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“
Jennifer Messina, President,
Board of Education
Success in Levittown means staying
determined and flexible to a goal that
brings you joy.
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Alyssa Aybar, Eighth Grade,
Wisdom Lane Middle School
At Wisdom Lane and throughout
Levittown schools, there are teachers who
genuinely care about the well-being of
students. Teachers help us reach success
by spending time teaching in different
ways, different settings and different
environments. They help us grow into
better people.
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WHAT DOES *Success* Mean to You?



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Michael Suarez, Eighth Grade,
Wisdom Lane Middle School
We are successful in the Levittown School
District by being empowered to achieve our
own personal goals. My peers and I know
our potential, and therefore I believe there is
not a unanimous goal of success – it should
be based on the person you are.
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Todd Winch, Superintendent of Schools
Success means having the skills
necessary to have a fulfilling life
after high school. Our schools need
to provide the opportunities and
experiences that help students
become happy and productive
members of society upon
graduation.
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LEVITTOWN SCHOOLS ARE *All About Success*

What does “success” mean to you? In the Levittown Public Schools, it comes in many forms. Throughout our 10 schools, students meet with success every day through a wide variety of endeavors and achievements that further their own personal growth and excellence.

No matter the path our students choose to pursue, there are endless opportunities in the Levittown schools. Those opportunities are unique to every student and start as early as kindergarten, or whenever a student first walks through one of our doors.

It takes tremendous collaboration to ensure success for every student, and that would not be possible without our dedicated team of teachers, administrators and staff who work to support students as they seek to reach their fullest potential. From our teachers who create welcoming and affirming environments that elevate teaching and learning, to our pupil personnel staff who address our students’ social and emotional well-being, to our bus drivers who tirelessly transport students throughout the day, to our

building principals who cultivate positive school climates that maximize the educational experience, success is only possible when all our staff, each department with discrete responsibilities, work together to achieve one common goal.

One marker of success is students’ academic achievement. We honor and celebrate each and every academic accomplishment and create robust academic offerings at all levels to honor students’ interests and ensure that our students can compete in the global marketplace. We create course sequences that afford students the ability to engage in advanced coursework both at the Advanced Placement level as well as through dual-enrollment programs that have students earning college credit in high school. We foster students’ awareness of postsecondary and career development plans through our school counseling department’s programs and college and career fairs.

Another way we help students find success is by uncovering their passions. Our unique elective options can often open students’

eyes to niche careers or even vocational opportunities. If students take an interest in fashion, there are classes at both high schools that allow them to learn the hands-on skills of design. There are classes for students who have a passion for cooking and baking, classes where students can become familiar with the basics of home construction, repair and maintenance, and several classes that can help a young entrepreneur figure out what it takes to start and run a profitable business.

Success for Levittown students also often comes from participation in our extracurricular activities, including athletics and special-interest clubs. We work hard to provide our students with ongoing opportunities to connect with their peers, engage in meaningful activities beyond the school day, develop perseverance and cultivate their leadership skills.

For some students, success comes through creative expression. And Levittown students will find numerous ways for them to engage. Our school plays are back on a regular schedule. Performers and backstage crew have

been hard at work with choreography and costuming for upcoming shows. Our in-person art shows and school concerts also give our students a forum to display their talents for an authentic audience.

Walk the hallways of any of our buildings, and you will see the evidence of student success. Our students are empowered and prepared to adapt and pivot in response to today’s ever-evolving world. We aim to ensure our graduates are well-educated, equipped with essential skills, and have developed key habits for life beyond our schools. Success is knowing our students are happy, healthy and productive.

Success happens daily in the Levittown Public Schools, but our commitment to the pursuit of further success never waivers. We thank all our teachers, administrators, staff, students, families and Board of Education members, who make that success possible every day.



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“ Dylan Vargas, Senior,
General Douglas MacArthur High School
At school, we're able to find
success through support to excel at
whatever your passion is, and we're
given the tools to then go on to
earn a living with your passion.
”



“ Tommy Bobal, Art Teacher/Coach,
General Douglas MacArthur High School
There are a lot of opportunities offered to kids for
them to strive to reach their goal. It happens in
small moments in class, when peers are willing
to help one another and pick each other up. I've
coached students who have come to me years
later and told me that it wasn't necessarily about
winning, but that just being on the team was
everything. Success is different for everybody.
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“ Sean Breves,
English Teacher, Division Avenue High School
Students reach success in Levittown
Schools when we lift them up to help
them aspire to be lifelong learners. As
educators, we find that 'spark' for our
students and fan that spark into a flame.
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“ WHAT DOES
Success Mean to You? ”

“ Maya Reetz, Senior,
Division Avenue High School
Although the definition of a 'successful person' is
subjective, I view someone as successful if they give their
all to achieve a goal. Throughout my time at Division,
I have witnessed students prevail in all areas. My
peers thrive in the classroom, on the court and in their
community. Levittown Schools is a catalyst for success.
Through fostering individuality and providing
an extensive support system made up of invaluable
staff, Levittown Schools continues to uphold their
motto, 'Success for Every Student.' ”



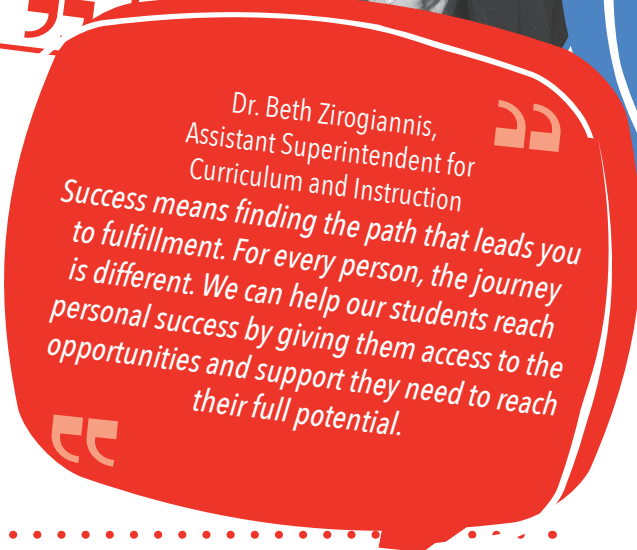
“ Rachel Maurer, Eighth Grade,
Wisdom Lane Middle School
To me, success in Levittown is
getting through these tough times
and persevering through what
some may believe is impossible.
Success is not always a big thing
that we achieve, it can sometimes
be the smallest things we do.
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“ Isabella Messana and Jamie Novella,
Eighth Graders, Jonas E. Salk Middle School
Success in Levittown schools means to us that all
students spread positivity. As students, we keep a
positive mindset, and it affects how we learn and how
we treat one another. If this positivity moves throughout
the schools, it can prevent situations such as bullying,
bad mindsets, and grades could start to increase because
students will have more belief in themselves. That is why
positivity is so important for success!
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“ Dr. Beth Zirogiannis,
Assistant Superintendent for
Curriculum and Instruction
Success means finding the path that leads you
to fulfillment. For every person, the journey
is different. We can help our students reach
personal success by giving them access to the
opportunities and support they need to reach
their full potential.
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“ Anastasia Tsunis,
Social Studies Teacher,
Jonas E. Salk Middle School
When I think about success in Levittown
schools, I think about the whole child from
the perspective of a middle school teacher.
To me, it is not just about the academic
standards that we hold ourselves to, it's
also about the social and emotional climate
that is fostered for the child. A success story
is helping a child to navigate a bad day,
improve and strengthen their skills, and
engage in classroom learning.
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