Newport News Public Schools

Report to the Community
Spring 2007

The mission of Newport News Public Schools is to provide a quality education that encourages every student to realize his or her fullest potential. Listed below are some initiatives and achievements that illustrate the school division’s mission in action.

Among the Best in America

Newport News Public Schools has been listed as among the Best 100 Communities for Music Education by the American Music Conference. NNPS was selected in February through a national web-based survey completed by thousands of school district personnel and community members.

High Achieving Students

Newport News Public Schools has been listed as among the students receiving the highest test scores in the nation. The highest test scores were achieved by students receiving the highest test scores in the nation. The highest test scores were achieved by students receiving the highest test scores in the nation.

National Board Certified Teachers

Newport News Public Schools has been listed as one of the top school divisions in the nation for the number of teachers holding National Board Certification. Teachers who hold this credential provide an exceptional educational experience to our students. For 2007, eleven more teachers received this accolade, bringing the division's total to 36.

Career Pathways Initiative

Newport News Public Schools is preparing to kick off its new Career Pathways initiative for the 2007-2008 school year. This career development initiative will provide students a pathway to a career through interrelated courses, as well as curricular, extra-curricular, and service learning experiences. Starting next year, students will be able to choose a Career Pathway in Architecture & Construction; Arts, A/V Technology and Communications; Business, Management and Administration; Education & Training; Manufacturing; Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics; Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security; and Health Science.

For more information and news, visit the Newport News Public Schools website at www.nnschools.org

At the Regional Battle of the Books Competition in March, Nelson Elementary School won first place. Competing against teams from Poquoson and York County, the five-student team received top scores by answering questions from 20 books. At the middle school level, Hines Middle School placed third in the region.

Nelson Elementary School Battle of the Books students: Ben Durren, Jamaica Williams, Tamara Frances, Daniel Birrell, and Emily Cody

National Board Certified

Newport News ranks second in Hampton Roads when it comes to the number National Board Certified teachers.

National Board Certification is considered the highest credential in teaching. It is a rigorous process that takes one to three years to complete and includes the submission of a four-part portfolio and a six-part test. Teachers who hold this credential provide an exceptional educational experience to our students.

Pathways to Success

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