



Profile

The Community

The Norwin School District is composed of the municipalities of North Huntingdon Township, Irwin Borough and North Irwin Borough in the southwest corner of Westmoreland County. Approximately ten (10) miles from Greensburg, the county seat, and twenty (20) miles from downtown Pittsburgh, off exit 67 (old exit 7) of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, the community covers thirty-six (36) square miles while serving as home to approximately 30,000 residents. The Norwin School District is the result of the 1958 jointure between the North Huntingdon Township Schools and the Irwin Borough Schools - reuniting what was in the 1930's one system. The present Norwin school system consists of four (4) elementary schools, an intermediate school, a middle school and a high school as well as a central administration building. Approximately 1700 students are presently entered in the K-4 elementary program, 880 in the 5-6 intermediate program, 810 attend middle school covering grades 7-8 and 1700 are enrolled in the high school which encompasses grades 9-12.

The School

Through quality educational experiences, the Norwin Middle School prepares students to become productive and responsible citizens in an ever-changing global society.

Core Academic Courses

<u>Grade 7</u>	<u>Grade 8</u>
Global Studies	Language Arts
Language Arts	Math
Math	Integrated Science
Reading	US & PA Studies
Science-Biology	

Enrollment (Fall 2008)

Grade 7	424
Grade 8	387
Total	811

Additional Courses

- Art
- Communications
- Computer Applications
- Exploratory Languages
 - French
 - German
 - Spanish
- Family and Consumer Science
- Health and Physical Education
- Industrial Technology
- Music
 - Band
 - Chorus
 - Orchestra

Grading Scale

A	92% and above	Excellent
B	82% - below 92%	Above Average
C	70% - below 82%	Average
D	60% - below 70%	Below Average
F	below 60%	Failure/No Credit

Guidance Department

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Mr. Robert A. Suman
Principal

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Assistant Principal

Extracurricular Activities

Tutoring Opportunities

Norwin Middle School is committed to the success of all students. To provide academic support, content area tutoring is offered in the morning, Tuesday through Friday, and in the afternoon, Monday through Friday. Reading and math tutoring with content teachers is scheduled weekly for the 7th grade. Language arts and math tutoring with content teachers is available on a weekly basis for the 8th grade.



Our Focus on Literacy

Developing students' decoding ability and comprehension skills through daily reading for enjoyment called SURF is a part of an essential concentration on literacy at Norwin Middle School. Opportunities for students to gain proficiency in reading through use of various strategies which include Reciprocal Teaching, QAR, and Talking to the Text are offered as teachers design lessons to enhance classroom social dimension and encourage sharing of personal schema to build students' metacognition skills.

Clubs

Art
Audio Visual
Bible
Computer
Exploratory Language:
 French
 German
 Spanish
Homework Helpers
Library Aides
Office Helpers
Physical Fitness
Reading Competition
S.A.D.D.
Science Olympiad
Ski
Stage Crew
Video Production Crew

Organizations

Band
Cheerleading
Chorus
Colorguard
National Junior Honor Society
Orchestra
PTSA
S.A.D.D.
School Newspaper
Student Council
Volunteers
Yearbook

Interscholastic

Athletics/Boys

Basketball
Cross Country
Football
Track
Wrestling

Interscholastic Athletics/Girls

Basketball
Cross Country
Softball
Track
Volleyball

Club Sports

Field Hockey - Girls
Hockey - Boys
Lacrosse - Boys

Activities

Assemblies
Dances
Geography Bee
Holocaust Museum
Interdisciplinary Units
Intramurals
Motivational Speakers
Science Fair
Reflections Contest
Reward Days

