

HANOVER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Facts 2011-2012

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In 2011-2012, Hanover County Public Schools (HCPS) will serve approximately 19,110 students in grades preK-12 in four high schools, 4 middle schools, 15 elementary schools, The Georgetown School, our alternative education center, and The Hanover Center for Trades and Technology. HCPS is one of the largest school districts in Virginia and is among the 300 largest of 15,500 school districts in the United States.

Demographics

American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.40%
Asian	1.75%
Black or African American	9.60%
Hispanic	2.83%
White	83.31%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.06%
Two or more races	2.03%
Free/reduced lunch	17.17%

Of Virginia school divisions, Hanover County Public Schools ranks:	4-Year Cohort Dropout Rate (2010-11)	4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate (2010-11)	Percentage of Schools Having Obtained AYP for 2011-12 (of Divisions with enrollment > 15,000)	Percentage of Fully Accredited Schools
	Lowest (2.3%)	2 nd Highest (94.3%)	Highest for 4 consecutive years (65%)	100% for 10 consecutive years

Academic Excellence

- Based on the 2011 Virginia Standards of Learning assessments 100% of Hanover schools earned full accreditation from the Virginia Department of Education.
- The average elementary student-to-classroom teacher ratio is 21.5:1.
- The rigorous International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program is in place in all four high schools.
- Hanover high schools are among only 2 percent of American high schools which offer AP (Advanced Placement), IB (International Baccalaureate) *and* dual enrollment options to their students.
- Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) programs are in place in our high schools.
- Thirty-three (33) world languages are native to Hanover's growing number of Limited English Proficient (LEP) students.
- 99.6% of Core Academic classes are taught by teachers meeting the federal definition of Highly Qualified.
- A total of 90 Hanover teachers have earned National Board Certification since the inception of the program.
- A Graduate Warranty Program assures that students are prepared for post-secondary education or entry-level employment.

Awards/Accomplishments

- Hanover ranks first among Virginia's 132 school divisions for the percentage of its budget invested toward classroom instruction.
- Hanover County Public Schools is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI) and AdvancED.
- Hanover schools have won 10 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence awards.
- In 2011, seven (7) Hanover schools received the Governor's Award for Educational Excellence; six (6) Hanover schools received the Board of Education Competence to Excellence Award; and three (3)

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- Atlee and Hanover high schools were recognized by Newsweek magazine in their list of the top 1,500 public high schools in the nation based on the number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Cambridge tests compared to the number of graduating seniors.
- Three Hanover schools have been named Virginia Distinguished Title I Schools (Elmont Elementary (2005, 2009, 2010), Beaverdam Elementary (2005, 2006, 2007, and 2010), and Mechanicsville Elementary (2010).
- Two Hanover schools (Liberty Middle and Patrick Henry High) were identified as demonstration sites for statewide Content Literacy Continuum-Strategic Instruction Model grants.
- With grant support from Hanover Arc and the Commonwealth of Virginia, HCPS launched an after school program pairing disabled students with non-disabled peers.
- The Hanover All-County Band, composed of the marching bands from all Hanover high schools, participated in the Orange Bowl Parade in Miami in 1999, the Target Thanksgiving Parade in Chicago in November 2002, and in the last two gubernatorial inaugurations. The Atlee High band marched in the New Year's Day Parade in London in 2004 and 2008.
- Hanover County was named one of the Top 100 Communities in America for Music Education.
- *Forbes* magazine ranked HCPS among the top 50 school districts in the nation comparing student achievement vs. cost per pupil.
- Hanover received the *SchoolMatch* "What Parents Want" designation for six consecutive years. This recognition is reserved for those school districts in the Nation that demonstrate high levels of student achievement and maintain emphasis on small class size.
- Hanover has produced two World Champion Odyssey of the Mind teams: Patrick Henry High School (1994) and Rural Point Elementary School (2002).
- Hanover was the first Virginia school district to receive the U. S. Senate Productivity and Quality Award for Continuing Excellence.

Community Commitment

- School projects received a nearly 80% approval from Hanover voters in the 2005 Referendum, the highest margin of any referendum question on ballots in Virginia.
- The school district partners daily with the Hanover Sheriff's Office, Hanover Fire/EMS and other agencies to assure the safety of students and staff.
- The Hanover Education Foundation manages more than \$1,000,000 in gifts, legacies and endowed funds to support scholarships, professional development opportunities, and creative classroom initiatives.
- Two hundred eighty-three (283) businesses participate in the Partners-in-Education program.
- *American City Business Journals* ranked Hanover County among the top 50 localities in the United States for quality of life.
- *Money* magazine named Mechanicsville one of the Top 100 Best Places to Live in terms of economic opportunity, good schools, safe streets, things to do, and a sense of community.
- America's Promise Alliance named Hanover one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People.
- Hanover Career Student Resource, Inc., a not-for-profit community organization, publishes an annual directory of career and job-training opportunities available to Hanover students through businesses operating in Hanover County.
- Twenty-two (22) advisory committees work to improve the school system.

Hanover County Public Schools is a student-centered, community-driven school district that assures a quality education for success in a changing world.