HALIFAX COUNTY AT A GLANCE

POPULATION: 35,849
LAND AREA: 819 SQUARE MILES
PEOPLE PER SQUARE MILE: 44

AFRICAN-AMERICAN: 37%
WHITE: 61%
LATINO/ASIAN: 2%

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME: $35,191
MEDIAN HOME PRICE: $125,000

MAJOR EMPLOYERS:
- HCPS
- HALIFAX REGIONAL HOSPITAL
- DOLGENCORP, LLC
- ABB SERVICE COMPANY DIVISION
- PRESTO PRODUCTS CO.
- WALMART
- HALIFAX COUNTY GOVT
- VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY
- WOODVIEW NURSING HOME
- FANEUIL INC.

DISTANCE FROM:
- DANVILLE: 31 miles
- LYNCHBURG: 60 miles
- ROANOKE: 91 miles
- RICHMOND: 110 miles
- VA BEACH: 180 miles
- WASHINGTON DC: 218 miles
- DURHAM: 54 miles
- GREENSBORO: 77 miles
- RALEIGH: 79 miles
- CHARLOTTE: 79 miles
- MYRTLE BEACH: 167 miles
- OUTER BANKS: 256 miles

HCPS STATS

# TOTAL STUDENTS: 5,544
# ELEMENTARY: 2,692
# MIDDLE SCHOOL: 1,215
# HIGH SCHOOL: 1,637

# 2013 GRADUATES: 419

STUDENT: TEACHER RATIO = 14.5:1
ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE: 90.7%

HALIFAX COUNTY AT A GLANCE

Deeply rooted in Southern Virginia, Halifax County is a community that has transformed its historic pride into a remarkable focus on the future and a variable economy. Here, the distinctly southern and rural quality of life is counterbalanced by Halifax County’s close proximity to larger cities, with Raleigh (79 miles), Roanoke (91 miles), and Richmond (110 miles) all nearby.

A crucial element in the future of the county is its public school system. Halifax County Public Schools (HCPS) is committed to helping every student recognize his or her maximum potential. HCPS offers exceptional learning opportunities. Teachers, parents, business leaders and volunteers are the greatest assets of HCPS. From Pre-K through high school, students in the Halifax County Public School system are part of a nurturing, supportive learning environment. A highly qualified, child-centered staff and a low student to teacher ratio take pride in its public schools, where we put children first for a brighter future.
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
The instructional focus for grades K-5 is reading and math. Instructional reading coaches, math specialists, librarians, guidance counselors, music, art, and physical education teachers, as well as an elementary gifted staff support and supplement the K-5 program.

HALIFAX COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL
HCMS houses grades 6-8 and uses a modified team approach to bridge the transition between elementary school and high school. Middle school students are offered a wide range of exploratory related arts classes in addition to the core courses of Language Arts, Math, Social Studies and Science. Students may also choose to participate in a variety of extracurricular activities, including fine/performing arts, vocational/academic clubs, Army JROTC and interscholastic athletics.

HALIFAX COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
Students in grades 9-12 are exposed to a vast array of academics, fine arts, vocational and extracurricular opportunities. College prep, Advanced Placement and dual enrollment coursework is supplemented by the opportunity for academically talented students to receive an associate degree while attending high school.

A wide variety of extracurricular activities are open to HCHS students, while academic competition teams and more than a dozen interscholastic sports teams offer opportunities on a regional and statewide basis for our high school students to showcase their talents.

ADVANCED ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES
HCPS has established several satellite programs and smaller learning communities where students come together to engage in intensive academic exploration. These programs offer instruction that takes students beyond the boundaries of standard curriculums.

Targeted Learning Programs
1029 offers comprehensive reading and after-school remediation programs for students who need additional instruction. Additionally, math, reading and computer enrichment programs are available during the summer months.

Courses for College Credit
HCPS offers more courses for college credit than any other Virginia high school. Thanks to the dual enrollment program, 84 students were awarded their Associates of Arts degree at their high school graduation in June, 2013.

Academic partners include:
- Virginia Tech
- Old Dominion University
- John Hopkins University
- Mary Baldwin College

STEM Academy
The Halifax County STEM Academy provides expanded course offerings in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and digital technologies, including geographic information systems.

Pre-K Fine Arts Academy
A fine arts academy for Pre-K children is housed at The Prizery in South Boston. Programs have provide beginners arts exploration activities. For more information on the program and The Prizery, visit prizery.com.

TECHNOLOGY
HCPS places a strong emphasis on advanced technical instruction to provide students for competitive edge needed in today’s global economy. Instructional technology is an integral component of the educational program, with each school housing computer labs, document cameras, Smartboards, MOBIs, Galaxy Android tablets, and HCPS systems, all of which are used daily by classroom teachers.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT & BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS
The Halifax County Public Schools Education Foundation involves businesses and other interested parties in the financial support of our school system. Community partnerships include:
- Chamber of Commerce
- Technology
- Professionals
- Mentors/Role Model Program
- Churches
- Professionals
- Agriculture
- Healthcare

INSPIRED LEADERSHIP
HCPS leaders have a firm understanding of what it takes for our schools and students to succeed in the new economy. For example:
- HCPS accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, offering more courses for college credit than any other high school in the state.
- HCPS recruitment efforts aim to hire the most highly qualified, innovative teachers and staff.
- The HCPS mentor program for new teachers pairs each first-year teacher with a veteran instructor at their school, providing a friendly support system and an opportunity for professional development.
- The HCPS Education Foundation was established to provide annual scholarships to students to further their education at high school and provide mini-grants to teachers to fund innovative and creative classroom projects throughout the year.

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PRE-K Fine Arts Academy