



REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



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The information enclosed within this report is from the 2022-2023 school year.

All 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 DAYS:

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

OUR STUDENTS:

Enrollment: 1683 (Males: 865; Females: 818)

Ethnicity:

American Indian	less than 5%
Asian/Pacific Islander	less than 5%
Black	less than 1%
Hispanic	3%
White	93%
Two or more races	2.3%

OUR TEACHERS:

Average Teacher Salary	\$50,591
Teachers with Bachelor's Degrees	100%
Teachers with Master's Degrees	51.6%
Pupil/Teacher Ratio –Elementary	17:1
Pupil/Teacher Ratio –High School	17:1

OUR BUILDINGS:

Bonfield Grade School

Grades: Pre-K - 1

Herscher Intermediate school

Grades: 2-4

Limestone Middle School

Grades: 5-8

Herscher High School

Grades: 9-12

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

President, Sally Sullivan

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SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

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



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Bonfield Grade School...



OUR STUDENTS:

Enrollment: 305

Gender: Males 149; Females 156

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 through PowerSchool 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

OUR FACILITIES:

Year Built: 1970, 1998, 2009

Square Footage: 57,196

Recently completed building projects:

2014: re-surfaced roofs, air conditioning in upstairs classrooms. **2018:** painted multi-purpose room, converted locker rooms to usable office space **2019:** A/C installation in classrooms, A/C installation in extra office space **2020:** stripping and waxing classroom floors and hallways. **2021:** installed lockers in 2nd floor hallway, stripped, scrubbed, and sealed gym floors, converted computer lab into classroom **2023:** main entrance canopy construction, sprinkler system update, rock climbing wall in sensory hallway, fire system update, septic tank cleaning.

OUR CERTIFIED STAFF:

Michelle Spencer, Pre-K
Kim Shear, Headstart
Kristen Wise, Kindergarten
Janice Engelman, Kindergarten
Kristin Rink, Kindergarten
Teresa Cotter, Kindergarten
Amy Hove, Kindergarten
Rachel McElroy, 1st Grade
Jan Ferris, 1st Grade
Annie Maier, 1st Grade
Claire Southard, 1st Grade
Becky King, 1st Grade
Casey Meyer, 1st Grade
Mary Belter, Special Ed - OT
Kathy Gorecki, Special Ed
Josie Peters, SpeechPath
Kalie Virklan, Special Ed
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Herscher Intermediate School...

OUR STUDENT PROGRAMS/SERVICES:

- 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
- Resource services for students with Individual Education Plans
- Keyboarding/Technology
- Parent Portal through PowerSchool system
- Mentoring Program for beginning teachers
- Site of district K-8 Communications Program
- Open House nights
- STEAM

OUR CERTIFIED STAFF:

Julie Barwegen, 2nd Grade
Joel Huizenga, 2nd Grade
Dara Wagner, 2nd Grade
Susan Denault, 2nd Grade
Jessica Kruse, 2nd Grade
Ashley Murray, 2nd Grade
Rhonda Arseneau, 3rd Grade
Amber Gross, 3rd Grade
Karen Meyer, 3rd Grade
Stacey Atkinson, 3rd Grade
Tiffani Davis, 3rd Grade
Andrew Webber, 3rd Grade
Jamie Savarino, 4th Grade
Craig Bisailon. 4th Grade
Hollie Lovell, 4th Grade
Emily Byrne, 4th Grade
Stacy Perkins, 4th Grade
Cheryl Hudgens, 4th Grade
Mike Cann, P.E.
Tim McElroy, P.E.
Julie Barwegen, Special Ed
Cassandra Bashayreh, Special Ed
Meg Wenzelman, Special Ed
Anya Bauer Special Ed
Shelby Harris, Special Ed
Julie Murray, RTI
Jill Whalen, RTI
Bridget Hoffman, Communications
Rebecca Doran, Music
Jenny Denault, Social Worker/Counselor

OUR STUDENTS:

Enrollment: 375

Gender: Males 195; Females 180

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. **2017:** cut down and cleaned up 7 dead ash trees on the south side of building. **2018:** re-furbish restrooms (new stalls, fixtures, dropped ceiling, and lighting, painted hallways, doorways, and restrooms. **2020:** A/C systems installed; gym bleachers floorboards painted with traction paint. **2020:** Replaced media center A/C rooftop units, installed A/C in 15 2nd floor classrooms, stripped scrubbed and sealed gym floors. **2023:** A/C installed in RTI hallway, 700+ LED lights installed, fire alarm testing



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Limestone Middle School...



