



Preparing Students for Their Lives, The Community, The World

The mission of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) in Virginia is to be a community of excellence that develops each student's full potential to be a lifelong learner and a productive global citizen.

- Full accreditation of all Montgomery County schools (for three consecutive years);
• Recognition of MCPS as a Top Community for Music Education;
• Recognition of five Montgomery County schools by the Virginia Department of Education in the Virginia Index of Performance (VIP) Incentive Program;
• Recognition of numerous winners from across MCPS in Virginia Tech's Sixth Annual Martin Luther King Poster and Essay Contest;
• Selection of an MCPS Teacher as the McGlothlin Teaching Excellence Award Winner;
• Recognition of an MCPS Teacher for winning the Distinguished Alumni Award from the James Madison University Alumni Association;
• Recognition of Blacksburg High School for being named One of Newsweek's Top Public High Schools;
• Recognition of an MCPS Teacher for being selected as a State Finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Math and Science;
• Recognition of an MCPS Teacher for being selected as the Regional Teacher of the Year;
• Recognition of a former MCPS graduate for winning second place in the nation in a drafting contest;
• Certification of two additional National Board Certified Teachers to make a total of 32 National Board Certified Teachers now serving students in MCPS;
• Numerous achievements by the MCPS athletic teams, which are highlighted via the many levels of district, regional and state recognitions;
• Selection of an MCPS teacher to participate with a group of 30 teachers from across the region in the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute sponsored by the University of North Carolina Asheville and the James Agee Film Project;
• Selection of an MCPS teacher to participate in the 2011 Hollins Elementary Science Institute for Teachers;
• Recognition of an MCPS music teacher, now serving three Montgomery County elementary schools, for winning second place in the Sonor-Orff Composition Challenge for his original composition entitled "Nancy's Lament"; and
• Qualification of several students from MCPS to participate in DECA's International Career Development Conference.

All Montgomery County Public Schools are dedicated to excellence in education and to enhancing the educational experience for all students. We look forward to working with you and your children during SY 2011-2012.

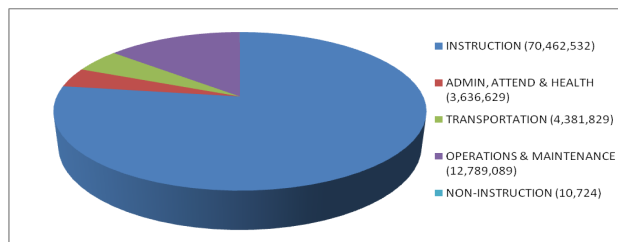
Wendell Jones, School Board Chair, and Brenda Blackburn, Superintendent

2010-2011 Cost Per Student \$10,174,37

Average Teacher Salary
Montgomery County \$46,414
Including Benefits \$63,609
(Numbers based on 2009-2010 official data)

2011-2012 School Operating Budget (\$91,280,803)

The Montgomery County School Board is committed to meeting the needs of the student population. Below is an outline of the MCPS budget by category:



Staffing Information

Table with 2 columns: Staffing Category and Count. Includes Full-Time Employees (1,201), Part-Time Employees (1,384), Certified (Licensed) Staff (984), Non-Certified Staff (834), and Substitute Teachers (544).

530 teachers (includes classroom, specialty, guidance counselors, library media specialists, etc.) have advanced degrees (58%). All school administrators are required to have an advanced degree.

NOTE: 2010-2011 staffing information was the primary source for the staffing data. The administrative assistant category also includes administrative aides, registrar aides, clerical aides, etc.

## *Testing and Assessment*

All MCPS schools met the state benchmarks and were fully accredited for the third year in a row during school year 2010-2011. The accreditation status for school year 2011-2012 will be announced at the end of September 2011. In order to be fully accredited by the state, schools must meet benchmarks in English, math, history, and science. For the first time this year, schools with a graduating class must also meet a benchmark for the Graduation Completion Index. For more detailed information on accreditation, you may access the following links which will be active after Labor Day:

**State Link to Report Cards:** <https://p1pe.doe.virginia.gov/reportcard/>

**Link to Assessment Website with Accreditation Scores and Basic Information:** <http://www.mcps.org/Testing/Accreditation.html>

Also, during school year 2011-2012, eight MCPS schools met the AYP benchmarks for No Child Left Behind. In order to make AYP, schools must meet benchmarks in reading and mathematics. For more information on AYP benchmarks and scores, please see the following links which will be active after Labor Day:

**State Link to Report Cards:** <https://p1pe.doe.virginia.gov/reportcard/>

**Link to Assessment Website with AYP Scores, Benchmarks, and Basic Information:** <http://www.mcps.org/Testing/AYP.html>

Historically, Montgomery County students score above the state and national means on the SAT. In 2010, MCPS students scored the following: Verbal—539, Mathematics—540, and Writing—521. SAT scores for 2011 will be released in mid-August. For longitudinal information on the SATs, additional data will be available to you at the website cited below after Labor Day:

**Link to Assessment website with SAT information:** <http://www.mcps.org/Testing/SAT.html>

## *More Schools to Open Soon...*

Eastern Montgomery Elementary School (EMES) opened its doors to students on August 30, 2010. The new Price's Fork Elementary School is being built just minutes away from the current Price's Fork school using the same plan as EMES. The new elementary school should be complete by the late fall of 2011.

On December 7, 2010, the Montgomery County School Board voted to move forward with three additional major construction projects. The school board developed a plan to replace Auburn High School and Blacksburg High School and renovate Auburn High School for Auburn Middle School students. A comprehensive agreement for the design and construction of Auburn High School, Auburn Middle School, and Blacksburg High School has been approved by the school board and supported in concept by the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors. Therefore, Montgomery County Public Schools is proceeding with plans to work toward opening both high schools by the start of school in 2013 followed by the middle school in 2014.

## *2010-2011 Demographic and Statistical Information*

Average Daily Membership	9,352	Enrollment	9,578
Average Class Size		Percent Attendance (09-10)	94.30%
Elementary	18.6	Gifted	10.30%
Middle	21.5	Special Education	9.55%
High	20.1	ESL	2.28%
		Free/Reduced Lunch	36.81%

Race*	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic
AM	0.26%	0.26%
AS	0.00%	3.36%
BL	0.13%	4.69%
WH	2.40%	84.87%
NH	0.01%	0.02%
AM, BL	0.01%	0.03%
AM, WH	0.17%	0.46%
AM, NH	0.00%	0.01%
AS, BL	0.00%	0.03%
AS, WH	0.02%	0.86%
BL, WH	0.03%	1.97%
WH, NH	0.02%	0.04%
AM, AS, BL	0.00%	0.01%
AM, BL, WH	0.02%	0.11%
AS, BL, WH	0.00%	0.02%
AS, BL, NH,WH	0.00%	0.02%
AM, AS, BL, WH	0.00%	0.01%
AM, AS, BL, WH, NH	0.01%	0.15%

\* AM – American Indian  
AS – Asian  
BL – Black  
WH – White  
NH – Native Hawaiian