New Hanover County Schools is the 12th largest school system in North Carolina and estimated to be the 31st largest in the United States. The district has approximately 24,000 students enrolled in Grades Pre-K-12.

The School Board of New Hanover County, North Carolina, is committed to ensuring that:

- all students excel in a rigorous and relevant core curriculum.
- all schools will provide a safe, nurturing learning environment that respects cultural diversity.
- all operations of the school system are held to high expectations while supporting high student achievement.

**Number of Schools 2008-2009**

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**Total All Funds**

$211,059,946

**FACCTS 2008-2009**

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Dr. Alfred H. Lerch, Jr., Superintendent

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**Quick Facts**

- More-at-Four Pre-K Program served 662 four-year-old children in three public school centers and eight private day care facilities.
- Enrolled 7,240 high school students and 5,544 middle school students in approximately 65 challenging, competency-based, career technical courses.
- Thirty-six teachers received National Board Certification and seven teachers renewed their certification.
- NHCS students performed above the state and national averages on SAT Scores.
- Mary S. Masley Performance Learning Center graduated its first class.
- New Hanover High School was named one of the top 1,500 schools in the United States by Newsweek Magazine.
- Pine Valley Elementary and Wrightsboro Elementary received the Positive Behavior Support Exemplar Award.
- Lake Forest Academy received National Board Certification for UpFront with the Superintendent and the 2008 NHCS Senior Award.
- NHCS was awarded the 2008 Partners in Public Health Distinguished Service Group Award for its extraordinary public health contributions through programs, which improve the quality of health for students.
- NHCS was the top school in the nation for students.
- NHCS Public Relations Department was awarded two Blue Ribbon Awards for Effective Communication from the NC Schools Public Relations Association. The awards were for upFront with the Superintendent and the 2008 NHCS Annual Report.
- NHCS Professional Development Department received four commendations from the NC Department of Instruction and the NC State Board of Education.