

O'HARA TOWNSHIP

Comprehensive Development Plan

Chapter 6 - Educational Opportunities

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

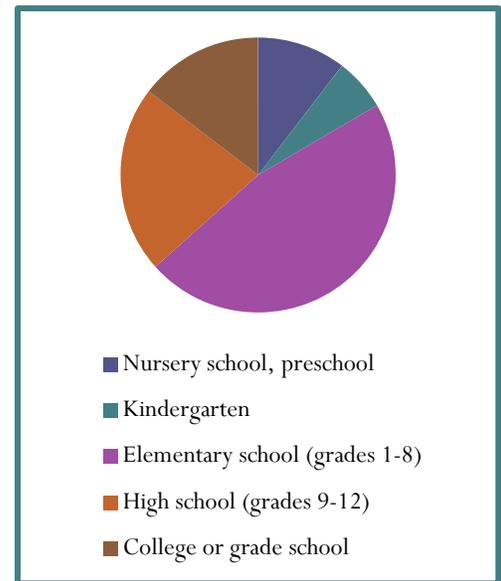
In the year 2000, O'Hara Township residents comprised one third of enrollment in the Fox Chapel School District, one of the most diverse districts in the State from a socioeconomic standpoint, which includes Indiana and O'Hara Townships and Fox Chapel, Blawnox, Aspinwall, and Sharpsburg Boroughs, and 84% of O'Hara school age children attend classes in the School District. Through housing analysis concluded in Chapter 4 recognizes that

though Fox Chapel Area School District is the key factor behind the continued attraction of families with school aged children to the Township. This healthy demographic trend is an anomaly in the region.

TABLE 6-1
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 2000
POPULATION 3-YEARS AND OVER ENROLLED IN SCHOOL

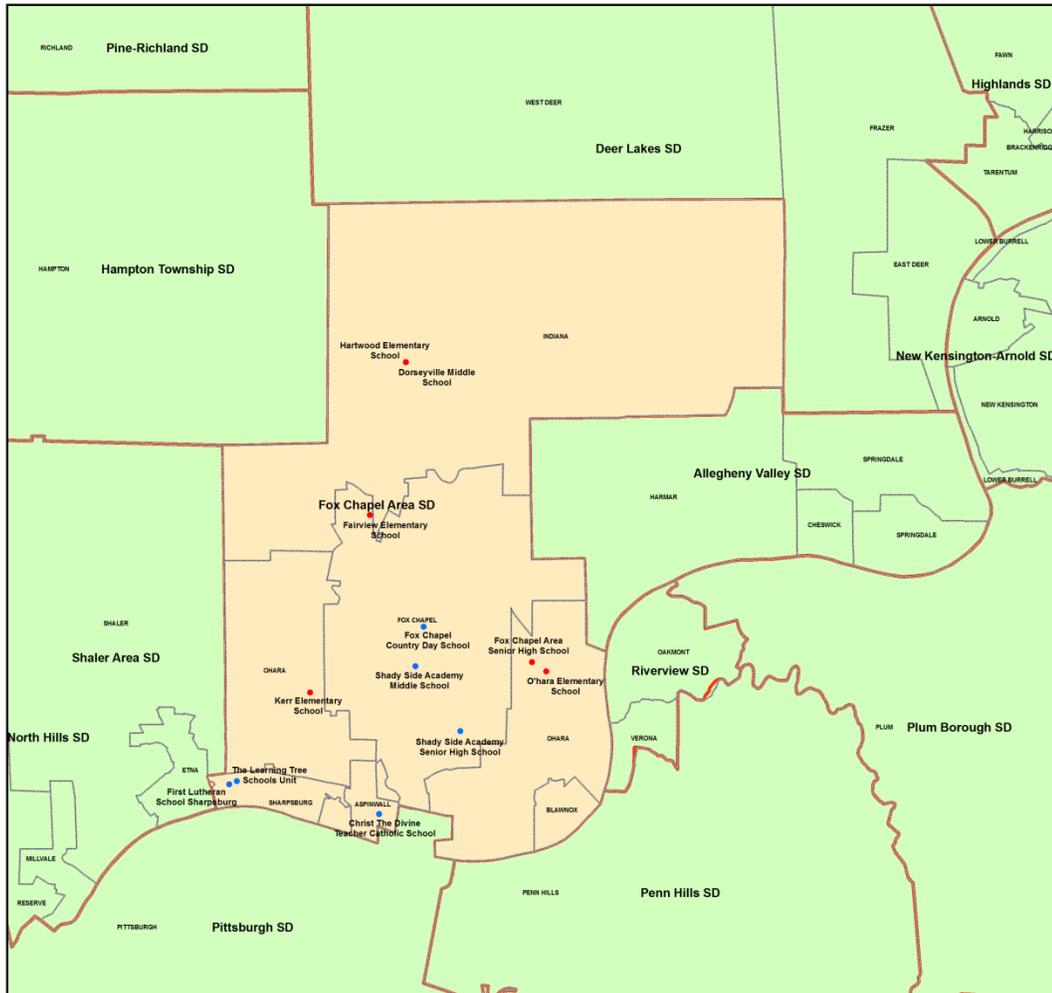
	West O'Hara		East O'Hara		O'Hara Township	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Nursery school, preschool	133	9.5	115	11.7	248	10.4
Kindergarten	59	4.2	87	8.8	146	6.1
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	674	48.4	440	44.6	1,114	46.8
High school (grades 9-12)	278	20.0	246	24.9	524	22.0
College or grade school	249	17.9	98	9.9	347	14.6
Total	1,393	100	986	99.9	2,379	99.9

