The Twin Valley School District is a great place to live and work! Our school board, administrators, teachers, and staff work together to develop programs and opportunities that serve the changing needs of students.

Our K-4 elementary schools offer all-day kindergarten for students just beginning their school experience. Everyday Mathematics, social studies exploration, science inquiry and language arts form the core of the elementary curriculum.

The Twin Valley Middle School configuration of 5th-8th grade level “teams” helps students begin to make the transition from an elementary setting to varied classrooms and teachers. An emphasis on community building through the Raider Pride program offers students a feeling of belonging and opportunities for leadership development among their peers. This past year our Twin Valley Middle School was honored by the “Schools to Watch” program as an exemplary middle school!

The Twin Valley High School Program of Studies is organized around a pathways system that includes five career clusters designed to prepare students for post-secondary education and the workforce. Additional opportunities include career and technical education at regional schools, a pre-engineering program through Project Lead the Way, dual enrollment opportunities, and an internship program.

Updates in the area of safety and security this year include new visitor ID systems in all buildings requiring visitors to present a legal form of ID upon arrival, enhanced internal communication systems, updated camera security as well as multiple trainings with first responders and participation in a countywide initiative in using the CRISISGO app. We will continue to make safety and security the highest priority throughout the 2018-19 school year.

We are gearing up for the implementation of our 1:1 initiative during the 2018-19 school year. Students in the 8th – 11th grades will receive their Chromebook devices this year. Workshops for teachers this summer focused on important professional development in the area of using technology effectively to support student learning. Electronic communications, Back to School Nights, and class meetings will emphasize the responsible use of technology by our learners.

Parents and community members are an integral part of the collaborative spirit that exists in our district. Our challenge is to ensure each student has the educational experiences that contribute to becoming a successful adult. Please take the time to get to know more about our district and the many exciting educational opportunities we offer our students.

Dr. Robert F. Pleis, Superintendent
**FINANCE**

Budget 2018-19 ........................................$62,782,909
2017-18 Tuition (Elementary) ..................$11,339.17
2017-18 Tuition (Secondary) ...................$11,171.00
Per Pupil Expenditure ..............................$13,879.31
Beginning Teacher Salary .......................$48,543
Average Teacher Salary ..........................$72,375
State Subsidy Percentage .......................26%
2018-19 Millage Rate (Berks) ....................27.5465
2018-19 Millage Rate (Chester) .................29.4248
1 Mill Generates.................................$1.45 million
Substitute Teacher Pay ............................$100/day

**CHILD NUTRITION**

Lunches Served Daily ..........................1684
Cost per Lunch (Elementary) .................$2.35
Cost per Lunch (MS/HS) .......................$2.75

**TECHNOLOGY**

Ratio of Students to Instructional Computers ....2.0 to 1
District Infrastructure .........................1-10 GB Fiber

**GRADUATES**

Class of 2018
280 Graduates

- 4 Year College: 56%
- 2-Year College or Technical School: 18%
- Direct Employment: 19%
- Military: 3%
- Other: 4%

**EMPLOYEES**

Teachers ............................................261
Administrators .................................26
Support Staff .................................152
Curriculum

The Twin Valley High School course catalog has been developed through a collaborative process involving teachers, counselors, and administrators. Our goal is to meet the changing needs of every student while providing each student the necessary 21st century skills required to be successful. A comprehensive curriculum of 168+ courses organized in pathways, emphasizes preparation for college and career. TVHS offers 16 Advanced Placement Courses in a variety of curricular areas including science, social studies, mathematics, language arts, computer science, world language and fine arts. Honors courses are available to students as well to provide opportunities to experience more in-depth studies.

Block Scheduling

Twin Valley High School operates a 4 X 4 block schedule, allowing students 82 minutes of academic instruction. The instructional block allows students the time to engage in in-depth project based learning opportunities.

Curriculum Pathways

Students are guided through the high school program of studies using the career pathways model designed in collaboration with other Berks county high schools and CTCs. The pathways help to match a student’s interests, aptitudes and skills with the appropriate academic and technical courses. All students receive an account on Naviance, an interactive resource that helps students explore career options and plan future education and training. The counseling office supports students as they prepare for post-secondary choices including college study, technical training, military service and the workforce.

