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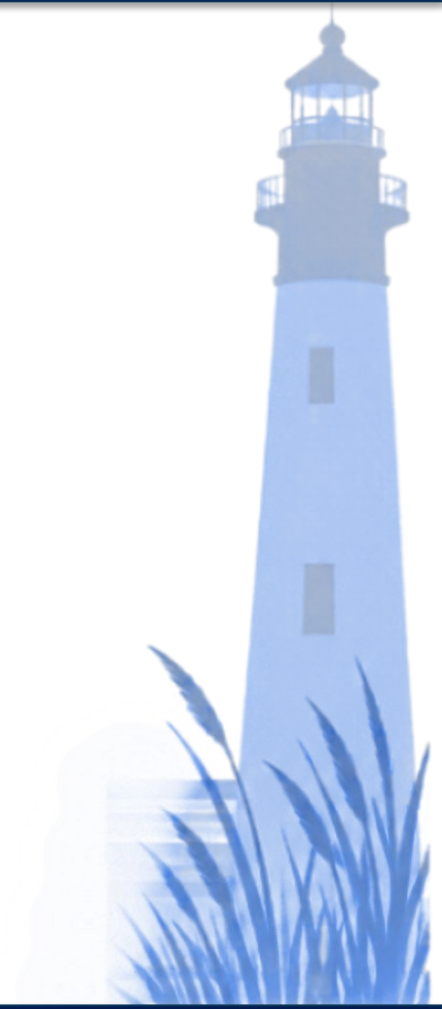
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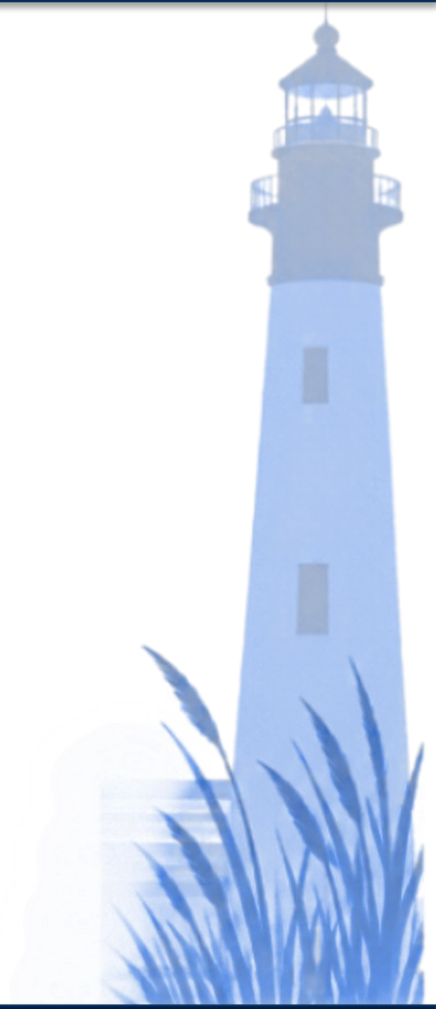
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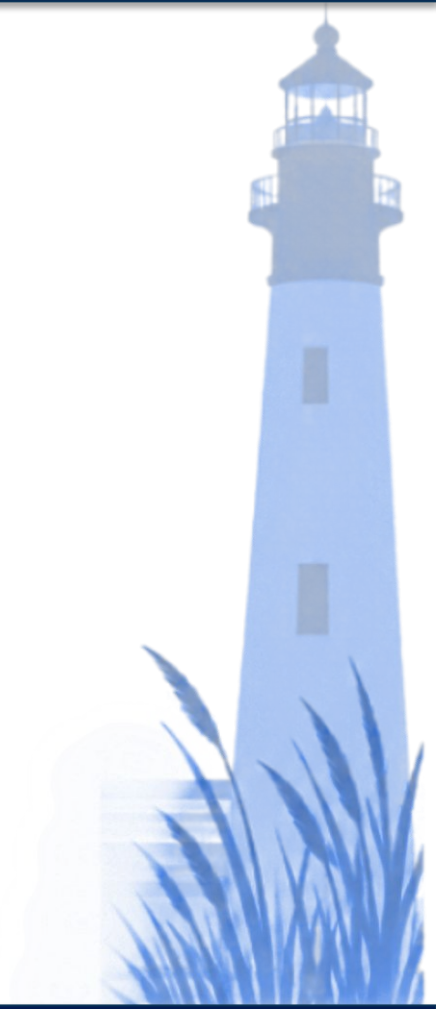
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Dr. Matt Lutz

Superintendent



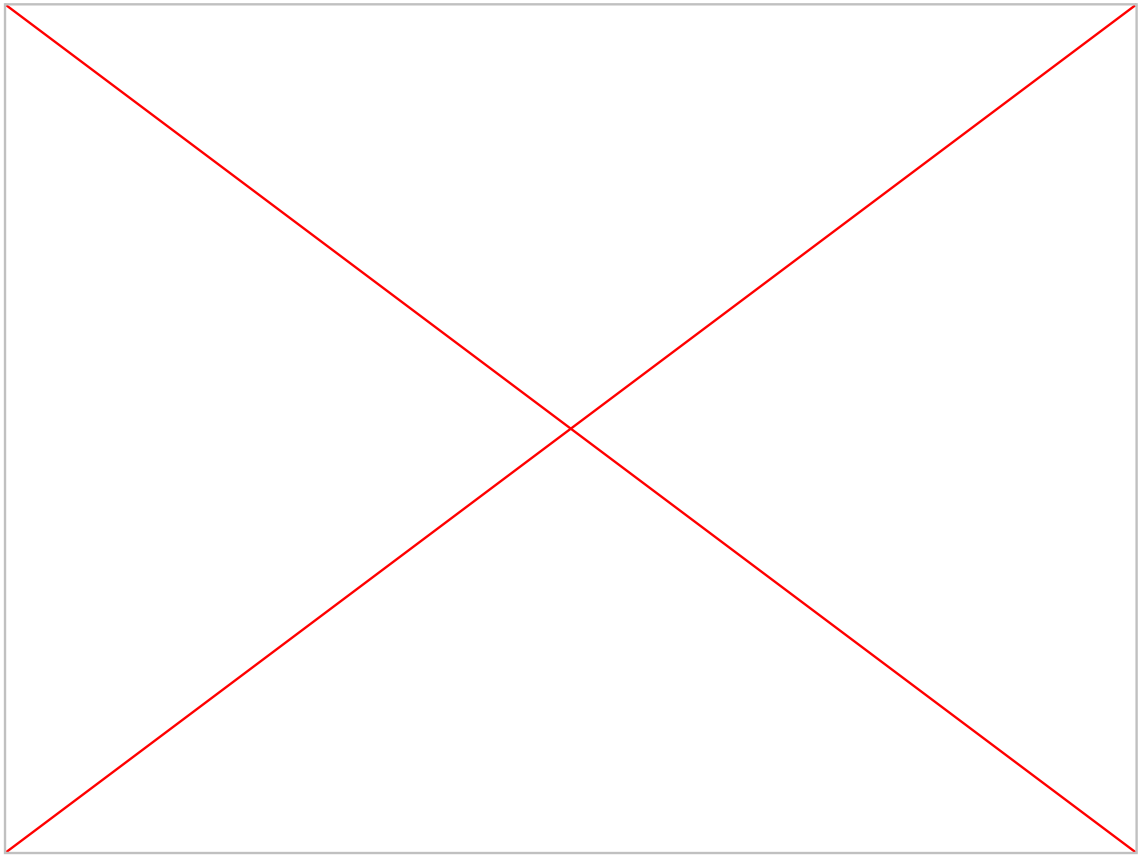
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Renee Dowdy
Assistant Superintendent





DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

PURPLE STAR AWARD DISTRICT

Currituck County Schools is a proud Purple Star Award District with all schools having been designated as 2025-2026 Purple Star Award Schools by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

This distinction is awarded to schools demonstrating military-friendly practices and a commitment to military-connected students and families.

This year, 598 schools were honored statewide with the Purple Star Award, and Currituck County Schools is among 13 school districts across North Carolina (out of 115) to receive district-wide recognition.

In November, the application opens to renew status and closes in February.

UNIFIED DISTRICT

Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools

Currituck County Schools is proud to be a Unified district, with every school designated as a Special Olympics Unified Champion School®. Through intentionally planned activities and opportunities focused on sports, education, and leadership, Unified Schools bring students of all abilities together to build inclusive and welcoming school communities. The program promotes student leadership, supports and engages all learners, and helps create a positive school climate where every student has opportunities to connect, contribute, and belong.

Unified Schools begin with Special Olympics Unified Sports® and can become Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools® by expanding their program to include youth leadership and whole school engagement.

EXPANDING MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

In addition to:

- School Counselors at our schools
- Two Social Workers
- Four School Psychologists

EXPANDING MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Currituck County Schools has additional partnerships and support with:

ParentGuidance.org

Integrated Family Services

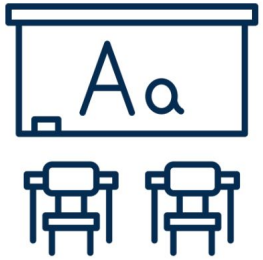
Mobile Crisis Team

Daybreak Health

Kintegra Health

The Stepping Stones Group

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR



Total CCS Pre-K Classrooms = 9
Up from 7 in 2021-2022



Total PK students enrolled = 105
Up from 76 in 2021-2022



Fee-for-Service Program Option

PRESCHOOL EXPANSION

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- Fee-for-Service Program (added in 2024-2025 School Year to serve community, including CCS and county staff).
- Added an Itinerant EC Pre-K teacher position to serve students in community child care sites and increase EC service delivery options within inclusive early childhood settings.
- Received additional no-cost NC Pre-K slots for 10 students in 2025-2026.
- Enrolled in DSS Child Care Subsidy Program and Albemarle Alliance for Children and Families Tuition Assistance Program to support families in the Fee-for-Service program.
- Achieved 5-star ratings at all licensed school sites with the updated Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS).
- Implemented Exit Literacy Screenings for Kindergarten Transition.
- Moved an EC Pre-K classroom from MES to TCES to provide inclusive program, take advantage of intentional design, and align with the needs according to school zones
- Enrolled in Child Care Aware for the Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood tuition assistance program for military families in the Fee-for-Service program at CES (pending at TCES).
- Expanded resources to KIES, including: literacy screenings, curricular access, formative assessment, and professional development opportunities.
- Expanded District's Curricular Strategic Plan to include Preschool.
- Implemented Entry and Exit Literacy Screenings for Kindergarten Transition, with Dyslexia component.

A CLOSER LOOK AT OUR DISTRICT

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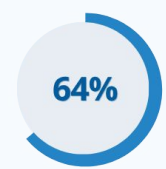
ACCOUNTABILITY AND TESTING

Dr. Matt Lutz
Superintendent

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

at a glance

1,747
Students Participating



64%
Participation Rate

1,153
Industry-Recognized Credentials Earned by Students

TOP PROGRAMS

1. Law & Public Safety
2. Health Sciences Human Services
3. Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources

Largest programs by student enrollment

Source: North Carolina Report Cards (2024-2025 Data)

Accountability & Testing At-a-Glance

A simple overview of how student performance is measured in North Carolina.



Who Takes These Assessments?

North Carolina students in grades 3–8 and in certain high school courses take assessments each year.

What Do They Measure?

These assessments measure student achievement in:

- Reading
- Mathematics
- Science

Performance Levels

Student performance is reported as four academic achievement levels:

GLP =
Grade Level Proficiency
Level 3 and Above

CCR =
College & Career Readiness
Level 4 and Above

1	3	4	5
Not Proficient	**Achievement Level 3**	**Achievement Level 4**	**Achievement Level 5**
Inconsistent Understanding	Sufficient Understanding	Thorough Understanding	Comprehensive Understanding

What Level 3 Means

Achievement Level 3 identifies students who have sufficient grade-level knowledge and skills in the tested content areas to advance to the next grade but may need additional support to stay on track for career-and-college readiness.

What Levels 4 and 5 Mean

Achievement Levels 4 and 5 indicate students are on track to be career-and-college ready by the time they graduate from high school.

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2025-2026
School Performance Grades

Since 2013-14, student performance data have been used to assign letter grades to North Carolina public schools as required by North Carolina General Statute 115C-83.15.

The final grade is based on a 15-point scale:

A: 85-100
B: 70-84
C: 55-69
D: 40-54
F: Less than 40

80% **Achievement Score** + **20%** **Growth Score** = **SCHOOL PERFORMANCE SCORE**

All CCS schools earned an A, B, or C.

