LOUDOUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2026-2027 Fact Sheet



Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS), Virginia's third-largest school division, is a welcoming, safe, affirming and academically rigorous public school division serving nearly 80,000 students and 13,500 employees across more than 100 schools.

CULTIVATING A CULTURE OF STUDENT BELONGING

The data from the 2025-2026 school year proves **9 out of 10 students report they feel a sense of belonging at their school**. Today, 92% of our elementary students and 84% of our high school students proudly report, 'I like this school.' 92% of high school students report having a trusted adult they can talk to if they need help.

97%

OF MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS SURVEYED AGREE OR STRONGLY AGREE

"I have friends at this school."

"My teachers expect me to do my best."

2026 survey of middle school students

> *In Loudoun County, we know that excellence in education begins with connection. We are building a culture where employees know they are an important part of our community so they can create learning evironments where every student feels a sense of belonging and has an opportunity to thrive.*
>
> *Dr. Aaron Spence, Superintendent*

SUPPORTING OUR STAFF

LCPS welcomed 422 new teachers, including 190 first-year educators beginning their teaching careers with LCPS, representing a 99.13% fill rate.

Through the Talent in Training (TNT) program, LCPS engaged 474 college students and placed 432 as interns.

LCPS expanded tuition initiative support to 197 employees further strengthening workforce pipelines and reinforcing its commitment to serving as the Employer of Choice.

BELONGING AND TRUST IN LCPS

High school belonging is surging. The percentage of high school students reporting a sense of belonging increased by 10 percentage points, with 84% now proudly stating, "I like this school."

Students have strong support systems. 92% of high school students report having a trusted adult at school they can talk to if they ever need help.

Families believe in the division's excellence. Family trust in the division grew by 10 points, and 89% of families agree that LCPS provides a high-quality education.

Educators love where they work. Staff belonging increased by nine percentage points overall, and 91% of staff members agree that the division is a great place to work and learn.

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GRADUATION ACHIEVEMENT

7,151
SENIORS

75%
Received an Advanced Diploma

87%
Report they will attend college

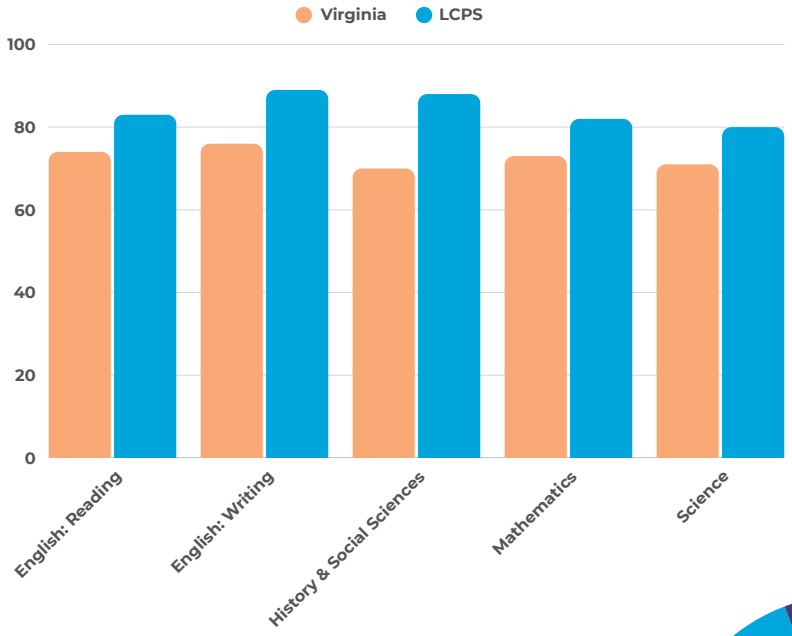
97%
On-Time Graduation Rate

While going to college was the most common choice for graduates, **4%** plan to enter the workforce, **1%** will enter military service and another **6%** plan on taking a gap year.

SOL SCORES CONTINUE TO CLIMB

SOL proficiency rates have increased or remained the same in most subject areas. These gains reflect the positive impact of school support systems, division initiatives, our educators' work and strong partnerships with our families.

STUDENTS OUTPACE STATE-WIDE AVERAGES ACROSS ALL FIVE SUBJECT AREAS



NOTEWORTHY

Niche's Virginia rankings place LCPS as the **4th Best School District**.

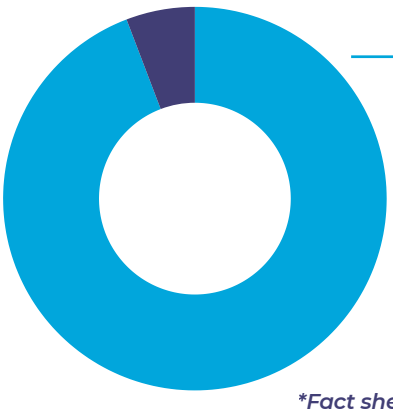
Eight high schools are listed in the **top 25** in the state, with **Independence High School ranked as the #2 followed by Lightridge at #3 and Rock Ridge at #4.**

Park View High School recognized as **2025 National ESEA Distinguised School,** one of only 63 schools in the country to earn this honor.

16 LCPS students won **National Merit Scholarships** in 2026.

FY27 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The School Board's FY27 Adopted Budget focused on investments in four main areas: empowering students, supporting exemplary staff, enriching the school system and engaging in the community.



94.2%
of the budget supports school-based/facing employees.

**Fact sheet data current as of October 1, 2026*

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