

## Why DV?

Delaware Valley is a state and nationally recognized school district serving approximately 4,400 students in seven schools. There are four elementary schools, two middle schools and one comprehensive high school located in Pike County, PA. Our area is known as the Tri-State area because PA, NY and NJ all meet here along the Delaware River.

### Award-winning school district

- *U.S. News & World Report's* list of "America's Best High Schools"
- *Washington Post's* list of "America's Most Challenging High Schools"
- *Newsweek's* list of "America's Best STEM High Schools"
- *Scranton Times-Tribune's* "Grading Our Schools" top ranking – 6 years in a row
- The College Board's National Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Roll
- National "Best Communities for Music Education" – 7 years in a row
- Project Lead the Way's "High Schools of Distinction" for Engineering & Sciences

### Something for everyone

- Outstanding music program with band, chorus and orchestra starting in elementary school; all-region, all-state and All-East award winning students
- Top-flight athletic program that wins PIAA District II team titles in 7-9 sports per year
- Best high school student newspaper in PA – *The Del.Aware*
- More than 150 clubs to meet the varied interests of students in grades K-12
- Students in FBLA, FCCLA, HOSA and Scholastic Quiz Bowl advance to national competitions annually
- FBLA named top chapter in PA for 3 years in a row
- Seven teams qualified for the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals 2 years in a row

### Picturesque area

Our beautiful valley is nestled between PA's Pocono Mountains and NY's Catskill Mountains. Hiking, biking, hunting and fishing are common throughout our area. Milford is considered the "birthplace of the American conservation movement" and is home to the US Forest Service's Grey Towers national historic site and the National Park Service's Delaware Water Gap recreational area. New York City is only 75 miles away with local commuter train service available.

### Great culture

Continuous improvement – that burning desire to do it better today than yesterday, and to enjoy today's accomplishments then try to do it even better tomorrow!

Collaboration – the synergy of teams working together to improve teaching and learning; teachers working in isolation is a waste of time and energy. Stephen Covey was famous saying for 1+1= far more than 2 because of the synergies of multiple people putting their heads together to do it better.

Care – focusing on the whole child and not just academics; we want to help mold awesome citizens! We work to make sure they are safe, healthy, engaged, supported and challenged.

Leadership – all great organizations begin and end with great leadership; we believe it is crucial to develop the leadership skills of our students through the “Leader in Me” program based on the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People.

### **Colleges our recent graduates have attended**

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| Yale           | MIT           | Johns Hopkins     |
| Penn           | Cornell       | Brown             |
| Dartmouth      | Duke          | Notre Dame        |
| West Point     | Naval Academy | Air Force Academy |
| Boston College | Bucknell      | Carnegie Mellon   |
| Clarkson       | Delaware      | Dickinson         |
| Fordham        | Georgetown    | Holy Cross        |
| Lafayette      | Lehigh        | Muhlenberg        |
| Penn State     | Pittsburgh    | RPI               |
| Richmond       | RIT           | Swarthmore        |
| Syracuse       | Temple        | Tufts             |
| Vanderbilt     | Vassar        | Villanova         |
| Virginia Tech  | Wake Forest   |                   |