Source: North Carolina Public Schools Accountability & Testing Interactive Dashboard

2025-2026 Combined Results

All Students & All Subjects (GLP - Grade Level Proficient)

66%

OVERALL PROFICIENCY

Combined (All Students & All Subjects) earning Grade Level Proficiency (Levels 3 and above)



+2.3 PERCENTAGE POINTS

Increase from last testing year (2024-2025)



+10.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS

Increase over the last five years (2021-2022)



ABOVE STATE AVERAGE by 6.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS

Source: North Carolina Public Schools Accountability & Testing Interactive Dashboard

2025-2026 Combined Results

All Students & All Subjects (GLP - Grade Level Proficient)

CCS ranks #13
IN NORTH CAROLINA OVERALL



9 of 9 GLP Testing Cohorts have **improved** since the implementation of the District Strategic Plan (2021-2022)

7 of 9 of the Combined Testing Cohorts RANK IN THE **TOP 15** in the state (out of 115 districts).

Source: North Carolina Public Schools Accountability & Testing Interactive Dashboard

2025-2026 Combined Results

All Students & All Subjects (GLP - Grade Level Proficient Level 3 and above)



Combined All Students/All Subjects earning Grade Level Proficiency in the state **out of 115 districts**

Source: North Carolina Public Schools Accountability & Testing Interactive Dashboard

2025-2026 Combined Results

All Students & All Subjects (CCR - College & Career Readiness Level 4 and above)

GRADE 3 CCR:
#13
in the state

GRADE 8 CCR:
#4
in the state

GRADES 3-8 CCR:
#20
in the state

GRADES 9-12 CCR:
#12
in the state

ALL STUDENTS CCR:
#18
in the state
out of 115 districts



7 of 9
of the Combined Testing Cohorts
RANK IN THE **TOP 25**
in the state
(out of 115 districts).

Combined All Students/All Subjects earning Career & College Readiness in the state **out of 115 districts**

Source: North Carolina Public Schools Accountability & Testing Interactive Dashboard

2025-2026 Reading/English EOG & EOC Highlights

All Students (GLP - Grade Level Proficient Level 3 and above)









Combined All Students/All Subjects earning Grade Level Proficient in the state **out of 115 districts**

Source: North Carolina Public Schools Accountability & Testing Interactive Dashboard

2025-2026 Reading/English EOG & EOC Highlights

All Students (CCR - College & Career Readiness Level 4 and above)



READING GRADE 3 CCR:

#15

in the state



READING GRADE 5 CCR:

#12

in the state



ENGLISH II CCR:

#12

in the state

Combined All Students/All Subjects earning College & Career Readiness in the state **out of 115 districts**

Source: North Carolina Public Schools Accountability & Testing Interactive Dashboard

2025-2026 Math EOG & EOC Highlights

All Students (GLP - Grade Level Proficient Level 3 and above)



MATH GRADE 3 GLP:

#7

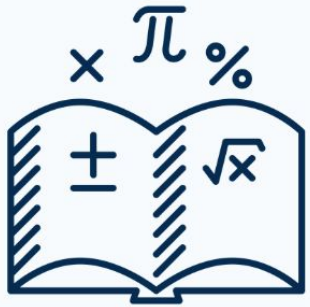
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MATH GRADE 8 GLP:

#6

in the state



NC MATH 3 (GR 9-12) GLP:

#5

in the state

Combined All Students/All Subjects earning Grade Level Proficient in the state **out of 115 districts**

Source: North Carolina Public Schools Accountability & Testing Interactive Dashboard

2025-2026 Math EOG & EOC Highlights

All Students (CCR - College & Career Readiness Level 4 and above)



MATH GRADE 3 CCR:

#12

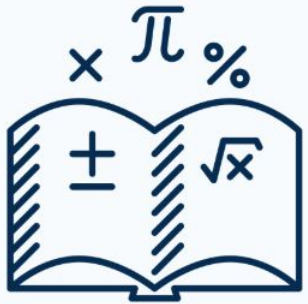
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MATH GRADE 8 CCR:

#5

in the state



NC MATH 3 (GR 9-12) CCR:

#6

in the state

Combined All Students/All Subjects earning Career & College Readiness in the state **out of 115 districts**

Source: North Carolina Public Schools Accountability & Testing Interactive Dashboard

2025-2026 Science EOG & EOC Highlights

All Students (GLP - Grade Level Proficient Level 3 and above)



SCIENCE GRADE 5 GLP:

#10

in the state



SCIENCE GRADE 8 GLP:

#4

in the state



SCIENCE GRADES 5 & 8 GLP:

#3

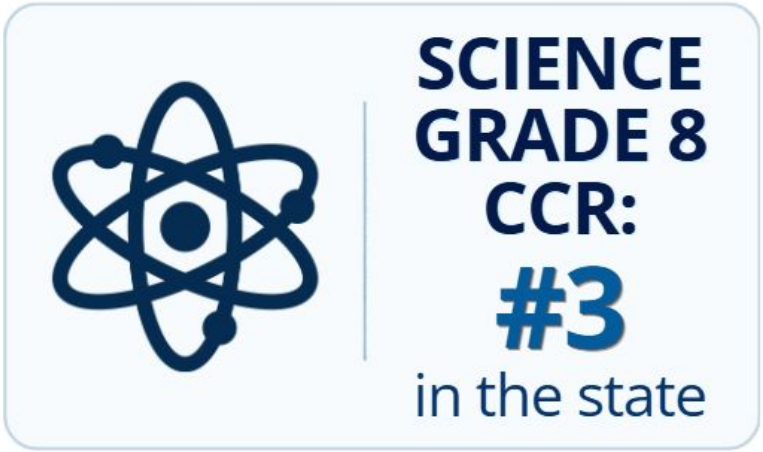
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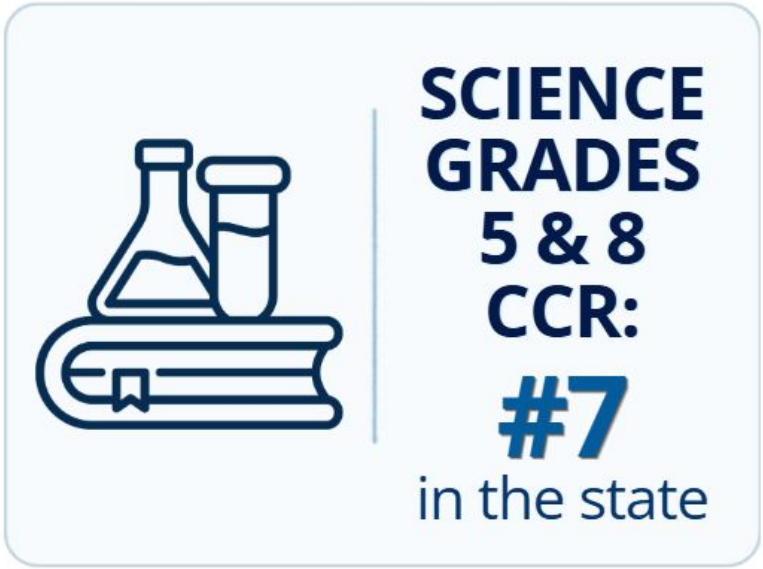
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2025-2026 Science EOG & EOC Highlights

