AMHERST, PELHAM

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Amherst-Pelham Regional School Districts

“To achieve excellence for our students, we are committed to being the highest quality educational system possible”
"Children are not things to be molded, but are people to be unfolded."

– Jess Lair, author
Our Schools

Crocker Farm Pre-School
Crocker Farm Elementary
Fort River Elementary
Pelham Pre-School
Pelham Elementary
Wildwood Elementary
Amherst Regional Middle School
Amherst Regional High School
South East Campus

Our Districts

The Amherst-Pelham Regional Public Schools are located in the Pioneer Valley of Western Massachusetts and serve approximately 2700 students. Three elementary schools are located in the town of Amherst and one is in the town of Pelham. Our Middle and High schools are located in the town of Amherst and enroll students from the towns of Amherst, Leverett, Pelham, and Shutesbury. The District Offices are located at the Middle School at 170 Chestnut Street in Amherst.

From Our Vision Statement

We provide our students with the highest quality education possible to prepare them for success in a global, interconnected future.

Our Focus

We seek to create an environment that achieves equity for all students and ensures that each student is a successful learner, is fully respected, and learns to respect others.

Features of Our Elementary Schools

Whole Child approach to education

Strings Lessons starting in 3rd Grade;
Band Lessons starting in 4th grade

Arts Integration with student performances in upper grades

Inclusive environment for all students

Rich array of specials including art, music, physical education, technology, chorus and library

Research-based curriculum in Math and Literacy

Preschool Programs at Crocker Farm and Pelham

Inquiry based approach to Science and Technology

NSF Grant Recipient
Our Secondary Schools
Spotlight of Success

Our District was ranked number 1 in Western Massachusetts based on statistics on student and parent reviews, academic achievement, and expert insights on Niche.com. The District was also ranked 15th best in the state.

The current percentage of our graduates who are college bound.

The 21st century education at ARPS enables our students to address future local and global challenges, to use adaptive and creative thinking and problem-solving, to understand technology and languages, and to respect and understand diverse beliefs, cultures and backgrounds.

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Academic Offerings
In addition to the core requirements, Amherst Regional High School provides a wide range of courses and electives that enrich our students:

- Literature as Social Criticism
- Oral Communication
- African-American Literature
- American Literature & Nature: Claiming the Self
- Renaissance & Modern Literature & Philosophy
- LGBTQ Literature
- Contemporary Writing & Multicultural Identity
- Journalistic Writing
- ELL Communication
- ELL World Civilizations
- Latin American History
- Constitutional Law: Supreme Court & the Bill of Rights
- International Relations
- Consumer Economics
- Anthropology
- Current Global Issues
- Sociology of Race, Gender & Class
- Ecology
- Chemistry in the Community: Water & Atmosphere
- Astronomy
- Languages: French, Spanish, Latin, Chinese
- Weight Training & Fitness for a Lifetime
- Child Development
- Preschool Internship
- Ceramics
- Digital Photography
- Sculpture
- Printmaking
- Philharmonia
- Symphonic Orchestra
- Wind Ensemble
- Jazz Workshop
- Stagecraft
- Conjunto de Bomba: An Afro-Puerto Rican Ensemble
- Computer Programming
- Web Design
- Broadcast Journalism
- Computer Aided/Mechanical Drafting & Design
- Intro to Mechanical Design in Architecture
- Intro to Mechanical Engineering
- Intro to Electrical Engineering
- Intro to Robotics & Automated Control
Amherst Regional Middle School Clubs
- Improv
- Art
- Leadership
- Rock-N-Roll
- Theater Tech Team
- Math Counts
- Digital Game Design
- Best Buddies Club
- Latin Club
- LEO Club
- LGBTQ and Friends
- Songs from the Heart

More details regarding each ARMS club can be found at: http://goo.gl/Jyvaoz

Amherst Regional High School Clubs

- As Schools Match Wits
- Best Buddies
- Board Game Club
- Cabaret
- Cheerleading Club
- Chinese Club
- Community Service Club
- Cross-Cultural Communication
- Dance Theater Ensemble
- Debate Team
- Engineering Club
- Environmental Action Club
- French Club
- Future Leaders of America
- GSA
- International Student Club
- Jets Tests of Engineering
- Aptitude, Math and Science
- Latinos Unidos
- Literary Memory Project
- Model UN
- Student Initiated Grants

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Athletics

Middle School Sports
- Alpine Skiing
- Basketball
- Lacrosse
- Cross Country
- Volleyball

High School Sports
- Cross Country
- Volleyball
- Golf
- Football
- Soccer
- Field Hockey
- Basketball
- Swimming
- Ultimate (boys/girls)

- Ice Hockey
- Alpine Skiing
- Nordic Skiing
- Indoor Track
- Baseball
- Lacrosse
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Softball
Did you know?

Over 200 advanced placement tests were taken in the 2013-2014 school year with 97% scoring 3 or higher. The state average 67%.

Our Student Body

The district celebrates the diversity of our students as a cornerstone of our educational mission. Our diversity is a key benefit in preparing all of our students for the multicultural world they will be entering.

The district provides written and oral translation in Spanish, Khmer, Creole, Chinese, Korean, and additional languages.

African-American 7.7%  Asian 12.2%  Latino 18%
Multi-Racial 7.6%  White 54.5%

ARPS Family Center

The ARPS Family Center offers information and connections to several resources and supports for all our families, students and staff members. A variety of services are offered through the ARPS Family Center, including referrals to community partners, tutoring, before and after school programs, parent/guardian support, and MORE.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT
Steps to Success
Home Visit Project

PROJECT BACKPACK
Computer Programming
Peer Mentoring
Before & After School Program

ARPS Dialogue
Youth Leadership

WE ORGANIZE
Parent Night
Juntos We Play
Maker Space
Parent University
Stop in for more info!

Intergenerational Equity Team
Critical Thinking
Leadership
Identity Development
College/Career Readiness
Life Skills
Social Justice Workshops
"The potential possibilities of any child are the most intriguing and stimulating in all creation."

Artwork Produced by Amherst Middle School Students

— Ray L. Wilbur