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Welcome to the
Coatesville Area School District!



The Coatesville Area School District encompasses an area of 75 square miles and is located in the northwestern section of historic Chester County. Chester County is a diverse county that includes urban, suburban, and rural areas, ranging from rather densely populated, industrial areas, to fertile, rolling farmlands. The school district is composed of nine municipalities: Caln, East Fallowfield, Sadsbury, Valley, West Brandywine, and West Caln Townships, South Coatesville and Modena boroughs, and the City of Coatesville. Median family income is \$77,068. The District is committed to providing an excellent education for its over 7,000 students per year, from kindergarten to 12th grade in five elementary schools, three middle schools, two high schools and one cyberschool. It provides a rigorous elementary education offering instruction in the core content areas as well as the arts and performing arts. Middle school students also benefit from a challenging academic program that includes college preparatory mathematics for all students beginning in sixth grade.



Our Schools

Gordon Early Literacy Center
351 Kersey St., Coatesville, PA 19320

Caln Elementary School
3609 E. Lincoln Highway, Thorndale, PA 19372

CASD Cyber Academy
800 Olive St., Coatesville, PA 19320

East Fallowfield Elementary
2254 Strasburg Road, East Fallowfield, PA 19320

King's Highway Elementary
841 W. King's Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320

Rainbow Elementary
1113 W. Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320

Reeceville Elementary
248 Reeceville Road, Coatesville, PA 19320

North Brandywine Middle School
256 Reeceville Road, Coatesville, PA 19320

Scott Middle School
800 Olive St., Coatesville, PA 19320

South Brandywine Middle School
600 Doe Run Road, Coatesville, PA 19320

Coatesville Area Intermediate High School
1425 E. Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320

Coatesville Area School District's Shared Values

The District is a welcoming place that seeks to make sure every student receives a quality education and goes on toward a bright future. Below are our guiding principles that make that goal a reality.

- **We believe** in a holistic educational approach focused on high expectations, perseverance and resilience, which promote personal growth, social responsibility, and a strong work ethic.
- **We believe** a structure of clear, consistent universal principles and expectations that are communicated and reinforced will create a productive learning community.
- **We believe** that the unique diversity of the Coatesville Area School District is an asset that will empower our students to excel as empathetic and socially aware members of a 21st century global society.
- **We believe** that the educational success of a child is founded on integrity and is a shared responsibility that requires commitment from students, parents, teachers, administrators and the community.
- **We believe** that all individuals can be successful when school students, parents, and the community uphold high expectations.
- **We believe** literacy is foundational and that all students can and will read on grade level by third grade.
- **We believe** the continual review and revision of curriculum by students and staff, with input from industry level professionals from the immediate and greater community is necessary to prepare students for success in an ever changing global society.
- **We believe** that fostering relationships built on trust is necessary for students to have a sense of individual value and purpose.



Pardon Our Pride

CASD is enormously proud of the students, staff, parents and community members who help to make it great. Their accomplishments should be celebrated because they reflect the commitment and efforts of all those who live, work, play and learn in the District. Here are just a few of the ways CASD students have made us proud in recent years.

- Coatesville Area High School graduated 475 students in the 2016-17 school year, with 63 percent either going to a two year or four year college or university. Past students have attended such esteemed colleges and universities as Harvard, Yale and Princeton universities, Franklin and Marshall College, Purdue, St. John's, Immaculata, West Chester, La Salle, Millersville and Kutztown universities.
- Graduating seniors received over \$2.8 million in scholarships.
- The 85-members of the Marching Red Raiders band and color guard were named 2017 state champions at the Cavalcade of Bands Championship at J. Birney Crum Stadium in Allentown. The band faced off against six area high schools.
- East Fallowfield Elementary Concert Band and String Orchestra won the Hershey Park "Music in the Park" competition two years in a row.
- CASD outperformed a notable number of school districts in the most recent round of standardized testing.
- Nearly three quarters of faculty members in CASD hold an advanced degree. The average number of years teaching in the District is over 12.
- Small class sizes: the average teacher to student ratio is 1:17
- The 2016-17 boys' and girls' basketball teams each won the Ches-Mont National Division and qualified for the PIAA District I playoffs. The boys' team also qualified for the PIAA State playoffs. The boys' team also won the Ches-Mont Final Four first-place trophy.
- The 2016-17 girls' softball team won the Ches-Mont National Division and eight of the 14 girls on the varsity squad received All-League Honors.
- The 2016-17 boys' and girls' track teams won the Ches-Mont Track and Field Championships.
- The 2017 varsity football team earned two consecutive Ches-Mont championships, District One championships and made it to the finals in the Pennsylvania state tournament.
- The 2017-18 wrestling team, boys' basketball, girls' basketball, swimming and indoor track teams all made it to postseason play.
- The District also has several Division I athletes who are now attending the following schools: Rutgers University, Saint Francis University, and The University of Eastern Kentucky.