All Students (CCR - College & Career Readiness Level 4 and above)



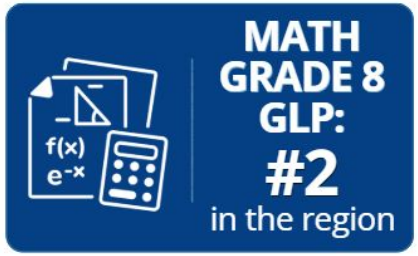


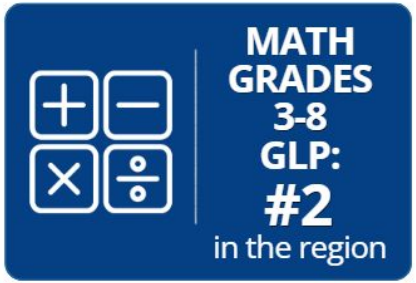
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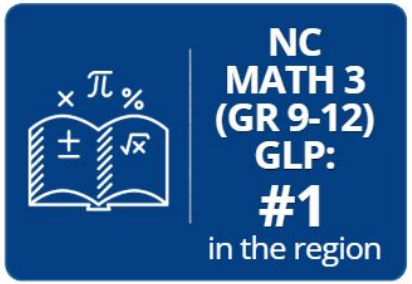
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2025-2026 EOG & EOC Regional Highlights

All Students (GLP - Grade Level Proficient Level 3 and above)

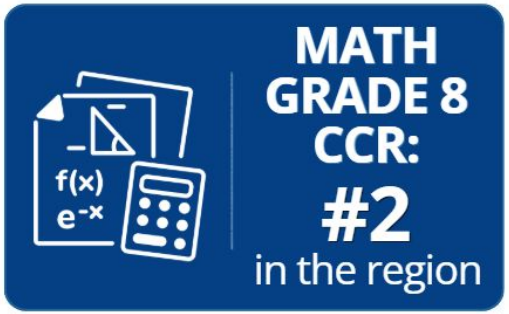


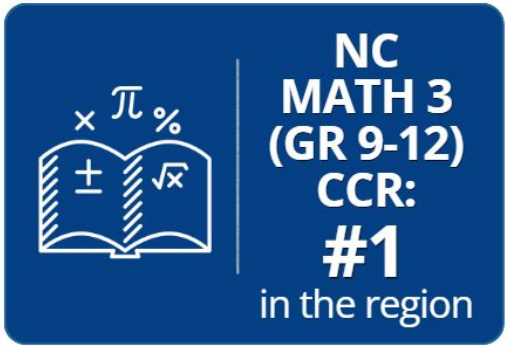


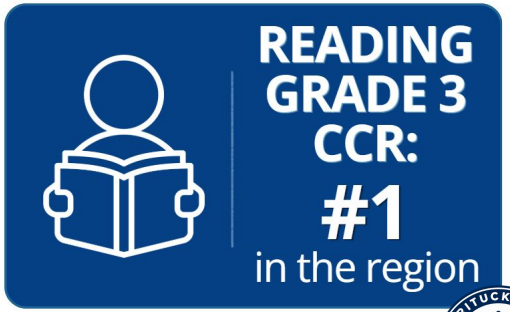




All Students (CCR - College & Career Readiness Level 4 and above)







Source: North Carolina Public Schools Accountability & Testing Interactive Dashboard

2025-2026 Combined Results GLP

All Students & All Subjects (GLP - Grade Level Proficient) Regional Ranking

2025-2026 Combined Results GLP (All Students & All Subjects Regional)					
1	Camden County Schools	Northeast	All Students	All Subjects	72.1
2	**Currituck County Schools**	**Northeast**	**All Students**	**All Subjects**	**65.7**
3	Dare County Schools	Northeast	All Students	All Subjects	64.6
4	Pitt County Schools	Northeast	All Students	All Subjects	61.1
5	Perquimans County Schools	Northeast	All Students	All Subjects	60
6	Beaufort County Schools	Northeast	All Students	All Subjects	56.4
7	Gates County Schools	Northeast	All Students	All Subjects	55.4
8	Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	Northeast	All Students	All Subjects	55.2
9	Roanoke Rapids City Schools	Northeast	All Students	All Subjects	54.4
10	Hyde County Schools	Northeast	All Students	All Subjects	52.7
11	Edenton-Chowan Schools	Northeast	All Students	All Subjects	49.7
12	Bertie County Schools	Northeast	All Students	All Subjects	47.4
13	Martin County Schools	Northeast	All Students	All Subjects	47.4
14	Tyrrell County Schools	Northeast	All Students	All Subjects	45
15	Hertford County Schools	Northeast	All Students	All Subjects	42.2
16	Northampton County Schools	Northeast	All Students	All Subjects	40.2
17	Halifax County Schools	Northeast	All Students	All Subjects	39.1
18	Washington County Schools	Northeast	All Students	All Subjects	37
19	Weldon City Schools	Northeast	All Students	All Subjects	35.6

Currituck County Schools ranks #2 in the region.

Source: North Carolina Public Schools Accountability & Testing Interactive Dashboard

2025-2026 Combined Results GLP

All Students **Grades 3-8** (GLP - Grade Level Proficient) Regional Ranking

2025-2026 Combined Results GLP (All Students Grades 3-8 Regional)					
1	Camden County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3-8	69.9
2	**Currituck County Schools**	**Northeast**	**All Students**	**Grade 3-8**	**64.4**
3	Perquimans County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3-8	62.5
4	Dare County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3-8	62.1
5	Pitt County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3-8	60.6
6	Roanoke Rapids City Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3-8	57.4
7	Gates County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3-8	56.7
8	Beaufort County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3-8	56.5
9	Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3-8	53.1
10	Hyde County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3-8	50.7
11	Martin County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3-8	49.2
12	Edenton-Chowan Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3-8	48.6
13	Bertie County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3-8	47.9
14	Tyrrell County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3-8	42.2
15	Northampton County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3-8	41.7
16	Halifax County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3-8	37.8
17	Hertford County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3-8	37.7
18	Washington County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3-8	37.4
19	Weldon City Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3-8	29.2

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Source: North Carolina Public Schools Accountability & Testing Interactive Dashboard

2025-2026 Combined Results GLP

All Students **Grade 3** (GLP - Grade Level Proficient) Regional Ranking

2025-2026 Combined Results GLP (All Students Grade 3 Regional)					
1	Camden County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3	76.1
2	Gates County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3	74.3
3	**Currituck County Schools**	**Northeast**	**All Students**	**Grade 3**	**69.9**
4	Hyde County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3	62.5
5	Beaufort County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3	61.6
6	Pitt County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3	60.2
7	Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3	59
8	Perquimans County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3	58.5
9	Edenton-Chowan Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3	57.8
10	Bertie County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3	53.3
11	Roanoke Rapids City Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3	52.9
12	Dare County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3	51.8
13	Martin County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3	49.4
14	Northampton County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3	46
15	Washington County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3	44.5
16	Halifax County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3	44.2
17	Tyrrell County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3	40.4
18	Hertford County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3	38.3
19	Weldon City Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 3	25

Currituck County Schools ranks #3 in the region.

