

About Battle Hill School...

Battle Hill School is located in a quiet residential neighborhood. Set on a spacious ten-acre site, the land on which the school was built is steeped in Revolutionary War history as it is close to the scene of the Battle of Springfield. With an enrollment of 458 students, the school has seventeen regular education and five self-contained special education classes.

Battle Hill School offers a comprehensive array of programs and services designed to address the needs of its students. Special area teachers provide instruction in physical education, art, vocal music and computers. Students with special needs are mainstreamed with non-classified students to the extent appropriate to the individual child. All programs and services are accessible to the physically challenged. Parents may take advantage of convenient before and after school care under the auspices of the YMCA of Eastern Union County.

Recognized as a model school district by the National Governors Association and U.S. Department of Education, Union Township continues a proud tradition of providing quality early childhood programs for its students. A half-day preschool program and full day kindergarten provide our students with a solid foundation for learning. A gifted and talented program is available for students who meet the district's eligibility criteria. Starting in the third grade, students may enroll in music classes for band or string instruments, as well as participate in the school's chorus. A new computer laboratory provided our students with a variety of enrichment opportunities.

Parental involvement is one of Battle Hill School's greatest assets. Our Parent Teacher Association supports a cultural arts program, provided library materials and other equipment, and coordinates a variety of enjoyable activities for our students, parents and staff throughout the year. Our parents also provide hundreds of volunteer hours for the betterment of our school. Parents are important partners in the task of educating the students at Battle Hill School.

The N.J. State Department of Education has developed a set of core curriculum standards for seven areas: Language Arts/Literacy, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, World Languages, Arts, Visual and Performing Arts, and Health/Physical Education.

The core curriculum standards define what all students should know and be able to do in specific academic areas and across disciplines. Although the standards by themselves are not a curriculum guide, the Union Public Schools have and will continue to review its curriculum guides/programs to ensure that they address these academically rigorous standards. Administrators, teachers and parents have attended regional meetings, conferences and workshops sponsored by the Department of Education related to the Core Curriculum Content Standards as well as the newly developed fourth grade Elementary School Proficiency Assessment (ESPA). Members of the Battle Hill School staff have served on curriculum writing teams, attended inservice and departmental

workshops and have implemented instructional, curricular and assessment modifications designed to insure student mastery of these standards.

Our students must be able to seek solutions to problems based on real life situations, reason effectively and make logical connections. Therefore, our teachers are devoting a greater percentage of instructional time to problem-solving, critical thinking and process learning. An elementary science specialist provides our fourth grade students with hands-on laboratory experiences designed to enhance their higher order thinking skills. Our students are also being provided with increased opportunities to solve open-ended math problems, understand and use information and technology, read materials and text with comprehension and critical analysis. A new "Languages for Kids" program has been implemented in all first grade classes in our school district.

Battle Hill School and the Union Township Public School System are committed to providing its students with a first class educational experience.