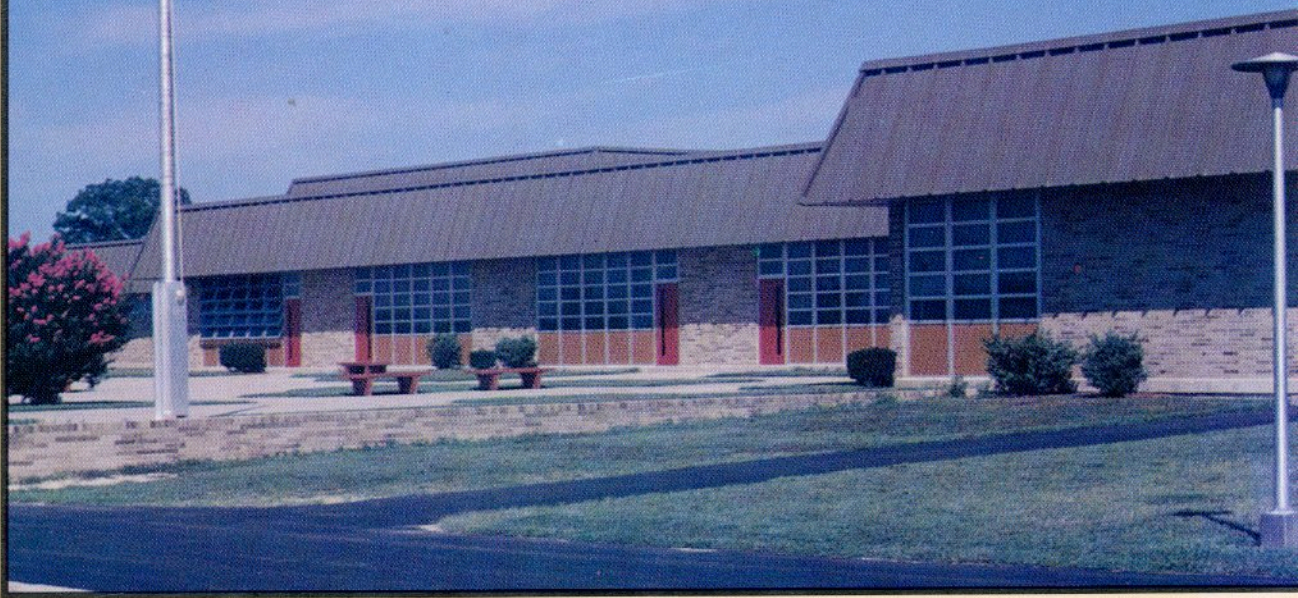


WORCESTER COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Annual Report



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*Maryland's Treasure
by the Sea*

Worcester, on Maryland's Eastern Shore, borders the Atlantic Ocean on the east, Delaware to the north, and Virginia to the south. It is Maryland's fifth largest county with an area of 475 square miles. The 1990 projected population of the county is 39,453. Worcester has a mild climate, ocean resorts, recreational waters and acres of lush forests. The county has basically two types of industry. Reflecting its natural attractions and historic settings, the tourist, retail and service industries account for over 55% of the total employment. The remaining industry is agriculture based with some light industry for diversification. Worcester has a competitive tax structure and a trained productive work force. The diversity of Worcester is reflected by its topography, industry and the daily activities of its citizens. From the busy vacation spot of Ocean City to the rich fields and quaint villages, Worcester offers something for everyone.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

In Worcester County Public Schools, a major emphasis has been placed on excellence in all educational programs. A wide variety of quality programs are available to meet diverse abilities, interests, and needs of the students. Emphasis is placed on superior instructional materials, the use of modern technology, comprehensive curriculum, and outstanding teaching techniques. In addition, high expectations of performance are established at every level, in all subjects, and for every student and staff member.



THE BOARD

The Board of Education is the governing body of the school system with the primary responsibilities of policy making, budget, and governance of the school system.

The Board of Education of Worcester County is composed of seven citizens appointed by the Governor for five-year terms. The Board annually elects a president and vice-president from its members, and appoints a Board attorney. The superintendent of schools serves as the secretary/treasurer.

The Board holds regular public meetings on the third Tuesday of each month and conducts special meetings throughout the school year.

