

WEST VIRGINIA REPORT CARDS 2000-2001

MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

The mission of Mercer County public schools is to provide students of all ages an opportunity to become the best they can be by offering the highest quality education utilizing all available resources efficiently and effectively.

The information shown on our "report card" indicates our education system's achievements. We are proud of our students and educators, although we always strive to improve and build upon our accomplishments.

One of the greatest challenges in the 2000-2001 school year was a comprehensive review of our county school system by the Office of Education Performance Audits. The team evaluated 14 performance measures, 11 standards, and 99 indicators. Mercer County Schools was issued Full Approval status. Following the review, J. D. Morris, President of the State Board of Education, wrote, "The State Board commends the entire school system. The local board of education established high expectations for Mercer County and created an environment for quality education to thrive."

On behalf of the Mercer County Board of Education and all employees, I invite you to visit us at our Web site, <http://boe.merc.k12.wv.us>. Additionally, if you would like a copy of our Annual Report, please do not hesitate to contact me. It is our hope that by working together--community, businesses, parents, service personnel, and educators--that we can continue to meet the challenges of the future and make a significant positive difference in the lives of our young people.



MERCER COUNTY SCHOOLS

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE COUNTY

County Population (#)	62,980	Public Schools (#):	
Student Enrollment (#)	9,516	Elementary	14
High School Graduates (#)	564	Middle or Jr. High	2
Teachers (#)	723	High Schools	4
Pupil/Teacher Ratio	13.2	Vocational Schools	1
		Other	5

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	52	61	62	62	63
Grade 4	59	62	64	64	63
Grade 5	59	63	63	64	64
Grade 6	64	68	68	68	69
Grade 7	54	57	59	61	59
Grade 8	54	58	60	61	61
Grade 9	53	59	60	62	62
Grade 10	52	59	63	62	61
Grade 11	57	59	61	63	63

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SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (SAT)

	<u>1996-97</u>	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>1998-99</u>	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2000-01</u>
Test Takers (%)	29.2	25.2	27.5	26.4	30.1
Math Mean Score	459	494	485	491	484
Verbal Mean Score	491	504	512	501	504

AMERICAN COLLEGE TESTING (ACT)

	<u>1996-97</u>	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>1998-99</u>	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2000-01</u>
Test Takers (%)	52.3	46.6	45.7	51.2	51.1
Composite Score	19.6	19.9	20.1	19.9	20.5

PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (PSAT)

	<u>1996-97</u>	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>1998-99</u>	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2000-01</u>
Test Takers (%)					
10th Grade	12.6	15.8	18.0	11.9	11.8
11th Grade	35.7	28.5	26.9	25.2	16.9

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEST (APT) (COLLEGE BOARD)

	<u>1996-97</u>	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>1998-99</u>	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2000-01</u>
Test Takers (%):					
10th Grade	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
11th Grade	6.2	3.8	4.0	1.3	2.7
12th Grade	8.5	8.5	6.7	3.5	2.9
Students with APT Score of 3 or Higher (%):					
10th Grade	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
11th Grade	48.8	53.8	75.0	11.1	27.8
12th Grade	56.6	63.0	54.5	68.2	88.9

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PERSONNEL INFORMATION

Pupil/Administrator Ratio	181.3
Pupil/Teacher Ratio	13.2
Professional Staff:	
Average Years of Experience	18.6
Level of Education (%) -	
Bachelor's Degree	11.0
Bachelor's Degree Plus 15	27.8
Master's Degree	4.5
Master's Degree Plus 15	11.0
Master's Degree Plus 30	16.1
Master's Degree Plus 45	28.0
Doctorate	1.1
Other	0.5

PROGRAM AND CURRICULUM INFORMATION

	<u>1996-1997</u>	<u>1997-1998</u>	<u>1998-1999</u>	<u>1999-2000</u>	<u>2000-2001</u>
Enrollment by Subject Area in Grades 9-12 (%):					
English Language Arts	99.5	98.8	98.6	99.1	97.9
Foreign Language	32.8	32.6	33.5	28.8	26.4
Mathematics	85.9	86.3	81.8	84.5	80.7
Science	75.5	72.8	81.4	85.4	84.5
Social Studies	83.0	83.8	81.7	84.2	82.6
Advanced Placement Courses in High School (%):					
10th Grade	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.2
11th Grade	NA	NA	NA	NA	11.4
12th Grade	NA	NA	NA	NA	20.4

SCHOOL INFORMATION

	<u>1996-97</u>	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>1998-99</u>	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2000-01</u>
Attendance Rate (%)	93.4	93.6	93.4	94.0	93.3
Average Class Size	20.5	20.2	19.4	19.4	19.9
Classrooms with Split Grades (#)	10	13	16	14	9
Dropout Rate (%)	2.4	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7
Enrollment PK-12 (#)	10,115	9,989	9,847	9,659	9,516
Exemption to Pupil/Teacher Ratio (#):					
Requested	0	0	0	0	0
Granted	0	0	0	0	0
Graduates (#)	579	607	611	592	564

