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\$	Amount in dollars	K	Kindergarten
--	Data not applicable, not available, or not comparable to past years	Lang. Arts	Language Arts
#	Number	Master +15	Master's Degree Plus 15 Hours Coursework
%	Percent	Master +30	Master's Degree Plus 30 Hours Coursework
ACT	American College Testing	Master +45	Master's Degree Plus 45 Hours Coursework
Adm.	Administrator	NAEP	National Assessment of Education Progress
APT	Advanced Placement Test	NA	Data not applicable, not available, or not comparable to past years
Avg	Average	NCES	National Center for Education Statistics
Bach	Bachelor's Degree	NCESS	National Cooperative Education Statistical System
Bach +15	Bachelor's Degree Plus 15 Hours Coursework	PK	Pre-Kindergarten
CCSSO	Council of Chief State School Officers	PSAT	Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test
Doc.	Doctorate Degree	SAT	Scholastic Aptitude Test
For Lang	Foreign Language	Sch	School
FTE	Full-time equivalent	Spec Ed	Special Education
HS	High School	Tch.	Teacher
IEP	Individualized Education Plan	Ungr	Ungraded
Jr. High	Junior High	WVEIS	West Virginia Education Information System
JROTC	Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps	Yr	Years

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

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Original sources from within and from outside the West Virginia Department of Education provided the data in this document. The majority of the data, which originated from student and personnel records maintained by county- and school-level staffs, was retrieved through the statewide electronic database, the West Virginia Education Information System (WVEIS). Users of the document are urged to contact the cited West Virginia Department of Education offices for more information about the data.

Advanced Placement Courses in High School. Percentages of tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade public school students who took at least one advanced placement course in high school. *Source: Under development.*

Advanced Placement Test. Percentages of tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade public school students who took at least one advanced placement test given by the College Board. Also given is the percentage of twelfth-grade test takers who scored 3 or higher on any subject-area Advanced Placement Test. *Source: Unpublished data tape from the College Board. Office of Technology and Information Systems.*

American College Testing. Percentage of public school graduates who took the American College Testing (ACT) examination; the Composite Score is also given for schools with ten or more test takers. The Composite Score is presented as “0.0” when there were less than ten test takers. The ACT Composite Score for the state includes both public and non-public school students who took the ACT. *Source: Unpublished data table from the American College Testing Program. Office of Technology and Information Systems.*

Attendance Rate. Percentage of K-12 students who were reported as being present at school. The formula for calculating the attendance rate is: Total days present divided by the sum of total days present and total days absent. Beginning in 1996-1997, preschool students are not included in the calculation. Preschool students were included in previous years’ statistics. *Source: West Virginia Education Information System, Office of Technology and Information Systems.*

Average Class Size. Average number of students in a “regular education” classroom (grade levels 1-12), receiving instruction in English Language Arts, mathematics, science and social studies. *Source: West Virginia Education Information System, Office of Technology and Information Systems.*

Career Cluster Information. *Source: Under development.*

Classrooms Exempted from Pupil/Teacher Ratio. See “Exemption to Pupil/Teacher Ratio.”

Classrooms with Split Grades. Number of classrooms (K-6) with two or more grade levels combined for the purpose of instruction. *Source: West Virginia Education Information System, Office of Technology and Information Systems.*

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County Board Information. The names (as of June 30, 1998) of the county board members, their term expiration date, and the total number of hours of required training they received during the year. The number of hours of training are those which meet the definition of training as determined by the West Virginia School Boards Association and the West Virginia Department of Education School Board Member Training Standards Review Committee. *Source: Unpublished list of 1997-1998 Boardsmanship Academy Credits, West Virginia School Boards Association; Office of Technology and Information Systems.*

County Office Information. The names (as of July 1, 1997) of the county superintendent, assistant superintendents and the number of training sessions attended during the school year as related to their area. *Source: West Virginia Education Information System, Office of Technology and Information Systems.*

County (or State) Population. Provisional figures from 1996 are given for the general population in a county and the state of West Virginia. *Source: "West Virginia Economic Summary, April 1997," West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs, Labor and Economic Research.*

Dropout Rate. Percentage of students in grades 7 through 12 who left public school, for any reason except death, before graduation or without transferring to another school. Beginning in 1996-1997, the formula for calculating the dropout rate is: number of dropouts divided by the 1st month enrollment. Previous years' rates, therefore, are not comparable. *Source: West Virginia Education Information System, Office of Technology and Information Systems.*

Enrollment by Subject Area in Grades 9-12. Percentage of students in grades 9 through 12, by subject area, who took at least one class in English Language Arts, Foreign Language, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies. Beginning with 1996-1997, the percentages reflect an unduplicated count of students while previous years' statistics were duplicated counts of students. For example, in 1996-1997, if a student took more than two English Language Arts courses, the student was counted only one time. In the past, that student would have been counted twice. *Source: West Virginia Education Information System, Office of Technology and Information Systems.*

