices and finances with the best of other progressive public school districts having similar socio-economic profiles.



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