

WEST VIRGINIA REPORT CARDS 2002-2003

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.

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 my 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 significant positive influence 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 (#)	9,567	Elementary	13
High School Graduates (#)	514	Middle or Jr. High	7
Teachers (#)	687	High Schools	4
Pupil/Teacher Ratio	14.0	Vocational Schools	1
		Other	0

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

	<u>1998-1999</u>	<u>1999-2000</u>	<u>2000-2001</u>	<u>2001-2002</u>	<u>2002-2003</u>
Grade 3	62	62	63	64	64
Grade 4	64	64	63	63	61
Grade 5	63	64	64	62	58
Grade 6	68	68	69	69	57
Grade 7	59	61	59	62	51
Grade 8	60	61	61	59	51
Grade 9	60	62	62	60	51
Grade 10	63	62	61	63	51
Grade 11	61	63	63	61	57

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SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (SAT)

	<u>1998-99</u>	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>
Test Takers (%)	27.5	26.4	30.1	26.5	22.8
Math Mean Score	485	491	484	475	504
Verbal Mean Score	512	501	504	490	500

AMERICAN COLLEGE TESTING (ACT)

	<u>1998-99</u>	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>
Test Takers (%)	45.7	51.2	51.1	55.3	58.4
Composite Score	20.1	19.9	20.5	19.9	19.9

PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (PSAT)

	<u>1998-99</u>	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>
Test Takers (%)					
10th Grade	18.0	11.9	11.8	13.2	8.0
11th Grade	26.9	25.2	16.9	22.4	23.0

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEST (APT) (COLLEGE BOARD)

	<u>1998-99</u>	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>
Test Takers (%):					
10th Grade	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2
11th Grade	4.0	1.3	2.7	2.4	3.5
12th Grade	6.7	3.5	2.9	4.3	7.6
Students with APT Score of 3 or Higher (%):					
10th Grade	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0
11th Grade	75.0	11.1	27.8	46.7	81.0
12th Grade	54.5	68.2	88.9	52.0	47.7

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PERSONNEL INFORMATION

Pupil/Administrator Ratio	178.8
Pupil/Teacher Ratio	14.0
Professional Staff:	
Average Years of Experience	19.2
Level of Education (%) -	
Bachelor's Degree	11.0
Bachelor's Degree Plus 15	31.3
Master's Degree	5.1
Master's Degree Plus 15	9.4
Master's Degree Plus 30	13.8
Master's Degree Plus 45	28.0
Doctorate	0.3
Other	1.2

PROGRAM AND CURRICULUM INFORMATION

	<u>1998-1999</u>	<u>1999-2000</u>	<u>2000-2001</u>	<u>2001-2002</u>	<u>2002-03</u>
Enrollment by Subject Area in Grades 9-12 (%):					
English Language Arts	98.6	99.1	97.9		
Foreign Language	33.5	28.8	26.4		
Mathematics	81.8	84.5	80.7		
Science	81.4	85.4	84.5		
Social Studies	81.7	84.2	82.6		
Advanced Placement Courses in High School (%):					
10th Grade	NA	NA	0.2		0.0
11th Grade	NA	NA	11.4		19.0
12th Grade	NA	NA	20.4		20.4

SCHOOL INFORMATION

	<u>1998-99</u>	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>
Attendance Rate (%)	93.4	94.0	93.3		93.4
Average Class Size	19.4	19.4	19.9		
Classrooms with Split Grades (#)	16	14	9		12
Dropout Rate (%)	2.8	2.8	2.7	0.0	2.1
Enrollment PK-12 (#)	9,847	9,659	9,516	0	9,567
Exemption to Pupil/Teacher Ratio (#):					
Requested	0	0	0	0	0
Granted	0	0	0	0	0
Graduates (#)	611	592	564	683	514

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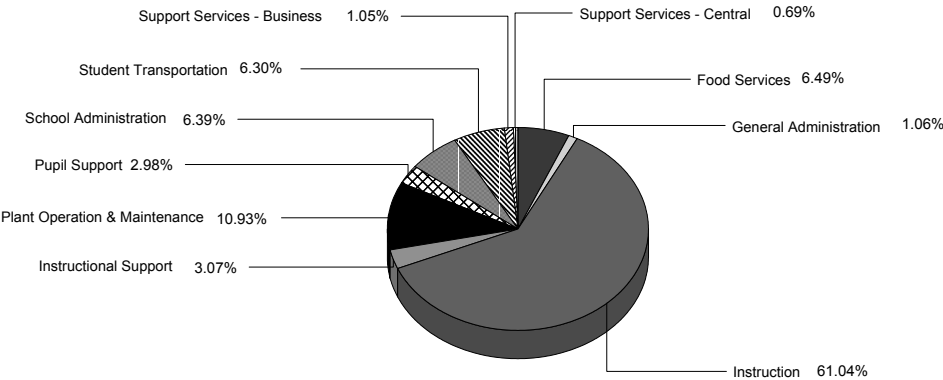
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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 2002-2003 year.