OUR STUDENT PROGRAMS/SERVICES:

Limestone Middle School offers a safe and welcoming environment with high quality instruction for students in grades 5, 6, 7 and 8. The student day allows for varied peer groups within grade level and is facilitated by a committed teaching team at each grade level. Each teacher is specifically endorsed in their assigned content and develops expertise in that specified area of instruction as well as the developmental age and stage of a particular grade level. We believe this focused approach creates a structure that maximizes the quality of experience offered to students. Our desire at LMS is to be a school that represents excellence and provides positive, meaningful interactions. The staff at Limestone Middle School are committed to teaching and learning that prepares students for life. We strive every day to “Make Today Matter!”

CORE CURRICULUM:

- ELA I, Reading & Comprehension
- ELA II, Writing, Speaking & Listening
- Social Science
- Mathematics
- Earth, Life & Physical Science
- STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering & Math
- Physical Education: Safety, Health & Wellness

ENRICHED LEARNING:

- Music Education: Band, Orchestra & Chorus
- Art Education
- Learning Commons: Library & Research Skill development, Digital Citizenship, Online Navigation & Reading Challenges
- Science Lab Experience

SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Response to Intervention, Reading & Math Support
- Individual Education Resource Services & 504 Plans
- SEL School-wide Initiatives & Themes

PARENT/STUDENT INVOLVEMENT:

LMS Preview Night
PTA: Parent Teacher Association Membership, Fundraising & Volunteerism
Parent Teacher Conferences
Power School Parent Portal
Tiger Intramurals

TIGER ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES:

- Cross-Country
- Softball
- Baseball
- Girls Basketball
- Boys Basketball
- Volleyball
- Wrestling
- Soccer
- Track
- Student Council
- SEL Leaders
- Scholastic Bowl
- Media, Math, & Spelling Team

OUR STUDENTS:

Enrollment: 468

Gender: Males: 242; Females: 226

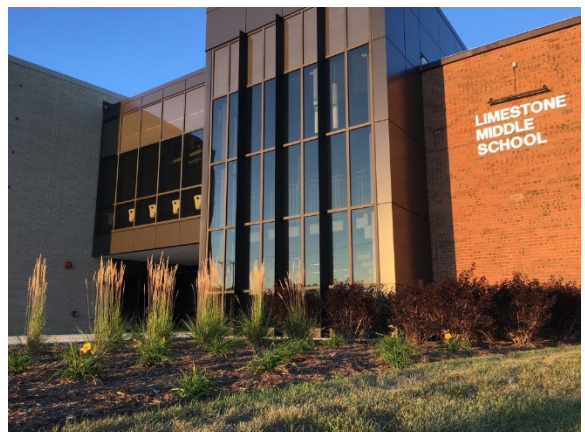
OUR FACILITIES:

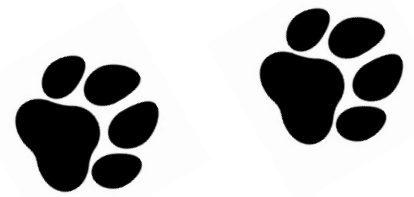
Year Built: North: 1647, 1952, 1958, 1961, 1978; South: 1964, 1967, 1969 North-South: 2019

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. **2018:** replace floor tile in kitchen and south computer lab, cut out leg space from science leg tables **2019:** new building additions **2020:** new water heater in south boiler room, big gym floor scrubbed and re-finished. **2021:** stripped, scrubbed and waxed classrooms and gym floors. **2023:** Elevator update





Limestone Middle School Continued...

