

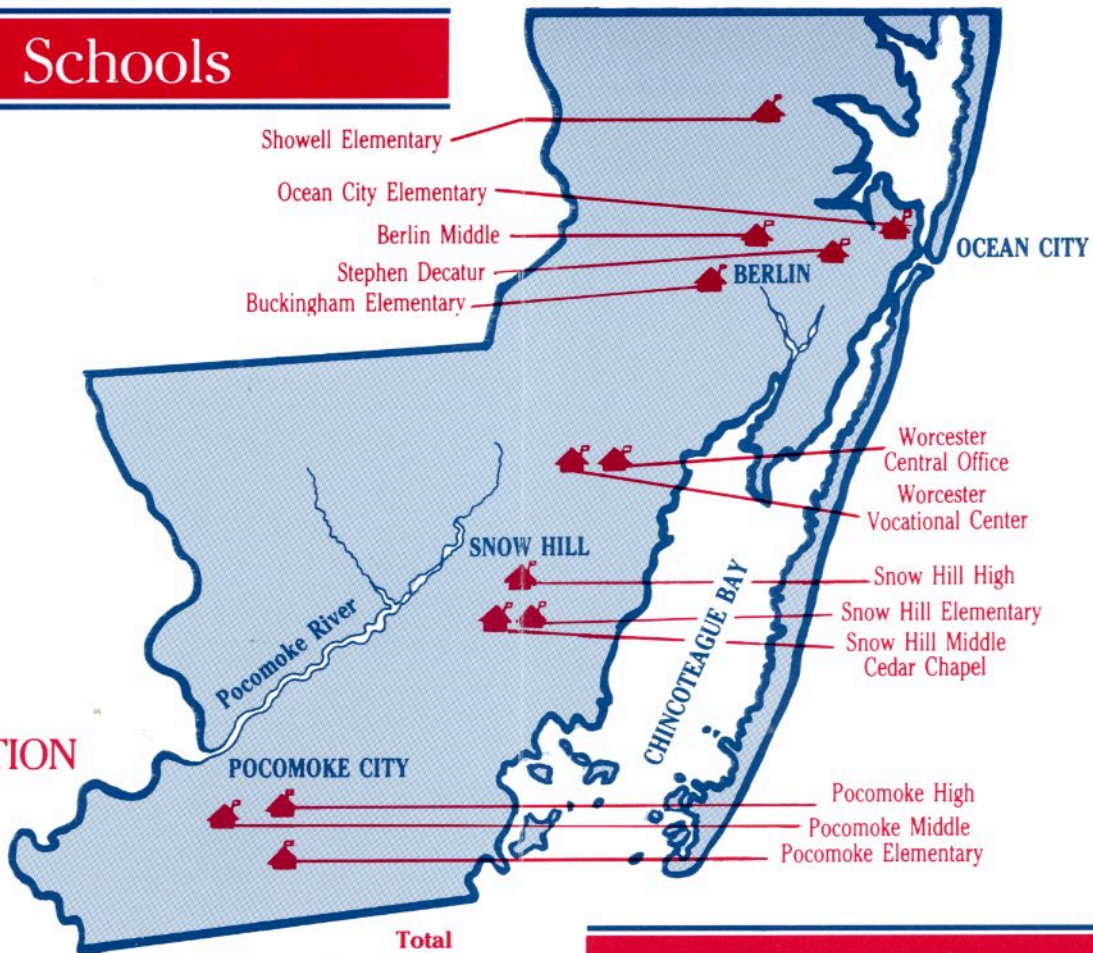
The Worcester County Public School System
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ANNUAL REPORT
1987

EDUCATION: AN INVEST

Schools



SCHOOL INFORMATION

School	Grade Span	Total Enrollment
Showell Elementary	K—Fifth	318
Ocean City Elementary	K—Fifth	435
Buckingham Elementary	Pre-K—Fifth	457
Snow Hill Elementary	Pre-K—Third	389
Pocomoke Elementary	Pre-K—Third	417
Cedar Chapel Special	Special Education	41
Berlin Middle	Sixth—Eighth	553
Snow Hill Middle	Fourth—Eighth	435
Pocomoke Middle	Fourth—Eighth	471
Stephen Decatur High	Ninth—Twelfth	832
Snow Hill High	Ninth—Twelfth	399
Pocomoke High	Ninth—Twelfth	364
Total Student Enrollment		5,111

Staff

PROFESSIONAL & SUPPORT STAFFS

Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent	2
Directors, Coordinators and Supervisors	16
Principals and Vice-Principals	20
Teachers	353
Guidance Counselors, Media Specialists and Psychologists	29
Nurses	6
Aides	77
Secretaries and Clerks	36
Other Support Staff	3
Food Services Personnel	98
Maintenance and Operations	64

MENT IN THE FUTURE

The majority of the professional staff holds advanced professional degrees.

The average teacher's salary for 1986-87 was \$29,450.

A beginning teacher's salary for 1986-87 was \$19,284.

The ratio of professional staff assigned to schools per 1,000 is 81.4. The Worcester County School System is ranked first in the State in the ratio of staff to students. This means small class sizes and a wide range of services offered by counselors, therapists, nurses, media specialists, and psychologists.

The number of teachers employed results in an average class size of 20 students in grades kindergarten through second grade; 22 students in the third through fifth grades; and 23 students in grades six through twelve. The class sizes are the lowest in the State of Maryland. This results in more professional attention and direct instruction for individuals and small groups of students.

