



Comprehensive Development Plan

Shenango Township, Lawrence County, PA

Chapter 6 – Educational Opportunities



Overview

The Shenango Area School District is considered by residents in the Township to be an asset to the community and one of the primary considerations for buying a home. Response to the community survey indicates that the school district was the most preferred characteristic for living in the Township (Question No. 15, Chapter 11). For this reason in future marketing initiatives, the school district should be included in any discussion of promoting the Township to businesses considering relocation or expansion and, of course, for the development of new home sites.

While projected enrollment figures indicate a probable decline in school-aged children through the 2020-2021 school year of about 12% beginning in the 2013-2014 school year, the quality of education and available extra-curricular activities continue to be above average. Overall PSSA scores consistently ranked above average Commonwealth scores and post graduate education is consistently higher than average.

A discussion about adding vocational programs structured for employment opportunities in the burgeoning natural gas industry took place during preparation of the plan document with mixed response. The district has emphasized advanced technology training for its students and Steering Committee members suggested that private technical schools could provide the training for equipment operators, welding, pipe-fitting and related occupational skills.

Shenango Area School District

Superintendent: Dr. Michael Schreck

District Office Phone #: 724-658-7287

2501 Old Pittsburgh Road, New Castle, PA, 16101

Shenango Area Junior/Senior High School

Principal: Mr. Joe McCormick

Assistant Principal: Mr. Derek Sumner

High School Office Phone #: 724-658-5537

2550 Ellwood Road, New Castle PA, 16101

Shenango Area Elementary School

Principal: Mr. Adam Vincent

Elementary School Office Phone #: 724-658-5566

2501 Old Pittsburgh Road, New Castle, PA, 16101

Shenango Area School Board Members

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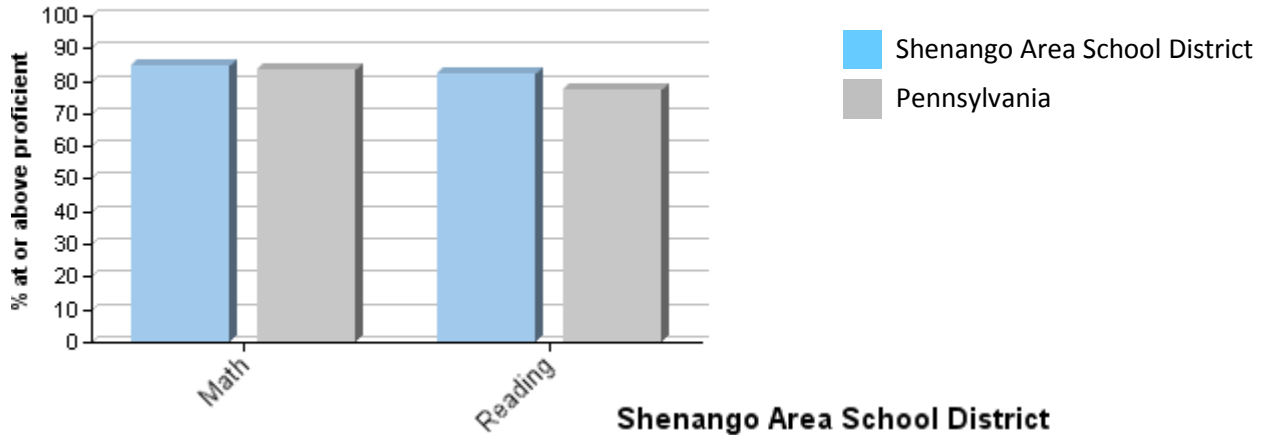
Students and Teachers¹

	2009-2010	2008-2009	2007-2008
Total Students:	1,303	1,315	1,346
English Language Learner Students:	5	6	6
Total Teachers:	91.10	88.90	96.00
Prekindergarten:	0.00	0.00	NA
Kindergarten:	6.00	4.00	4.00
Elementary:	37.14	38.10	38.10
Secondary:	44.46	43.40	50.50
Ungraded:	3.50	3.40	3.40
Total Other Staff:	66.00	66.00	65.00
Instructional Aides:	13.00	13.00	13.00
Instructional Coordinators & Supervisors:	1.00	1.00	1.00
Total Guidance Counselors:	3.00	3.00	3.00
Elementary Guidance Counselors:	1.00	1.00	1.00
Secondary Guidance Counselors:	2.00	2.00	2.00
Other Guidance Counselors:	NA	NA	NA
Librarians/Media Specialists:	2.00	2.00	2.00
Library/Media Support:	0.00	0.00	NA
District Administrators:	2.00	2.00	3.00
District Administrative Support:	5.50	5.50	5.50
School Administrators:	4.00	4.00	4.00
School Administrative Support:	7.00	7.00	7.00
Student Support Services:	0.00	0.00	NA
Other Support Services:	28.50	28.50	26.50
Student-Teacher Ratio:	14.30	14.79	14.02