OUR CERTIFIED STAFF:

Andrew Boudreau, 5th Gr Phys Ed
 Amanda Dionne, 5th Gr Math
 Danielle Shervino, 5th Gr ELA I
 Lisa Kleinhert, 5th Gr ELAII
 Erica Herkel-Ritsema, 5th Gr Spec. Ed
 Kara Weedon, 5th Gr STEM
 Amanda Christensen, 5th Gr Science
 Kathy Jordan, 5th Gr Social Science
 Jackie Carlson, 6th Gr Earth Science
 Ashley Boudreau, 6th Gr P.E.
 Ashley Patchett, 6th Gr ELA
 Lisa Rinehart, 6th Gr Special Ed
 Tracy Eggenberger, 6th Gr Math
 Richard Kinnersley, 6th Gr Soc. Sci
 Kaley Ponton, 6th Gr ELA II
 Jillian Wulff, 6th Gr STEM
 Krista Borschneck, 7th Gr STEM
 Kristin Siebring, 7th Gr Math
 Rob Grosso, 7th Gr Spec. Ed.
 Carmin Joffe, 7th Gr Life Science
 Monet Schelling, 7th Gr ELA
 Kathryn Domalik, 7th Gr Soc Sci
 Michel Schlepper, 7th Gr ELAII
 Megan Brosseau, 8th Gr P.E.
 Julie LaLone, 8th Gr STEM
 Diantha Strylowski, 8th Gr Spec Ed
 Mike Frey, 8th Gr ELAII
 Margaret Heck, 8th Gr ELA
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Herscher High School...

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
- PowerSchool 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



OUR STUDENTS:

Enrollment: 535

Gender: Males: 279; Females: 256

OUR FACILITIES:

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

Square Footage: 185,018

Recently completed building projects:

2016: re-finish gym floor, paint gym, install new fuel tanks, new kitchen floor-ing & serving line, update weight room equipment and flooring. **2017:** landscaping by art room, removed old goal post from soccer practice field, installed new disconnect for chairlift by study hall, installed new water hydrant outside of greenhouse. **2018:** Painted Band room, installation of whiteboards in west wing, phase 2 of replacing fuel tank project. **2019:** resurfaced running track at Seebach Stadium, extended running track to 8 lanes, installed new cabinets and sinks in art room, cleaned ductwork and reheat coils **2020:** doorways, stairs and handrails painted at Herscher complex, scrubbed and stripped balcony, athletic hallway drop ceiling done, cafeteria walls painted, gym entrance renovation done including 6 new doors, concrete and asphalt work. **2021:** Replaced band room and media center A/C rooftop units, stripped scrubbed and sealed gym floors and classrooms **2023:** sprinkler system update, A/C in FFA classroom, A/c steel platform installed for cracker box

OUR CERTIFIED STAFF:

Christopher Bachmann, Science
 Makayla Buehler, English
 Lucia Bolivar, Spanish
 Katrina Cessna, Orchestra
 Matt Cornwall, Band Director
 Nicole Cracraft, English
 Julia Daly, Social Worker
 Jill Decman, Chem/Physics
 Amy Eller, Math

Stephanie Gregerson, Science/Math

Austin Headrick, PE

Jason Hess, English

Alan High, English

Michelle King, Special Ed

Amanda Morgan, Foods

Mike Morris, Art

Mike Mosier, CTE

Phillip Peacock, Math

Kevin Promis, Special Ed

Lauren Ratliff, P.E.

Daniel Palan, PE

Kaitlyn Post, Ag

Eric Regez, Social Studies

Jessie Rezba, Math

Jennifer Rhoades, Spanish

April Richey, Special Ed

Vincent Rink, P.E

Candice Rivard, Special Ed

Michelle Roberts, Social Science

Kerri Robinson, English

Kathy Schmidt, English

Kyle Schrage, Choir Director

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FINANCIAL DATA:

Fund Balances as of 6-30-2021

Ed Fund = \$12,138,914.12
O & M = 1,314,085.83
Transportation = \$3,294,575.85

Fund Balances as of 6-30-2022

Ed Fund = \$ 14,685,044.49
O & M = \$ 4,498,702.77
Transportation = \$ 3,773,897.79

Fund Balances as of 6-30-2023

Ed Fund = \$ 14,418,487.48
O & M = \$ 7,813,361.42
Transportation = \$ 6,852,129.03

