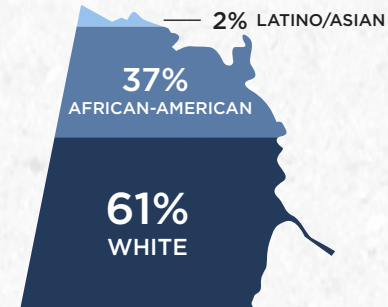


HALIFAX COUNTY AT A GLANCE

POPULATION **35,849** ÷ LAND AREA **819** SQUARE MILES = **44** PEOPLE PER SQUARE MILE

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME **\$35,191**

MEDIAN HOME PRICE **\$125,000**



DISTANCE FROM			
DANVILLE	31	DURHAM	54
LYNCHBURG	60	GREENSBORO	77
ROANOKE	91	RALEIGH	79
RICHMOND	110	CHARLOTTE	167
VA BEACH	180	MYRTLE BEACH	256
WASHINGTON DC	218	OUTER BANKS	285 (miles)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

- HCPS
- HALIFAX REGIONAL HOSPITAL
- DOLGENCORP, LLC
- ABB SERVICE COMPANY DIVISION
- PRESTO PRODUCTS CO.
- WALMART
- HALIFAX COUNTY GOV'T
- VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY
- WOODVIEW NURSING HOME
- FANEUIL INC.

HCPS STATS

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

STUDENT : TEACHER RATIO = **14.5 : 1**

2013 GRADUATES: **419**
 # AWARDED ASSOCIATE DEGREES AT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION: **84**
 ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE: **90.7%**



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HALIFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DEELY 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. Helping every student recognize his or her maximum potential, Halifax County Public Schools (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 and innovative learning environment. With a highly qualified, child-centered staff, and a low student to teacher ratio, Halifax County takes pride in its public schools, where we put children first for a brighter future.

The Halifax County Public School System is an Equal Opportunity Employer who does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, national origin, color, age, religion or disability in its employment practices.



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.

Additionally, career and technical course offerings include programs in childcare, health occupations, firefighting and motorsports. Course matriculations in computer technology allow students to earn certification as IT professionals. Meanwhile, students may be exposed to the arts through band, chorus, visual and performing arts classes.

A wide variety of extracurricular clubs and 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 curriculum.

Targeted Learning Programs

HCPS 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

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

Academic partnerships include

- Southern Virginia Higher Education Center
- Danville Community College
- Southern Virginia Community College
- Longwood University
- Virginia Tech
- Old Dominion University
- Johns 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 here provide intensive 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 the competitive edge needed in today's global economy. Instructional technology is an integral component of the educational program, with each school having computer labs, document cameras, Smartboards, MOBIs, Galaxy Android tablets, and HATCH systems, all of which are used daily by classroom teachers.

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:

- HCHS is 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 after high school and provide mini-grants to teachers to fund innovative and creative classroom projects throughout the year.

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
- Mentor/Role Model Program
- Business & Industry
- Agriculture
- Healthcare
- Technology
- Professionals
- Churches
- Law Enforcement

