

WEST VIRGINIA REPORT CARDS 2001-2002

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.

Some of our greatest accomplishments as a county school system will not be found in the pages of this Report Card. The magic of learning that takes place in classrooms across Mercer County on a daily basis is perhaps our most noteworthy accomplishment. The interaction between teacher and student as we strive to meet the needs of all children is what distinguishes our school system. Indeed, it is the hallmark of our success. 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 2001-2002 school year was a comprehensive review of Special Education services. This review was conducted by the West Virginia Department of Education's Office of Special Education. The purpose of the review was to determine whether Mercer County Schools was meeting its responsibility for establishing and maintaining the special education and related services needed to provide a free appropriate public education for eligible exceptional students and to improve results for students with exceptionalities. The results were exceptional with our Special Education Department being recognized by the West Virginia Department of Education onsite team.

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 (#)	9,472	Elementary	14
High School Graduates (#)	533	Middle or Jr. High	2
Teachers (#)	708	High Schools	4
Pupil/Teacher Ratio	13.4	Vocational Schools	1
		Other	5

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

	<u>1997-1998</u>	<u>1998-1999</u>	<u>1999-2000</u>	<u>2000-2001</u>	<u>2001-2002</u>
Grade 3	61	62	62	63	64
Grade 4	62	64	64	63	63
Grade 5	63	63	64	64	62
Grade 6	68	68	68	69	69
Grade 7	57	59	61	59	62
Grade 8	58	60	61	61	59
Grade 9	59	60	62	62	60
Grade 10	59	63	62	61	63
Grade 11	59	61	63	63	61

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SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (SAT)

	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>1998-99</u>	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>
Test Takers (%)	25.2	27.5	26.4	30.1	26.5
Math Mean Score	494	485	491	484	475
Verbal Mean Score	504	512	501	504	490

AMERICAN COLLEGE TESTING (ACT)

	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>1998-99</u>	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>
Test Takers (%)	46.6	45.7	51.2	51.1	55.3
Composite Score	19.9	20.1	19.9	20.5	19.9

PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (PSAT)

	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>1998-99</u>	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>
Test Takers (%)					
10th Grade	15.8	18.0	11.9	11.8	13.2
11th Grade	28.5	26.9	25.2	16.9	22.4

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEST (APT) (COLLEGE BOARD)

	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>1998-99</u>	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>
Test Takers (%):					
10th Grade	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
11th Grade	3.8	4.0	1.3	2.7	2.4
12th Grade	8.5	6.7	3.5	2.9	4.3
Students with APT Score of 3 or Higher (%):					
10th Grade	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
11th Grade	53.8	75.0	11.1	27.8	46.7
12th Grade	63.0	54.5	68.2	88.9	52.0

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PERSONNEL INFORMATION

Pupil/Administrator Ratio	180.4
Pupil/Teacher Ratio	13.4
Professional Staff:	
Average Years of Experience	18.9
Level of Education (%) -	
Bachelor's Degree	11.7
Bachelor's Degree Plus 15	27.9
Master's Degree	4.3
Master's Degree Plus 15	9.4
Master's Degree Plus 30	14.7
Master's Degree Plus 45	30.5
Doctorate	1.1
Other	0.2

PROGRAM AND CURRICULUM INFORMATION

	<u>1997-1998</u>	<u>1998-1999</u>	<u>1999-2000</u>	<u>2000-2001</u>	<u>2001-2002</u>
Enrollment by Subject Area in Grades 9-12 (%):					
English Language Arts	98.8	98.6	99.1	97.9	99.1
Foreign Language	32.6	33.5	28.8	26.4	25.3
Mathematics	86.3	81.8	84.5	80.7	80.2
Science	72.8	81.4	85.4	84.5	84.3
Social Studies	83.8	81.7	84.2	82.6	82.1
Advanced Placement Courses in High School (%):					
10th Grade	NA	NA	NA	0.2	0.0
11th Grade	NA	NA	NA	11.4	18.9
12th Grade	NA	NA	NA	20.4	21.0

