



# Levittown LEADER



## National Recognition:

# DIVISION AVENUE AND MACARTHUR High Schools Ranked Among the Best in the U.S.

In recognition of their exceptional academic excellence and commitment to preparing students for a variety of postsecondary paths, both Division Avenue and General Douglas MacArthur High Schools were ranked among the best in the nation by U.S. News & World Report in 2024. This prestigious honor is proudly displayed at the entrance of both schools, serving as a daily reminder that our high schools exemplify the very best in education.

Achieving this distinction was no small feat. Becoming one of the top educational destinations in the country requires the collective effort of an entire community. From our security staff to clerical teams, from monitors to custodians, from guidance counselors to coaches, and of course, from our dedicated teachers to the students and their families—everyone's hard work and commitment played a vital role in earning this recognition. Our elementary and middle schools also contributed significantly by providing the strong academic foundation that prepares our students for success in their final years in Levittown.

Both Division Avenue and MacArthur High Schools are recognized not only for their academic excellence but also for their strong support of students from diverse social and economic backgrounds. This year, Division Avenue received the College Board's AP Honor Roll Gold Award and MacArthur earned the Silver Award, recognizing their commitment to providing rigorous academic opportunities.

**"MacArthur and Division Avenue's recognition as two of the 'Best U.S. High Schools' is a testament to the community's commitment to excellence in education. In Levittown, every student can find success."**

*Todd Winch, Superintendent of Schools*

Both schools were also honored with the AP Access Award, highlighting their dedication to increasing equitable access to advanced coursework.

An engaging and challenging education prepares students for graduation, while Levittown high schoolers consistently excel on state assessments in math, science, and reading, as well as on college-level exams. At MacArthur, for instance, 63% of students took at least one AP exam, with over 85% demonstrating proficiency in math, science, and reading. In 2024, MacArthur boasted an impressive 97% graduation rate, well above the state median. Similarly, Division Avenue proudly maintains an impressive 98% graduation rate, with high

levels of student proficiency across core subjects. Nearly 60% of students participate in AP exams, and both high schools demonstrate exceptional college readiness, placing them among the top 200 schools in New York State.

In addition to these achievements, both high schools are proud to offer innovative new courses, including Future Teachers, College Real Estate, Small Engines, College Anatomy and Physiology, and a required course in financial literacy for all graduates, further enhancing our academic offerings and preparing students for diverse career paths.

Guided by our motto, #SuccessAtLPS, we ensure that each student is supported in discovering their passion. Recently, both Division Avenue and MacArthur High Schools hosted multiple Postsecondary Fairs, offering students a glimpse into the many opportunities available after graduation. Representatives from military branches, vocational trades, and colleges engaged with students, highlighting diverse career paths. Every experience at our schools is designed to prepare students for the dynamic, ever-changing world they will enter after graduation.

As we celebrate this achievement, we invite you to take a closer look inside Division Avenue and MacArthur to see what truly makes them stand out.



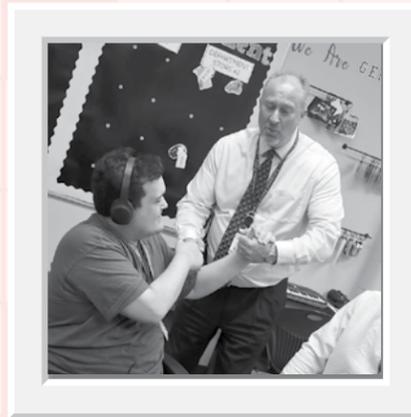
# ONCE A GENERAL, ALWAYS A GENERAL



# WHERE DRAGONS SOAR

## ABA Program Shines

MacArthur's ABA Program, which takes in students with special needs, strongly reflects Generals' pride. In the program, all students are empowered to acquire various life skills. The Coffee Club, for example, puts smiles on faces throughout the building as peers and staff receive morning goodies delivered straight to their room. Outside the school, students take up important roles at local businesses and institutions, helping them obtain vocational skills.



## Excellence on and off the Field

Last year, the Lady Generals varsity basketball team completed an undefeated season. The flag football team, in its inaugural season, reached the county finals, while the varsity football team celebrated a commanding 21-0 victory at homecoming. Each year, the district proudly recognizes numerous All-County and All-State athletes. This sense of teamwork extends beyond the field and into the classroom, whether it's in guided physical education or spin classes, fostering a strong sense of community throughout the school.



# HOW DO OUR HIGH SCHOOLS STAND OUT?

In 2024, both Division Avenue and General Douglas MacArthur High Schools were recognized by U.S. News & World Report as among the best in the nation, reflecting their academic excellence and the collective commitment of our community. This prestigious honor acknowledges the hard work of students, families, staff, and teachers, all contributing to a culture of achievement. Both schools are known for their high graduation rates, access to a wide-range of AP courses, innovative new classes, and numerous interscholastic and extracurricular opportunities. With an emphasis on preparing students for a variety of postsecondary paths, our schools are committed to helping every student succeed.