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000, DP-2.



The total enrollment for the 2007-2008 school year is 4,554 students. There are 1,943 students at the elementary level; 1,042 students at the middle school; and 1,569 students at the high school.

Source:
http://www.fcasd.edu/j_district/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=399&Itemid=6



FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

PREVIOUS AND PROJECTED ENROLLMENT

TABLE 6-2 FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT 1992-2000							
1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
3,788	4,016	4,092	4,231	4,405	4,470	4,545	4,645

Source: PA BonData Book, Allegheny County, 2004

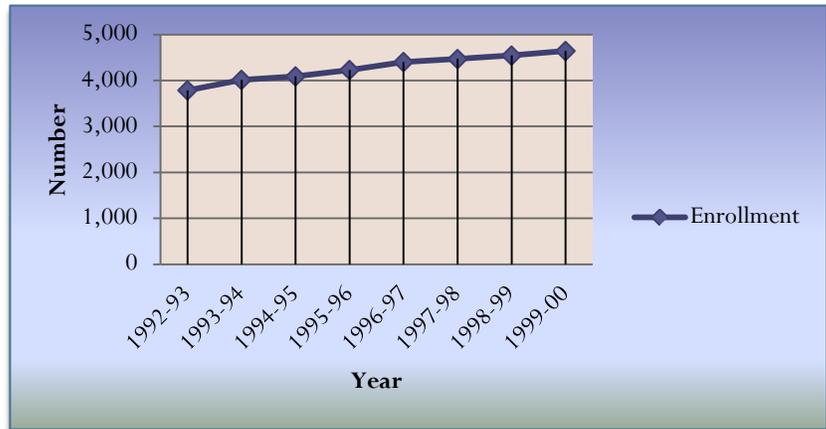
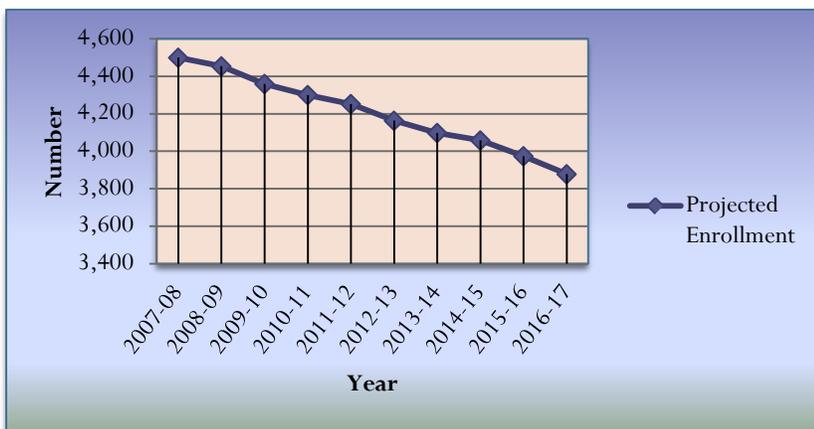


