

WEST VIRGINIA REPORT CARDS 1999-2000

MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome to Berkeley County Schools. Our school system is dedicated to serving students by providing state-of-the-art technology, instruction, and facilities to promote higher student achievement in preparation for a successful future. I am pleased to have the opportunity to tell you about our schools.

Because our county has been experiencing an average annual increase of 2.5 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! Since 1998, four new schools were opened: Musselman High, Musselman Middle, Mill Creek Intermediate, and Potomack Intermediate Schools. Currently, two new intermediate schools are being built with openings for the fall of 2001 and 2002.

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 and new families.

Exciting programs and well-managed schools are evident in Berkeley County. During the 1999-2000 school year, several schools were recognized: Winchester Avenue Elementary as a West Virginia Blue Ribbon School; Musselman Middle and South Middle join Rosemont Elementary, Martinsburg High, and Opequon Elementary as West Virginia Schools of Excellence; and seven elementary schools were selected as Title I Distinguished Schools. Our school successes are a direct result of our outstanding employees who continually motivate their students.

We are a vibrant school district committed to providing all students with a quality education that will best prepare them to be productive citizens. Let me extend an invitation to visit Berkeley County and our schools. This is an exciting time in education. See for yourself!



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INFORMATION ABOUT THE COUNTY

County Population (#)	68,197	Public Schools (#):	
Student Enrollment (#)	12,793	Elementary	17
High School Graduates (#)	735	Middle or Jr. High	4
Teachers (#)	932	High Schools	3
Pupil/Teacher Ratio	13.8	Vocational Schools	1
		Other	1

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	62	66	
Grade 4	58	60	61	63	
Grade 5	57	59	61	61	
Grade 6	63	64	63	62	
Grade 7	58	61	61	61	
Grade 8	59	61	62	62	
Grade 9	59	57	58	59	
Grade 10	57	59	57	60	
Grade 11	57	60	61	62	