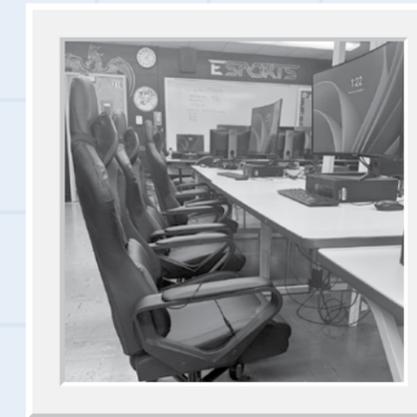
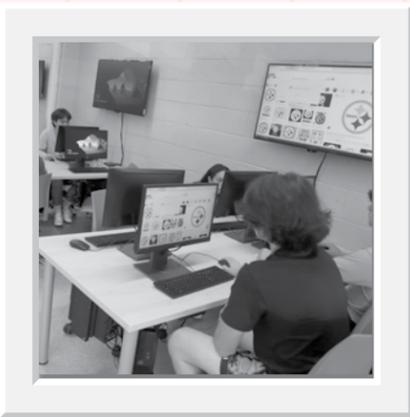
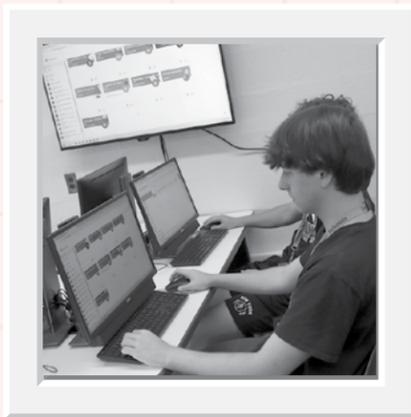
## Fresh Spaces for All

MacArthur's newly renovated library provides a vibrant, inclusive space for all students. Whether relaxing with a good book in cozy seating areas or diving into research at modern workstations, students have access to a wealth of resources at their fingertips. The refreshed environment has quickly become a favorite, where students collaborate, explore, and embark on new learning adventures surrounded by a world of knowledge on every shelf.



## Future-Ready Education

Many lessons are designed to prepare students for the challenges of today's rapidly changing world. The newly renovated computer lab serves as a hub for this learning, offering courses that teach valuable skills across a range of high school business classes.



## Esports and More

Division Avenue's esports room promotes both collaborative learning and competitive gaming, providing students with a unique space to build camaraderie like never before. Equipped with state-of-the-art technology, students are thriving and developing new skills.

## Fierce Competitors

Division Avenue is home to athletic champions, including the flag football team, which dominated its conference, and the state champion cheerleaders. This competitive spirit extends to academics as well—Division's Science Olympiad team has advanced to the state level for 16 consecutive years. These achievements are a testament to the Dragons' strong sense of unity and teamwork.



## Evolving Electives

New electives introduced at Division Avenue give students freedom to pursue an education catered to their interests while preparing them for the future. Courses such as College Real Estate, Branding Yourself for Success, Future Teachers, College Marine Biology, Advanced Woodworking and Small Engine Car Maintenance are a small sample of the variety of offerings available to students.

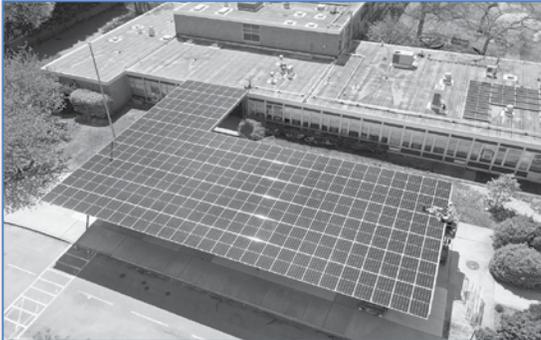


## Interactive Spaces, Impactful Learning

The most flexible lessons are hosted in Division Avenue's aptly named Flex Lab. Technological resources are available for teachers to host experimental lessons not possible in the traditional classroom. The open seating makes for a perfect spot to host guest speakers who share their influential experience.

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# GOING SOLAR in Levittown



Progress on solar panels at seven district buildings has begun. The end goal will resemble the example shown here.



Concrete footings are the first step in erecting solar arrays at our schools.



Construction of steel structures is underway at MacArthur High School.

Levittown Public Schools continues to make strides in environmentally friendly initiatives after recently breaking ground on its eagerly awaited energy performance project. Although the entirety of the project will see upgrades and improvements completed in several different trade areas, the most visually notable will be the installation of solar carports at several of our school buildings.

The solar carports will be installed at seven school buildings: Division Avenue and MacArthur High Schools; Wisdom Lane Middle School; Abbey Lane, Gardiners Avenue and Summit Lane elementary schools; and the Levittown Memorial Education Center. The solar arrays have an expected output of approximately 2,700kw of electrical power to be distributed across the seven buildings. As they operate in conjunction with several pieces of monitoring equipment, the district will be able to see the current output capacities at any building, at any given moment.

Work began at MacArthur High School in late August with crews installing concrete footings necessary to support the overhead steel structure and solar panels. Once the footings were completed, contractors moved on to Summit Lane Elementary School and Division Avenue High School, and are now working at Gardiners Avenue Elementary School. The steel infrastructure installation has begun at MacArthur High School as well. Upon completion of the project, the financial benefits will be immediate as we rely less on purchased power from the local utility. The project has an anticipated completion date of fall 2025.