TABLE 6-3 FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT PROJECTED ENROLLMENT 2007-2017									
2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
4,499	4,453	4,359	4,300	4,252	4,163	4,098	4,058	3,974	3,878

Source: PA Department of Education, revised 07/2007



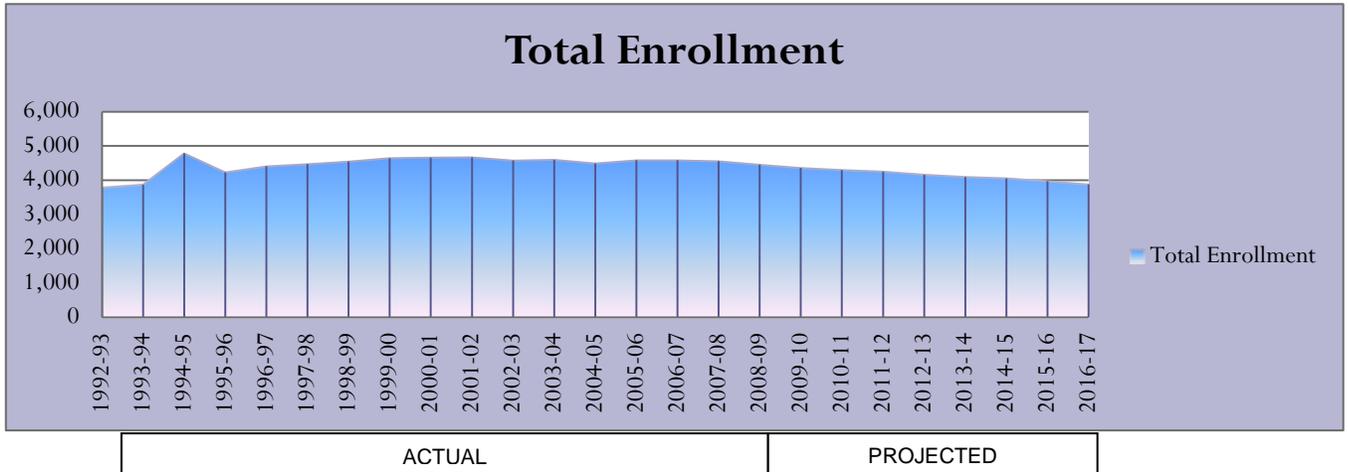


TABLE 6-4
Schools in the Fox Chapel Area School District

School Name	Year	Enrollment	Attendance Rate (%)	% Low Income
Dorseyville Middle School	1995-96	1,001	95.1	14.5
	2001-02	1,133	98.4	10.0
	2005-06	1,074	n/a	n/a
Fairview Elementary	1995-96	397	96.4	3.5
	2001-02	394	98.1	1.2
	2005-06	350	n/a	n/a
Fox Chapel Area SHS	1995-96	1,169	92.8	8.3
	2001-02	1,497	85.4	7.3
	2005-06	1,640	n/a	n/a
Hartwood Elementary	1995-96	420	96.3	21.7
	2001-02	368	97.8	11.0
	2005-06	362	n/a	n/a
Kerr Elementary	1995-96	573	95.7	5.8
	2001-02	522	99.5	22.0
	2005-06	502	n/a	n/a
O'Hara Elementary	1995-96	671	95.7	5.8
	2001-02	661	99.2	5
	2005-06	653	n/a	n/a

Source: PA Department of Education, School Profiles; 2006-07 Data by schoolmatters.com
n/a = not available