	Professional	Service
Number employed that exceeds number allowed	5.96	4.05
Salary supplement that would be available	\$0.00	\$0.00

The per pupil expenditure, based on 10th month enrollment, for the county is \$7,479.61

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



Total County Expenditures: \$71,349,697.99

COUNTY OFFICE INFORMATION

Below are the names of the county superintendent (in italics), assistant superintendents, and the number of training sessions attended in 2002-2003 (in parentheses) as related to their area:

Deborah Akers (22)
Don White (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 2002-2003. An asterisk (*) indicates the board member attended an orientation session during 2002-2003.

	Term Expires	# Hours
Gilbert E. Bailey	6/30/2006	31.50
Gregory S. Prudich	6/30/2006	07.20
William "Bill" Seaver	6/30/2006	10.70
John H. Shott, President	6/30/2004	18.00
Janet Williams	6/30/2004	10.15

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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	491	1	20.3	93.2	0	0.6
BLUEWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	PK 0K-05	170	0	15.8	95.0	0	0.0
BRAMWELL SCHOOL	0K-06	85	3	11.2	91.2	0	0.0
BRUSHFORK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	0K-05	242	0	19.5	93.2	0	0.0
CERES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	0K-05	146	0	17.0	94.8	0	0.0
GLENWOOD SCHOOL	PK 0K-08	733	1	21.6	92.9	0	0.7
LASHMEET/MATOAKA SCHOOL	PK 0K-08	439	1	18.9	93.9	0	0.0
MELROSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	0K-05	184	0	21.3	94.3	0	0.0
MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	0K-02	213	0	20.0	92.8	0	0.0
MERCER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	03-05	314	0	19.3	94.2	0	0.0
MONTCALM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	PK 0K-06	406	1	22.0	94.0	0	0.0
OAKVALE SCHOOL	PK 0K-08	300	2	15.2	93.7	0	0.0
SPANISHBURG SCHOOL	PK 0K-08	321	2	17.0	93.5	0	0.0
STRALEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	03-05	181	0	18.2	93.4	0	0.0
SUN VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	0K-05	134	1	17.3	93.6	0	0.0
WHITETHORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	0K-02	176	0	17.8	92.8	0	0.0
MERCER COUNTY EARLY LEARNING CENTER	PK	174	0	NA	NA	0	0.0
BLUEFIELD INTERMEDIATE	03-05	399	0	19.2	93.8	0	0.0
PRINCETON PRIMARY	0K-02	581	0	22.7	92.9	0	0.0
BLUEFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL	06-08	574	0	23.6	93.0	0	0.0
PRINCETON MIDDLE SCHOOL	06-08	624	0	22.1	93.1	0	0.5
BLUEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL	09-12	696	0	21.3	93.0	143	2.9
MONTCALM HIGH SCHOOL	07-12	334	0	19.0	93.1	36	2.1
PRINCETON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	09-12	1,019	0	22.7	93.7	210	4.4
PIKEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL	09-12	631	0	21.7	93.1	125	1.6
MERCER COUNTY SCHOOLS		9,567	12	20.2	93.4	514	2.1
WEST VIRGINIA		282,192	78	19.6	94.4	16,842	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	Bach	Master	Master	Master	Doc.	Other		
				+15	+15	+15	+30	+45				
ATHENS SCHOOL	15.6	491.0	17.7	18.8	25.0	9.4	9.4	9.4	28.1	0.0	0.0	
BLUEWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	11.3	170.0	20.3	13.3	53.3	6.7	13.3	6.7	6.7	0.0	0.0	
BRAMWELL SCHOOL	10.6	85.0	12.6	50.0	37.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.5	0.0	0.0	
BRUSHFORK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	14.7	242.0	21.3	0.0	17.6	0.0	5.9	29.4	47.1	0.0	0.0	
CERES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	13.9	146.0	22.1	0.0	27.3	0.0	9.1	18.2	45.5	0.0	0.0	
GLENWOOD SCHOOL	16.3	733.0	17.7	20.0	33.3	2.2	0.0	15.6	28.9	0.0	0.0	
LASHMEET/MATOAKA SCHOOL	14.4	439.0	16.4	12.9	51.6	3.2	9.7	9.7	12.9	0.0	0.0	
MELROSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	15.3	184.0	24.0	8.3	33.3	16.7	0.0	8.3	33.3	0.0	0.0	
MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	14.7	213.0	14.1	6.7	20.0	13.3	6.7	6.7	46.7	0.0	0.0	
MERCER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	15.0	314.0	21.3	19.0	28.6	9.5	0.0	19.0	23.8	0.0	0.0	
MONTCALM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	15.6	406.0	15.6	3.8	50.0	15.4	15.4	7.7	7.7	0.0	0.0	
OAKVALE SCHOOL	13.0	300.0	18.1	8.7	26.1	4.3	13.0	13.0	34.8	0.0	0.0	
SPANISHBURG SCHOOL	14.6	321.0	17.6	18.2	31.8	9.1	13.6	9.1	18.2	0.0	0.0	
STRALEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	12.1	181.0	19.6	0.0	26.7	0.0	6.7	33.3	33.3	0.0	0.0	
SUN VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	16.8	134.0	18.9	0.0	62.5	0.0	12.5	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
WHITETHORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	14.7	176.0	22.9	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	
MERCER COUNTY EARLY LEARNING CENTER	15.8	174.0	17.0	0.0	18.2	0.0	27.3	27.3	27.3	0.0	0.0	
BLUEFIELD INTERMEDIATE	13.3	399.0	18.0	3.3	46.7	10.0	3.3	20.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	
PRINCETON PRIMARY	16.6	581.0	21.4	8.6	14.3	0.0	17.1	14.3	45.7	0.0	0.0	
BLUEFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL	12.0	191.3	18.0	16.7	33.3	4.2	12.5	12.5	20.8	0.0	0.0	
PRINCETON MIDDLE SCHOOL	14.0	208.0	19.5	11.1	37.8	4.4	8.9	8.9	28.9	0.0	0.0	
BLUEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL	14.6	232.0	20.3	16.7	22.9	8.3	6.3	14.6	25.0	2.1	4.2	
MONTCALM HIGH SCHOOL	12.1	222.7	14.1	14.3	35.7	0.0	7.1	17.9	17.9	0.0	7.1	
PRINCETON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	15.9	339.7	21.9	3.1	28.1	6.3	15.6	12.5	34.4	0.0	0.0	
PIKEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL	16.2	210.3	22.8	7.7	20.5	0.0	15.4	12.8	43.6	0.0	0.0	
MERCER COUNTY SCHOOLS	14.0	178.8	19.2	11.0	31.3	5.1	9.4	13.8	28.0	0.3	1.2	
WEST VIRGINIA	14.1	161.9	18.4	11.1	31.3	6.0	9.5	13.5	28.0	0.3	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	99.7	25.9	76.1	84.1	85.5	0.0	29.3	34.5	13.3	19.9	14.9	26.0	19.3	3.9	0.0	2.8
MONTCALM HIGH SCHOOL	99.5	14.6	85.9	83.3	81.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.2	1.5	10.8	7.7	0.0	0.0	73.8
PRINCETON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	99.5	33.3	83.2	85.0	80.5	0.0	18.6	16.3	10.8	25.9	19.8	18.0	18.3	6.1	0.0	1.1
PIKEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL	99.2	25.0	85.3	81.7	86.7	0.0	13.5	17.5	7.7	28.0	9.5	15.5	15.5	8.3	0.0	15.5
MERCER COUNTY SCHOOLS	99.5	27.7	82.0	83.8	83.5	0.0	19.0	20.4	9.7	23.0	14.3	18.8	16.9	5.5	0.0	11.8
WEST VIRGINIA	98.0	27.8	86.7	86.0	87.1	0.1	9.2	14.2	5.5	19.9	11.2	15.0	15.4	6.8	0.4	25.9