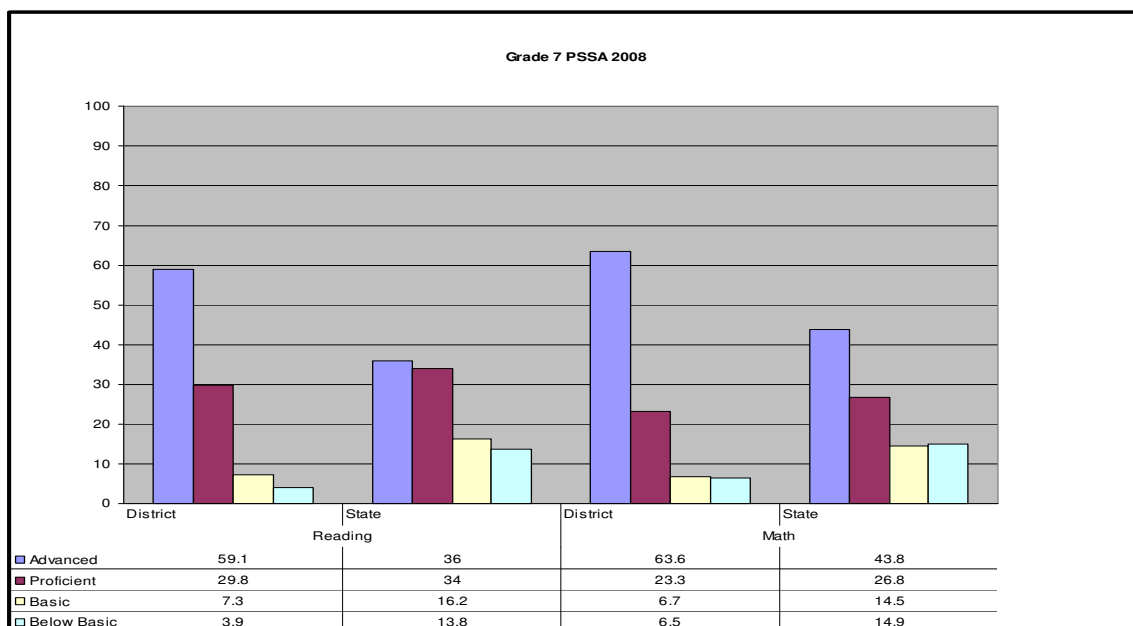
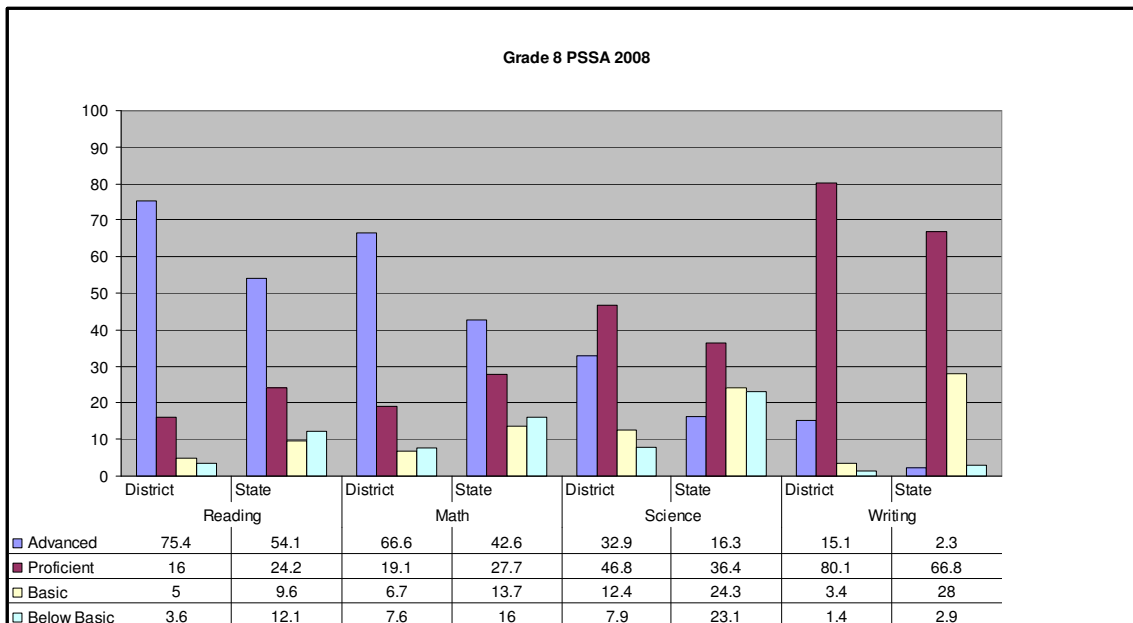
Activity Period

Students are encouraged to join clubs and try new activities during their time in Middle School, as this involvement promotes a well-rounded education. Our Middle School schedule provides an activity period at the end of each day. This allows time for participation in our clubs and organizations, meeting with teachers, tutoring, homework completion, and other school activities.

Teaming Concept

Our Middle School utilizes the teaming model to promote a sense of connection within a smaller community while being a part of the larger school population. All content area subjects for students on a team are taught by a group of teachers, with specials classes being a mixed grouping. Personalization of instruction for students is maximized as team teachers have common seminar time to discuss students' strengths and needs, while planning for enrichment opportunities and any cross-curricular units of study. Students of the Month and Citizenship Awards are team-based awards, in which students are celebrated for their accomplishments. Teaming allows for students to develop relationships with a smaller cohort of students and teachers. Seventh grade has the Cheetah, Cougar, and Jaguar teams; support is available by team. Eighth grade has the Lion, Panther, and Tiger teams with support being offered by subject area.

The results of the 2008 administration of the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment demonstrates that 7th grade students in the District scored well above the state average in both reading and mathematics and 8th grade scored well above the state average in reading, math, science, and writing sections.



Standardized Testing Program

A comprehensive standardized testing program exists at the secondary level in coordination with the overall curriculum. The tests administered include:

- 4-SIGHT Tests, Grade 7 & 8
- COIN Career Prep Inventory Grade 8
- PSSA Reading and Mathematics Grade 7
- PSSA Reading, Writing, Mathematics, and Science Grade 8

Individual tests may be administered by the school district psychologist as needed. All these tests help the district professionals better understand each student's individual abilities and needs and function accordingly.

Resources Available to Students and Parents

Norwin Middle School's vision includes a focus on maximizing the achievement of all students. To support this, the District offers several resources.

- Norwin School District has an on-line grading program called Skyward that provides up-to-date information about a student's grades, attendance, cafeteria accounts, and health visits.
- Norwin Middle School offers students educational support through the NEST Program. This provides comprehensive and confidential assistance for students. All stakeholders may refer a student to this program
- Daily class work and homework are posted on-line at www.yourhomework.com. In case of absence, daily assignments are available for pick-up by calling 724.861.3010 ext. 1452.