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## Spotsylvania County

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### Schools: At-a-Glance 2007-2008

<b>Total Schools</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Total Employees</b>	<b>3263</b>
Elementary	16	Professional	2041
Middle	7	Classified	1222
High	5		
Other (Spotsylvania Career & Technical Center, Alternative High School, Courthouse Academy)	3		
<b>Student Membership* (10-01-07)</b>	<b>24,465</b>	<b>Total Teachers</b>	<b>1869</b>
Elementary	10,706	Hold Master's Degree or Doctorate	810
Middle	5,485	Average Years of Experience	12
High	7,897	Nationally Board Qualified	21
Other	377	"Highly Qualified" (as defined by the federal NCLB Act)	98.39%
*11th largest of 134 school divisions in Virginia		<b>Teacher Salary Range</b> (with Bachelor's Degree)	
		First Year Teacher	\$37,700
		Teacher with 30+ Years of Experience	\$74,883
<b>Student Ethnic Distribution (10-01-07)</b>		<b>Student Teacher Ratios (11-30-07)</b>	
Native American/Alaskan	.29%	Elementary (Grades K-2)	21 : 1
Asian	2.52%	Elementary (Grades 3-5)	22 : 1
Black	19.75%	Middle (core academic)	25 : 1
Hispanic	8.08%	High (core academic)	25 : 1
White	66.74%		
Native Hawaiian	.05%	<b>Food Services (2006-2007)</b>	
Unspecified	2.57%	Breakfasts Served	388,445
		Lunches Served	3,466,872
<b>Support Programs</b>		<b>Transportation (2007-2008)</b>	
Special Education Students	12.34%	Buses In Use Daily	284
Gifted Students	7.11%	Students Transported Daily	22,081
ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages)	4.13%	Bus Miles Traveled Daily	17,711
Title I (13 Schools)	2.73%		
<b>Economically Disadvantaged</b>	<b>22.87%</b>	<b>Maintenance</b>	
		Total structural square footage	3,650,093
<b>Average Daily Attendance (EOY-2007)</b>	<b>94.25%</b>	Total acreage maintained	1,292.6
Elementary	95.90%	<b>Operating Budget (2007-2008) (less Debt Services)</b>	
Secondary	92.60%	Total Operating Budget	\$223,902,857
		Projected Cost Per Pupil	\$9,108
<b>Army JROTC Enrollment</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>Funding Sources (2007-2008) (less Debt Services)</b>	
<b>Class of 2007 Statistics</b>		County Operating	39.24%

Total Graduates	1643
Advanced Studies Diploma Graduates	831
Graduation Rate	80.83%
Completion Rate (Grades 9-12)	90.77%
Scholarships Awarded	\$10,407,347

State	46.14%
Sales Tax	10.26%
Federal	3.54%
Other	.82%

**Post Secondary Plans**

Four Year College	36.50%
Two Year College	38.40%
Other Education Plans	6.10%
Military	5.17%
Direct Employment	9.98%

**Operating Expenditures by Category**

(2007-2008) (less Debt Services)

Instruction	80.09%
Maintenance	9.35%
Transportation	6.44%
Administration	2.31%
Attendance & Health	1.81%

**Debt Services Budget (2006-2007)** \$30,042,530

**Average SAT Scores (2007 College-Bound Seniors)**

	<u>National</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Division</u>
Reading	502	511	505
Math	515	511	487
Writing	494	496	487

**Volunteer Hours Reported (2006-2007)** **119,535**

Elementary	55,926
Secondary	63,609

**Business Partners** **297**

**Average ACT Scores (2007 College-Bound Seniors)**

	<u>National</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Division</u>
Composite	21.20	21.40	21.66

**Geographical Information**

County Area (approx. square miles)	407
Primary Roads (miles)	196
Secondary Roads (miles)	1403

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**County Population** (Source: U.S. Census (estimated)) **119,529**

**Staff Donation to United Way (2007)** **\$98,693.96**

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**GEOGRAPHY**



Spotsylvania County, consisting of 407 square miles, is located in eastern Virginia, midway between the Nation's capital in Washington, D.C and the State capital of Richmond, both of which are about 50 miles distant. Both capital cities are easily accessible by rail and highway. The County is bounded by Caroline County on the east, Louisa and Hanover Counties along the North Anna River on the south, Culpeper and Stafford Counties and the City of Fredericksburg on the north along the Rappahannock and Radian Rivers, and Orange County on the west.

About 65 percent of the County is located in Virginia's Piedmont physiographic province and about 35 percent is in the Coastal Plain. Elevations range from sea level to 540 feet. Drainage is provided by the Rappahannock and Radian Rivers in the northern and eastern parts and the Mattaponi and North Anna Rivers in the central and southern parts of the County.

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**HISTORY**

In 1721, a vast new county was formed in the young colony of Virginia. Extending far beyond the Blue Ridge Mountains, this frontier outpost was named for Alexander Spotswood, Colonial

Governor of Virginia.

Much of Spotsylvania County's early development is attributed to Spotswood's ironworks that he founded in the early 1700's. Spotswood's "Iron Mines Company," a mining and smelting operation, was founded in 1725 at Germanna. This was the first fully equipped iron furnace in the colonies and Spotsylvania County's first industry. Iron was hauled to the Rappahannock River for shipping. A wharf was built at the mouth of Massaponax Creek where ships docked to load wares for colonial ports. Wares from the Iron Mines Company included firebacks, pots, pans and kettles. A blast furnace, also founded by Spotswood, was operated in this area from 1730 through 1785. Remnants of the ironworks are still found in the County. Under Spotswood's resourceful leadership, a road network for transporting the iron was laid out and skilled laborers were imported from Germany. At his death in 1740, Spotswood left behind a nearly self-sufficient iron empire that set in motion the rise of America's iron and steel industry. Spotswood's furnace was acquired in 1842 by the United States government who set up a forge and foundries. Here, the government made hundreds of cannons to supply the Mexican War. At that time, it was one of the most important cannon works in the country.



Four major Civil War battles were fought on Spotsylvania soils, including one of the bloodiest of the war, the Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse in May 1864. Here the armies of Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee saw one of the most intense clashes in American history: the Union attack on the Confederate-held "Bloody Angle." This battle marked the beginning of the fall of the Confederacy. Also, it was in Spotsylvania County, at Chancellorsville, that Stonewall Jackson fell to the mistaken fire of his own men. The National Park Service maintains more than 4,400 acres of the Civil War battlefields in various locations throughout Spotsylvania County.

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