

= Briarcliff Manor Union Free School District =

The Briarcliff Manor Union Free School District is the public school district of Briarcliff Manor , New York . The district is an independent public entity , and is governed by the district Board of Education , whose members are elected in non @-@ partisan elections for staggered , three @-@ year terms . The board selects a superintendent , who is the district 's chief administrative official . The district 's offices are located in Todd Elementary School .

The district has three schools , Todd Elementary School , Briarcliff Middle School and Briarcliff High School . It has about 1 @, @ 600 students , and spends an average of \$ 24 @, @ 858 per pupil and has a student ? teacher ratio of 13 : 1 (the national averages are \$ 12 @, @ 435 and 15 @. @ 3 : 1 respectively) . The district is a part of the Putnam @-@ Northern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services . The Briarcliff Manor UFSD won first place for the small district category of the 2008 Digital School Districts Survey .

= History =

In 1865 , a one @-@ room schoolhouse was built on land donated by John Whitson on the south side of Pleasantville Road , between the Pocantico River and the New York & Putnam Railroad (now NY Route 9A / 100) . The building (Whitson 's School , District No. 6) became the first schoolhouse in the area . George A. Todd , Jr. was the first teacher and superintendent of the school . In 1867 , the school was moved to the White School , named thus due to its exterior paint .

Its replacement building , Briarcliff Public School , was built in 1898 on the site of the White School . The building failed to meet requirements set by New York 's commissioner of education , and thus in 1910 , it became the Briarcliff Community Center , a social organization established by the village . Around the same time , in 1908 , \$ 50 @, @ 000 (\$ 1 @. @ 32 million in 2015) was voted for Briarcliff Manor to buy a plot by Law Memorial Park , and the school moved again , to the Spanish Renaissance @-@ style Grade School building , which was built there the following year . Students would attend that school from kindergarten to ninth grade and have the option to then attend the nearby Ossining High School . In 1918 , the Briarcliff school began educating students through high school ; in 1928 , a dedicated wing for high school students was built onto the Grade School building . The enlarged school accepted students from Croton , Hawthorne , North White Plains , Valhalla , and as far as Granite Springs .

In 1953 , Todd Elementary School opened to free space at the Law Park grade school for middle- and high @-@ school students . The present high school opened in 1971 to ease the large enrollment at the Grade School building . The district under its current name was officially established in 1974 .

In 1980 , Pace University began leasing the middle school building , and the middle school was moved to a portion of the new high school building . The Grade School building was demolished in 1996 , and a retirement home was built on its site the following year . In the early 2000s , the current Briarcliff Middle School was constructed adjoining to the high school . The wing was completed in 2003 at a cost of \$ 24 million (\$ 30 @. @ 9 million in 2015) in the same red @-@ brick @-@ and @-@ glass style as the high school wing . In 2008 , the school district won first place for the small district category of that year 's Digital School Districts Survey .

= General information =

The three schools within the district serve about 1 @, @ 600 students , and the district spends an average of \$ 24 @, @ 858 per pupil ; its student ? teacher ratio is 13 : 1 (the national averages are \$ 12 @, @ 435 and 15 @. @ 3 : 1 respectively) . Demand for entrance to the school is high due to its strong performance and ratings .

= Location and area =

The Briarcliff Manor UFSD covers 6 @. @ 58 square miles (17 @. @ 0 km2) of land and most of the village of Briarcliff Manor . The district also serves an unincorporated portion of the town of Mount Pleasant . Parts of Briarcliff Manor not covered by the school district include Scarborough and Chilmark ; these areas (about 28 percent of Briarcliff Manor) are part of the Ossining Union Free School District .

= = = Demographics = = =

In the 2013 ? 14 school year , the Briarcliff Manor Union Free School District enrolled approximately 1 @, @ 568 students ; of which 1 percent were eligible for free lunch .

= = Schools = =

= = = Todd Elementary School = = =

Todd Elementary School serves students from kindergarten through to fifth grade . The current elementary school building opened in 1953 and is named after George A. Todd , Jr. who was the village 's first teacher , first superintendent and taught for over 40 years . When it opened , the school was already too small ; two more rooms were added . In 1956 , another addition nearly doubled the school 's size . In 2000 , another expansion of the school began , creating distinct wings for students in kindergarten to second grade and students in third to fifth grade .

= = = Briarcliff Middle School = = =

Briarcliff Middle School (BMS) serves students in grades 6 ? 8 . It is co @-@ located on a suburban campus with Briarcliff High School . The school principal is Susan Howard . The school has 62 faculty members , including 29 teaching staff . As of January 2012 , enrollment is 379 . It became a Blue Ribbon school in 2005 .

= = = Student body = = =

The student body consists primarily of incoming students from Todd Elementary School . Fewer than one percent qualify for free or reduced lunches ; in contrast , 72 percent of the student body qualifies in nearby New York City .

The demographics of the school are 96 percent White (non @-@ Hispanic) , 1 percent Black or African American , 2 percent Asian , and 1 percent Hispanic or Latino . Its student ? teacher ratio is 21 : 1 .

The school runs the Greenhouse Club , which donated to charities , fixed old laptops , and started a recycling and composting program . The club runs an annual Charity : Water fundraiser , and has held coat drives , collected funds for Hurricane Sandy victims , and organized a holiday boutique to raise money for the American Cancer Society . As well , the students of the club have helped to create and maintain Academia , the school ? s outdoor education center , greenhouse and garden built around 2008 . The club also created a five @-@ part video miniseries on planting and gardening for instructional use at Hawthorne Country Day School .

= = = Briarcliff High School = = =

Briarcliff High School (BHS) serves students in grades 9 ? 12 . The school is noted for student achievement , testing scores , its science research , world language , and performing arts programs , University in the High School and Advanced Placement courses , and graduation and college attendance rates . The school has a 10 : 1 student ? teacher ratio , and 100 percent of students have proficiency in mathematics and English . In 2014 , Newsweek ranked the high school 17th

@-@ best in the country .

The student body primarily consists of incoming graduates of Briarcliff Middle School . Additionally , students graduating from Pocantico Hills Central School have the option to attend high schools either at Briarcliff High School , Pleasantville High School , or Sleepy Hollow High School . The majority , 75 percent in 2013 , attend Briarcliff High School . Through the district 's affiliation with the Board of Cooperative Educational Services , students have the option for vocational education at the Tech Center at Yorktown , a program in Yorktown Heights .

The school was founded in 1928 at the Grade School building adjacent to Law Memorial Park . In 1971 , the school moved to its current facility on the east border of the village .

= = Transportation = =

The district offers transportation to students through Briarcliff Bus Company , which holds its vehicles at a private lot of the Scarborough train station . Transportation is available to students who live within 15 miles (24 km) from the school they attend ; that students living on Ingham Road do not have school transportation to the nearby Todd Elementary School .