Source: North Carolina Public Schools Accountability & Testing Interactive Dashboard

2025-2026 Combined Results GLP

All Students **Grade 4** (GLP - Grade Level Proficient) Regional Ranking

2025-2026 Combined Results GLP (All Students Grade 4 Regional)					
1	Perquimans County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 4	66.7
2	Camden County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 4	62.9
3	Pitt County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 4	61.7
4	**Currituck County Schools**	**Northeast**	**All Students**	**Grade 4**	**60.9**
5	Gates County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 4	58.2
6	Beaufort County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 4	57.6
7	Dare County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 4	55.6
8	Hyde County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 4	52.4
9	Martin County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 4	52.3
10	Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 4	52
11	Edenton-Chowan Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 4	51.6
12	Roanoke Rapids City Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 4	49.5
13	Northampton County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 4	46.5
14	Bertie County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 4	42.6
15	Washington County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 4	38.4
16	Hertford County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 4	37.2
17	Halifax County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 4	35.5
18	Tyrrell County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 4	28
19	Weldon City Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 4	27.9

Currituck County Schools ranks #4 in the region.

Source: North Carolina Public Schools Accountability & Testing Interactive Dashboard

2025-2026 Combined Results GLP

All Students **Grade 5** (GLP - Grade Level Proficient) Regional Ranking

2025-2026 Combined Results GLP (All Students Grade 5 Regional)					
1	**Currituck County Schools**	**Northeast**	**All Students**	**Grade 5**	**67.6**
2	Dare County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 5	66.6
3	Roanoke Rapids City Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 5	65.2
4	Pitt County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 5	63.9
5	Perquimans County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 5	63.7
6	Camden County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 5	62.2
7	Gates County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 5	60.8
8	Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 5	59.3
9	Beaufort County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 5	56.2
10	Bertie County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 5	50.2
11	Martin County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 5	48.7
12	Edenton-Chowan Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 5	48.2
13	Hyde County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 5	44.4
14	Washington County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 5	43.4
15	Halifax County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 5	42.9
16	Northampton County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 5	39
17	Tyrrell County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 5	36.8
18	Hertford County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 5	30.4
19	Weldon City Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 5	29.1

Currituck County Schools ranks #1 in the region.

Source: North Carolina Public Schools Accountability & Testing Interactive Dashboard

2025-2026 Combined Results GLP

All Students **Grade 6** (GLP - Grade Level Proficient) Regional Ranking

2025-2026 Combined Results GLP (All Students Grade 6 Regional)					
1	Camden County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 6	68.7
2	Perquimans County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 6	64.8
3	**Currituck County Schools**	**Northeast**	**All Students**	**Grade 6**	**61.7**
4	Dare County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 6	60.5
5	Pitt County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 6	57.2
6	Gates County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 6	55.7
7	Roanoke Rapids City Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 6	54.1
8	Beaufort County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 6	53.7
9	Bertie County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 6	53.6
10	Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 6	48
11	Hyde County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 6	46.6
12	Martin County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 6	44.1
13	Tyrrell County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 6	44.1
14	Washington County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 6	40.8
15	Hertford County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 6	40.7
16	Northampton County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 6	38.7
17	Edenton-Chowan Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 6	36.9
18	Halifax County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 6	33.1
19	Weldon City Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 6	22.9

Currituck County Schools ranks #3 in the region.

Source: North Carolina Public Schools Accountability & Testing Interactive Dashboard

2025-2026 Combined Results GLP

All Students **Grade 7** (GLP - Grade Level Proficient) Regional Ranking

2025-2026 Combined Results GLP (All Students Grade 7 Regional)					
1	Camden County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 7	73
2	Perquimans County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 7	62.2
3	Dare County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 7	60.3
4	Pitt County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 7	55.8
5	Beaufort County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 7	55.7
6	**Currituck County Schools**	**Northeast**	**All Students**	**Grade 7**	**53.3**
7	Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 7	52.7
8	Bertie County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 7	51.4
9	Roanoke Rapids City Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 7	50.6
10	Edenton-Chowan Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 7	47.2
11	Hyde County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 7	45.1
12	Gates County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 7	41.4
13	Hertford County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 7	41.1
14	Martin County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 7	40.3
15	Northampton County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 7	38.5
16	Tyrrell County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 7	33.3
17	Weldon City Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 7	30.6
18	Halifax County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 7	29.1
19	Washington County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 7	25.9

Currituck County Schools ranks #6 in the region.

Source: North Carolina Public Schools Accountability & Testing Interactive Dashboard

2025-2026 Combined Results GLP

All Students **Grade 8** (GLP - Grade Level Proficient) Regional Ranking

2025-2026 Combined Results GLP (All Students Grade 8 Regional)					
1	Camden County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 8	78.3
2	Dare County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 8	69.8
3	**Currituck County Schools**	**Northeast**	**All Students**	**Grade 8**	**69.5**
4	Roanoke Rapids City Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 8	64.3
5	Pitt County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 8	62.2
6	Tyrrell County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 8	60.2
7	Perquimans County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 8	59.6
8	Hyde County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 8	56.4
9	Martin County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 8	56.2
10	Beaufort County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 8	54.8
11	Gates County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 8	52.9
12	Edenton-Chowan Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 8	47.4
13	Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 8	46.3
14	Hertford County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 8	41.3
15	Northampton County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 8	41.3
16	Bertie County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 8	39.9
17	Halifax County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 8	37.6
18	Weldon City Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 8	35.9
19	Washington County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 8	32.9

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Source: North Carolina Public Schools Accountability & Testing Interactive Dashboard