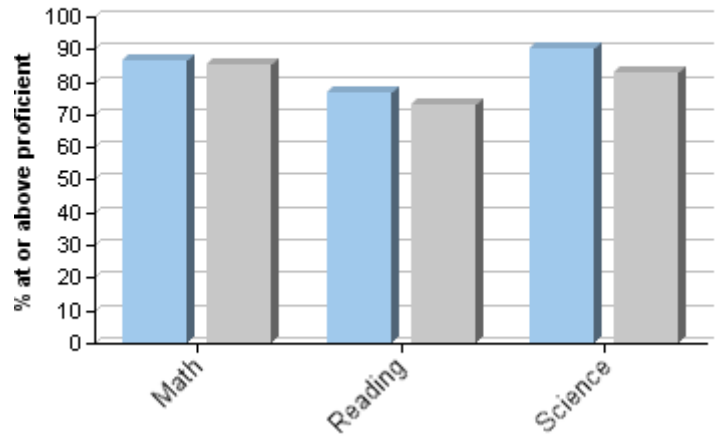
¹ <http://www.usa.com/school-district-4221510.htm>

Pennsylvania System of State Assessments Test Scores – 2011 Test Year²

**Shenango Area School District
PSSA Scores (2011 - Grade 3)**

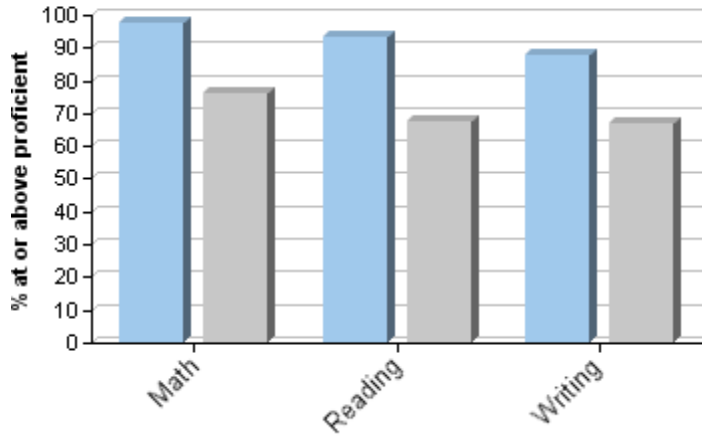


**Shenango Area School District
PSSA Scores (2011 - Grade 4)**

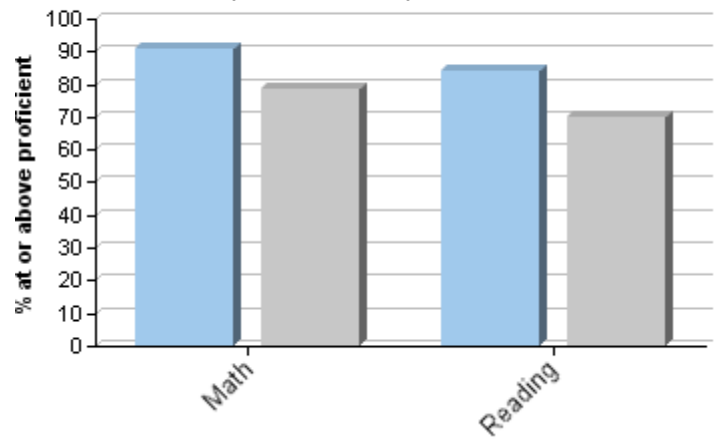


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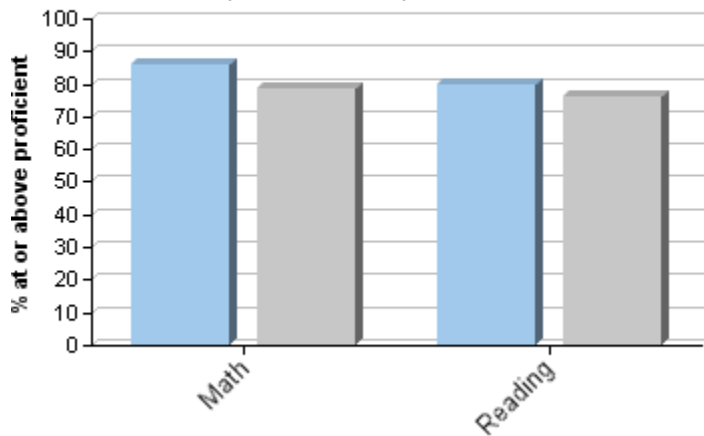
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PSSA Scores (2011 - Grade 5)**



