

Education

Hazleton boasts one of the most highly advanced school districts in the nation, having just undergone a major \$50 million renovation and technology program.

There are also many outstanding private and parochial educational choices, as well.

If you have children, they'll be able to attend one of the most advanced school districts in the state. The Hazleton Area School District is unique in offering Early Intervention services designed to help children between the ages of three and five develop their potential while, at the same time, providing support for their families.

Many of the district's schools are equipped with state-of-the-art security systems that require visitors to ring a buzzer to be allowed inside. All school personnel wear photo identification badges, further enhancing safety.

Other educational opportunities exist in the Hazleton Area, both private and parochial. MMI Preparatory School in Freeland is one of the most highly recognized private schools and is currently accepting students in grades 6 through 12. Bishop Hafey Junior-Senior High School is Hazleton's largest Catholic school, with grades 7 through 12, located just across from Hazleton Area High School. Several parochial grade schools in Hazleton are also available.

Upon graduation, students have several excellent opportunities for post-secondary education... starting just a few minutes outside the City of Hazleton at Penn State Hazleton. Since the 1950s, Penn State University has had a Hazleton campus. Recently, the Hazleton campus started offering four-year degrees in selected fields, such as business administration and information sciences and technology. Still, many area students attend Penn State Hazleton for the first two years of their college career, then move on to the main campus at University Park, which is less than two hours to the east in State College, Centre County, to finish their degree.

Luzerne County Community College has a branch campus in the Broad Street Business Exchange in downtown Hazleton, offering associate's degrees, while Lackawanna College is also in downtown Hazleton and offers post secondary education.