



WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Basic Facts

Students

Enrollment: 120,504 students
(2005-06 twentieth-day enrollment)

Graduates: About 6,500 students were in the Class of 2005

Schools

In 2005-06, Wake County has 138 public schools:

- 88 elementary,
 - 28 middle,
 - 18 high, and
 - 4 special/optional schools.
- 50 of these schools are **magnet programs** offering a wide variety of opportunities.

Academic Achievement

Average SAT Score in 2004-05:

- WCPSS average: 1075
- National average: 1028
- State average: 1010

Graduates pursuing post-secondary education (04-05): 89.4 percent

Dropout rate (04-05): Only 3.7 percent in grades 9 through 12, lower than the North Carolina average of 4.7 percent.

State End-of-Grade assessments: 91 percent of students in grades 3-8 performed at or above grade level in 2004-05

State End-of-Course assessments: 83.2 percent of high school students performed at or above expected levels, with strongest results in Physics, Chemistry, Algebra I and English (04-05).

School/Business Partnerships (2004-05)

Drawing the connections between school and career:

- More than 350 business persons serving on 36 **Business Alliances** at all middle and high schools
- 30 business persons on **Career Pathway Employer Teams**
- 11,685 student contacts at high school **career fairs**
- 11,668 student contacts from **guest speakers** in high schools
- 2003 opportunities for **job shadowing** at middle and high schools
- 840 work experiences provided through student internships

Educators

Number of teachers: 7,452 (2004 EEO report)

Teacher salaries: \$28,725 to \$65,566

National Board Certified Teachers (November 2005): 985

Teacher/Student Ratios (05-06):

- Grades K-3: 1 to 20.5
- Grades 4-5: 1 to 25.5
- Grades 6-8: 1 to 22.5
- Grades 9-12: 1 to 24

2005-06 Budget

Total 2005-06 operating budget: \$909,676,964

Funding sources:

- State: 59 percent
- Local: 34 percent
- Federal: 7 percent

How the funds are used:

- Salaries and benefits: 81 percent
- Purchased services: 10 percent
- Supplies and materials: 6 percent
- Capital outlay and other objects: 2 percent
- Transfers to charter schools: 1 percent

Superintendent's Work Plan for 2004-2007

- **Reduce the gap** between *all students'* actual achievement and their potential achievement
- **Recruit, develop, and retain quality employees** whose vision, potential, and abilities support high academic achievement for all students
- **Broaden public support** for the school system
- Manage growth and diversity to **keep all schools healthy**

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