



**NEW HANOVER
COUNTY SCHOOLS**

2020 ANNUAL REPORT



**Engaging Students,
Achieving Excellence**





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The mission of New Hanover County Schools, in collaboration with our parents and the community, is to strive to provide children with an opportunity for a superior education in a safe and positive learning environment where they are prepared with the skills to succeed.



DISTRICT OVERVIEW

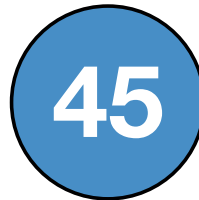
New Hanover County Schools is the 12th largest school system in North Carolina and estimated to be the 311th largest in the United States. The district has approximately 26,000 students enrolled in grades Pre K-12.

The New Hanover County Board of Education is committed to ensuring that:

- All students excel in a rigorous and relevant core curriculum.
- All schools 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

- Pre-K Centers - 3
- Elementary - 25
- Middle - 7
- Traditional High - 4
- Early College, Career and Technical High Schools - 4
- Alternative Schools - 2



Enrollment (as of 10/25/2019)

- Total (K-12): - 25,800
- Pre-K - 652
- Elementary - 11,735
- Middle - 5,785
- Traditional High - 7,458
- Early College, Career and Technical High Schools - 742
- Alternative Schools - 80



Student Diversity Breakdown (as of October 2019)

Race	Percent	Number
Caucasian	60.0%	15,468
African American	17.0%	4,397
Hispanic	15.7%	4,063
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.3%	81
Asian	1.8%	453
Multi-Racial	5.1%	1,316
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.1%	15

GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

Percent of graduates continuing their education

Beyond high school: 84%
Attend 4-year college: 40%
Attend community college or trade school: 43%
Gainfully employed: 11%
Military: 4%
Other: 2%

Percent of student dropout (grades 9-12):

2018/2019: 1.31%
2017/2018: 1.32%
2016/2017: 1.48%
2015/2016: 1.65%
2014/2015: 1.92%

Number of students identified as homeless for 18-19 school year (Pre-K-12): 1,432

Special Education

Number of students receiving (as of December 2019)

Special Education Services (total): 3,363

Pre-K students receiving Special Ed. Services: 219

Students with disabilities ranging from mild to significant disabilities:

Maintained graduation rate over 72% for students with disabilities

Implemented a pilot program to provide NHCS workplace internship opportunities for full-time employment within the Operations Division (Child Nutrition, Maintenance, and Custodial Services)

Awarded additional funding through implementation of high quality teacher professional development programs within NHCS

Personnel

Total Certified Staff - 2,150 (Includes all staff with a NC Professional Teaching Certificate)

Total Classified Staff - 1,538 (Does not include non-faculty coaches)

Total Substitutes - 499 (Includes all substitutes: regular, Child Nutrition, Transportation, and Custodial)

TOTAL: 4,187

Beginning teacher salary: \$35,000

Average teacher salary: \$ 48,354

Local teacher supplement: \$3,722

Operations Division

Transportation

Number of buses: 135

Regular: 109

EC: 26

Number of miles school buses travel each day: 11,900/day

Number of gallons of fuel used: 2,000/day

Cost per mile: \$3.82

Number of students transported each day: 10,600

Child Nutrition

New Hanover Count Schools Child Nutrition has served over 500,000 meals since March 16, 2020, in response to COVID-19.

Number of meals served in school cafeterias daily:

Breakfast: 6,100 Lunch: 15,000

Percentage of students on free and reduced lunch: 50% (as of May 2019)



Stacey Maurer

*Wrightsboro Elementary School
Rookie of the Year*



Kelly Feamster

*Gifted and Exceptional Children
Teacher of the Year*

2019-2020

EDUCA



Glen Locklear

*JC Roe Center
Principal of the Year*



Brittany Candela

*International School at Gregory
Elementary Teacher of the Year*



Stephanie Titzel

*Roland-Grise Middle School
Middle School Teacher of the Year*



EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR



Timothy Jarman

Ashley High School

High School and Overall Educator of the Year

"My work as a teacher today is my best attempt to express my gratitude for my exceptional education with the hope that

I can provide the students of my community with a transformative learning experience similar to my own."





Sydney Peterson
*Forest Hills Global Elementary
Rookie of the Year*

Trevor Todd
*Castle Hayne Elementary
Elementary Teacher of the Year*



2020-2021 EDUCA



Nuhn Johnson
*Holly Shelter Middle School
Middle School Teacher of the Year*

Rachel Manning
*Snipes Academy of Arts and Design
Principal of the Year*





*High School and Overall Educator
of the Year*

EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR



Elizabeth Felts

New Hanover High School

As a teacher, I believe my role is to help students see their value and see how they can leverage their talents and strengths to make a positive impact. While I utilize that philosophy every day, it is most apparent in our midterm project for my Honors Service Learning class. These opportunities for students to see their own value and how they use that to make a positive impact has a ripple effect that I am profoundly grateful to watch unfold far beyond my classroom.

