Our passionate and dedicated staff is committed to all students’ academic and linguistic growth, while supporting social-emotional development within a safe and caring school environment. Students’ wrap-around support is strengthened by comprehensive parent and community connections.

Dr. Cynthia Armendariz-Maxwell, Principal
Michelle Acosta, Ed. S., Assistant Principal

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School History

Sunny Hill Elementary is one of eight elementary schools in the Barrington 220 School District, serving grades K-5. The school opened in 1954 as a K-8 school. At that time, the building sat on a hill surrounded by farms to the north, east and south. It is said Sunny Hill received its name from a family who was walking up the hill to school on a sunny day. Today, Sunny Hill serves as a hub in the Carpentersville community. Barrington 220’s Bilingual Parents Advisory Council (BPAC) holds its monthly meetings and events at Sunny Hill. It is also a club site for the Boys and Girls Club of Dundee Township.

Academics & Student Support

CORE CONTENT AREAS
Art, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education and Health, Science, Social Studies, Spanish Language Arts

INNOVATIVE & ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS
Bilingual Spanish Immersion, Extended English and Spanish, Fresh INC, H.I.P. (High-Potential Intervention Program), Jump Start Summer School, Library Literacy and Media, P.E.T.S. (Primary Education Thinking Skills), SPARK220, STEM

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING PROGRAMS
Positive Behavior Systems (PBS), Second Step

Fast Facts

- Niche ranking: B+ and top 30% of Best Public Elementary Schools in IL
- One-to-World iPad per student
- Total Enrollment: 335
- Student/Teacher Ratio: 16:1

Affiliations & Recognitions

- 2016 White House Commitment to Action Award for Educational Excellence for Hispanics (STEM)
- Let’s Move! Active Schools National Award: 2016, 2017, 2018
- 1 National Board Certified Teacher
- 2017, 2018 National Energy Star Award
- Member of IESA - Illinois Elementary School Association
Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) Results

To evaluate Sunny Hill students on IAR, scores from students in schools with similar economic disadvantage were compared. Sunny Hill students performed 50% better in mathematics, compared to students in a similar demographic. Sunny Hill students’ performance on the English Language Arts test is consistent with the performance of students in a similar demographic. English is the second language for the majority of Sunny Hill students.

Local Assessment & Test Scores

Sunny Hill assesses all students in winter and spring with the NWEA MAP test in the areas of Reading and Math. The graph above represents a cross-sectional comparison of the percentage of students meeting standards in grades 3, 4 and 5. In addition to a high rate of poverty, the majority of students entering Sunny Hill speak a language other than English as their primary language. As students improve in their acquisition of English, more students are expected to demonstrate proficiency, as is shown in the figures above.

Extracurricular Activities

- Art Club
- Band
- Barrington 220 Speech Tournament
- Boys & Girls Club
- Boys Basketball
- Choir Club
- Couch to 3K Family Run
- Creative Drama Club
- Cribbage Club
- GEMS/Mindful Waste Club
- Girls Basketball
- Hispanic Heritage Dance Club
- Homework Club
- Million Pollinator Garden-Monarch Waystation
- Music Blocks Piano Lessons
- Orchestra
- Student Council
- Student Yoga
- Techno-Tigers Robotics & Makerspace Club
- Tigers on the Run
- Running Club
- Track & Field

79%
Sunny Hill Graduates on Track after 9th Grade

69%
Sunny Hill Graduates Enroll in College post High School*

900
Sunny Hill Graduates’ Future Average SAT Score

80%
Pass Algebra I by the End of 9th Grade

95%
Student Attendance

82%
 Teachers with Master’s Degree +

16
Average Class Size

*According to Pew Research Center, on average, 35% of like demographics enroll in college.