Innovative Opportunities to Support 21st Century Learning

Coatesville Area School District (CASD) faculty, staff and administrators are always searching for new and innovative ways to prepare students for a 21st century workplace. To ensure their success, they provide students with the tools they'll need. Recent programs launched toward that goal are as follows:

- The District partnered with the University of Pennsylvania to deliver rigorous writing instruction through the Collins Writing Program. The program is designed to improve students' thinking and writing skills simultaneously.
- The Words Their Way program launched through West Chester University provides professional development to teachers and offers students exceptional instruction in phonemic awareness, decoding vocabulary and comprehension. Students engage through hands-on games and activities to understand how words work.
- The College Preparatory Math Educational Program, a non-profit educational consortium of middle and high school math teachers and university professors, engages students in learning mathematics through problem-solving, reasoning and communication.
- The inquiry-based science curriculum and elementary science fair are examples of how students apply the scientific method of planning, organizing, collaborating, discussing and analyzing data every day.
- CASD hosted a literacy institute led by researchers and professional developers from the Teacher's College of Columbia University to help with the development of the English language arts curriculum.
- The expanded Advanced Placement (AP) program - and the associated professional development - have led to an increased number of students (starting in ninth grade) taking AP classes and scoring higher on AP exams. Students can select from 18 AP courses that focus on a wide-array of subjects. Teachers of all grade levels are encouraged to take AP training courses. The goal is to have as many AP-trained teachers as possible, thereby allowing the District to offer more AP courses. Additionally, teachers can apply strategies they learn in their training to their non-AP courses, and raise the quality of instruction across the board.
- Students in the District's dual enrollment program can simultaneously enroll in college courses and earn college credit while still in high school. Montgomery County Community College, Delaware County Community College, Lincoln University College and Harrisburg University each offer college credits and career pathways. For some students this can correlate to a significant college tuition savings since credits have already been earned.
- Students have an opportunity to work with medical researchers through the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine to assist in researching the cure for Lou Gehrig's disease.
- Curriculum changes have yielded improvement on standardized test data. In developing the K to 12 mathematics program, the curriculum committee chose challenging, researched-based materials found to be effective in a wide variety of schools. The committee also made sure that program planning included extensive and ongoing professional support for teachers. In the area of English language arts, the committee implemented three literacy components for grades K through eight, which include independent reading, word study and the units of study which focus on comprehension.
- Cyber Academy's College and Career Preparation Course has assisted students in navigating the road to success. It helps students discover their passions and then determine what it will take to turn them into a career. Students are connected with resources to prepare for the SAT and other college placement exams. Instructors proofread and edit college applications and make sure each student gains confidence in the college application process.
- CASD offers PSAT and SAT exams at no cost to families. The goal is for every student to have a post-secondary career, whether that be in college, a trade school or the military. Offering these tests for free is the first step down the post-secondary path.
- Vocational Technical Education: Approximately 240 students (grade 10-12) attend Technical College High School for one half of the school day.



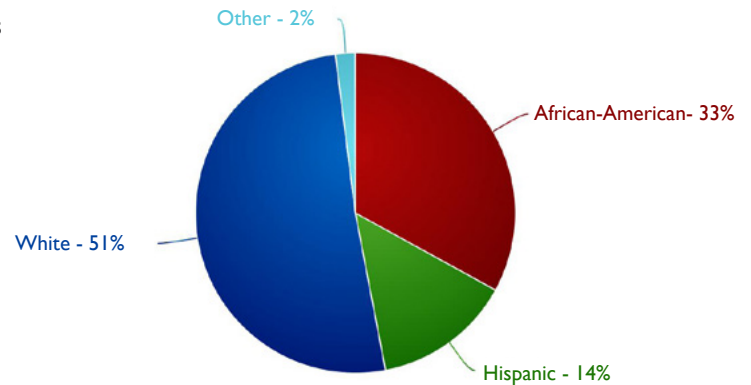
A Commitment to Excellence and a Celebration of Diversity