Members of the Board of Education	Term Ends
James C. Church, President	1992
Jane D. Bunting, Vice-President	1990
Ernestine J. Bailey	1994
Roger L. Richardson	1993
William J. Talton	1991
Howard W. Taylor	1994
Oliver H. Williams	1993

SCHOOL FACILITIES

Children and young adults deserve an outstanding place to learn. The Worcester County Public Schools are among the best school facilities in the State.

The school system consists of five elementary schools, three middle schools, three high schools, one special school, and a vocational/technical center. All the schools are modern facilities equipped with the latest in technical equipment and supplies. The facilities are continuously maintained and renovated to provide an environment conducive to excellence in teaching and learning.

Grade Organization Pattern

The grade organization for Worcester County schools is:

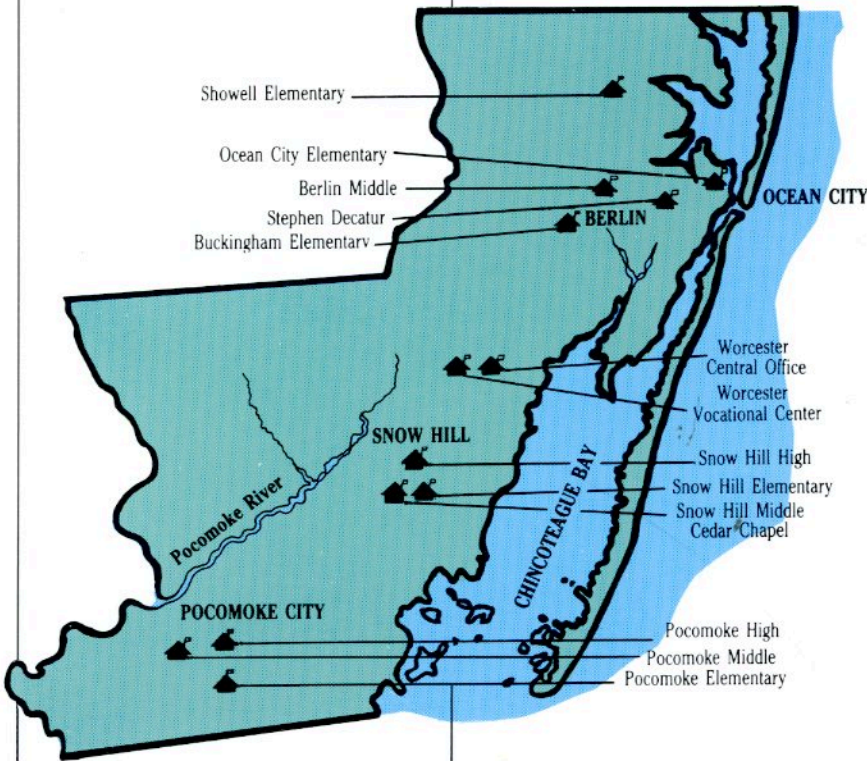
Elementary Schools	K-3	K-5
Middle Schools	4-8	6-8
High Schools	9-12	
Vocational Center	9-12	
Special Education	Pre K-Age 20	

Most of the schools in the system were constructed in the 1970s and thus are relatively new, modern facilities. Specifically, of the five elementary schools, only Ocean City (1965) was constructed prior to 1976, and all three middle schools were occupied in 1970. The three high schools and the original Worcester Vocational buildings were built in the 1950s; however, all of these buildings have been extensively renovated during the 1980s. The Cedar Chapel Special School occupied a new facility in June of 1987.

The schools and central office are housed in 12 major buildings representing 905,762 square feet on nearly 325.05 acres. The total value of buildings and equipment is \$94,521,608.

Major Building Projects

- 1990 Completion of SES addition of 10 classrooms (9,600 sq ft).
- 1992 Begin addition of five classrooms (5,000 sq ft) at PES.
- 1995 Begin North County Elementary School. School will contain fifteen classrooms (37,500 sq ft).



STUDENTS

Enrollment

Total (12/31/89)	5,442
Elementary	2,324
Middle	1,596
High	1,522

There is an increase of .9% over last year's actual enrollment of 5,348.

Worcester County Students by Race: .7% Asian Pacific, 32.9% Black, 1% Hispanic, and 65.4% White.

The dropout rate is approximately 3.6% per year. This figure is based on dropout and attendance information for the graduating class of 1989.

Worcester County Public Schools' percent of student attendance is 94.1. This is ranked first in the State of Maryland.