**TABLE 6-5
District Totals, 5-Year Trends**

Year/Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6
1995-96	282	366	361	349	365	338	322
2001-02	238	316	332	313	351	395	368
2005-06*	282	291	327	319	291	346	366

Year/Grade	7	8	9	10	11	12	District Total
1995-96	337	342	319	326	286	238	4,231
2001-02	399	366	399	418	358	322	4,575
2005-06*	339	369	453	394	416	377	4,576 ¹

Source: PA Department of Education, School Report Cards.
*Source: Fox Chapel Area School District

**TABLE 6-6
Hartwood Elementary School
3730 Saxonburg Boulevard
Pittsburgh, PA 15238**

Year/Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1995-96 ²	47	80	75	75	85	58	420
2000-01 ³	56	76	63	64	66	56	381
2005-06 ⁴	61	64	64	57	56	60	362

**TABLE 6-7
Fairview Elementary School
710 Dorseyville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15238**

Year/Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1995-96	55	73	63	76	75	55	397
2000-01	65	62	68	66	89	75	425
2005-06	46	57	53	68	51	75	350

**TABLE 6-8
Fox Chapel Area Senior High School
611 Field Club Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15238**

Year/Grade	9	10	11	12	Total
1995-96	319	326	286	238	1,169
2000-01	444	355	334	348	1,481
2005-06	453	394	416	377	1,640

**TABLE 6-9
O'Hara Elementary School
115 Cabin Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15238**

Year/Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1995-96	100	111	120	106	105	129	671
2000-01	98	112	120	116	130	121	697
2005-06	99	97	127	102	104	124	653

¹ The School District provided the total of 4,576 (Fox Chapel Area School District number) for the 2005-06 school year, although the individual numbers add to 4,570. Other sources indicate the total enrollment for the 2005-06 school year is 4,581 (pde.state.pa.us/k12statistics and www.schoolmatters.com) or 4,582 (ies National Center for Education Statistics). The difference between these totals is one-quarter of one percent (.25%), making the differences statistically insignificant. The number used in each chart is referenced.

² Table 6-8 through 6-11, 1995-96 data from PA Department of Education, System of School Assessment, School Profile

³ Table 6-8 through 6-11, 2000-01 data from PA Department of Education, School Report Cards

⁴ Table 6-8 through 6-11, 2005-06 data from ies National Center for Education Statistics

TABLE 6-10 Kerr Elementary School 341 Kittanning Pike Pittsburgh, PA 15238							
Year/Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1995-96	80	102	103	92	100	96	573
2000-01	85	81	75	110	101	105	557
2005-06	76	74	88	94	83	87	502

TABLE 6-11 Dorseyville Middle School 3732 Saxonburg Boulevard Pittsburgh, PA 15238				
Year/Grade	6	7	8	Total
1995-96	322	337	342	1,001
2000-01	407	361	353	1,121
2005-06	366	339	369	1,074