District

- Committed to improving equity, inclusion, and diversity by providing training and leading the community in shaping initiatives to shape significant change in providing opportunities to all students and employees.
- Announced partnership with Sandy Hook Promise (SHP), a leading violence prevention organization, to roll out its Say Something Anonymous Reporting System to students district-wide for crisis prevention.
- Launched Edulog App Parent Portal for parents to track their students' school bus arrival times.
- Launched Ethix 360, an online reporting system to submit complaints and concerns confidentially and anonymously to a third party.
- The NHCS district-wide graduation rate increased to 87.6%. NHCS surpassed the state's performance on all End-of-Grade (EOG) and End-of-Course (EOC) assessments.
- Named NC.CodeKids Leadership District for commitment to computer science and coding education programs at 17 participating elementary schools.
- Increased access to 20 locally taught online course development in high schools. Volunteers contributed 299,104 service hours to NHCS valued at approximately \$6 million.
- PreK students served has doubled in the past five years. In 2014-2015, 412 students were enrolled, increasing to 875 this school year. Improved family engagement and community collaboration for preK enrollment.
- Added a dedicated Title IX Director to improve policy and investigation procedures.

Divisions and Departments

- Focused on increased opportunities for both general and special education teachers to engage in high quality professional development in Reading (Reading Research to Classroom Practice) and Math (Foundations of Math) through participation in the NCSIP (State Improvement Project).
- Named Employer of the Year by NC Rehabilitation Association for the ongoing collaboration with Vocational Rehabilitation and other community agencies to create increased opportunities for work readiness training and internships for high school students with special needs.
- Partner/Unified PE and peer buddy programs in Adapted Physical Education classes made a positive impact across the district.
- Ashley High School participated as a pilot program in a National "I CAN DO IT" initiative and their program was highlighted at a White House roundtable in Washington DC.
- Began a new monthly podcast series, "NHCS: Voices of the District."



Schools

- Nineteen schools were recognized for their Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) implementation by the state.
- Five elementary schools exceeded growth (Bellamy, Carolina Beach, Parsley, Sunset Park and Mary C. Williams).
- New Hanover High School was the winner of the State 3A Baseball Championship. Hoggard High School won the State Championship for Women's Cross-Country.
- State Championship runners-up in Women's Tennis (New Hanover), Softball (Hoggard), and Wrestling (Laney).
- Top 10 finishes in Women's Cross Country (Ashley, Laney and Hoggard) and Women's Golf (Laney).
- Freeman Elementary School of Engineering and Snipes Academy of Arts and Design, in partnership with Bikes For Kids Foundation, awarded new bikes and helmets to all third graders upon completion of a character education curriculum.
- College Park Elementary School hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony in honor of their new building.
- Murray Middle School awarded NC GreenPower Solar Schools Grant, providing solar panels and curriculum on sustainable energy.



Administrators and Teachers

- Twenty-two new National Board Certified Teachers and 33 additional educators renewed certification to rank 25th in the nation and sixth in the state for the total number of NBCTs.
- The district was among 81 in the nation to be named a National Board Accomplished District, with 530 NBCTs.
- Richelle Dombroski (Laney) among UNCW's Watson College of Education Razor Walker Award recipients.
- Timothy Jarman (Ashley) represented NHCS as High School and Overall Educator of the Year for 2019 - 2020
- Elizabeth Felts (NHHS) 2020-2021



Technology:

Instructional Computers –22,498 digital learning devices

Ratio of students per computer – students per computer 1.25 students per device

Percentage of classrooms with internet access: 100%

STEM Science, Technology,
Engineering, Mathematics

Community Involvement:

Number of hours school facilities used for community activities: 44,809

Approximate number of logged volunteer hours: 299,104

Approximate number of volunteers: 38,324

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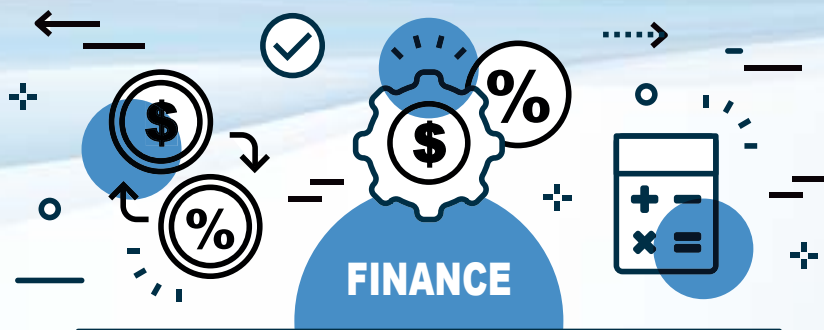
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Beginning Budget for 2019-20:

Current Operating Funds

State Public School Fund	\$158,528,361
General Fund	\$ 86,208,530
Federal Grants Fund	\$ 18,164,777
Other Restricted Revenue Fund	\$ 7,658,606
TOTAL	\$ 270,560,274

Scholarships and Financial Aid

Total dollar amount of scholarships and financial aid	\$18,900,324
Number of Park Scholarships:	0
Number of National Merit Scholars:	2
Number of National Merit Finalists:	5
Number of Morehead Scholars:	1
Number of North Carolina Scholars:	377
Number of students selected to attend NC Governor's School:	16
Number of students selected to attend NC School of Science and Math:	7

Other Funds

Capital Outlay Fund	\$ 7,057,600
Enterprise Fund (Child Nutrition)	\$ 12,740,000
Private Purpose Trust Fund	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 19,797,600

TOTAL ALL FUNDS **\$ 290,357,874**

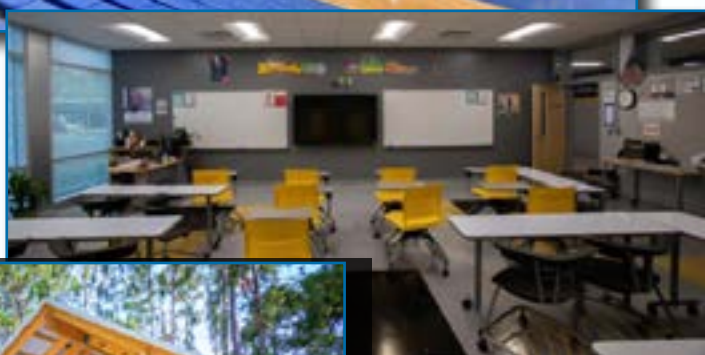
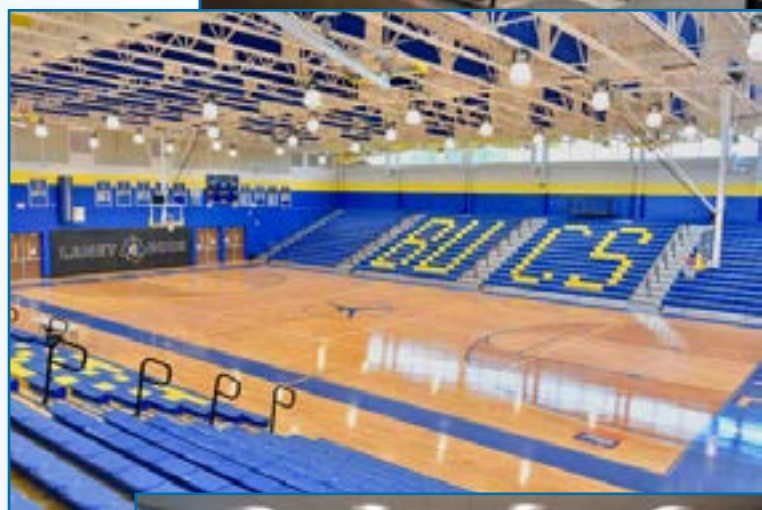
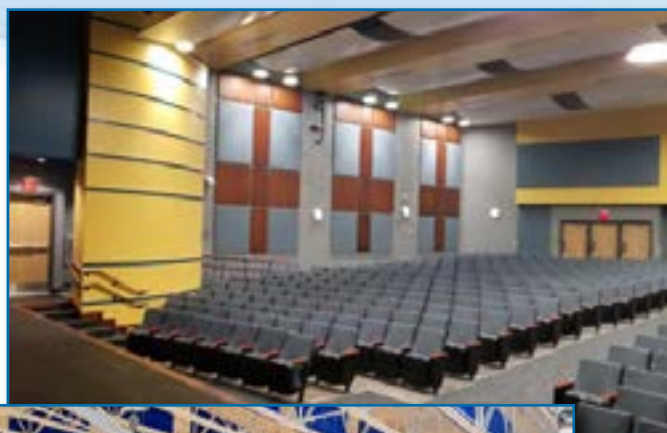
Per pupil expenditure for fiscal year 2017-2018 **\$ 10,590**

2014 Bond to Buildings

Construction, renovations, infrastructures improvements, and district-wide technology safety, and security upgrades funded by the 2014 New Hanover County Bond Referendum for Education were completed in summer 2020. Read more about your funds at work at:

www.nhcs.net/divisions/operations/facility-planning-and-construction/2014-bond-program







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