Four hundred sixty-three students had outstanding attendance during the school year and qualified for an all expenses paid trip to Busch Gardens.

The 1989 Graduate Profile

381 students graduated in June 1989.

Post-graduate activities:

- Forty-two percent are attending four-year colleges, academies and universities.
- Seventeen percent are attending two-year trade, technical and business schools.
- \$899,753 in scholarships and financial awards were received by '89 seniors. (Based on a two or four-year renewability opportunity)
- 1989 graduates are attending institutions of higher learning in more than twenty states and a foreign country. Graduates are attending what is rated as some of the best colleges and universities in the country.
- Twenty-five percent are entering the work force.
- Eleven percent are entering the military.
- Five percent are undecided.

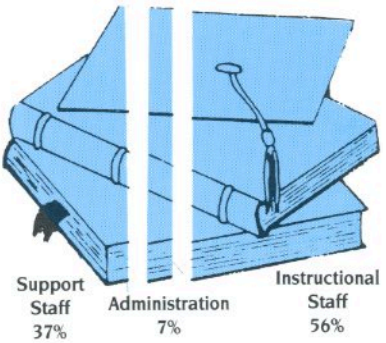
STAFF

The Worcester County Board of Education employs 457 professionals and 265 support staff. With employee positions totaling 722, the Board of Education is the largest employer in the County.

The Worcester County Public School System has a highly qualified professional staff. Seventy-eight percent have advanced professional degrees. Twenty-two percent hold standard professional certificates. All are encouraged to continue to grow professionally by enrolling in college graduate courses, MSDE courses, and in local, state and national conferences and inservice programs.

The professional staff (pre-K - 12) assigned to schools results in staffing ratios of 80.8 per 1,000 pupils. Worcester County is ranked first in the State in the ratio of staff to students.

The number of teachers employed results in an average class size of twenty students in grades K through second grade and an average class size of twenty-two students in grades three through twelve. In addition to small class sizes, a wide range of services are offered by counselors, therapists, nurses, media specialists, special teachers and psychologists.



SERVICES

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

This service is provided to all students who live more than one mile from their school and those who face hazardous walking conditions. Eighty-nine percent of the students ride a bus to and from school. Sixty-five regular, seven spare, and four special buses travel over 1.1 million miles each year.



FOOD SERVICES

Food for all schools is prepared by the Central Kitchen. The food is distributed to each school by four County food trucks. The schools are equipped with convection ovens and steam tables to heat and warm food. While operating on a budget of 1.3 million, food services provides meals at a minimum cost to students. Breakfast is provided in all elementary schools and lunch is provided in all schools. Two hundred meals each day are provided to senior citizens.

Food service revenues are received through federal and state funds. Students and staff contribute to the revenue through purchases.

In addition to their regular responsibility, food service personnel plan for special school events such as meals in celebration of each holiday and for special school events.

During the 1988-89 school year, the following meals were prepared and served.

Breakfasts	85,345
Lunches	517,693
Adult School Lunches	20,437
Senior Citizens	28,010
Total	651,485

ANNUAL REPORT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1989

	Amount	% of Total
EXPENDITURES		
Administration	\$ 1,059,637	4.4
Instruction	13,632,312	56.8
Pupil Personnel	148,617	.6
Health Services	157,670	.7
Pupil Transportation	1,645,002	6.9
Operation of Plant	1,916,140	8.0
Maintenance of Plant	497,565	2.1
Fixed Charges	1,613,229	6.7
Special Education	1,593,402	6.6
Restricted Programs	1,728,590	7.2
TOTAL	\$23,992,164	100.0

REVENUE

Local Sources	\$19,756,543	82.3
State Sources	2,267,130	9.5
Federal/State Restricted	1,728,590	7.2
Other Sources	243,007	1.0
TOTAL	\$23,995,270	100.0

Worcester County Public Schools spent an average of \$5,268 to educate each student. 1988-89 statistics from the Maryland State Department of Education indicate that Worcester ranks fifth in the State for the amount spent to educate each student.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR 1990

1990 Operating Budget	\$24,567,691
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Public education is the largest item in Worcester County's expense budget. For FY 90, the Board of Education budget is 49% of all County expenditures. Among the counties in Maryland, Worcester is ranked first in its local capacity to support public education and ranked first in Maryland in wealth per pupil.



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