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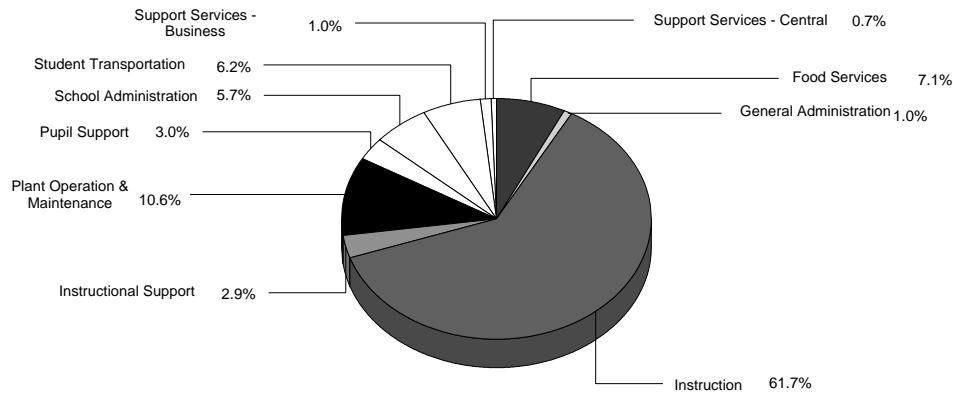
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Below are the numbers of professional educators and service personnel employed by the county that exceed 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. Due to increased personnel requirements, supplements are not presented for school systems that experienced an increase in enrollment for the 2000-2001 year.

	Professional	Service
Number employed that exceeds number allowed	4.37	19.77
Salary supplement that would be available	\$224.18	\$957.78

The per pupil expenditure, based on 10th month enrollment, for the county is \$7,218.47

The instructional and non-instructional expenditures by classification are given below:



Total County Expenditures: \$67,799,240.06

COUNTY OFFICE INFORMATION

Below are the names of the county superintendent (in italics), assistant superintendents, and the number of training sessions attended in 2000-2001 (in parentheses) as related to their area:

Deborah Akers (16)
Michael McPherson (4)

COUNTY BOARD INFORMATION

Below are the names of county board members, their term expiration date, and the total number of hours of required training they received during 2000-2001. An asterisk (*) indicates the board member attended an orientation session during 2000-2001.

	Term Expires	# Hours
Gilbert E. Bailey	6/30/2002	10.50
Gregory S. Prudich	6/30/2002	07.00
William "Bill" Seaver	6/30/2002	07.50
John H. Shott, President	6/30/2004	07.00
Janet Williams	6/30/2004	07.75

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

<u>School</u>	<u>Grade Range</u>	<u>2nd Month Enrollment</u>	<u>Split Grades (#)</u>	<u>Average Class Size</u>	<u>Attendance Rate (%)</u>	<u>Graduates (#)</u>	<u>Dropouts (%)</u>
ATHENS SCHOOL	PK 0K-08	415	0	20.8	92.5	0	0.0
BLUEWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	PK 0K-05	186	1	16.3	94.5	0	0.0
BRAMWELL SCHOOL	0K-06	87	3	10.6	93.9	0	0.0
BRUSHFORK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	0K-05	232	0	19.7	93.6	0	0.0
CERES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	PK 0K-05	135	0	17.2	93.1	0	0.0
GLENWOOD SCHOOL	PK 0K-08	651	0	20.0	93.4	0	0.0
LASHMEET/MATOAKA SCHOOL	PK 0K-08	459	0	20.7	92.2	0	0.0
MELROSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	0K-06	197	1	14.9	93.9	0	0.0
MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	0K-02	207	0	20.4	93.0	0	0.0
MERCER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	03-05	347	0	23.0	94.0	0	0.0
MONTCALM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	PK 0K-06	402	1	18.4	93.0	0	0.0
OAKVALE SCHOOL	PK 0K-08	299	1	13.8	93.8	0	0.0
SPANISHBURG SCHOOL	PK 0K-08	316	2	16.1	92.8	0	0.0
STRALEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	03-05	189	0	18.3	94.0	0	0.0
SUN VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	0K-06	172	0	21.9	94.2	0	0.0
WHITETHORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	PK 0K-02	163	0	16.5	93.0	0	0.0
MERCER COUNTY EARLY LEARNING CENTER	PK	172	0	NA	NA	0	0.0
BLUEFIELD INTERMEDIATE	03-05	403	0	21.1	94.0	0	0.0
PRINCETON PRIMARY	PK 0K-02	527	0	20.7	92.7	0	0.0
BLUEFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL	06-08	547	0	19.8	93.2	0	0.3
PRINCETON MIDDLE SCHOOL	06-08	605	0	22.0	93.9	0	0.5
BLUEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL	09-12	741	0	21.8	94.0	156	2.7
MONTCALM HIGH SCHOOL	07-12	293	0	16.9	92.5	39	7.5
PRINCETON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	09-12	1,083	0	22.9	93.3	219	4.0
PIKEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL	09-12	688	0	20.7	93.0	150	2.9
MERCER COUNTY SCHOOLS		9,516	9	19.9	93.3	564	2.7
WEST VIRGINIA		286,248	116	19.4	94.1	18,452	2.9