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	0.6	6.7	15.2	23.3	28.7	55.9	18.9	465	490	27.3
MONTCALM HIGH SCHOOL	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.7	21.4	0.0	41.7	19.0	000	000	0.0
PRINCETON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	0.4	4.6	9.8	0.4	25.0	28.6	64.8	20.4	522	504	54.5
PIKEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL	0.0	5.9	7.3	10.7	19.3	12.8	55.2	20.4	538	509	54.5
MERCER COUNTY SCHOOLS	0.2	3.5	7.6	8.0	23.0	22.8	58.4	19.9	504	500	47.7
WEST VIRGINIA	0.0	6.6	8.5	8.7	21.4	20.0	63.0	20.3	522	510	44.2

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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	76	60	50	58	46	51	--	--	--
BLUEWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	76	74	62	--	--	--	--	--	--
BRAMWELL SCHOOL	**	44	52	37	--	--	--	--	--
BRUSHFORK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	73	65	67	--	--	--	--	--	--
CERES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	64	77	45	--	--	--	--	--	--
GLENWOOD SCHOOL	64	55	50	62	61	58	--	--	--
LASHMEET/MATOAKA SCHOOL	48	64	43	50	54	45	--	--	--
MELROSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	51	66	58	--	--	--	--	--	--
MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
MERCER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	67	61	59	--	--	--	--	--	--
MONTCALM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	57	67	58	75	--	--	--	--	--
OAKVALE SCHOOL	46	56	54	31	31	40	--	--	--
SPANISHBURG SCHOOL	59	62	71	55	55	50	--	--	--
STRALEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	63	56	80	--	--	--	--	--	--
SUN VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	71	77	60	--	--	--	--	--	--
WHITETHORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
BLUEFIELD INTERMEDIATE	66	58	53	55	50	53	--	--	--
PRINCETON PRIMARY	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
BLUEFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL	--	--	--	--	--	53	76	--	--
PRINCETON MIDDLE SCHOOL	--	--	--	59	51	51	--	--	--
BLUEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL	--	--	--	--	--	--	46	48	56
MONTCALM HIGH SCHOOL	--	--	--	--	50	47	42	48	40
PRINCETON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	--	--	--	--	--	--	50	52	59
PIKEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL	--	--	--	--	--	--	46	55	59
MERCER COUNTY SCHOOLS	64	61	58	57	51	51	47	51	57
WEST VIRGINIA	64	61	59	59	54	55	54	54	57

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