2025-2026 Combined Results GLP

All Students **Grades 9-12** (GLP - Grade Level Proficient) Regional Ranking

2025-2026 Combined Results GLP (All Students Grades 9-12 Regional)					
1	Camden County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 9-12	79.3
2	Dare County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 9-12	73.1
3	**Currituck County Schools**	**Northeast**	**All Students**	**Grade 9-12**	**71**
4	Pitt County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 9-12	63
5	Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 9-12	62.9
6	Hyde County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 9-12	60.4
7	Hertford County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 9-12	57.2
8	Beaufort County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 9-12	55.9
9	Tyrrell County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 9-12	54.8
10	Weldon City Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 9-12	54.5
11	Edenton-Chowan Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 9-12	53.7
12	Gates County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 9-12	50.3
13	Perquimans County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 9-12	50
14	Bertie County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 9-12	46.1
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16	Halifax County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 9-12	43.5
17	Martin County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 9-12	41.4
18	Northampton County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 9-12	35.4
19	Washington County Schools	Northeast	All Students	Grade 9-12	35.3

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Source: North Carolina Public Schools Accountability & Testing Interactive Dashboard

2025-2026 High School Highlights

Currituck County High School

- 5 Year High in School Performance Score
- 5 Year High in ACT/WorkKeys Performance
- 5 Year High in Achievement Score (80% of Grade)
- 5 Year High in 4 Year Cohort Graduation Rate
- 5 Year High in Academic Achievement
- Increased Students Scoring 17 or Higher on the ACT (Composite Score)

Source: North Carolina Public Schools Accountability & Testing Interactive Dashboard

2025-2026 High School Highlights

J.P. Knapp Early College High School

5 Year High in School Performance Score

Increased Students Scoring 17 or Higher on the ACT (Composite Score)

5 Year High in Achievement Score (80% of Grade)

Both high schools showed strong gains in 2025-2026.



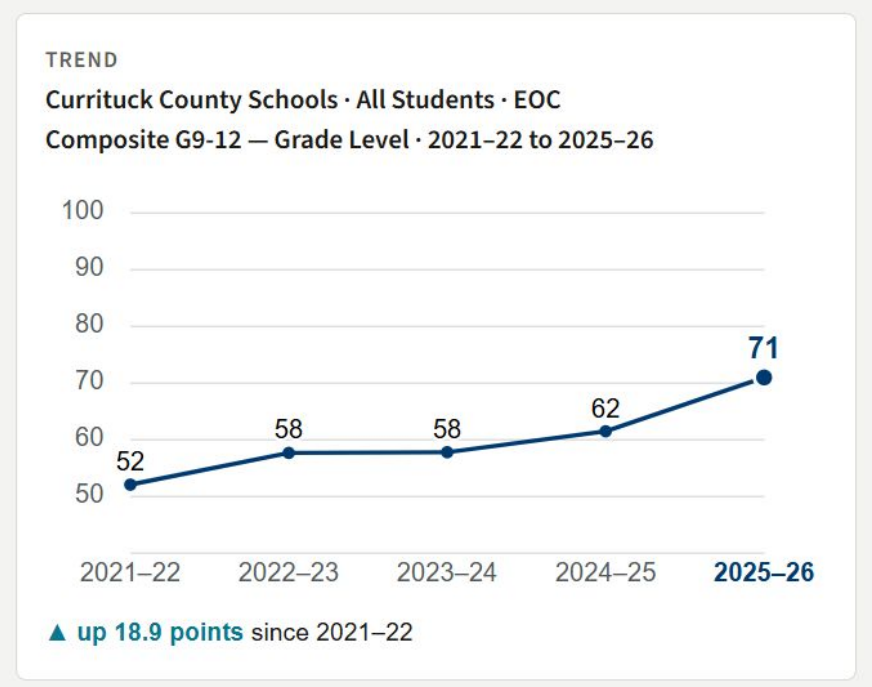
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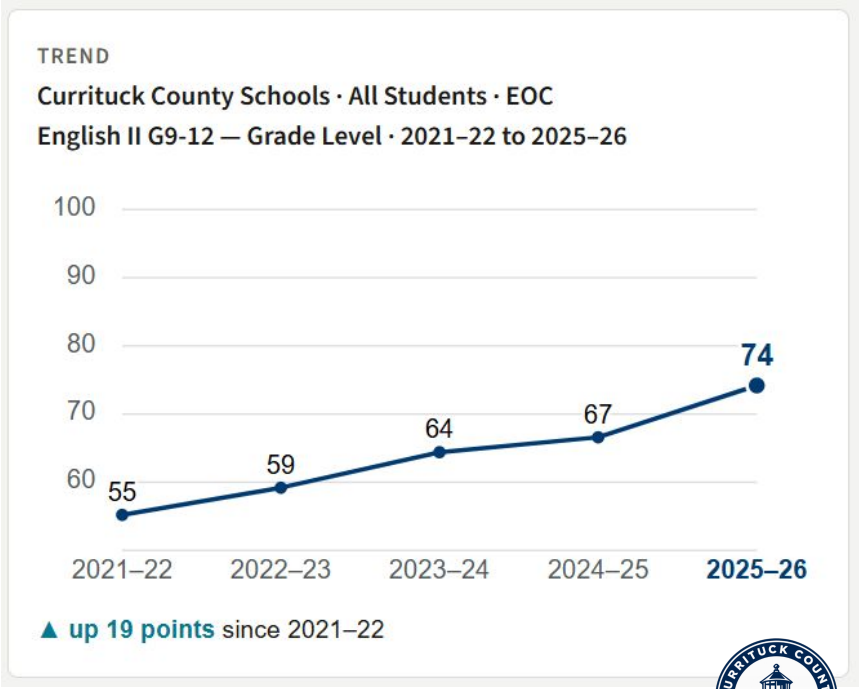
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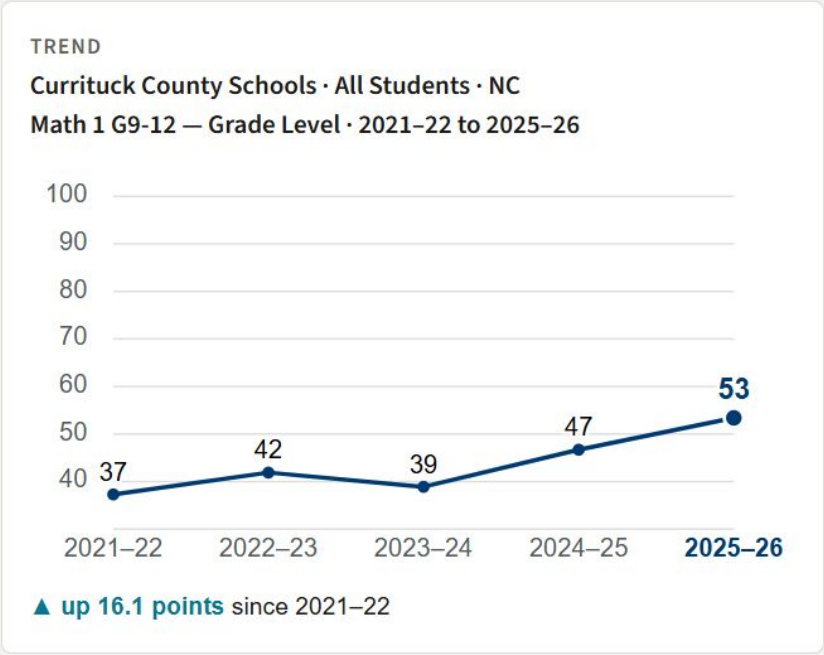