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PERSONNEL INFORMATION

School	Pupil/Teacher Ratio	Pupil/Adm. Ratio	Professional Staff Experience (Yr)	Professional Staff Level of Education (%)							
				Bach	Bach +15	Master	Master +15	Master +30	Master +45	Doc.	Other
ATHENS SCHOOL	16.0	415.0	20.5	10.0	23.3	6.7	6.7	13.3	40.0	0.0	0.0
BLUEWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	11.6	186.0	19.3	11.8	47.1	0.0	11.8	5.9	17.6	5.9	0.0
BRAMWELL SCHOOL	8.7	87.0	17.4	9.1	45.5	0.0	18.2	9.1	18.2	0.0	0.0
BRUSHFORK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	13.6	232.0	20.5	4.8	9.5	4.8	9.5	19.0	52.4	0.0	0.0
CERES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	12.3	135.0	20.6	7.7	23.1	0.0	15.4	23.1	30.8	0.0	0.0
GLENWOOD SCHOOL	15.9	651.0	18.5	17.8	24.4	2.2	8.9	15.6	31.1	0.0	0.0
LASHMEET/MATOAKA SCHOOL	13.9	459.0	13.8	22.2	38.9	2.8	8.3	13.9	13.9	0.0	0.0
MELROSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	13.1	197.0	17.1	26.3	31.6	5.3	0.0	5.3	31.6	0.0	0.0
MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	11.5	207.0	12.3	15.0	25.0	10.0	0.0	30.0	20.0	0.0	0.0
MERCER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	16.5	347.0	21.4	12.5	20.8	12.5	4.2	20.8	29.2	0.0	0.0
MONTCALM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	14.4	402.0	13.8	10.0	46.7	13.3	10.0	16.7	3.3	0.0	0.0
OAKVALE SCHOOL	12.5	299.0	18.0	11.1	33.3	3.7	11.1	14.8	25.9	0.0	0.0
SPANISHBURG SCHOOL	13.4	316.0	16.2	10.7	35.7	14.3	14.3	14.3	10.7	0.0	0.0
STRALEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	11.5	189.0	15.2	5.3	42.1	5.3	21.1	10.5	15.8	0.0	0.0
SUN VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	14.3	172.0	15.4	15.4	38.5	0.0	38.5	0.0	7.7	0.0	0.0
WHITETHORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	12.5	163.0	19.8	5.9	41.2	0.0	5.9	11.8	35.3	0.0	0.0
MERCER COUNTY EARLY LEARNING CENTER	57.3	172.0	14.1	0.0	22.2	0.0	11.1	11.1	55.6	0.0	0.0
BLUEFIELD INTERMEDIATE	14.9	403.0	18.8	3.2	38.7	6.5	6.5	25.8	19.4	0.0	0.0
PRINCETON PRIMARY	17.3	527.0	22.9	0.0	14.3	0.0	20.0	28.6	37.1	0.0	0.0
BLUEFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL	10.6	273.5	17.5	19.3	24.6	3.5	7.0	14.0	29.8	1.8	0.0
PRINCETON MIDDLE SCHOOL	14.6	201.7	18.9	12.5	29.2	2.1	8.3	14.6	31.3	2.1	0.0
BLUEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL	15.3	247.0	19.5	18.2	21.8	7.3	14.5	14.5	20.0	3.6	0.0
MONTCALM HIGH SCHOOL	12.0	195.3	17.4	10.3	41.4	3.4	10.3	24.1	6.9	3.4	0.0
PRINCETON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	16.4	361.0	21.9	2.7	16.4	2.7	17.8	13.7	45.2	0.0	1.4
PIKEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL	14.8	229.3	20.7	9.8	27.5	0.0	9.8	11.8	41.2	0.0	0.0
MERCER COUNTY SCHOOLS	13.2	181.3	18.6	11.0	27.8	4.5	11.0	16.1	28.0	1.1	0.5
WEST VIRGINIA	13.8	163.7	18.0	9.6	27.6	6.1	9.6	15.4	30.7	0.7	0.3

