



# District Information

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## School District Information

Hanover County Public Schools is a national award-winning suburban school district located in the Richmond, Virginia, metropolitan area.

Approximately 20,000 students attend the twenty-three comparably successful schools--fourteen elementary, four middle, four high, one alternative school. The Human Resources Department expects to fill approximately 200 teacher vacancies each year.

Kersey Creek Elementary School, the county's fourteenth elementary school, opened Fall 2006; The Georgetown School, our alternative education facility, opened early 2007; Laurel Meadow Elementary School and The Hanover Center for Trades and Technology will open Fall 2008. All schools are accredited by the Virginia Department of Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Hanover County's less-than-one-percent student drop-out rate coupled with standardized test scores among the very best in Virginia illustrate the district's philosophy to find the wealth in every child. Hanover County teachers enjoy excellent student-teacher ratios, many active parent volunteers, abundant technological equipment, a beginning teacher mentor program, peer coaching, and many other professional development opportunities, including tuition reimbursement. The Department of Human Resources welcomes school-site visitations by interested applicants.

## School District Facts

- U.S. Senate Productivity and Quality Award
- First school district in Virginia to receive the U.S. Senate Productivity Award for Continuing Excellence
- Ten National Blue Ribbon School Awards by U.S. Department of Education
- School Match "What Parents Want" Award (Six Consecutive Years)
- Hanover students' average Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores lead the Metro Richmond area.
- Named one of Top 100 Communities in America for Music Education
- World and State Champion Odyssey of the Mind teams
- State champion athletes, athletic teams, and fine and performing arts programs
- International Baccalaureate Diploma, Air Force and Navy JROTC Programs, and dual enrollment options for secondary students
- State Recognized Teachers-- and Administrators-of-the-Year
- HCPS is the only district its size or larger in which all schools are accredited by the regional agency.
- HCPS is one of the first districts in Virginia accredited by SACS/CASI by an quality assurance team reviewing district-wide practices.
- Graduate Warranty Program assures that students are prepared for post-secondary education or entry-level employment.
- Actual student/teacher ratio at elementary level is 20.8:1
- Less than one percent drop-out rate —among the very lowest in the State of Virginia
- For the fifth consecutive year, 100% of Hanover schools have met the 2006 Accreditation Standards

## Hanover County Information

As one of the largest counties in the state, **Hanover County** is a community that offers an extraordinary blend of rural and civic pride with suburban living. In January 2007, Hanover County was named one of the Top 100 Communities in America for Youth by *America's Promise*.



Richmond Skyline

Located at the center point of the Eastern seaboard near the crossroads of I-95 and I-64, Hanover boasts a strategic position within the state's transportation network and I-295. This premier perimeter highway for the metro-Richmond area presents exciting new development opportunities.

Hanover's centralized location places it just 10 minutes from the state capital, and 90 minutes from the nation's capital. And within a 12-hour driving radius, Hanover County has access to 50 percent of the nation's population and U.S. markets.



Hanover County is ranked among the top 50 localities in the United States for quality of life by the *American City Business Journals*. In 2007, *Forbes* magazine recognized Hanover County for providing the "Biggest Bang for Your Buck" because it ranks in the top 50 counties in the nation in

The editors of the Richmond-Times Dispatch have said,

*"Hanover County has reason to think of itself as the jewel in the crown of Richmond-area localities. With low taxes, little crime, good schools, and a bucolic atmosphere only a few minutes from downtown Richmond, it enjoys the best of both the urban and rural worlds." (October 26, 1999)*

The editors of the Herald Progress have said,

*"When one takes into account the fact that Hanover County Schools provide their teachers with good schools, students willing to learn and parents who are appreciative of their efforts, the competitive salary structure is an additional incentive to not only come here, but to spend a career here." (December 2, 2004)*

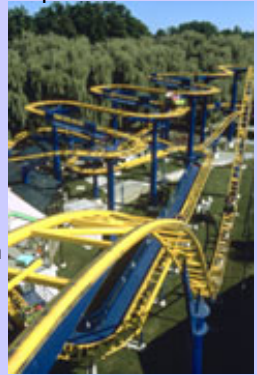
with Virginia's Standards of Learning tests. Hanover is the only one of the four largest Metro-Richmond districts with 100% for five consecutive years. Student achievement typically falls in the top 5% of Virginia's 134 school districts on various measures.

- HCPS made adequate yearly progress (AYP) as defined by the federal No Child Left Behind Act.
- 99% of Hanover teachers are "highly qualified" as defined by the federal No Child Left Behind Act.
- 83% of Hanover graduates go on to attend two- or four-year colleges
- 84% of students with disabilities earn regular or advanced studies diplomas
- \$800 yearly professional development funds for employee tuition or conferences
- New teachers may opt for \$1000 salary advance to assist with relocation costs
- High levels of student achievement and community involvement are evident in each of the twenty-two schools.

terms of student achievement vs. cost per pupil. It openly shares with curious visitors a unique glimpse of history. Patrick Henry, one of the more vocal leaders of the American Revolution and famous for his "Give me liberty or give me death" speech, was born in Hanover and lived at his Scotchtown home in Hanover, one of the oldest plantations dating back to 1736. The Hanover Courthouse is more than 250 years old and is the second oldest continuously used courthouse in America. The Civil War era, with preserved Civil War battlefields, holds memories of historic moments such as the Seven Days Battle and the Battle of Cold Harbor. (photo: State Capitol)

The area abounds with a wide spectrum of cultural, recreational and entertainment activities. Our moderate, four-season climate allows for a variety of outdoor enjoyment and sensory excitement.

Paramount's Kings Dominion



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**Hanover County Public Schools is a student-centered, community-driven school district that assures a quality education for success in a changing world. - Mission Statement**

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