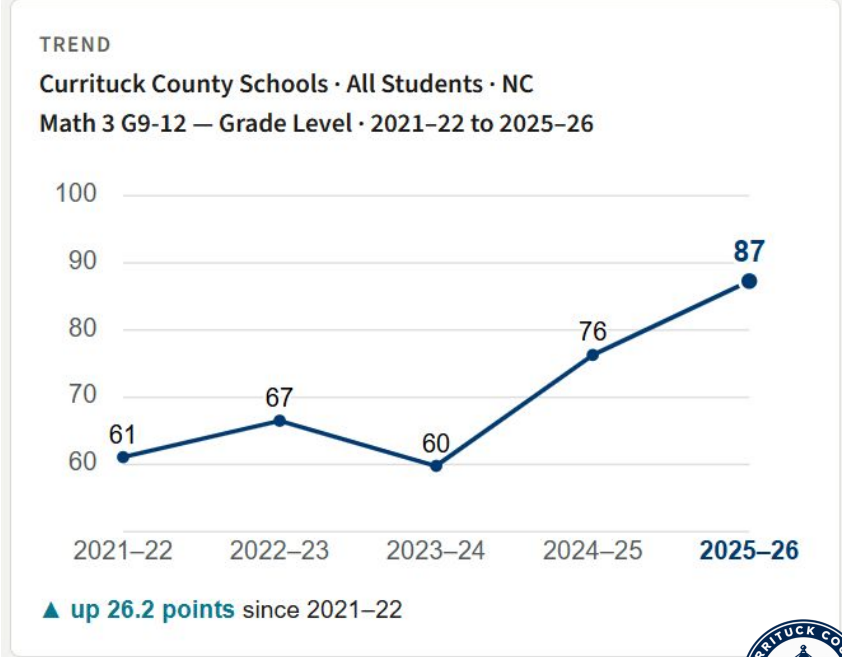
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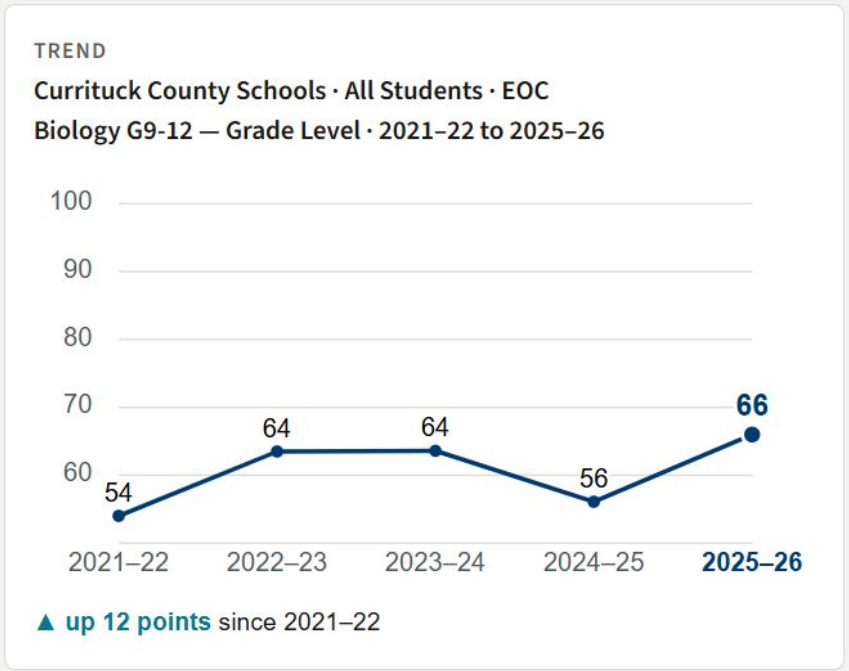


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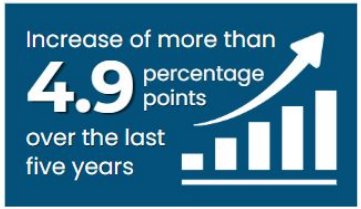
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2025-2026
4 Year Cohort Graduation Rate



Currituck County Schools is **one of only five districts** statewide to achieve a 4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate greater than 95%— **the highest rate** reported in North Carolina.







Please Note: A cohort is the group of students who first entered ninth grade in the same year. The 2025-2026 4 Year Cohort Graduation Rate are students who entered in 2022-2023. Transfers into a school stay with their original cohort. Documented transfers to another diploma-granting school may be removed.

For student privacy purposes, performance results greater than 95 percent are masked as >95 and results less than 5 percent are masked as <5.

Source: North Carolina Public Schools Accountability & Testing Interactive Dashboard

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CAPACITY & ENROLLMENT

Dr. Matt Lutz
Superintendent

Capacity & Enrollment

	Capacity	Enrollment
Central Elementary School	282	240
Griggs Elementary School	413	252
Jarvisburg Elementary School	288	191
Knotts Island Elementary School	228	103
Moyock Elementary School	770	376
Shawboro Elementary School	622	292
Tulls Creek Elementary School	800	720
Currituck County Middle School	540	484
Moyock Middle School	800	650
Currituck County High School	1200	1058
J.P. Knapp Early College High School	300	251

Currituck County Schools used the services of OREd (Operations Research and Education Laboratory at the Institute for Transportation Research and Education) to reevaluate attendance zones and update student zone assignments.

Following OREd's recommended timeline and process, the Currituck County Board of Education began the redistricting process in January 2024. The opening of Tulls Creek Elementary School concluded changes in student zone assignments.

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STRATEGIC PLANNING

Renee Dowdy
Assistant Superintendent

Shaping the Future of Currituck County Schools

Currituck County Schools is beginning an important process to shape the district's next strategic plan.