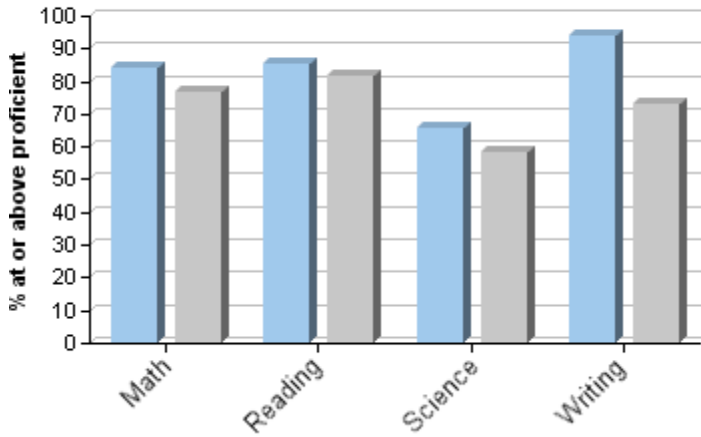
**Shenango Area School District
PSSA Scores (2011 - Grade 6)**



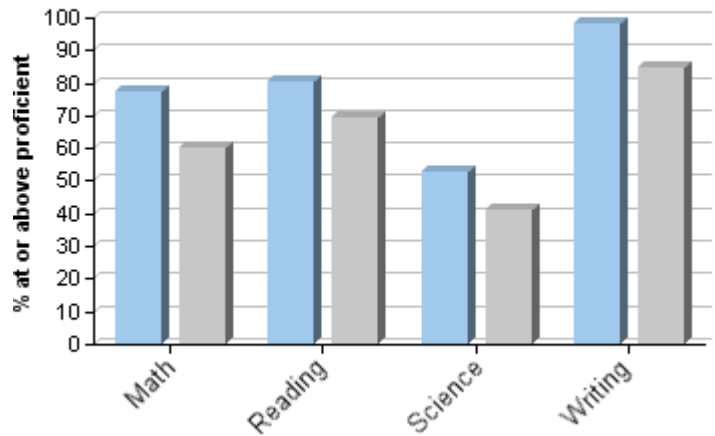
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PSSA Scores (2011 - Grade 7)**



**Shenango Area School District
PSSA Scores (2011 - Grade 8)**



**Shenango Area School District
PSSA Scores (2011 - Grade 11)**



In 2010-2011 Pennsylvania used the Pennsylvania System of State Assessments (PSSA) to test students in grades 3 through 8 and 11 in math and reading, in grades 5, 8 and 11 in writing, and in grades 4, 8 and 11 in science. The results for reading, writing and math are displayed on GreatSchools profiles. The PSSA is a standards-based test, which means it measures how well students are mastering specific skills defined for each grade by the state of Pennsylvania. The goal is for all students to score at or above proficient on the test.

TABLE 6-1
ACTUAL ENROLLMENT
2006-2011

Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
2006-2007	80	95	101	122	82	124	90	110	122	107	118	115	96	1,362
2007-2008	91	85	93	102	122	80	123	94	117	115	94	110	120	1,346
2008-2009	92	89	87	102	95	130	82	125	99	111	101	93	109	1,315
2009-2010	102	86	96	88	101	100	129	83	124	94	114	98	88	1,303
2010-2011	97	100	84	100	84	94	97	118	87	120	88	98	93	1,260

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education

TABLE 6-2
PROJECTED ENROLLMENT
2012-2021

Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
2012-2013	89	85	97	105	84	98	85	86	92	119	78	105	82	1,205
2013-2014	106	86	86	101	102	85	97	78	89	89	111	73	103	1,206
2014-2015	86	103	87	89	98	103	85	89	81	86	83	104	72	1,166
2015-2016	85	84	104	90	86	99	102	78	92	78	80	78	102	1,158
2016-2017	83	82	85	108	87	87	98	93	81	89	73	75	77	1,118
2017-2018	82	81	83	88	105	88	87	90	97	78	83	68	74	1,104
2018-2019	81	80	82	86	85	106	88	80	94	94	73	78	67	1,094
2019-2020	80	79	81	85	83	86	105	80	83	91	87	68	77	1,085
2020-2021	78	77	80	84	82	84	86	96	83	80	85	82	67	1,064

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education

TABLE 6-3
SHENANGO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
REVENUES, 5-YEAR CYCLES

