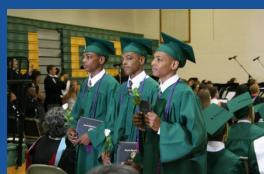




St. Mary's County Public Schools

PROFILE

2007-2008



Fast Facts

26 Schools

Elementary (Pre-K-5)	16
Public Charter (K-5)	1
Middle (6-8)	4
High (9-12)	3
Career & Technology Center	1
White Oak Secondary Center	1

Our Staff

Certificated Staff	1,470
Non-Certificated Staff	735
Teachers average years of service	11.86
Teachers ranked "Highly Qualified"	*94.2%
*Second Highest in Maryland	

Total Enrollment: 16,922

Elementary (Pre-k-5)	7,920
Middle (6-8)	3,722
High (9-12)	5,280

Ethnicity

White	74.39%
African-American	19.9%
Hispanic	2.6%
Asian	2.5%
Native American	0.6%

2007 Attendance Rate

Elementary	95.4%
Middle	94.0%
High	91.5%

2007 Graduation Rate:	87.69%
Dropout Rate:	2.73%

Per Pupil Expenditure \$10,365

SMCPS Board of Education Members

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Welcome to St. Mary's County Public Schools, located at the southernmost tip of Maryland, 60 miles south of the nation's capital. St. Mary's County, traditionally known for its agricultural and fishing communities, is now best known for its world-class technology corridor that supports the operations of the Patuxent Naval Air Station (NAS). With 16,922 students and 2,128 staff members, our school system is large enough to offer a wide variety of academic programs and services, and small enough to maintain an atmosphere of meaningful relationships, helpfulness, and personalized attention. New in the 2007-2008 school year, the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Academies (STEM), a partnership with the Patuxent NAS will provide elementary, middle, and high school students with an opportunity for advanced level learning in these critical fields.

We are a school system focused on student achievement and assuring that our students meet rigorous standards. In SMCPS, all children can and will learn. Our goal is to focus our efforts to create a total community committed to learning and safety for ALL children. "We are doing some very exciting and focused work in St. Mary's County Public Schools, and this has translated into very positive results for our students," says Dr. Michael J. Martirano, superintendent of schools. "By 'Working Hard and Being Nice,' we have an opportunity to provide an optimal teaching and learning environment that is second to none."

Our Mission and Goals

The mission of the St. Mary's County Public School system is to know the learner and the learning, expecting excellence in both. Accept no excuses, educating ALL with rigor, relevance, respect, and positive relationships.

Goal 1 - Increased Student Achievement

Demonstrate progress in developing or modifying curriculum, instruction, and assessments to enable all students to be appropriately challenged to meet the goal of fulfilling their personal potential.

Goal 2 - Supportive Partnerships

Encourage the community to be involved in decision-making affecting their schools.

Goal 3 - A Safe and Orderly School Environment

Emphasize and promote a safe and orderly work and learning environment.

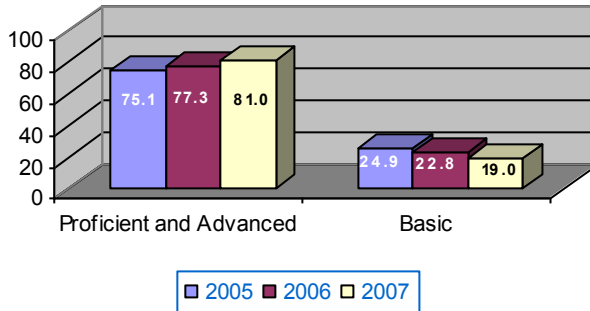
Goal 4 - Effective and Efficient Use of Resources

Ensure the effective and efficient use of school system resources.

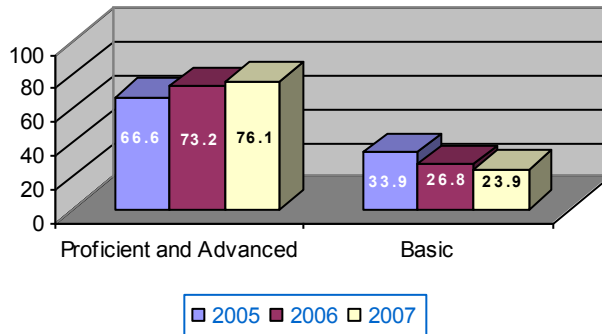
DR. MICHAEL J. MARTIRANO, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Achievement Data

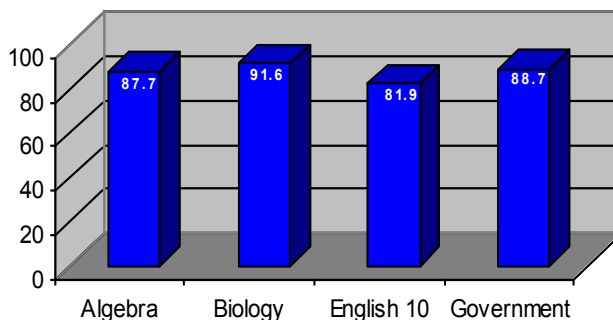
MSA Elementary and Middle - Reading



MSA - Elementary and Middle Mathematics



High School Assessment Pass Rates - Class of 2009



SAT Scores and Participation					
School Year	#	Percent Participating	Critical Reading	Mathematics	Writing
2004-2005	410	48.6	515	527	
2005-2006	454	44.6	512	522	500
2006-2007	514	49.6	505	517	494

More Facts

Average Class Size

Grade Pre-K	19.6
Grade K	18.2
Grade 1 & 2	20.5
Grades 3-5	22.6
Grades 6-8	16.2
Grades 9-12	19.1

Students Receiving Special Services 2006-07

Title I (Elementary only)	21.5%
Limited English Proficient	1.6%
Free/Reduced Lunch	23.0%
Special Education	12.1%

ESOL Program

Approximately 118 students participate in the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program.

Student Mobility 2006-2007

Elementary	11.0% Entrants	10.4 % Withdrawals
Middle	8.1% Entrants	8.6% Withdrawals
High	6.4% Entrants	10.5% Withdrawals

Documented Decisions

Class of 2006

Attend a 4-year college	33.7%
Attend a 2-year college	21.3%
Attend a trade or technical school	2.5%
Enter employment	13.4%
Enter military	5.4%
Enter full-time employment and school	9.0%
Enter part-time employment and/or school	11.9%
Other and no response	2.8%

Bus Transportation

Student transportation is provided by 168 bus contractors and 188 buses. These buses travel more than 4.5 million miles per year to and from school, and more than 6,400 program trips.

Kindergarten

Every child who is five years old on or before September 1, 2007, must be enrolled in a public school kindergarten or alternate program approved by the Maryland State Department of Education. Full Day Kindergarten is currently held at all St. Mary's County public elementary schools.