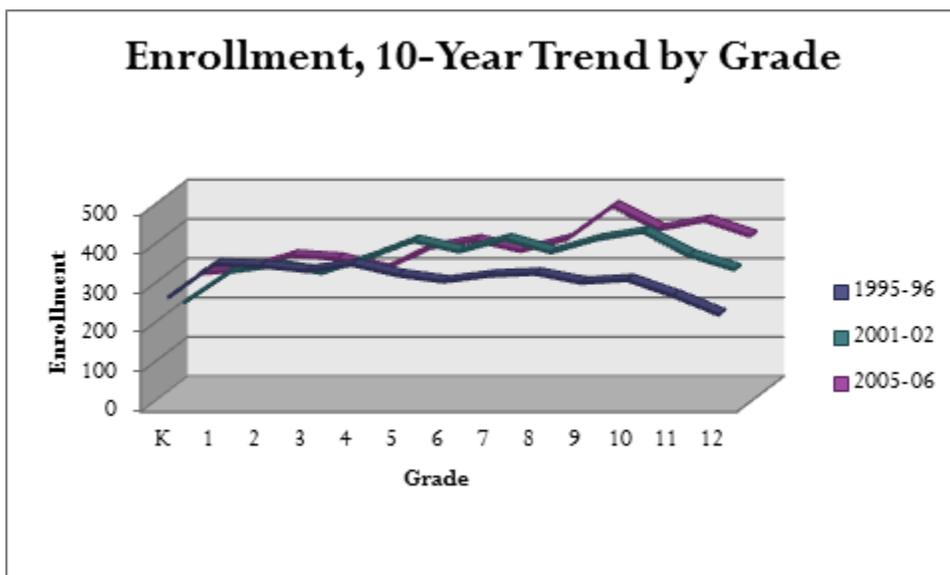
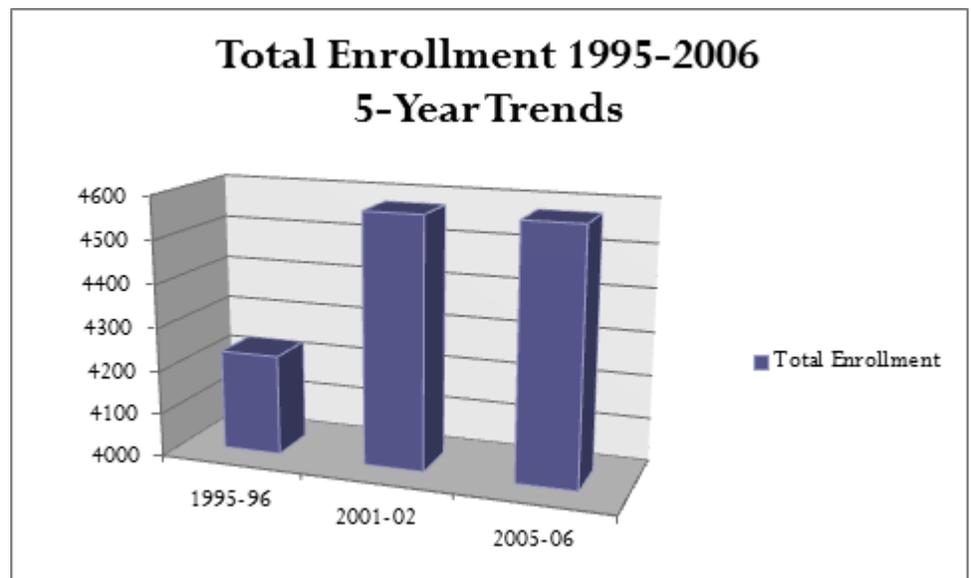


TABLE 6-12					
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 2002-2007					
2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
DORSEYVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL					
1,133	1,170	1,142	1,123	1,074	1,042
FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY					
394	378	378	367	350	365
FOX CHAPEL AREA SHS					
1,497	1,519	1,580	1,565	1,640	1,569
HARTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL					
368	348	347	360	362	409
KERR ELEMENTARY					
522	510	491	493	502	486
O'HARA ELEMENTARY					
661	673	706	674	653	683
<i>HTTP://WWW.SCHOOLMATTERS.COM/SCHOOLS.ASPX/O/PAGE=DP/DID=1167; 2007-08 DATA from Fox Chapel Area School District, 2007-2008 Facts & Figures</i>					

Overall enrollment projections assume comparatively stable enrollment with slight continued losses. The assumption of decreased enrollment, however, should be considered in light of the fact that migration data are not emphasized within school district enrollment projections, meaning that decreased birth rates artificially deflate enrollment figures as younger families attracted to the Fox Chapel School District are increasing or stabilizing enrollment. While enrollment will eventually level off or decline, past figures above and those projections in Chapter 3 indicate continued increases through the foreseeable future.

