

# WEST VIRGINIA REPORT CARDS 1998-1999

## MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

Gilmer County Schools continue their journey toward the 21st century with improvements in curriculum, instruction, facilities, and technology. Leading-edge High Schools That Work (HSTW) and School-to-Work (STW) initiatives are resulting in a fully-accredited school system which is responsive to student needs while raising expectations for all students.

Teachers are analyzing student strengths and weaknesses and are providing interventions in basic skills areas. Gilmer County's "Lighted Schools" program features in-school college tutors, before-school and after-school programs at all schools, as well as four-week summer academies for grades 1-6. Results from these initiatives include West Virginia's best reading scores at grade six and basic skills rankings in the top ten counties for grades 3, 5, 6, 7, and 9.

School Building Authority funds allowed us to complete a beautiful addition/renovation project at Gilmer County High School this year. Through integration of WV SUCCESS, WVBS/CE, SLC-E-Rate, and local and competitive grant resources, the County has achieved modern technology infrastructure and telecommunications in all schools. A two-year computer acquisition of over 200 new networked computers enables Gilmer County to exceed a 1:5 multi-media computer/student ratio in every school.

Our schools enjoy tremendous parental, business, and community support. I invite you to visit Gilmer County's public schools and share in one of central West Virginia's best-kept secrets.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE COUNTY

County Population (#) . . . . .	7,184	Public Schools (#):	
Student Enrollment (#) . . . . .	1,188	Elementary . . . . .	4
High School Graduates(#). . . . .	74	Middle or Jr. High . . . . .	0
Teachers (#) . . . . .	80	High Schools . . . . .	1
Pupil/Teacher Ratio . . . . .	15.6	Vocational Schools . . . . .	1
		Other . . . . .	0

## 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	60	69		
Grade 4	59	63	62		
Grade 5	58	68	67		
Grade 6	67	74	73		
Grade 7	54	64	65		
Grade 8	54	59	59		
Grade 9	52	58	63		
Grade 10	51	53	52		
Grade 11	54	57	54		



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