

WEST VIRGINIA REPORT CARDS 1997-1998

MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome to Berkeley County Schools. I am pleased to have the opportunity to tell you about our school system. Because our county has been experiencing an average annual increase of 2.6 percent in student enrollment, we are somewhat unique among West Virginia school districts. That percentage translates into 250-350 new students each school year - enough to fill a ten-room elementary school! In fall 1998, two new schools were opened: Musselman High School and Potomack Intermediate School. By next fall (1999), two more schools will be opened: a new Musselman Middle School and a remodeled intermediate school. Additionally, full-day kindergarten will, at long last, be implemented throughout our county in Fall 1999, a goal we have been unable to meet because of the shortage in classroom space.

The growth is due to our unique location in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle. Located at the northern Gateway to the historic and scenic Shenandoah Valley, Berkeley County is within a few minutes of three states - Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia - and within the Washington, DC Metropolitan Statistical Area. Our county's location, its human resources, and its quiet country atmosphere continue to draw new business and industry.

Exciting programs and services abound in Berkeley County Schools. We are a vibrant school district committed to providing to all students the most appropriate education which will best prepare them to be productive citizens able to meet the challenges of working and living in the next century. Let me extend an invitation to visit Berkeley County and our schools. Come, see for yourself.



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INFORMATION ABOUT THE COUNTY

County Population (#)	68,197	Public Schools (#):	
Student Enrollment (#)	12,298	Elementary	15
High School Graduates (#)	643	Middle or Jr. High	4
Teachers (#)	807	High Schools	3
Pupil/Teacher Ratio	15.2	Vocational Schools	1
		Other	3

STANFORD ACHIEVEMENT TEST, 9TH EDITION TOTAL BASIC SKILLS (PERCENTILE SCORES)

	<u>1996-1997</u>	<u>1997-1998</u>	<u>1998-1999</u>	<u>1999-2000</u>	<u>2000-2001</u>
Grade 3	59	63			
Grade 4	58	60			
Grade 5	57	59			
Grade 6	63	64			
Grade 7	58	61			
Grade 8	59	61			
Grade 9	59	57			
Grade 10	57	59			
Grade 11	57	60			