The attendance rate for the professional staff is 96%. The attendance rate for students is 94.5%. This is the highest in the State for student attendance.

Services

FOOD SERVICES

The Food Services Program provides breakfast in all elementary schools and lunch in all schools. In 1986-87, 560,495 meals were served to students, and 75,275 meals to adults and senior citizens.

Worcester County Food Services is a self-supporting entity of the Board of Education. No local funds are allocated to the programs. 54% of the revenues are received through federal (and USDA Commodities) and State funds. Students and staff contribute 35% to the budgeted revenues through the breakfast, lunch, and ala carte programs.

TRANSPORTATION

Worcester County Public Schools provides bus service for all elementary, middle and high school students who live more than one mile from their school as well as those students who face hazardous walking conditions within the walking distance. The 66 regular route buses and four special education buses travel over 1.1 million miles each year providing this service. Over 89% of the Worcester County Public School students ride a bus to and from school.

Achievement

TEST SCORES

The California Achievement Test is administered in the fall of each school year in grades 3, 5, and 8.

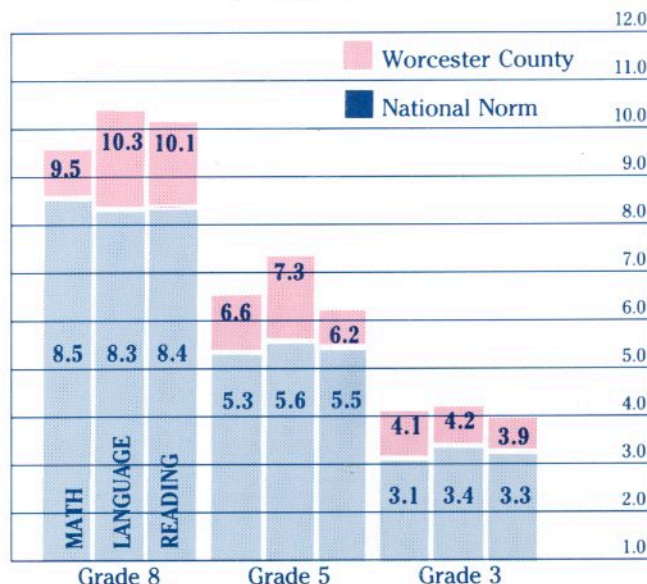
California Achievement Test results are reported in grade equivalents. Worcester County's third graders, expected to score 3.1 in reading, 3.1 in language, and 3.2 in math, actually scored 3.9 in reading, 4.2 in language, and 4.1 in math.

Fifth grade students, expected to score 5.3 in reading, 5.2 in language, and 5.3 in math, scored 6.2 in reading, 7.3 in language, and 6.6 in math.

The eighth grade, expected to score 8.6 in reading, 8.6 in language, and 8.7 in math, scored 10.1 in reading, 10.3 in language, and 9.5 in math.

When grade equivalent scores for Worcester students are compared to the national norms, our students exceed the national norms for reading, language, and math at all grade levels.

CALIFORNIA ACHIEVEMENT TEST FALL 1987



The excellent test scores are attributed to high expectations for student performance, strong curriculum, special programs, and a concerted effort to improve test taking skills.

**The direction in which education
starts a man will determine
his future life.** PLATO

In September, 1987, the children entering Kindergarten will graduate in the 21st Century. We may not be able to predict the kind of world for which they must be prepared, but it is the role of the Worcester County Public Schools to provide them with the skills needed to successfully live in a world of rapidly changing technology.

Board of Education

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BOARD MEETINGS

The monthly meetings of the Board of Education are generally held on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend any of the meetings.

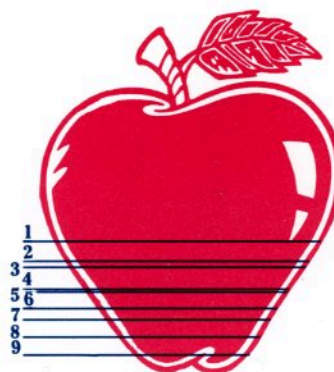
Education is not an expense. Education is an investment

Finance

THE BUDGET

Expenditures

Administration	868,724
Instruction	11,805,232
Pupil Personnel	114,148
Health Services	102,141
Pupil Transportation	1,542,540
Operation of Plant	1,704,120
Maintenance of Plant	479,075
Fixed Charges	1,286,761
Special Education	1,332,797
Restricted Programs	1,401,720
TOTAL	20,637,258



1 Instruction	57.2%
2 Transportation	7.5%
3 Maintenance	2.3%
4 School Plant Services	8.3%
5 Pupil Personnel & Health Services	1.0%
6 Fixed Charges	6.2%
7 Administration	4.2%
8 Special Education ...	6.5%
9 Restricted Programs .	6.8%

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

Revenue

Local Sources	16,871,873	81.7%
State Sources	2,151,405	10.4%
Federal & State Restricted Sources	1,401,720	6.8%
Other Sources	235,629	1.1%
TOTAL	20,660,627	

The importance of the instructional program is reflected in the budget of the Board of Education. The cost to educate each pupil is \$4,730. The 1986-87 statistics from the Maryland State Department of Education indicate that Worcester County ranks third in the State for the amount spent to educate each student, and first in the State in the percent of the total budget spent on instruction.