Exemption to Pupil/Teacher Ratio. Number of public school classrooms in grades K-6 for which exemptions from the pupil/teacher ratio limitations, required by West Virginia Code §18-15-18a, were requested and granted under West Virginia Board of Education Policy 2442.3. *Source: Office of Technology and Information Systems.*

Financial Information. The following statistics are presented: 1) County-level information as mandated by West Virginia Codes §§18-9A-4 and 18-9A-5 on the number of professional educators and service personnel employed that exceeds the number allowed by the public school support plan and the amount of salary supplement that would be available per state authorized employee if all expenditures for such excess employees were converted to annual salaries for state authorized professional educators and service personnel; 2) the per pupil expenditure based on 10th month enrollment; and 3) the instructional and non-instructional expenditures by classification. For the per pupil expenditure, all expenditures are included except those for capital improvements, community services, adult education and transits/transfers. Expenditures for RESA and child development centers are not included and the expenditures of multi-county vocational centers (MCVC) are allocated to the county boards served by each MCVC. *Source: West Virginia Education Information System, Office of School Finance.*

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Grade Range. Lowest and highest grade levels housed in the school. Please note that some high schools may also house preschool programs, but the grade range does not indicate this. *Source: West Virginia Education Information System, Office of Technology and Information Systems.*

Graduates. Number of students who graduated from school during the regular school year and the previous summer. *Source: West Virginia Education Information System, Office of Technology and Information Systems.*

Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test. Percentages of sophomores and juniors in public high schools who took the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT). *Source: Unpublished data report from the College Board. West Virginia Education Information System, Office of Technology and Information Systems.*

Professional Staff - Average Years of Experience. Average number of years of experience for professional staff derived by dividing the sum of all years of experience by the number of professional staff. Professional staff includes positions listed under Pupil/Administrator Ratio and Pupil/Teacher Ratio as well as the following: librarian, remedial specialist, counselor (elementary, middle/junior high, high school, combined), psychologist, school nurse, attendance director, attendance officer, and social worker. *Source: West Virginia Education Information System, Office of Technology and Information Systems.*

Professional Staff - Level of Education. Percentage of professional staff by education degree. See the previous paragraph for the definitions of professional staff. *Source: West Virginia Education Information System, Office of Technology and Information Systems.*

Pupil/Administrator Ratio. Average number of students for each full-time equivalent (FTE) administrator. Figures are derived by dividing public school net enrollment (2nd month) by the FTE of administrators. Administrators include superintendent, deputy/associate/assistant superintendent, administrative assistant, director/manager, director/coordinator, principal and assistant principal (elementary, middle/junior high, high, and combined), and curriculum specialist. *Source: West Virginia Education Information System, Office of Technology and Information Systems.*

Pupil/Teacher Ratio. Average number of students for each FTE teacher. Figures are derived by dividing public school net enrollment (2nd month) by the FTE of teachers. Teachers include head teacher, classroom teacher (prekindergarten, kindergarten, elementary, middle/junior high, high school, special education, homebound, and vocational K-12), JROTC instructors (middle/junior high and high school), and permanent substitutes (elementary, middle/junior high school, and high school). *Source: West Virginia Education Information System, Office of Technology and Information Systems.*

Scholastic Aptitude Test. Percentage of graduates who took the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) from the College Board. Also given are SAT Math and Verbal Scores for schools with ten or more test takers. The Math and Verbal Scores are presented as "000" when there were less than ten test takers. The SAT Math and Verbal Scores for the state include both public and non-public students who took the SAT. *Source: Unpublished data report from the College Board. West Virginia Education Information System, Office of Technology and Information Systems.*

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School. The names of the public schools are listed in this order: combined, elementary, middle, junior high and senior high. Information for vocational or alternative schools is not included as a separate category since the majority of information is reported at the home school; however, data for the excluded schools are included in the county and state totals where applicable. The “Other” category given in the number of public schools includes combined, vocational, alternative, and special education schools. *Source: West Virginia Education Information System, Office of Technology and Information Systems.*

Split Grades. See “Classrooms with Split Grades.”

Stanford Achievement Test. Mean percentile score for Total Basic Skills of public school students is given. The Stanford Achievement Test, 9th Edition, is administered, unless exempted by an IEP (individualized education plan), to all students in grades 1 through 11 during the month of March; results are published for grades 3 through 11. The Stanford Achievement Test, 9th Edition, was first given in March 1997. *Source: Office of Student Services.*

Student Enrollment. Total second month enrollment for kindergarten (including prekindergarten) through grade 12, including ungraded special education students. *Source: West Virginia Education Information System, Office of Technology and Information Systems.*

Teachers. See Pupil/Teacher Ratio for the positions included in the number of teachers. *Source: West Virginia Education Information System, Office of Technology and Information Systems.*