SCHOOL INFORMATION

	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>1998-99</u>	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>
Attendance Rate (%)	93.6	93.4	94.0	93.3	93.6
Average Class Size	20.2	19.4	19.4	19.9	19.5
Classrooms with Split Grades (#)	13	16	14	9	8
Dropout Rate (%)	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.4
Enrollment PK-12 (#)	9,989	9,847	9,659	9,516	9,472
Exemption to Pupil/Teacher Ratio (#):					
Requested	0	0	0	0	0
Granted	0	0	0	0	0
Graduates (#)	607	611	592	564	533

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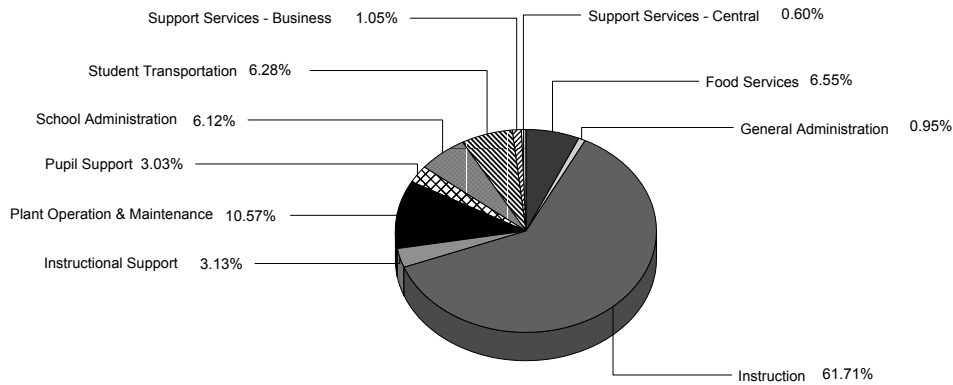
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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 2001-2002 year.

	Professional	Service
Number employed that exceeds number allowed	16.01	21.19
Salary supplement that would be available	\$850.79	\$1,082.18

The per pupil expenditure, based on 10th month enrollment, for the county is \$7,367.64

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



Total County Expenditures: \$69,232,384.53

COUNTY OFFICE INFORMATION

Below are the names of the county superintendent (in italics), assistant superintendents, and the number of training sessions attended in 2001-2002 (in parentheses) as related to their area:

Deborah Akers (16)
Michael McPherson (10)

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 2001-2002. An asterisk (*) indicates the board member attended an orientation session during 2001-2002.

	Term Expires	# Hours
Gilbert E. Bailey*	6/30/2002	24.00
Gregory S. Prudich	6/30/2002	07.00
William "Bill" Seaver	6/30/2002	07.00
John H. Shott, President	6/30/2004	18.25
Janet Williams	6/30/2004	11.75

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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	0K-08	436	0	19.7	93.9	0	0.0
BLUEWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	PK 0K-05	186	0	18.1	95.0	0	0.0
BRAMWELL SCHOOL	0K-06	89	2	12.7	93.8	0	0.0
BRUSHFORK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	0K-05	247	1	17.8	93.8	0	0.0
CERES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	0K-05	138	0	20.7	93.9	0	0.0
GLENWOOD SCHOOL	0K-08	715	1	22.3	93.2	0	0.0
LASHMEET/MATOAKA SCHOOL	PK 0K-08	432	0	19.3	94.0	0	0.0
MELROSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	0K-06	198	1	15.1	93.0	0	0.0
MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	0K-02	217	0	18.4	92.5	0	0.0
MERCER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	03-05	331	0	19.4	94.8	0	0.0
MONTCALM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	PK 0K-06	414	0	22.7	93.5	0	0.0
OAKVALE SCHOOL	PK 0K-08	303	1	15.4	95.0	0	0.0
SPANISHBURG SCHOOL	PK 0K-08	306	2	16.1	93.8	0	0.0
STRALEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	03-05	185	0	17.2	94.6	0	0.0
SUN VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	PK 0K-05	146	0	21.1	94.0	0	0.0
WHITETHORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	PK 0K-02	164	0	16.0	92.9	0	0.0
MERCER COUNTY EARLY LEARNING CENTER	PK -	170	0	NA	NA	0	0.0
BLUEFIELD INTERMEDIATE	03-05	382	0	19.1	93.8	0	0.0
PRINCETON PRIMARY	0K-02	518	0	20.2	93.1	0	0.0
BLUEFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL	06-08	582	0	21.4	92.8	0	0.3
PRINCETON MIDDLE SCHOOL	06-08	596	0	21.7	93.8	0	0.2
BLUEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL	09-12	700	0	21.1	93.8	126	3.8
MONTCALM HIGH SCHOOL	07-12	298	0	14.7	92.9	32	1.0
PRINCETON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	09-12	1,030	0	20.9	93.7	218	4.4
PIKEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL	08-12	689	0	20.4	93.3	157	2.9
MERCER COUNTY SCHOOLS		9,472	8	19.5	93.6	533	2.4
WEST VIRGINIA		282,587	93	19.3	94.4	17,147	2.5