Community Building

The TVHS Student Council provides beneficial programs to the entire student body and presents leadership opportunities to members. Community outreach has been the hallmark of Student Council’s activities. Support for the community includes organizations like the Greater Berks Food Bank and the Salvation Army. Internally services like the Raider Pantry and Raider Runway allow students in need to access much needed resources.
Internships
Students in grades 11 and 12 interested in any of the TVHS Career Pathways can gain experience in a particular career area such as a business, a non-profit organization, an educational setting, or some other workplace. This program prepares our students for a career, helps them examine their career interests, and explore avenues for continuing postsecondary education. Partnerships with business partners has allowed over 130 students per year to participate in internships.

Dual Enrollment
Students looking to get an early start on college while still in high school have the option of taking college courses while also receiving high school credit through Penn State-Berks, Delaware County Community College, Reading Area Community College, and Albright College. Students in grades 11 and 12 may elect to take one or more courses through these colleges (online or on college campus) in lieu of approved high school courses. Students will incur tuition costs for these courses. TVSD also partners with RACC to offer dual enrollment courses at TVHS. Twin Valley teachers teach the RACC courses on campus in the business, art, and world language departments. Students may receive 3 college credits for a nominal tuition fee.

Career and Technical Centers
Berks Career & Technical Center (BCTC) and Chester county’s Technical College High School (TCHS) operate as schools of choice, designed for students who are seeking to enhance their educational program with a highly relevant career and technical experience that is connected directly to the real world of business and industry. Business and industry advisors review and update the schools’ educational programs annually. The career and technical center experience provides students with a blend of classroom theory, technical applications in state-of-the-art laboratories, and actual off campus work-based experiences. Students learn technical skills and earn nationally recognized industry certifications.

STEM
Our pre-eminent Project Lead the Way program, a pre-engineering course of study, has led to national competition honors for ten years in a row. Project Lead the Way (PLTW) is the nation’s leading provider of K-12 STEM programs. PLTW’s success in preparing students with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in our global economy has been recognized by colleges and universities, Fortune 500 businesses, and national organizations. TVHS has developed its own STEM Innovations Lab to allow students to explore areas of interest using a personalized project based curriculum.
Extracurricular Opportunities
Twin Valley High School’s extracurricular program includes over 20 organizations including student council, an award winning Technology Student Association (TSA) chapter, a very active Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter. Theatre Arts and Music programs highlight the high school fall and spring semesters. Music students participate in programs including Tri-M Music Honor Society, TVSD Drum Line, and marching band, as well many county and district performances.

Athletics
Twin Valley participates in the Berks County League. There are over 20 varsity sports for boys and girls as well as many junior varsity opportunities. TVSD has produced many all-district and all-state athletes as well as scholarship recipients. The most recent major accomplishment was the 2018 District 3 Championship Softball team.

Facilities
Twin Valley School District has excellent, modern facilities for learning. The high school has a state of the art fitness center as well as two turf fields and various other fields for athletic events. The high school also has a television studio and a 1,100 seat auditorium. Technology upgrades have enabled the district to a launch a 1:1 initiative for the middle and high school.
Curriculum
Twin Valley Middle School curriculum is designed to engage students in authentic learning opportunities throughout the day. Reading and writing are integrated in all subject areas, allowing students to strengthen their literacy skills while also developing their content area knowledge. All students have language arts, math, social studies and science blocks as well as a variety of related arts electives in music, fine arts, technology, family and consumer science, world language, and physical education to choose from.

STEM
Project Lead the Way Gateway courses are offered to 7/8 grade students. Design and Modeling and Automation and Robotics give students the opportunity to apply engineering and programming concepts through project based learning.

Career Exploration
Career Exploration at the middle school includes researching careers in various career clusters. Business and industry visits, career and technical center informational programs, virtual field trips, and outside speakers are utilized to engage students and spark interest in careers. Every student creates a career plan by the end of 8th grade that includes identifying their skills, areas of interest, learning styles and career clusters.

