

# Pleasant Valley Intermediate School

Pleasant Valley Intermediate School (PVI) is a large intermediate school located in a rural setting between the towns of Gilbert and Kresgeville, Pennsylvania. It was established in 2000. Approximately 1100 students, grades 4-6, experience many exciting opportunities on a daily basis in an environment that helps our students grow from cubs to bears.

Located in Polk Township, Pleasant Valley Intermediate offers 14 fourth grade, 14 fifth grade, and 14 sixth grade classes. The well-rounded curriculum includes Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education, Health, Art, Technology, Integrated Library, General Music/Chorus, and Instrumental Music. Chorus is offered to our fourth, fifth and sixth grade students. Our extra-curricular activities include an after school remediation program, seasonal musicals, choral/band concerts, and various content area based, social service, and recreational clubs.

The intermediate school is home to 96 certified professional staff members and 91 support-staff personnel. The building is administered by one Principal, an Assistant Principal and a Dean of Students.

Pleasant Valley Intermediate provides four diverse educational settings to meet the diverse educational, social, and developmental needs of our student populations. Fourth grade students participate in a team learning community model consisting of two homeroom teachers. Fifth and sixth grade students participate in a four teacher learning model, with the exception of one two person team in fifth and sixth grade. This dynamic serves to meet the developmental, academic, and social needs of Pleasant Valley Intermediate students as they transition from an elementary setting through an intermediate setting, to a middle school setting.

## **Instructional Support Team (IST)**

## **Student Assistance Program (SHARE)**

## **Student Intervention Response System (SIRS)**

One of the goals of the Pleasant Valley School District is to create and maintain a system that enables all children to be successful in their educational environments. At PVI, we also believe that it is our school's responsibility to educate children in a manner specifically tailored to meet their individualized needs.

The Instructional Support Team, SHARE Team, and Student Intervention Response System provides assessment and intervention techniques in order to maximize individual student achievement in the regular education classroom. These teams provide staff with the opportunity to work collaboratively to identify and help alleviate any educational, emotional, or behavioral barriers to learning. IST may also serve as a screening process for students who require more specialized educational services.

Any intermediate student who experiences a consistent need for academic, behavioral, social, and/ or emotional support can qualify for IST, SHARE and/or become a part of SIRS. Students are identified by teachers, school counselors, nurses, and/or building administration. Parents may also request IST, SHARE and SIRS assistance for their child.

The IST, SHARE, and SIRS work under the direction of the building principal to assist the school staff in meeting the needs of struggling students. They perform classroom observations, conduct curriculum based assessments, conference with teachers and parents, as well as design and facilitate various intervention techniques based on data in order to help all students be more successful.

## **PBS (Positive Behavior Support)**

The Pleasant Valley Intermediate "Gimme 5" program was created to encourage and support positive student behavior at PVI, and therefore, provide a safe environment where high expectations for student achievement are consistently met and recognized. The program reinforces our belief that by teaching our students to understand situations that trigger problem behaviors, we can teach them effective solutions to maintaining more socially appropriate behavior. The core beliefs of the "Gimme 5" system are identified by five themes or student expectations, including:

Students will always show **RESPECT**.  
Students will always act **RESPONSIBLY**.  
Students will always work to **MAKE GOOD CHOICES**.  
Students are expected to **TAKE PRIDE IN WHAT THEY DO**.  
Students will always be **READY TO LEARN**.

Students earn "Gimme 5" tickets when they display these expectations and may redeem their tickets at the PBS Zone for positive rewards.

## **PVI Vision Statement**

*The vision of the Pleasant Valley Intermediate School is to inspire all students toward physical, intellectual, emotional, and social growth as lifelong learners.*

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