

# Cairo-Durham Central School District

Small School. Big Opportunities.

## OUR SCHOOLS

Cairo-Durham Elementary School  
424 Main Street, Cairo, NY 12413

CDE Phone: 518-622-3231

Cairo-Durham Middle/High School  
1301 Route 145, Cairo, NY 12413

CDMS Phone: 518-622-0940

CDHS Phone: 518-622-8543

## FAST FACTS

Established: 1975

Mascot: Mustang

Colors: Royal Blue & White



The Cairo-Durham Central School District serves approximately 1,200 students across three counties. Situated in a close-knit, rural community, our district is comprised of three schools operating within two buildings.

### Mission: What We Do

*The Cairo-Durham Central School District, in partnership with the community, is committed to creating multiple learning pathways that empower all students to maximize their individual potential and become leaders in their local and global communities.*

### Vision: What We Want to Be

*The Cairo-Durham Central School District aims to provide a collaborative and engaging environment that is committed to the educational excellence of each individual student. By fostering high expectations and creating educational leaders, we will be recognized regionally and across the state as an exemplary school system.*

At Cairo-Durham, we strive to prepare all students for life beyond high school graduation, whether those plans include college or career. We provide a vast array of course offerings and project-based learning opportunities to achieve this goal.

## ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

- ✓ Advanced Placement program at CDHS is one of the strongest in NY State (pg. 2)
- ✓ Distance Learning Lab for online classes
- ✓ College in the Classroom allows high school students to earn college credits before graduation
- ✓ Advanced course honors track for middle school students
- ✓ Partnerships for career and technical education program opportunities
- ✓ Much more!

## POST-GRADUATION PLANS



2-year or  
4-year college



Other post-secondary



Employment



Military/Other

## EXAMPLES OF COLLEGES ATTENDED BY RECENT CAIRO-DURHAM GRADS



## BY THE NUMBERS

**1,184**

Enrollment (2017-18)

**10:1**

Student/Teacher Ratio

**83%**

Graduation Rate (2019)\*

**120+**

College Credits Available to High School Students\*\*

**\$31,806,451**

Budget (2019-20)

\* NY State average = 83%

\*\* Varies by year

# Points of Mustang Pride

## STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)

Programs such as Project Lead The Way and the middle school Robotics Club provide Cairo-Durham students with opportunities to develop their interests in STEM.

## BEYOND ACADEMICS

A well-balanced education goes beyond academics. There are many extracurricular opportunities for Cairo-Durham students, including more than 30 Mustang athletic teams. We also offer a wide variety of student clubs such as Model U.N., Mock Trial and Sources of Strength. Several after school clubs are available to elementary students as well.

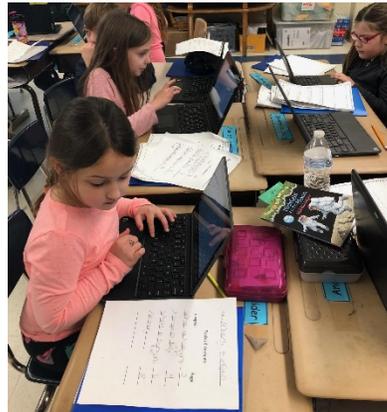
*For more information on any of our programs or school services, please visit us on the web at: [www.cairodurham.org](http://www.cairodurham.org)*

## ADMINISTRATION

Michael Wetherbee, Superintendent  
Dr. Paula McKeown, HS Principal  
Dotan Schips, MS Principal  
Christopher Stein, ES Principal

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From academics to athletics to technology, there are many reasons to have Mustang Pride. Here are just a few:

### GOOGLE FOR EDUCATION REFERENCE DISTRICT

In 2017, Cairo-Durham joined about 150 school districts nationwide—and only eight districts in New York State—in receiving the status of a *Google for Education Reference District*. This badge allows Cairo-Durham to be recognized by peers as a leader in educational innovation, particularly by our extensive use of G Suite for Education (formerly known as Google Apps for Education) and Chromebook laptops.

### CONNECTED CLASSROOM INITIATIVE (1:1 CHROMEBOOKS FOR GR. 3-12)

Cairo-Durham's new "Connected Classroom" initiative aims to cultivate 21<sup>st</sup> century skills by providing all middle/high school students with their own Chromebook laptops to use throughout the school year. The program began in 2017 and has achieved a 1:1 digital learning environment in Grades 6-12.

Moving forward, the District plans to continue expanding the use of Chromebooks across all grade levels. Recently, the 1:1 Chromebook program expanded to include in-school devices for all students in Grades 3-5. Chromebooks are also available to PK-2 classrooms.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) DISTRICT HONOR ROLL

Cairo-Durham is one of only two school districts in the Capital Region to be named to the Advanced Placement® District Honor Roll by the College Board in 2017. A total of 25 school districts in New York State share this distinction.

The AP District Honor Roll recognizes school districts in the U.S. and Canada that achieved increases in access to Advanced Placement courses for a broader number of students, while simultaneously maintaining or improving the rate at which their AP students earned scores of 3 or higher on an AP exam.

### MORE MUSIC OPTIONS

Our unique Music Technology curriculum gives students an alternative option for earning music credit. The hands-on course allows students in Grades 6-12 to learn about current music technology and engineering.

Music Technology aims to make music more accessible for all students, whether they play an instrument or not. Students use computer programs to manipulate musical elements and create their own works, from ringtones to remixes. High school students participate in more complex projects such as composing soundscapes, exploring film scoring and creating moods with music.



For middle and high school students who sing or play instruments, we offer many performance ensembles including band, jazz band, mixed chorus, women's chorus and a high school handbell choir. Cairo-Durham also has a marching band that is invited to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City each year.