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PERSONNEL INFORMATION

School	Pupil/Teacher Ratio	Pupil/Adm. Ratio	Professional Staff Experience (Yr)	Professional Staff Level of Education (%)								
				Bach	Master	Master	Master	Doc.	Other			
				+15	+15	+30	+45					
ATHENS SCHOOL	14.5	436.0	20.2	9.1	24.2	6.1	12.1	9.1	39.4	0.0	0.0	
BLUEWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	13.3	186.0	20.1	13.3	53.3	0.0	13.3	6.7	13.3	0.0	0.0	
BRAMWELL SCHOOL	11.1	89.0	15.2	22.2	33.3	0.0	11.1	11.1	22.2	0.0	0.0	
BRUSHFORK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	14.5	247.0	20.8	5.0	10.0	5.0	10.0	25.0	45.0	0.0	0.0	
CERES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	12.5	138.0	22.5	0.0	23.1	0.0	7.7	23.1	46.2	0.0	0.0	
GLENWOOD SCHOOL	16.3	715.0	18.2	18.8	31.3	2.1	2.1	16.7	29.2	0.0	0.0	
LASHMEET/MATOAKA SCHOOL	13.9	432.0	15.6	8.8	47.1	2.9	8.8	8.8	23.5	0.0	0.0	
MELROSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	15.2	198.0	21.7	6.7	33.3	13.3	0.0	13.3	33.3	0.0	0.0	
MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	13.6	217.0	13.2	11.1	22.2	5.6	5.6	16.7	38.9	0.0	0.0	
MERCER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	15.8	331.0	22.3	12.5	20.8	12.5	8.3	16.7	29.2	0.0	0.0	
MONTCALM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	14.8	414.0	14.4	13.3	40.0	13.3	13.3	13.3	6.7	0.0	0.0	
OAKVALE SCHOOL	12.1	303.0	16.9	14.3	32.1	7.1	7.1	14.3	25.0	0.0	0.0	
SPANISHBURG SCHOOL	13.0	306.0	16.2	18.5	33.3	3.7	14.8	11.1	18.5	0.0	0.0	
STRALEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	11.6	185.0	15.8	5.6	27.8	0.0	11.1	22.2	33.3	0.0	0.0	
SUN VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	18.3	146.0	17.0	0.0	66.7	0.0	22.2	11.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	
WHITETHORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	11.7	164.0	19.9	11.8	29.4	0.0	0.0	17.6	41.2	0.0	0.0	
MERCER COUNTY EARLY LEARNING CENTER	17.0	170.0	16.1	0.0	18.2	0.0	18.2	27.3	36.4	0.0	0.0	
BLUEFIELD INTERMEDIATE	13.2	382.0	18.4	12.5	34.4	6.3	3.1	25.0	18.8	0.0	0.0	
PRINCETON PRIMARY	15.5	518.0	22.2	5.4	16.2	0.0	18.9	10.8	48.6	0.0	0.0	
BLUEFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL	11.3	291.0	18.6	15.8	26.3	5.3	10.5	12.3	28.1	1.8	0.0	
PRINCETON MIDDLE SCHOOL	12.5	198.7	18.8	11.1	33.3	1.9	7.4	11.1	33.3	1.9	0.0	
BLUEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL	14.7	233.3	19.8	18.5	20.4	7.4	9.3	14.8	25.9	3.7	0.0	
MONTCALM HIGH SCHOOL	11.2	198.7	15.5	19.4	35.5	0.0	9.7	19.4	12.9	3.2	0.0	
PRINCETON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	16.1	343.3	21.1	5.6	19.7	5.6	14.1	14.1	40.8	0.0	0.0	
PIKEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL	15.8	229.7	22.3	6.0	26.0	0.0	10.0	16.0	42.0	0.0	0.0	
MERCER COUNTY SCHOOLS	13.4	180.4	18.9	11.7	27.9	4.3	9.4	14.7	30.5	1.1	0.2	
WEST VIRGINIA	14.2	165.5	18.3	9.7	27.9	5.9	9.1	14.6	31.8	0.7	0.2	

