



HERTFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your continued interest in Hertford County Public Schools (HCPS). As a rural school district in Northeast North Carolina, with around 400 dedicated employees serving nearly 2,300 students across 7 schools, we remain steadfast in our commitment to fostering a safe, nurturing environment that serves all students and families through quality education, diversity, and innovative opportunities, ensuring graduates are globally competitive and equipped for success.

The North Carolina School Report Card website offers a wealth of data related to various measures of student achievement. Test scores and grades provide valuable insights, but we recognize that they don't tell the whole story of school and student success. Hertford County Public Schools celebrates the progress made during the 2024-2025 school year, and we are reminded that our pursuit of excellence continues.

- **Reading Proficiency gains in 5 out of 7 areas**– We are especially proud of our reading growth in grade three, showing 15 points of growth more than the state!
- **Multi-Lingual Learners show large gains** – The progress that our ML students have made is also significant, with a seven percentage point increase over last year alone!
- **Tremendous growth on ACT** – Our ACT scores also showed strong growth, with our strongest results in four years and a single year increase of 20.8 percent points.
- **School growth** – Our schools mirrored the state's percentage of schools meeting or exceeding growth (71%), with five out of seven schools (71%) reaching that goal.

Our district's overall four-year cohort graduation rate for 2024-2025 was **86.8%**, five percentage points higher than last year. Math 3 results are also impressive, with 70.2% of our students making proficiency, a massive 41.5% increase! We are committed to supporting all students toward graduation and beyond.

While our district has made considerable progress, there is still work to be done to make our vision (To cultivate today's minds to impact tomorrow's leaders.) a reality. A concerted focus on tier one instruction, high impact tutoring, collaborative teaching practices, supportive learning environments, engaged families, and effective leaders will support our continuous improvement efforts and yield greater results in the future.

After reviewing the information on the NC School Report Cards website, I encourage you to learn more by talking with your child's principal or visiting one of our seven schools as a volunteer. You can explore volunteer opportunities by visiting our **Hertford County Public Schools** website at <https://www.hertford.k12.nc.us>

Thank you for your continued support of Hertford County Public Schools as we work to unleash our potential!

Yours in education,

Dr. Jesse J. Pratt
Superintendent