Elective Opportunities
The elective opportunities at the middle school offer a wide variety of opportunities for students in music, fine arts, family and consumer science, technology, Project Lead the Way, world language, and physical education. Classes in specific science, social studies and writing topics are also offered as electives.

Grade Level Teams
Middle school teachers and students are scheduled into teams to encourage relationship building and collaborative sharing amongst teachers. Teachers on each team share a group of students and are able to conduct data analysis and share strategies for individualizing instruction and support for each learner.
Raider Pride
Raider Pride is a student advisory program developed by TVMS to build strong community relationships among staff and students. Raider Pride is designed for groups of students to meet together with a staff member and a trained student leader to engage in activities designed to develop problem solving skills, respect, responsibility, and to foster strong decision making skills.

Restorative Practices
TVMS is committed to the use of the Restorative Practices in addressing student behaviors and encouraging relationship building. Restorative Practices has been used successfully worldwide and is currently being introduced and used in many schools. Restorative Practices involves a range of practices that use affective statements, informal, and formal conferences to hold students accountable to others in their community.

Clubs and Activities
There are many sports and clubs for students to participate in outside of the school day. Seventh and eighth grade students can join various sports teams as well as student government, academic and service clubs. Fifth and sixth grade students have opportunities to participate in the school community through art, STEM, running clubs, intramurals, and various other clubs.

Twin Valley Middle School (TVMS) is the proud recipient of the Schools to Watch designation. A middle school recognition program that involves a rigorous application and approval process. The goal of TVMS is to create a rewarding and productive experience for each student in grades five through eight. Our staff considers the unique needs of the “middle level” child while providing the structure and guidance students need to be successful in school and in the world community. We encourage students make the most of the opportunities available by becoming actively involved in the learning process and extracurricular programs.
All three elementary schools in Twin Valley School District -- Honey Brook Elementary Center, Twin Valley Elementary Center, and Robeson Elementary Center-- offer classes for students from kindergarten to fourth grade.

**Full Day Kindergarten**
Full-day kindergarten at Twin Valley School District is a developmentally appropriate, child centered program, focusing on beginning literacy, math, and social skills development. The students and teachers have the time to explore many concepts and build a strong academic and social foundation to continue their education.

**Language Arts**
Language Arts is taught through a balanced literacy approach, meaning students will be involved in reading, writing, speaking, and listening throughout their day. A continuous cycle of assessment and instruction allows teachers to design lessons based on the needs of the students. Reading and writing workshop provide literacy rich classroom environments where students are able to learn and practice developing reading and writing skills and foster a love of literacy.

**Everyday Mathematics**
The Everyday Mathematics curriculum is aligned to the common core standards and offers interactive, engaging, mathematics learning experiences using technology and manipulatives.

**Related Arts**
The Related Arts curriculum includes opportunities for students to participate in music, chorus, band, physical education and art classes. The courses are designed using theme based learning that is incremental throughout the years. Yearly performances and art shows provide an opportunity for students to demonstrate their accomplishments.

Library Media Centers are the technology hub of our buildings. Librarians work with teachers and students to facilitate effective use of digital tools to locate, analyze, evaluate, and use information resources to support research and learning. All elementary libraries have a full computer lab as well as Chromebooks and I-pads for student use.

Project Lead the Way Launch is a hands on technology curriculum taught by Librarians and fourth grade teachers. Students explore the design process using technology and project based learning.
Counseling Program
Elementary school counselors conduct guidance lessons in the classroom based on age appropriate themes. They also meet with small groups for counseling and social skills sessions. Another highlight is the Career Awareness at the elementary centers which includes curriculum devoted to learning about community resources and other career exploration.

Responsive Classroom
Responsive Classroom is the school wide approach to teaching and learning based upon developing a respectful community of learners. Students are taught the skills required to be part of a thriving learning community.

Community Building
Our elementary school community is actively involved in giving back through events like Jump Rope for Heart, Race for Education, Veterans Day Celebrations, and Grandparents Day. Our parents serve by supporting our students through volunteer activities like PTOs, Watchdog Dads, and other service opportunities throughout the year. Each elementary center offers various clubs and activities. For example: Maker club, art club, running club, book club, as well as movie nights and other family functions.