CURRICULUM INITIATIVES:

- Continual review of district curriculum to maximize student learning and educator success.
- Strengthen the use of student learning data to improve educational outcomes for all students.
- Ensure curriculum materials are current, engaging to students, and aligned with Illinois State Standards.
- Focus on developing students' "soft skills" (e.g., problem-solving, critical thinking, communication, and creativity) in all curricular areas.
- Ground literacy instruction to research-proven practices and align student outcomes in reading, writing, speaking, and listening across all grade levels.
- Foster greater cross-curricular dialogue between grade levels and subject areas to strengthen instructional relevancy and student achievement.
- Provide appropriate and relevant professional development that addresses students' emotional well-being and learning.
- Comply with state-mandated requirements for teacher and administrator performance evaluation.
- Build students' computer literacy knowledge and skill development across the curriculum in all grade levels.
- Leverage web-based solutions to complement classroom instruction in all subjects and grades.

CURRENT ENROLLMENT (AS OF 9/2023):

PRE-K: 76

K: 96

1: 133

2: 119

3: 137

4: 120

5: 111

6: 127

7: 105

8: 125

9: 146

10: 133

11: 139

12: 117

TOTAL: 1684

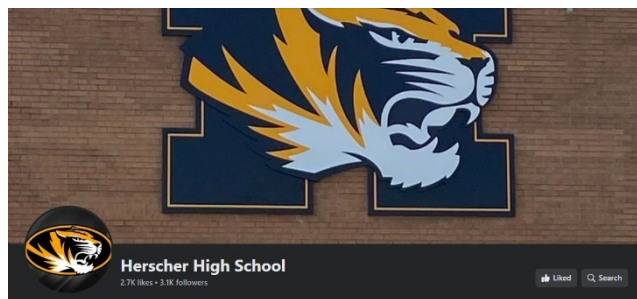
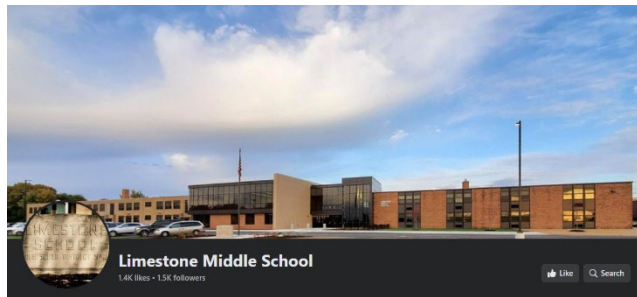
TECHNOLOGY PLAN:

- 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



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LOOKING AHEAD:

Project Ideas & Estimated Costs

BGS – Paint Gym	\$35,000
BGS – Fix fascia and soffit on east side	\$40,000
BGS – Create larger entrance/exit for north part of building	\$500,000
BGS – Provide larger kitchen hood	\$18,000
BGS – Air conditioning in cafeteria	\$150,000
BGS – Refinish gym floor	
HIS – Update Power	\$250,000
HIS – Paint Gym	\$35,000
HIS – Air conditioning in Cafeteria	\$100,000
HIS – Install/Purchase new playground	\$125,000
HIS – Abate/Replace flooring outside café	\$200,000
HIS – Replace sidewalk along Main St	\$40,000
LMS – Replace bleachers in big gym	\$140,000
LMS – Refinish small gym floor	\$30,000
LMS – Replace old mini splits with VAV system	
LMS – Abate A-jax boiler/purchase new boiler	\$150,000
HHS – Create an alternate entrance	\$1,000,000
HHS – Replace water line in gym lobby	\$80,000
HHS – Air conditioning in cafeteria	\$150,000
HHS – Demo/replace old consession and Locker room	\$200,000
HHS – Install new bleachers at athletic Complex	\$2,000,000
HHS – Upgrade fencing @ athletic complex	\$200,000
HHS – Replace lockers	\$150,000
DIST – Renovate bathrooms	
DIST – Upgrade exterior doors	
DIST – Seal/re-strip parking lots	\$150,000
DIST – Install generator for backup server	\$500,000

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