



REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



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The information enclosed within this report is from the 2016– 2017 school year.



About Herscher Schools...

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Herscher Community Unit School District #2 Board of Education is to educate each student to his/ her highest potential, to install in each student an attitude of social responsibility in a safe and orderly environment, and to provide each student with the goals, values and technology to successfully meet the challenges of the 21st century.

OUR BUILDINGS

Bonfield Grade School

Grades: K-1 (1 section of PreK)

Herscher Intermediate School

Grades: 2-4 (1 section of PreK)

Limestone Middle School

Grades: 5-8 (1 section of PreK)

Herscher High School

Grades: 9-12



BOARD OF EDUCATION

President, David Emling
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Jason Hastings
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OUR DAYS

Start: 8:00 a.m. End: 3:05 p.m.

OUR STUDENTS

Enrollment 1668 (Males: 873, Females: 795)

Ethnicity

American Indian	less than .5 %
Asian/Pacific Islander	less than .5 %
Black	less than 1%
Hispanic	2%
White	94%
Two or more races	3%

Special Programs

Free/Reduced-Price Meals	26%
Special Education	13%
RTI (Response to Intervention)	11%

((16-17 SY information))

OUR TEACHERS

Average Teacher Salary	\$42,774
Teachers with Bachelor's Degrees	100.0 %
Teachers with Master's Degrees	55.9 %
Pupil/Teacher Ratio –Elementary	19
Pupil/Teacher Ratio –High School	13.8

*last year reported 14-15 via iirc.niu.edu



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Bonfield Grade School...

OUR STUDENT PROGRAMS/SERVICES

Curriculum which includes physical education and music.
Response to Intervention services for reading and math.
DIBELS testing of all K/1 students
Assessments of all K/1 students
Screening/testing for English proficiency
Multiple visits per week to the library and computer lab
K/1 music concerts in the spring
Grandparents Day for 1st graders
EARL (*Experienced Readers and Listeners*) once a month
Active Parent/Teacher Assoc. with activities for students
Parent Portal thru INOW system
Parent Café for incoming kindergarten students
Kindergarten Screenings in the spring
Mentoring Program for beginning teachers
Site of At-Risk Pre-K class and Head Start Pre-K classroom
Resource services for students with Individual Education Plans

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OUR STUDENTS

Enrollment 209

Gender

Males 115 Females 94

OUR FACILITIES

Year Built: 1970, 1998, 2009

Square Footage: 57,196

Recently completed building projects:

2009: (6) classrooms, music room, pre-school room, teacher's room, computer lab, (4) small instruction rooms, boys & girls restrooms, library and an elevator. 2011: update playground equipment. 2014: re-surfaced roofs, air conditioning in upstairs classrooms.



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Herscher Intermediate School...

OUR STUDENTS

Enrollment 395

Gender

Males 201 Females 194

OUR FACILITIES

Year Built: 1954, 1958, 1965, 1969, 1987

Square Footage: 43,693

Recently completed building projects:

Added concrete handicap ramp to south entrance. 2015: air conditioning in (5) upstairs and (3) downstairs classrooms. 2016: new playground equipment and mulch.

OUR STUDENT PROGRAMS/SERVICES

Academically Talented
Active Parent/Teacher Assoc. with activities for students
Curriculum which includes physical education and music.
Response to Intervention services for reading and math.
Screening/testing for English proficiency
Keyboarding/Technology
Parent Portal thru INOW system
Mentoring Program for beginning teachers
Site of At-Risk Pre-school class
Resource services for students with Individual Education Plans
Open House nights
Art



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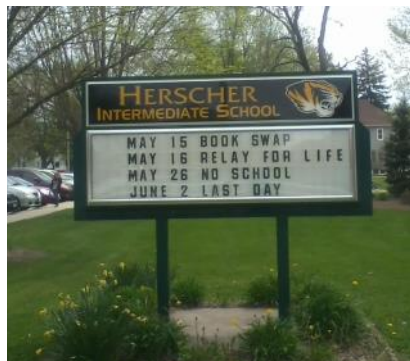


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Limestone Middle School...



OUR STUDENT PROGRAMS/SERVICES

Core curriculum: English/Language Arts, Math, Science, STEM (*Science/Technology/Engineering/Mathematics*), Social Sciences, Physical, Health & Safety Education, & Technology Skills and Applications.

Electives: Music (*Band, Jazz Band Orchestra & Chorus*) and Art

Support Services: Response to Intervention, tiered study interventions, screening for English proficiency, accelerated curriculum, NWEA MAP: (*Measures of Academic Progress*) Assessment, learning commons lessons, resource services for Individual Education and 504 Plans.

Parent Support Opportunities: PTA events, parent teacher conferences, INOW Parent Portal, preview night, music concerts, family math night, Mentoring Program for beginning teachers

Extra curricular: cross country, basketball, track, math team, wrestling, scholastic bowl, spelling team, volleyball, student council, SEL (*Students Empowered for Life*) and Tiger Intramurals.

OUR STUDENTS

Enrollment 488

Gender

Males 272 Females 216

OUR FACILITIES

Year Built: North 1947, 1952, 1954, 1958, 1961, 1978/South 1964, 1967, 1969

Square Footage: N-80,123 S-33,162

Recently completed building projects: (*North*)

2011: Added (120) lockers & painted all lockers, remodeled kitchen. 2012: Added new computer lab, resurfaced parking lot. 2013-15: New ceilings & lighting. 2014: painted big gym. 2015: remodeled small gym restrooms. 2015-16: Re-surfaced roof.

