



Norfolk Public Schools
The cornerstone of a proudly diverse community

FAST FACTS

Norfolk Public Schools — A driving force in the community.

Academics

- Approximately, 30,000 students attend Norfolk Public Schools (NPS) each year. Of those students, 5,535 (18.8%) are identified as gifted.
- The division offers 35 Advanced Placement (AP) Courses.
- 67% of schools are accredited and the division continues to make gains.
- The division turnaround effort is well underway (#NPSRedesign). The primary areas of focus are leadership, literacy, academic rigor, and innovation.
- Each of the five high schools has a specialty program. These include: International Baccalaureate (IB) at Granby, Medical and Health Specialties Program at Maury, Leadership and Military Science at Lake Taylor, Leadership Center for the Sciences and Engineering at Norview, and Visual and Performing Arts at Booker T. Washington. The Academy for Discovery at Lakewood (ADL) is one of only two IB middle schools programs in the region.
- The graduating class of 2019 earned \$88,538,989 million in scholarship offers. One student received a Gates Scholarship.
- Of the 2,598 instructional staff at NPS, 43.8% have a master's degree and 1.4% have earned a doctorate.
- Instructional staff have an average of 10 years of experience.
- Two Norfolk schools were recognized for the Purple Star award during the 2018-19 school year (Mary Calcott and Tarrallton Elementary Schools).
- NPS continues to support military families at schools through the award of two Department of Defense Educational Activity (DoDEA) awards totaling more than \$3 million. Most of the funds are supporting STEM activities and KIBO robotics at the primary grade levels.

Athletics

- Students can participate in highly competitive and successful athletic programs that produce regional and state winners.
- Lake Taylor High School boasts seven (7) state championship teams since 2010.
- Maury High School won the Class 5 boys basketball state championship in the 2018-19 school year.
- Partnerships with the City's Department of Recreation, Parks, and Open Space allow elementary, middle and high school students access to athletic facilities.

Community Partnerships

- Through a collaborative partnership with the City of Norfolk, five (5) new elementary schools were built within (4) years. S.B. Ballard Construction brought to life the state-of-the-art designs of RRMM Architects, the result being flexible and innovative 21st Century learning environments.
- NPS continues to partner with the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) and Renaissance Learning for Read with MEAC and annual MEAC College Fair.
- Staff work closely with Naval Station Norfolk to provide necessary supports and educational opportunities for military-connected families.

Economic Impact

- Norfolk Public Schools is listed as one of the top 10 employers in Norfolk.
- As the ninth largest employer in the city, NPS employs approximately 5,300 employees with an annual payroll of \$190 million.
- 12.5% of graduates choose to further their education locally at Old Dominion University, Norfolk State University, Virginia Wesleyan University and Tidewater Community College. Many NPS graduates enter the workforce upon completing high school, work in Norfolk during their college years, and stay after earning a degree.