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

TABLE 6-13				
Scoring Proficient or Above on the 2006 PSSA				
By School				
	Grade	Math %	Reading %	Writing %
Fox Chapel Area HS	11	69	80	89
Dorseyville Middle S.	8	84	89	80
Fairview Elementary	5	99	93	72
O'Hara Elementary	5	86	90	75
Hartwood Elementary	5	77	77	68
Kerr Elementary	5	72	71	57
<i>Source: Fox Chapel Area School District website, Continuous Improvement Plan</i>				

TABLE 6-14
Scoring Proficient or Above on the 2007 PSSA
By School

	Grade	Math %	Reading %	Writing %
Fox Chapel Area HS	11	83	88	98
Dorseyville Middle S.	8	85	94	91
Fairview Elementary	5	100	95	98
O'Hara Elementary	5	93	84	91
Hartwood Elementary	5	84	81	67
Kerr Elementary	5	81	70	87

Source: Fox Chapel Area School District website, Continuous Improvement Plan

TABLE 6-15
COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS - 2005

	FOX CHAPEL AREA SD	COMMONWEALTH
ACT AVERAGE SCORE	22.9	21.8
ACT PARTICIPATION RATE	13.2	6.7
SAT REASONING TEST AVERAGE SCORE	1,116.0	1,001.0
SAT REASONING TEST PARTICIPATION RATE	86.0	61.7
PSAT/NMSQT	156.0	141.0
PSAT/NMSQT PARTICIPATION RATE	75.1	54.1
AP SCORES 3 OR ABOVE	77.9	67.7
AP PARTICIPATION RATE	26.6	14.4

Source: Pennsylvania Public School District Overview, School Matters

ADMINISTRATION

School Board Members	Region
Robin F. Baum (2015)	I
Eric C. Schmidt (2015)	I
Sherman M. Snyder (2013)	I
Sandra M. Garbisch, Assistant Secretary (2015)	II
Terrance L. Wirginis (2015)	II
Robert Mauro, Vice President (2013)	II
Charles R. "Chip" Burke (2013)	III
Nancy B. Foster, Treasurer (2015)	III
Joel R. Weinstein, President (2013)	III
As of July 2013	

Region I Covers all of Sharpsburg Borough and Wards 2, 3, and 4 of O'Hara Township; Region II Covers Districts 2, 4, and 5 of Fox Chapel Borough and all of Indiana Township; and Region III Covers all of Aspinwall Borough, Blawnox Borough, and Wards 1 and 5 of O'Hara Township, and Districts 1 and 3 of Fox Chapel Borough.

Superintendent: Anne E. Stephens, Ph.D.	
Assistant Superintendent: David P. McCommons, Ed.D.	
Sari E. McNamara, Ed.D., Principal	Fairview Elementary School
Jacquelyn M. Gregory-Rauzan, Ed.D., Principal	Hartwood Elementary School
Paul S. Noro, Principal	Kerr Elementary School
Michael E. Rowe, Principal	O'Hara Elementary School
Matthew J. Harris, Principal	Dorseyville Middle School
Kenneth A. Williams, Ed.D., Principal, Senior Division	Fox Chapel Area High School
Michael H. Hower, Principal, Intermediate Division	Fox Chapel Area High School

FINANCES

TABLE 6-16
Fox Chapel Area School District Financial Margins
5-Year Trend

	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Total revenue (\$ per student)	14,239	12,837	12,707	11,740	11,663
Operating expenditures (\$ per student)	11,993	11,285	10,652	10,228	9,631
Operating margin (\$ per student)	2,246	1,552	2,055	1,512	2,032
Operating margin as % of operating expenditures	18.7	13.8	19.3	14.8	21.1