(*South*) 2011: Added (260) lockers & painted, added new computer lab (2nd fl), remodeled kitchen, new cafeteria table & benches, landscaped both bldgs. 2015-16: air conditioning in all classrooms.



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Herscher High School...

OUR DAY

Starts: 8:00 a.m. Ends: 3:05 p.m.

OUR STUDENTS

Enrollment 576

Gender

Males 285 Females 291

OUR FACILITIES

Year Built: 1924, 1936, 1950, 1958, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1972, 1974, 1989, 1999

Square Footage: 185,018

Recently completed building projects:

2010: New sports complex, 2013: landscaping by office done by Interact Club, parking lot resurfaced, remodeled foods rm., industrial arts tech lab, sewing & art rooms. 2016: re-finish gym floor, paint gym, install new fuel tanks, new kitchen flooring & serving line, update weight room equipment and flooring.



OUR STUDENT PROGRAMS/SERVICES

Curriculum including advanced courses and AP classes
Electives include Spanish, Career and Technical Education, Art, Business, Agriculture, Band, Orchestra and Choir
Online system for easy access to student information
Active booster clubs for Music and Athletics and Ag
Varsity athletic programs in both girls' and boys' sports
Faculty sponsored groups or activities including Interact, SADD, Foreign Language, Art, FFA, Math Team, Best Buddies, Scholastic Bowl, National Honor Society Chapter, Student Council, Creative Writing Club and Game Nights.
Resources services for students with Individual Education Plans
Mentoring Program for beginning teachers
Guidance/Counseling for careers and college entrance
Yearly play/musical
Freshmen Preview Night



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Financial Data

Fund Balances as of 6-30-2016

Ed Fund = \$ 5,919,340
 O & M = \$ 1,038,461
 Transportation = \$ 2,073,546

Projected Fund Balance 6-30-2017

Ed Fund = \$ 5,614,811
 O & M = \$ 809,126
 Transportation = \$ 1,961,561

Projected Fund Balance 6-30-2018

Ed Fund = \$ 5,400,000
 O & M = \$ 700,000
 Transportation = \$ 1,900,000

Approx. total budget: \$23 million/year

CURRICULUM INITIATIVES

- Updates to curriculum to ensure alignment to new state learning standards.
- Revised scope and sequence to ensure alignment of learning expectations within each grade/course.
- Addition of common assessments within each grade/course.
- Incorporation of technology learning expectations within the curriculum.
- Continue to increase student access to technology throughout the district.
- Utilization of more web-based resources to aid instruction (NEWSLA, RAZ Kids, No Red Ink etc.)
- Addition of AP Classes at HHS
- Revise teacher and administrator evaluation plan that incorporates student growth
- Expansion of RTI Programs K-12.

Looking Ahead



PROJECT IDEAS & ESTIMATED COSTS

HHS—Replace gym floor	\$200,000
HHS—Fresh air feed for publications room and small gym*	\$175,000
HHS—Paint gym	\$60,000
HHS—Remove/install kitchen flooring	\$70,000
HHS—Extend prairie path	\$10,000
HHS—Add parking to athletic complex	\$100,000
HHS—Add bathroom to athletic complex	\$275,000
HHS/HIS—Create an alternate entrance to property	\$1,000,000
HIS—Security fence around playground	\$50,000
HIS—Update power	\$250,000
HIS—Paint gym	\$35,000
BGS—Security fence around playground	\$80,000
BGS—Paint gym	\$35,000
BGS—Fix fascia and soffit on east side of 1970 addition	\$40,000
BGS—New kitchen flooring	\$10,000
BGS—New walk-in cooler	\$15,000
BGS—Create larger entrance/exit for north part of bldg./parking lot	\$500,000
BGS—Provide larger kitchen hood*	\$18,000
LMS—Replace bleachers in big gym	\$140,000
LMS—Replace sound system in big gym	\$25,000
LMS—Install floor tile in north bldg	\$20,000
LMS—Update/remodel main office in north bldg	\$70,000
LMS—Install entryway on both north & south building	\$50,000
LMS—Update power	\$250,000
LMS—Provide fresh air feed*	\$120,000
LMS—Connect two buildings	\$2,000,000
LMS—Add parking	\$500,000
LMS—Upgrade fire panel	\$70,000
DIST—Update all building entrances/windows/doors	\$50,000
DIST—Install generator for server backup	\$500,000
Air Conditioning throughout district	\$2,000,000

* per 10 yr Life/Safety Rpt

TECHNOLOGY PLAN

- ◆ 1:1 Computer Plan
- ◆ Adequate bandwidth in all buildings
- ◆ Reliable Internet and E-mail
- ◆ Movement to a “paperless” institution
- ◆ Professional Development for all staff, including teachers
- ◆ Inclusion of technology into curriculum throughout K-12

**It's a great
 day to be a
 Tiger!**





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Current Enrollment (as of August 2016)

K—102
 1—107
 2—131
 3—129
 4—135
 5—119
 6—127
 7—121
 8—121
 9—141
 10—152
 11—141
 12—142

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