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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	99.3	25.3	76.5	87.9	85.8	0.0	27.5	47.1	7.6	19.3	10.7	33.5	21.8	3.6	0.0	3.6
MONTCALM HIGH SCHOOL	98.3	10.5	78.5	84.3	79.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	30.4	14.3	30.4	17.9	3.6	0.0	0.0
PRINCETON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	98.9	28.0	81.4	82.7	79.5	0.0	20.2	10.0	9.0	27.4	11.6	26.4	16.2	3.2	0.0	6.1
PIKEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL	99.6	25.0	82.6	82.9	83.1	0.0	12.1	18.5	3.6	17.8	11.2	17.3	15.7	4.1	0.0	30.5
MERCER COUNTY SCHOOLS	99.1	25.3	80.2	84.3	82.1	0.0	18.9	21.0	6.7	22.8	11.4	26.1	17.7	3.6	0.0	11.6
WEST VIRGINIA	97.8	28.2	85.8	85.1	87.7	0.2	8.7	13.0	5.8	21.0	12.3	16.6	15.4	7.7	1.1	20.0

COLLEGE-ENTRANCE TESTING INFORMATION

School	-----TEST TAKERS (%)-----							-----COLLEGE-ENTRANCE TEST SCORES-----			
	--Advanced Placement Test--			----PSAT----				---ACT---	----SAT-----		12th Grade Test Takers with
	10th	11th	12th	10th	11th	SAT	ACT	Composite	Math	Verbal	APT Score of 3 or Higher (%)
BLUEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL	0.0	0.0	1.4	15.3	19.3	43.7	54.8	19.8	471	495	0.0
MONTCALM HIGH SCHOOL	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	46.3	0.0	71.9	19.3	000	000	0.0
PRINCETON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	0.0	3.6	6.8	14.0	21.4	29.8	56.4	19.8	468	472	73.3
PIKEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL	0.0	3.7	4.5	9.1	21.1	13.4	51.0	20.3	510	537	25.0
MERCER COUNTY SCHOOLS	0.0	2.4	4.3	13.2	22.4	26.5	55.3	19.9	475	490	52.0
WEST VIRGINIA	0.3	5.0	8.0	8.5	22.2	20.2	61.0	20.3	515	525	45.3

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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	57	72	62	62	50	--	--	--
BLUEWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	72	71	66	--	--	--	--	--	--
BRAMWELL SCHOOL	**	57	**	73	--	--	--	--	--
BRUSHFORK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	68	64	73	--	--	--	--	--	--
CERES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	75	62	63	--	--	--	--	--	--
GLENWOOD SCHOOL	61	57	63	72	57	57	--	--	--
LASHMEET/MATOAKA SCHOOL	61	69	50	68	58	56	--	--	--
MELROSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	78	64	54	73	--	--	--	--	--
MERCER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	67	72	62	--	--	--	--	--	--
MONTCALM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	73	69	50	88	--	--	--	--	--
OAKVALE SCHOOL	54	59	54	61	62	60	--	--	--
SPANISHBURG SCHOOL	59	51	48	56	44	48	--	--	--
STRALEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	67	69	86	--	--	--	--	--	--
SUN VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	73	54	53	--	--	--	--	--	--
BLUEFIELD INTERMEDIATE	55	59	54	--	--	--	--	--	--
BLUEFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL	--	--	--	69	68	63	--	--	--
PRINCETON MIDDLE SCHOOL	--	--	--	69	63	62	--	--	--
BLUEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL	--	--	--	--	--	--	59	61	57
MONTCALM HIGH SCHOOL	--	--	--	--	59	47	51	47	52
PRINCETON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	--	--	--	--	--	--	59	67	67
PIKEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL	--	--	--	--	--	--	65	60	57
MERCER COUNTY SCHOOLS	64	63	62	69	62	59	60	63	61
WEST VIRGINIA	66	65	64	65	61	62	60	61	62

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