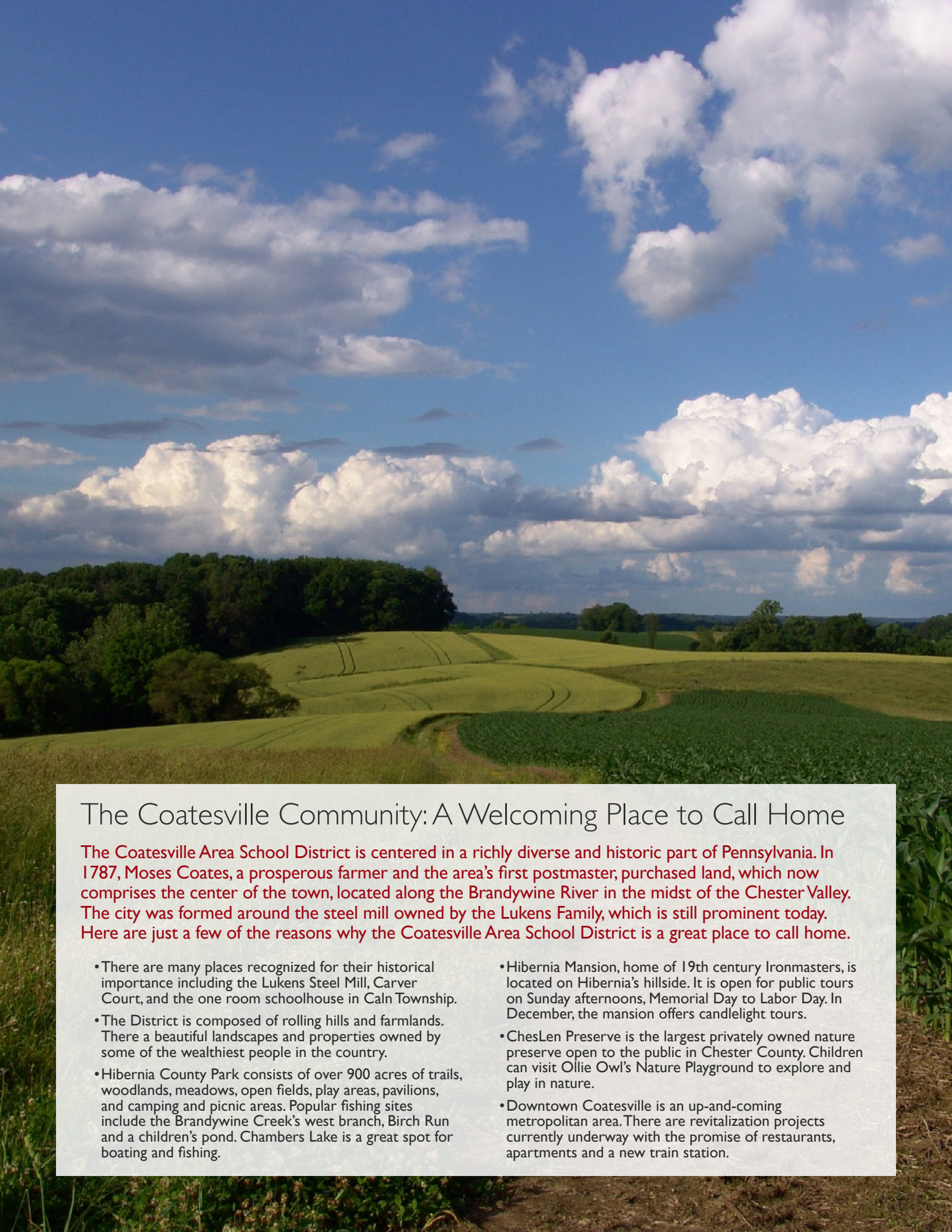
The District is committed to providing a quality education to every student who walks through the door. That education isn't just measured through test scores and report cards, but also through teaching students to celebrate the differences that make them special. We pride ourselves on the fact that our students continue to find new ways to give back to their community.

- From various anti-bullying initiatives, to food collections for hurricane victims, to visits to the Coatesville VA Medical Center, to the Make a Difference Day, which helps worthy causes, students learn the value of compassion on a daily basis and respect for everyone's differences.
- Title I After-School Reading Program: Elementary students who qualify are invited to participate.
- The majority of students in the District come from multicultural families, and we celebrate that fact every day. The District hosts multiple family engagements opportunities throughout the year.

Enrollment and Diversity

Enrollment: 8,971 students

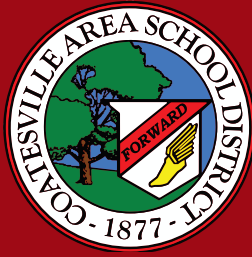




The Coatesville Community: A Welcoming Place to Call Home

The Coatesville Area School District is centered in a richly diverse and historic part of Pennsylvania. In 1787, Moses Coates, a prosperous farmer and the area's first postmaster, purchased land, which now comprises the center of the town, located along the Brandywine River in the midst of the Chester Valley. The city was formed around the steel mill owned by the Lukens Family, which is still prominent today. Here are just a few of the reasons why the Coatesville Area School District is a great place to call home.

- There are many places recognized for their historical importance including the Lukens Steel Mill, Carver Court, and the one room schoolhouse in Caln Township.
- The District is composed of rolling hills and farmlands. There are beautiful landscapes and properties owned by some of the wealthiest people in the country.
- Hibernia County Park consists of over 900 acres of trails, woodlands, meadows, open fields, play areas, pavilions, and camping and picnic areas. Popular fishing sites include the Brandywine Creek's west branch, Birch Run and a children's pond. Chambers Lake is a great spot for boating and fishing.
- Hibernia Mansion, home of 19th century Ironmasters, is located on Hibernia's hillside. It is open for public tours on Sunday afternoons, Memorial Day to Labor Day. In December, the mansion offers candlelight tours.
- ChesLen Preserve is the largest privately owned nature preserve open to the public in Chester County. Children can visit Ollie Owl's Nature Playground to explore and play in nature.
- Downtown Coatesville is an up-and-coming metropolitan area. There are revitalization projects currently underway with the promise of restaurants, apartments and a new train station.



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