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PROGRAM AND CURRICULUM INFORMATION

School	ENROLLMENT BY SUBJECT AREA IN GRADES 9-12 (%)					ADVANCED PLACEMENT IN HIGH SCHOOL COURSES (%)			----CAREER CLUSTER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS IN GRADE 9 (%)----							
	English Lang. Arts	Foreign Language	Math	Science	Social Studies	10th	11th	12th	Business/ Market	Engineer/ Tech	Fine Arts/ Humanities	Health Serv	Human Serv	Sci/ NRes	Other	Not Reported
BLUEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL	95.3	26.3	78.5	82.0	81.1	0.0	15.8	36.5	13.8	21.0	9.0	26.2	15.2	7.6	0.0	7.1
MONTCALM HIGH SCHOOL	99.4	4.6	89.6	81.5	86.7	0.0	0.0	23.8	2.0	34.7	12.2	20.4	16.3	6.1	0.0	8.2
PRINCETON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	98.6	30.2	82.1	86.9	82.3	0.4	11.0	12.5	11.3	22.9	17.7	20.4	19.8	4.0	0.0	4.0
PIKEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL	99.3	26.2	78.6	84.0	83.5	0.0	10.4	15.4	5.2	34.4	8.4	20.8	18.2	6.5	0.0	6.5
MERCER COUNTY SCHOOLS	97.9	26.4	80.7	84.5	82.6	0.2	11.4	20.4	10.1	25.5	13.0	22.1	17.9	5.7	0.0	5.7
WEST VIRGINIA	97.8	28.0	85.5	83.3	87.9	0.3	8.7	13.6	7.8	24.3	14.1	18.6	16.9	8.9	0.7	8.8

COLLEGE-ENTRANCE TESTING INFORMATION

School	-----TEST TAKERS (%)-----							-----COLLEGE-ENTRANCE TEST SCORES-----			
	--Advanced Placement Test--			----PSAT----				---ACT---	----SAT----		12th Grade Test Takers with APT Score of 3 or Higher (%)
	10th	11th	12th	10th	11th	SAT	ACT	Composite	Math	Verbal	
BLUEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL	0.0	3.0	4.8	15.5	16.3	48.7	43.6	20.2	482	499	87.5
MONTCALM HIGH SCHOOL	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.6	51.4	0.0	74.4	18.8	000	000	0.0
PRINCETON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	0.4	2.9	4.2	13.3	14.9	27.9	59.4	20.5	485	508	90.0
PIKEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL	0.0	3.2	0.0	3.8	13.2	22.0	40.7	21.4	489	511	0.0
MERCER COUNTY SCHOOLS	0.1	2.7	2.9	11.8	16.9	30.1	51.1	20.5	484	504	88.9
WEST VIRGINIA	0.1	4.2	6.5	8.6	22.3	16.2	58.1	20.2	512	527	47.4

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STANFORD ACHIEVEMENT TEST, 9th EDITION PERCENTILE SCORES FOR TOTAL BASIC SKILLS BY GRADE LEVEL

School	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11
ATHENS SCHOOL	62	64	64	61	48	60	--	--	--
BLUEWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	71	72	71	--	--	--	--	--	--
BRAMWELL SCHOOL	75	71	64	66	--	--	--	--	--
BRUSHFORK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	54	69	67	--	--	--	--	--	--
CERES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	60	61	65	--	--	--	--	--	--
GLENWOOD SCHOOL	53	65	68	63	60	63	--	--	--
LASHMEET/MATOAKA SCHOOL	62	68	60	61	63	64	--	--	--
MELROSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	68	59	55	62	--	--	--	--	--
MERCER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	66	69	63	--	--	--	--	--	--
MONTCALM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	69	60	67	90	--	--	--	--	--
OAKVALE SCHOOL	55	50	57	62	61	77	--	--	--
SPANISHBURG SCHOOL	66	53	60	56	48	55	--	--	--
STRALEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	57	62	74	--	--	--	--	--	--
SUN VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	65	46	50	61	--	--	--	--	--
BLUEFIELD INTERMEDIATE	64	62	63	--	--	--	--	--	--
BLUEFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL	--	--	--	74	61	62	--	--	--
PRINCETON MIDDLE SCHOOL	--	--	--	69	62	59	--	--	--
BLUEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL	--	--	--	--	--	--	61	58	67
MONTCALM HIGH SCHOOL	--	--	--	--	54	54	55	53	63
PRINCETON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	--	--	--	--	--	--	63	66	65
PIKEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL	--	--	--	--	--	--	61	58	58
MERCER COUNTY SCHOOLS	63	63	64	69	59	61	62	61	63
WEST VIRGINIA	66	64	63	66	61	62	60	61	62

** Percentile scores are not reported when less than five students took the SAT-9.