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**Steel Valley Middle School Named “Apple Distinguished School”...**

*One of 400 Worldwide Selected for this Honor*

*Munhall, PA* – Steel Valley Middle School has been recognized as an “Apple Distinguished School” for 2018-21; the school is one of 400 worldwide selected for this honor.

Apple Distinguished Schools are centers of leadership and educational excellence that demonstrate Apple’s vision for learning with technology; and, according to Apple, “they are some of the most innovative schools in the world.”

“We are honored to receive this distinction from Apple, and I applaud the dedication of the teachers and staff for creating a culture where our students can explore their interests, take ownership of their educations and collaborate with alumni and members of our community to further their educations,” said Steel Valley Middle School Principal Bryan Macuga.

Being selected as an Apple Distinguished School highlights Steel Valley Middle School’s success in creating an innovative and compelling learning environment that engages students and provides tangible evidence of academic accomplishments.

Middle School teachers use Apple products such as iPads and various educational apps as a means for students to express their individuality while still adhering to the curriculum. The school also shares its achievements by collaborating with Apple teams to create powerful learning experiences.

“We do not look at our journey at Steel Valley as a mountain to be climbed, which implies an ultimate goal that would signify success and satisfaction,” said District Superintendent Edward Wehrer. “Instead, we are on a path of never-ending experimentation and continuous improvement where smart risk-taking is encouraged and failure is an option...*but quitting is not!* Here, we want to be better tomorrow than we are today.”

Steel Valley Middle School provides unique learning experiences to approximately 450 diverse students from its service area of Munhall, Homestead and West Homestead. Over the past few years, Steel Valley Middle School has moved into the forefront of education by providing students with individualized educational experiences and continuously strives for constant improvement while producing well-rounded students who learn to “think outside of the box.”

For more information on the Middle School and District, visit [steelvalleysd.org](http://steelvalleysd.org) or follow us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/Steelvalleymiddleschool](https://www.facebook.com/Steelvalleymiddleschool).