

# Washington Township Public Schools

## Award-Winning Schools in a First-Class Community

### Exceptional Programming

- Exemplary Balanced Literacy
- Everyday and Connected Mathematics
- PowerSchool and PowerGrade
- 14 High School Advanced Placement Classes
- Family and Consumer Science
- Fine and Performing Arts Including:
  - Studio Art, MIDI Technology,
  - Theatre Production, Guitar I, II, III,
  - Dance
- Statistics
- Computer Science
- Computer Interfacing and Automation
- TAG - Grades Three and Five
- MARS - Grades Four and Five
- Family Math, Science, and Literacy
- Middle level Exploratory Arts
- Four World Languages
- Comprehensive Music and Arts Program
- Broad Range of Athletic and Extra-curricular Activities
- PEP - Primary Enrichment
- Special Services In-Class Support Model
- Basic Skills/HSPT Preparation

### Competitions

- Math Counts
- Math League Division Champions
- NJ All State Robotics
- Intramurals

### Awards & Honors

- 2003-04 New Jersey Governor's Schools of Excellence - Birches, Wedgwood & Whitman Elementary Schools
- 2003 Technology Education Teacher of the Year
- Early Childhood Center's Sign Language Program
- Program of Excellence - "Creating Proficient Readers and Writers"
- \$10,000 Teacher Award for Innovative Technology Integration
- 2002-2003 NJ Principal of the Year
- Grammy Signature School Award - Visual and Performing Arts
- "Five Star Best Practices Award" by Technology Educators
- Emmy Award for Telecommunications

- Best Practices 2002-2003 - "Geographical Understanding: Regions of the United States"

### Professional Opportunities

- Competitive Salaries
- Tuition Reimbursement for Graduate Credits
- Low Cost of Living
- Professional Development
- New Teacher Mentoring Program
- Excellent Eye Care, Dental, and Prescription Plans
- Variety of Health Plans Available
- Top Days Annual Sick Leave
- Five Personal Days
- Varied Opportunities for Professional Mobility
- The community is within easy access to urban opportunities.



In fiscally challenging times, the Washington Township Public Schools continue to seek ways to reduce expenses and identify alternate revenue streams, while optimizing the use of our resources for the benefit of our school district and the community. As an example, the school district operates the Commerce Bank Arts Centre, a self-sustaining 2,500-seat theater. The CBAC has emerged as the entertainment and cultural center for the region and a tremendous point of pride for our district, hosting performances by notable groups such as the Philadelphia Orchestra and the Pennsylvania Ballet. The district has also actively pursued other sources of funding and services by obtaining a variety of grants and awards. It has also introduced innovative programming such as virtual field trips into the curriculum as a cost-saving measure that further enhances the students' overall educational experience.

The basis of education in the Washington Township Public Schools is first and foremost opportunity! We continually challenge our students to dream of future possibilities and guide them in developing the skills necessary to achieve them. At every turn, we welcome community input and involvement through participation in various school and district-based events, committees, and organizations. We incorporate the many strengths and talents of our community in cultivating greater support for our schools as well as in generating a greater sense of civic pride. The Washington Township School District is a proud,

## Washington Township: South Jersey's Finest

Washington Township, once a predominately agricultural community, has now emerged as the largest bedroom community (single-family homes) in Gloucester County and one of the fastest growing communities in the state. Encompassing 29 square miles, Washington Township is the largest and among the most progressive communities in the County. It continues to be one of South Jersey's premiere locations and is considered one of New Jersey's Top 10 communities. Washington Township is family-oriented, providing all services in an environment conducive to outstanding educational, recreational, and social activities and programs. Also, Washington Township has excellent retail, professional, and corporate businesses which are by far the finest in the County. Washington Township offers a variety of residential properties from condominiums and townhouses to single family homes.

The community is served by numerous facilities which provide services such as the Commerce Bank Performing Arts Centre, educational facilities, superior recreational facilities, and a beautiful park complex complete with an open seating



### Education Excellence at Every Level

Grenloch Terrace Early Childhood Center • Bells Elementary • Birches Elementary • Hurffville Elementary • Thomas Jefferson Elementary • Wedgwood Elementary • Whitman Elementary • Bunker Hill Middle School • Chestnut Ridge Middle School • Orchard Valley Middle School •

Innovative and all-inclusive, the Washington Township School District continues its proud tradition of excellence in education by routinely moving *every* child forward through a broad, standards-based curriculum designed to develop engaged and accomplished life-long learners. Administrators, teachers, counselors, parents and community members join in guiding this forward progression by challenging and empowering some 10,000 students enrolled in our 11 schools. Through this support network, students are encouraged to flourish in a safe and structured environment that affords countless opportunities for self-discovery, growth and expression. This collaborative network plays an essential role in ensuring that students emerging from the Washington Township Public Schools graduate with both the skills and self-worth to succeed in a rapidly changing and ever-challenging world.

