



# HERTFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## Hertford County Public Schools: 2024–2025 End-of-Year Data Review

Winton, NC – Hertford County Public Schools (HCPS) has completed its internal review of end-of-year student performance data for the 2024–2025 school year. The results highlight areas of growth, stability, and opportunities for continued improvement as the district works toward higher levels of student success.

Across all subjects in grades 3–12, 36.6 percent of students achieved proficiency (Levels 3–5). This represents a 3.1 points increase compared to 2022–2023, showing steady growth and the need for sustained improvement.

HCPS proudly celebrates the accomplishments of its third-grade students, who posted the strongest results in the district this year! Overall proficiency for third graders rose to 41.6 percent, an increase of 12.8 points from 2023–2024 and 8.1 points over the past three years. Research informs us on the importance of improving reading by the end of grade three for better outcomes over the course of a child's lifetime. Reading proficiency alone climbed by 17.2 points, while math increased by 8.6 points. These achievements reflect the district's commitment to early literacy and numeracy, laying the foundation for long-term academic success.

In addition to third-grade success, student cohorts across the district continue to show encouraging long-term progress. Notably, the Math Grade 4 cohort from 2023-2024 increased almost 18 points from 32.5 to 50.3 in Math Grade 5 (2024-2025). Cohorts of students supported through consistent instructional strategies are demonstrating steady growth in both reading and math. English Learner progress also rose to 30.5 percent, an 8.8-point increase over three years. These improvements highlight the power of sustained support and the resilience of HCPS students, educators, families, and supporters.

High school results continue to reflect areas of strength. Overall proficiency reached 50.8 percent, a 14.7-point increase from two years ago. NC Math 3 surged to 70.2 percent proficiency, climbing more than 41 points over the last three years. English II improved to 49.5 percent proficiency, increasing by 1.0 points from the previous year. ACT performance also grew significantly, with 38 percent of students meeting benchmarks, up 22.8 points since 2022–2023. The graduation rate climbed to 86.8 percent, the highest in three years.

Superintendent Dr. Jesse J. Pratt stated, “We are so proud of our third-grade students and the growth they have shown. Their success demonstrates what is possible when we focus on strong foundations in reading and math. We are equally proud of the cohorts of students across grade levels who are showing consistent progress year after year. These results reflect the dedication of our teachers, the determination of our students, and the support of our families and community. While challenges remain, the direction of growth is clear and encouraging.”

Hertford County Public Schools will continue to put students first, strategically partner with organizations to maximize our efforts, strengthen middle grades instruction in literacy and mathematics, focus intensively on science in grades 5 and 8 to reverse multi-year declines, expand interventions for high school Biology and WorkKeys readiness and build on the momentum in NC Math 3, English II, ACT performance and graduation outcomes.

Hertford County Public Schools remains committed to our Pursuit of Excellence: Unleashing Our Potential, Stepping into Excellence, Every Step. Every School. Every Student. Thank you for being a part of our journey. We are BEARS!