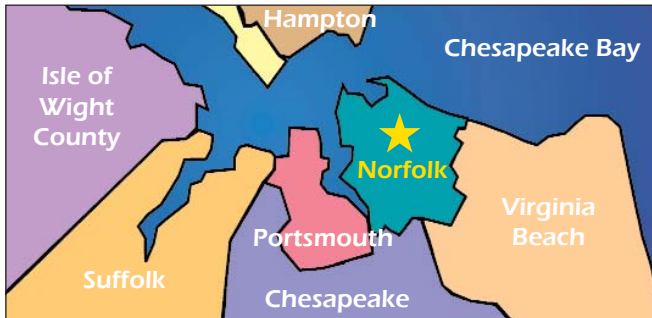


City of Norfolk



- Population: 241,727 (Metro Area: approximately 1.5 million)
- Area: 66 square miles
- Home to largest naval station in the world
- Cultural and financial hub of southeastern Virginia

Norfolk Public Schools

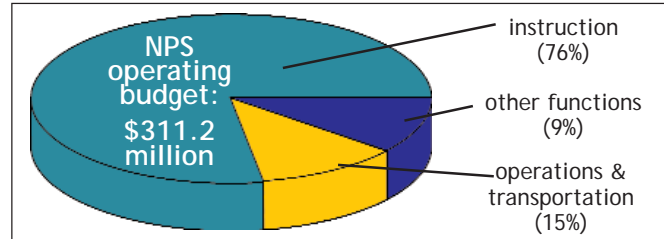
- 35 elementary, 9 middle, and 5 high schools + other auxiliary facilities (including alternative, magnet and specialty programs)
- Middle School Specialty Programs (world studies, technology, communications, arts, languages, and more)
- High School Specialty Programs: Military Science, International Baccalaureate, Arts, Medical/Health Professions, Engineering,
- Early Childhood/Prekindergarten Offerings
- Gifted and Special Education Programs
- Before- & After-School Programs
- Athletics & Extracurricular Programs
- Over 3,000 teachers
- 36,000 students, PreK-12

Capital Improvements

- Renovation of Blair Middle School commenced: Spring 2004.
- Estimated construction cost: \$33 million
- Opening date: Spring 2007
- Construction of new Coleman Place Elementary School commenced: Summer 2006
- Estimated construction cost: \$20.3 million
- Opening date: Fall 2007

School Budget

- \$311.2 million for fiscal year 2007
- 76 percent dedicated to direct instruction



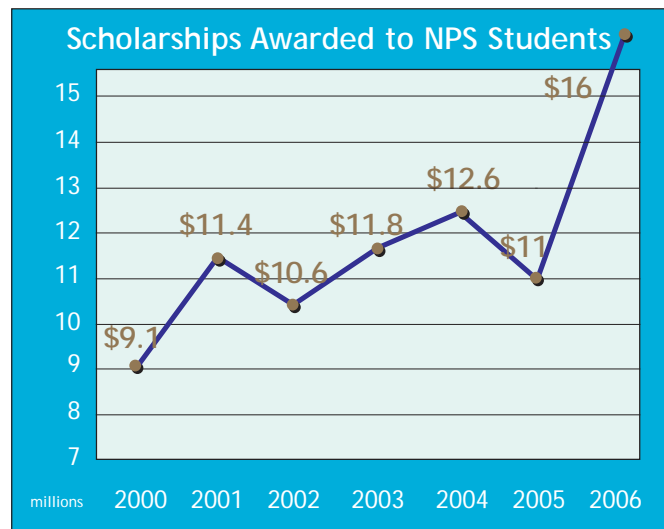
- \$9,132 per pupil cost*

*FY2007 estimate

Graduation Information

- Graduation Rate: 71 percent (2004-2005)
- Scholarships Awarded: \$16*

*may not include all monies earned by summer graduates



Discipline & Safety

- Children are held responsible for their actions. Strong philosophy of parental involvement.
- On-site school discipline teams review monthly data to monitor progress & supply alternative strategies, as necessary.
- School Resource Officers (Norfolk Police) in each high school. Trained, uniformed NPS Security Officers in each secondary school.
- Work collaboratively with juvenile courts to decrease truancy and drop-out rates.

Norfolk Public Schools Performance Data

- All Standards of Learning Test scores have increased markedly over the past nine years. (2005-2006 data)

- Elementary school SOL Test pass rates exceeded state bench-marks for all nine subjects and reflect one-year gains in eight of nine subjects. (2005-2006 data)

- Middle school SOL Test pass rates exceeded state bench-marks for all five subjects and reflect one-year gains in three of five subjects. (2005-2006 data)

Percentage of Students Scoring Proficient or Better									
Grade/Content	1997-1998	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	8 year change
Grade 3/English	38%	50%	52%	54%	58%	67%	62%	74%	36%
Grade 3/Math	47%	56%	64%	70%	73%	79%	81%	83%	36%
Grade 5/English	49%	59%	58%	63%	69%	80%	82%	81%	32%
Grade 5/Writing	52%	78%	83%	87%	85%	87%	88%	92%	40%
Grade 5/Math	30%	40%	57%	57%	62%	67%	75%	80%	50%
Grade 8/English	42%	49%	52%	56%	58%	57%	68%	70%	28%
Grade 8/Writing	47%	55%	71%	64%	63%	62%	74%	68%	21%
Grade 8/Math	26%	33%	44%	50%	53%	63%	75%	74%	48%
High School/English	71%	72%	72%	82%	84%	95%	86%	78%	7%
High School/Algebra II	26%	50%	63%	78%	84%	87%	88%	84%	58%

- SOL end-of-course test pass rates exceeded state benchmarks for all 12 subjects and reflect one-year gains in five of twelve subjects. (2005-2006 data)

- PSAT participation showed a four-year increase of 97 % for sophomores and 53% for juniors. (2004-2005 data)

- SAT five-year score gains for verbal (+11) and mathematics (+19) tests exceeded both state and national gains. (2004-2005 data)

- Elementary, middle, and high schools all met attendance benchmarks for 2005-2006.

- Over 99% of our students experience no incidents of physical violence in school. Discipline, crime, and violent incidents accounted for less than 3% of the student population and showed an overall decline for the past five years. (2004-2005 data)

- Parent and community involvement continued to increase, with the number of business partnerships more than doubling over the past five years. (2004-2005 data)

- The five-year achievement gap between scores of African-American and Caucasian students decreased for 20 of 23 Standards of Learning Tests. (2004-2005 data)

- Norfolk students were offered more than 11 million dollars in scholarships during the 2004-05 school year, a figure that has more than doubled since 1995-96. Scholarship earnings exceeded \$16 million for 2005-2006.