An exceptional teaching and support staff has been assembled to accomplish this individual goal 10,000 times over. Our high-quality curriculum mirrors our diverse student population and has expanded over the years to include 14 high school advanced placement courses, innovative and expansive programming, and integrated technology that permeates all of our teaching on all levels. Students demonstrate their achievement using many different types of assessments: from teacher observation, checklists and classroom tests to portfolios, standardized achievement tests, state-mandated tests and college entrance exams to athletic and artistic performances. All of these assessments reflect a balanced view of our students' performance and provide the district with invaluable information in evaluating how successful it has been in meeting students' needs and the NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards. During the 2003-04 school year, our students' performance on state testing in grades 3, 4, 8 and 11 exceeded the state mean in all tested subject areas including language arts literacy, mathematics and science.

## OUR MISSION

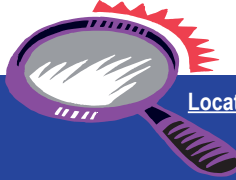
*The Washington Township School District will provide a safe educational environment for all students to attain the skills necessary for full participation in our global society as responsible, self-directed and civic-minded citizens.*



### We believe:

- All people have equal intrinsic worth.
- Individuals are life-long learners.
- Every child can learn and succeed.
- Education prepares individuals to make a successful transition into the global community.
- Learning occurs in a safe and secure environment.
- The child's well-being is the foremost consideration in decision-making.
- Higher expectations yield higher results.
- Excellence is achievable and always worth the investment.
- Schools are most effective when there is a shared commitment

## Washington Township At A Glance



### Location:

Southern New Jersey  
Gloucester County

### Location by Landmark:

Eight miles from Philadelphia  
50 miles from Atlantic City, NJ  
95 miles from New York City

### Population: 48,500

### Area: 29 Square Miles

### Median Home: \$140,700

### Level of Education:

30% hold bachelor's degree or higher

### Higher Education Opportunities:

Gloucester County College (5 miles)  
Rowan University (4 miles)  
Philadelphia Colleges & Universities (15-25 miles)

### DISTRICT INFORMATION

### Student Enrollment: 9,500

### Teacher/Student Ratio: 24:1

### District Budget: \$114,000,000

### Schools:

Early Childhood Center (half-day pre-school  
handicapped and kindergarten programs)

Six Elementary Schools (1st through 5th grades)

Three Middle Schools (6th through 8th grade)

One High School (9th through 12th grade)

### Staff:

- Over 950 certified staff  
(32% hold advanced degrees)
- More than 650 support staff
- Average length of service: 13 years

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## Interested in Working for the Washington Township Public Schools?

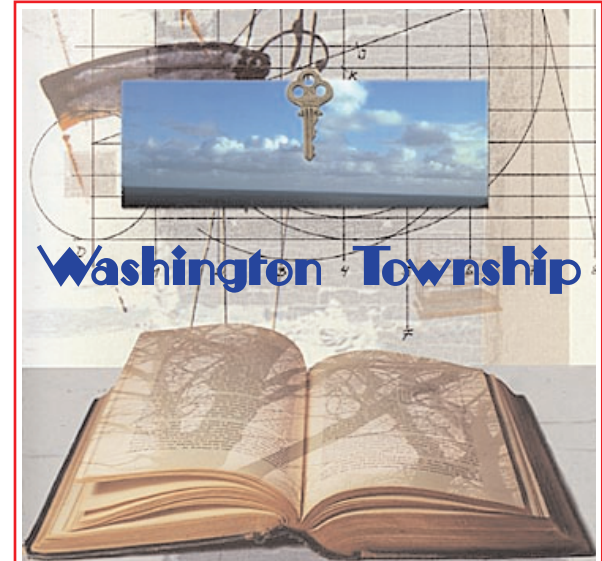
All candidates seeking employment with the Washington Township Public Schools are required to complete an online application. Applications may be downloaded from the District website ([www.wtps.org](http://www.wtps.org)). A letter of interest, resume, copies of transcripts, NJ certification, PRAXIS scores, NJ Highly Qualified Teacher Identification forms (downloaded from [www.nj.gov/njded/profdev/hqt/house.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/njded/profdev/hqt/house.pdf)), and other applicable paperwork must be available at the time of the interview.

Vacancies are advertised on the District website ([www.wtps.org](http://www.wtps.org)), hotline (856-589-9537), and in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Courier Post*, *Gloucester County Times*, and other newspapers as needed. Vacancies are posted in all of our District buildings. They are also posted at the Central Administration Building, and they can be reviewed between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. If a closing date is indicated, applications must be received in the Human Resources Department by 4:30 p.m. on the closing date to be considered.

After an application is received, it is screened for meeting preferred criteria and appropriate certifications. It is then forwarded to the school principal and/or administrator where the vacancy exists. After your application is submitted online, you will receive acknowledgement of receipt via email. To activate your candidacy for additional postings, you may return to your online account to re-submit.

## New Jersey Certification

For information regarding New Jersey State Certification contact your county's New Jersey Department of Education office for the application package. The Gloucester County office is located at 1492 Tanyard Road in Sewell, NJ 08080. Telephone Number 856-468-6500 or at the state website <http://www.state.nj.us/njded/educators/license> or call 609-292-2070.



## Public Schools

**"A niche for everybody"**



The Washington Township Public Schools have ... "phenomenal teachers, first-rate resources, well-prepared graduates, a variety of courses, activities and sports equal to any schools in the area, strong PTO involvement and a niche for everybody."

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