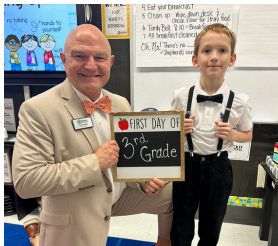




From the desk of Jeff Wallace, Superintendent

Families,
We've had a fantastic start to the 2024-2025 school year!



It's been wonderful walking the halls and seeing classrooms full of energy, enthusiasm, and an eagerness to learn. That focus will help us continue on a path of academic growth this year.

Results from our recent state report card show our district continues to make progress. We still have work to do, but we are moving in the right direction, increasing the graduation rate and academic growth.

A few highlights include:

- 88.7% Graduation Rate (up 0.6 from 2022-23, and up 3.4 since 2015)
- Nine Schools Met or Exceeded Growth (Up from 7)
- Middle School Math Proficiency:
 - 6th Grade Ranked 10th in State
 - 7th Grade Ranked 6th in State
 - 8th Grade Ranked 12th in State

Thank you to the students and staff who are fully committed to making this year a great success. I encourage everyone to keep up the momentum: attendance is key!

Lastly, I'd like to extend our thoughts and prayers to the western part of our state. The devastating impact of Hurricane Helene will have lifelong effects.

I'm proud of our school community for stepping up to help by organizing collection sites for much needed supplies for several school communities.

If you are able, we encourage you to participate. Together, we will continue to support our neighbors as they begin to rebuild and recover from this tragedy.

Thank you all for your continued support, and let's keep up the great work!

Jeffrey D. Wallace



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HURRICANE RELIEF

YOU are making a difference! Thank you!

Our school community joined the effort to support and supply our Western NC families and students with much-needed donations. Many of our DCS teammates have family and friends in the impacted area, and our teams are dedicated to getting the supplies where they're needed most.

"They were astounded by your kindness and generosity, and my dad spoke about how wonderful it must be to work with such caring people," said Karen Stephens, William R. Davie Principal, who delivered donations to her parents in Spruce Pine.

Many schools are still collecting items this week. We encourage you to participate, if you are able.



"This is now in our gym. We feel your love for our students and families.... this warmed my heart on a chilly morning. This is our 10th day of running our auxiliary gym as a community distribution center. Little things like this really lift a lot of tired volunteers spirits." **Watauga High Assistant Principal**



PreK Early Intervention

The Davie County Schools Preschool program offers early intervention services to children ages 3 and up at multiple locations throughout the county. If you have a child that you would like to receive testing for speech, developmental, or social and emotional delays, please call 336-751-0016.

Also, NC Pre-K spots are still available at Mocksville and Pinebrook Elementary. Enrollment is free and is not only based on income. See the application process [here](#).



October 14-18

School Lunch Week

"School Lunch Pirates: Find Your Treasure"



We invite you to join your student(s) during this special week to explore the many new tasty treasures [on the menu](#) at our schools.

REMINDER:

It's not too late to complete the Free & Reduced Meal application. Visit LunchApplication.com.



Don't be Tricked by Treats!

Our Student Services team, in collaboration with Davie County Social Services, is providing families information to keep students safe. THC/CBD infused substances and Delta-8 snacks, gummies, and candies have grown in popularity and are often packaged to look just like regular treats.

Please [download this PDF](#) or watch [this video here](#).



October Board of Education Recognitions



AIG Educators

Congrats to the AIG Certified educators who completed the AIG local endorsement course and are now locally endorsed to teach gifted learners!

- Laura Carver
- Angela Reeves
- Denise Lampe
- Elizabeth Hunt



DCHS STEM Center

Davie County High School STEM Center Team was recently named a 2023-2024 NC STEM Model School of Distinction at the NC State Board of Education meeting.

Pictured includes Principal Michael Pruitt, STEM lead teachers Tani Caudle and Matt Barker.



All-American

Davie County High School student Coy James was recognized for being named to the 4A All-State Team in baseball during the spring.

Over the summer, he was named to the MaxPreps Junior All-American Team, one of only 30 high school juniors in America to receive the honor. Pictured: Coy James and Coach Joey Anderson



Governor's School

We are proud of our four students who attended NC Governor's School this summer. Applications were reviewed at a district and state level and they were selected out of over 1900 applications!

- Sean Lane
- John Holcomb
- Logan Tronsen
- Charlie Bonilla



First Place Finish

Jaydon Leonard, a student at DCHS and a CTE intern at Avgol, placed FIRST in the Avgol Bravia worldwide competition.

Leonard is pictured with teacher Will Marrs, along with Avgol company leaders, Nick Cristiano and Fred Indermaur highlighted Leonard's impact. To read more about his impact at Avgol, [click here](#).



School Calendar Survey

The Board of Education is in exploratory stages of gathering input for the 2026-27 school calendar.

Parents/Guardians, please complete [this survey link](#) by October 16th.

National Principals Month

We can't do this without you!

Principals are some of the hardest working individuals around! Thank you all for what you do for our students and staff.

OUR PRINCIPALS



ANGIE BURGESS
Coolerme



CHERYL REEVES
Cornatzer



MICHAEL OSBORNE
Mocksville



ELISABETH BOLICK-SPILLMAN
Pinebrook



SARAH BURNS
Shady Grove



KAREN STEPHENS
William R. Davie



BRYANT COPELAND
North Davie



CINDY STONE
South Davie



CASEY MORRISON
William Ellis



MICHAEL PRUITT
Davie County High



SAM BROWN
Early College + Virtual School



MARY FOSTER
Central Davie



MACKENZIE RATLEDGE
Pre-K-Director

Truly Grateful for you.



Photos From Around The District

