

Report Card Narratives

New Jersey Department of Education

CHERRY HILL TWP (07-0800-073)

Henry C. Beck Middle School

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members:

On behalf of the Henry C. Beck Middle School and the Cherry Hill School District, I am happy to share with you the New Jersey School Performance Report. It provides a method for tracking our school's progress toward New Jersey's Core Curriculum Content Standards.

At Henry C. Beck Middle School, we have established initiatives that are unique to our learning community. Some of our initiatives include the following:

1. Working to improve student achievement through the formation of Professional Learning Communities.
2. Implementing a whole-school approach to interactive note-taking to equip our students with the skills to be successful students.
3. Eliminating leveling in our sixth grade mathematics classes and decreasing the number of students who are enrolled in our lower-track mathematics classes in grades seven and eight by providing additional support such as tutoring, pre-teach models, and the Cognitive Tutor program.
4. Providing Algebra and Advanced Algebra classes for 8th grade students.
5. Implementing a 90-minute Language Arts period for 6th graders to enable students to interact with the Language Arts curriculum in more depth.
6. Increasing our focus on Character Education through whole-school initiatives, Advisory, the Lions Quest program, and the work organized by our Character Education Committee.
7. Providing rich and robust arts opportunities for our students through a comprehensive school-based Music Program, an impressive Drama Department, and an excellent Visual Arts program.

Everyone (students and staff) at Beck Middle School is expected to demonstrate our shared core ethical values: Perseverance, Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, and Compassion. These core values - Beck's Pawsitive expectations - are exemplified in all aspects of the school setting. .

We are excited about the many initiatives that contribute to the development of the whole student. On behalf of the students and staff of Henry C. Beck Middle School, thank you for your interest in our school.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dennis Perry
Principal





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