Year	Total Revenue	Local Taxes	Local Other	Total Local Revenue	Local % of Total Revenue	Total State Revenue	State % of Total Revenue	Total Federal Revenue	Federal % of Total Revenue	Total Other Revenue	Other % of Total Revenue
2011-2012	\$15,271,288	\$4,688,173	\$615,795	\$5,303,967	34.7%	\$9,896,742	64.8%	\$68,079	0.5%	\$2,500	0.0%
2006-2007	\$14,627,915	\$4,711,514	\$604,594	\$5,316,107	36.3%	\$8,956,436	61.2%	\$31,414	0.2%	\$323,958	2.2%
2000-2001	\$10,979,164	\$3,685,362	\$399,662	\$4,085,024	3720.0%	\$6,725,744	61.3%	\$40,166	0.4%	\$128,230	1.2%
1995-1996	\$9,258,195	\$3,159,061	\$171,324	\$3,330,385	3600.0%	\$5,682,001	61.4%	\$152,497	1.6%	\$93,312	1.0%

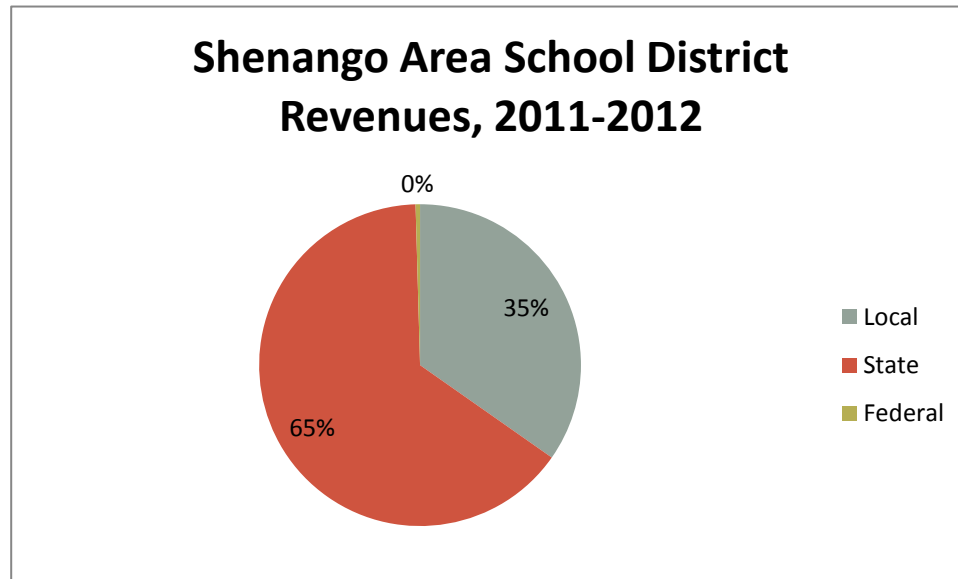


TABLE 6-4
SHENANGO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXPENDITURES, 5-YEAR CYCLES

Year	Instruction 1000	Support Services 2000	Non-Instructional 3000	Current Expenditures	Facilities Acquisition & Construction 4000	Other Financing Uses 5000	Total Expenditures	Actual Instruction Expense	Regular Education 1100	Special Education 1200	Vocational Education 1300	Other Instructional Programs 1400
2011-2012	\$9,859,397	\$4,142,665	\$424,394	\$14,426,456.64	n/a	\$1,079,942	\$15,506,399	n/a	\$7,639,443	\$1,965,146	\$141,699	\$113,109
2006-2007	\$8,736,244	\$3,892,042	\$264,946	\$12,893,232	\$514,181	\$1,424,551	\$14,831,964	\$10,776,092	\$6,801,699	\$1,555,273	\$288,917	\$90,355
2000-2001	\$6,871,394	\$2,642,013	\$233,879	\$9,747,286	\$112,857	\$919,634	\$10,779,777	\$7,873,634	\$5,284,614	\$926,081	\$635,417	\$25,282
1995-1996	\$5,595,443	\$2,259,019	\$180,926	\$8,035,388	\$420	\$888,716	\$8,924,524	\$6,460,950	\$4,605,092	\$489,367	\$472,328	\$26,951

EXPENDITURES (continued)

Year	Adult Education 1600	Higher Education 1700	Pre- Kindergarten 1800	Pupil Personnel 2100	Instructional Staff 2200	Administration 2300	Pupil Health 2400	Business 2500	Operation & Maintenance of Plant 2600	Student Transportation 2700	Support- Central 2800	Other Support 2900
2011-2012	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$383,628	\$251,823	\$1,071,644	\$186,845	\$198,614	\$1,222,591	\$627,986	\$186,738	\$12,796
2006-2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$327,339	\$215,165	\$956,655	\$147,785	\$144,120	\$1,243,917	\$559,350	\$285,393	\$12,316
2000-2001	\$0	\$0	n/a	\$267,008	\$156,258	\$615,979	\$121,370	\$81,090	\$899,789	\$409,959	\$79,263	\$11,298
1995-1996	\$1,705	\$0	n/a	\$189,150	\$191,646	\$567,908	\$97,120	\$86,043	\$763,426	\$347,247	\$4,608	\$11,872