Source: www.schoolmatters.com

TABLE 6-17
Financial Margins
Regional Comparison - 2005

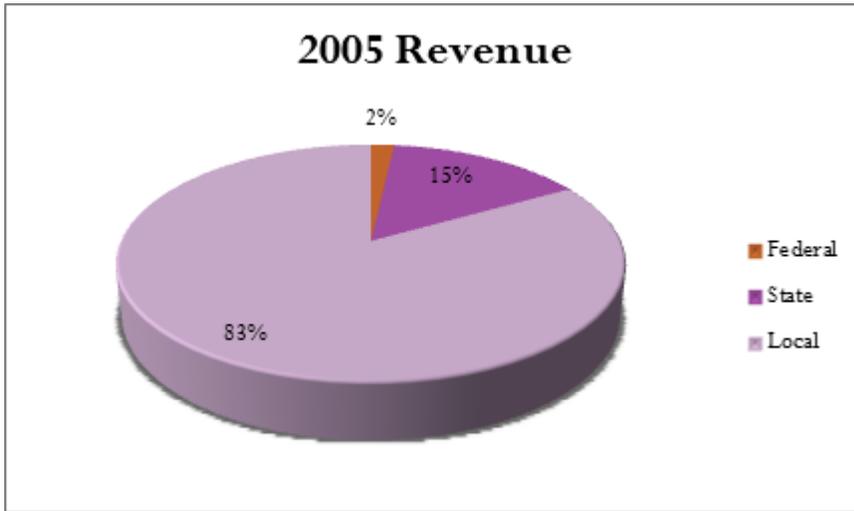
	Fox Chapel	County	PA
Total revenue (\$ per student)	14,239	13,316	11,580
Operating expenditures (\$ per student)	11,993	10,755	9,286
Operating margin (\$ per student)	2,246	2,561	2,294
Operating margin as % of operating expenditures	18.7	23.5	24.9

Source: www.schoolmatters.com

TABLE 6-18
District Spending & Revenue (\$ per Student), 2005

	District	State
Total Revenue	14,239	11,580
Total Expenditures	13,139	11,784
Operating Expenditures	11,993	9,286
Instructional Expenditures	7,888	5,718
Debt Payments	1,005	2,227
Capital Expenditures	246	1,030

Source: School Matters, a service of Standard & Poors



**TABLE 6-19
Fox Chapel Area School District
2005 Revenue**

Federal	1.77%
State	14.97%
Local	83.26%

In conclusion, the stability of enrollment coupled with the related stability of spending per student help to ensure that the Fox Chapel School District will continue to be an asset to the Township, attracting renewed interest in existing neighborhoods as families move into the Township and providing quality educational opportunities for residents. Those opportunities are supplemented by a diverse selection of private schools and universities.

OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Colleges/universities with over 2000 students nearest to O'Hara Township:

- CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY (about 7 miles; PITTSBURGH, PA; Full-time enrollment: 7,903)
- ART INSTITUTE PITTSBURGH (about 8 miles; PITTSBURGH, PA; FT enrollment: 2,246)
- UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH-MAIN CAMPUS (about 11 miles; PITTSBURGH, PA; FT enrollment: 22,930)
- COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY (about 11 miles; PITTSBURGH, PA; FT enrollment: 9,058)
- DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY (about 11 miles; PITTSBURGH, PA; FT enrollment: 8,199)
- POINT PARK COLLEGE (about 11 miles; PITTSBURGH, PA; FT enrollment: 2,189)
- ROBERT MORRIS COLLEGE (about 18 miles; MOON TOWNSHIP, PA; FT enrollment: 3,426)

Private Schools⁵:

- CHRIST DIVINE TEACHER CATH. ACADEMY
- ELLIS SCHOOL (K12)
- FOX CHAPEL COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL (PRE-5)
- MONTESSORI ACADEMY

⁵ pittsburghmoves.com

Private Schools⁶ (Continued):

SHADY SIDE ACADEMY (CO-ED 9-12)
SHADY SIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL(CO-ED 6-9)
WINCHESTER THURSTON (K5)
THE LEARNING TREE
FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL

As with many communities in the region, O'Hara Township is served by a variety of educational opportunities. As cited within the analysis in Chapter 3, Demographics, approximately sixteen percent of school aged children attended private schools as of the 2000 US Census.

SUMMARY

Chapter 6 lists the various educational opportunities available to Township residents including public and private schools and universities. The stability of enrollment in the Fox Chapel School District coupled with the related stability of spending per student help to ensure that the Fox Chapel School District will continue to be an asset to the Township, attracting renewed interest in existing neighborhoods as families move into the Township and providing quality educational opportunities for residents. Trends highlighted in Chapter 3, Demographics, help to support this assumption. Public school opportunities are supplemented by a diverse selection of private schools and universities.

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