Our current strategic plan, introduced in 2021, has guided the district through the current school year.

CCS is proud of the meaningful progress made through this plan and recognizes that continuous improvement requires us to regularly reflect on where we are and where we want to go next.

Where We Are Now

As the current plan comes to a close, CCS has begun developing the district's next strategic plan in partnership with Dr. Mitch Owen of Mitchen Leadership and Organization Development. The strategic planning process will help us build upon what is working well, identify current and emerging needs, and establish strategic priorities that will guide how we focus our efforts and resources moving forward.

Members of the district's Strategic Planning Core Leadership Team recently participated in a full day of preparation and training to help lead this work. The Currituck County Board of Education and Currituck County Board of Commissioners also participated in the first listening session, sharing perspectives on CCS's strengths, opportunities for continued growth and improvement, and their vision for the district's future.

What Comes Next

Stakeholder engagement will be an important part of the process. In the coming months, CCS will hold additional listening sessions and conduct interviews to gather feedback and perspectives from individuals throughout our schools and community. This input will help inform the development of a strategic plan that reflects our district's priorities and provides a clear framework for the years ahead.

Together, we're reflecting on where we are, envisioning where we want to go, and planning the path forward. Watch for additional updates and opportunities to engage as the strategic planning process continues.



CURRITUCK COUNTY SCHOOLS *Strategic Planning*

Parent and Community LISTENING SESSIONS

Together, we'll reflect on where we are today, envision where we want to go, and help chart the path forward.



Join Us

Monday, October 19 and Tuesday, October 20

6:00 p.m. at Currituck County High School

Please note: Sessions begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. We kindly ask all participants to arrive on time so they can take part in the full experience.

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BUDGET OVERVIEW

Currituck County Schools Finance Department

Susan Mizelle
Chief Finance Officer

DUTIES OF THE SCHOOL FINANCE OFFICE



BUDGET PLANNING & MANAGEMENT

Ensures funds are allocated to classrooms, programs and student services effectively



PAYROLL & BENEFITS

Handles accurate and timely payments for teachers and staff



PURCHASING & PROCUREMENT

Secures supplies and services at the best value for the district



COMPLIANCE & REPORTING

Maintains transparency and meets State and Federal regulations

WHY IT MATTERS



Every dollar is managed to maximize educational opportunities

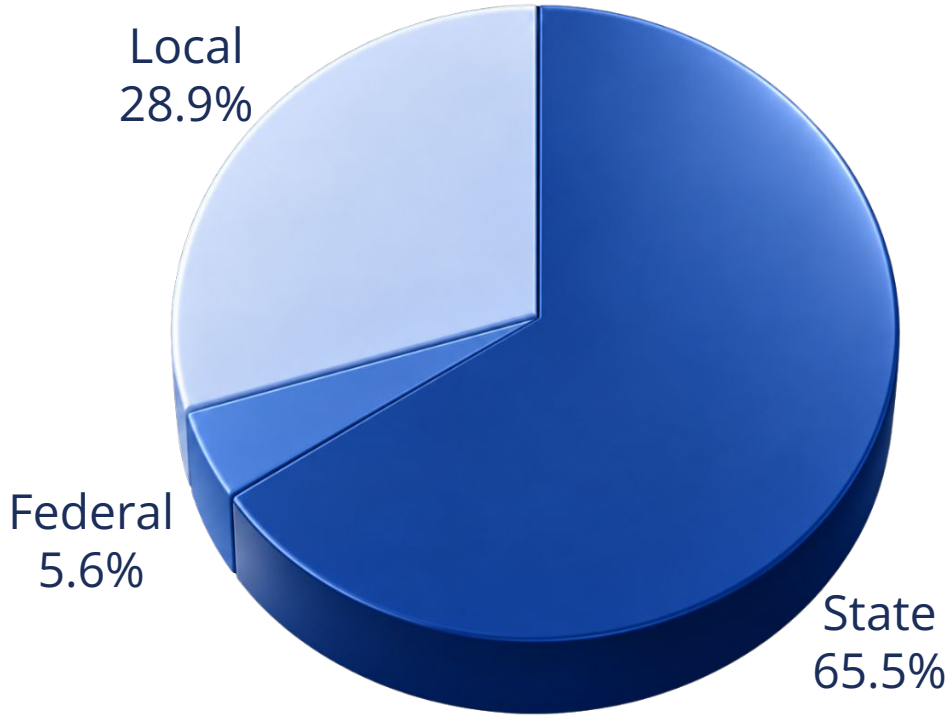
SUPPORTS STUDENT SUCCESS



Promotes accountability and fiscal responsibility

RESPONSIBLE USE OF TAXPAYER FUNDS

Currituck County Schools Total Per Pupil Expenditure



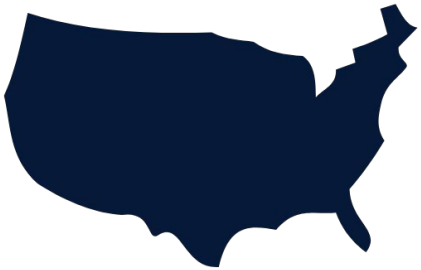
2024-2025 School Year	
Source	**Amount**
Federal	$ 699.16
State	$ 8,221.45
Local	$ 3,636.29
Total	**$12,556.90**

Source: North Carolina Public Schools Statistical Profile

Please note: 2024-2025 school year data is the most up-to-date information available until NCDPI closes out the 2025-2026 school year.

Currituck County Schools
Federal Per Pupil Expenditure
Regional Comparison *(Out of 19 Districts)*

FEDERAL



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Resource: Region 1 2024-2025 Federal Per Pupil Expenditure Spreadsheet
Source: North Carolina Public Schools Statistical Profile

Region 1 (19 Districts) 2024-2025 Federal Per Pupil Expenditure			
		ADM	FEDERAL Per Pupil
1	Halifax County Schools	2,019	6,049.64
2	Washington County Schools	979	5,390.11
3	Weldon City Schools	618	4,469.70
4	Northampton County Schools	1,156	4,293.04
5	Tyrrell County Schools	433	3,877.22
6	Martin County Schools	2,518	3,278.74
7	Hyde County Schools	434	2,752.29
8	Hertford County Schools	2,178	2,722.38
9	Bertie County Schools	1,571	2,716.96
10	Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	4,570	2,334.89
11	Edenton-Chowan Schools	1,649	1,863.70
12	Perquimans County Schools	1,715	1,825.64
13	Beaufort County Schools	5,459	1,666.45
14	Roanoke Rapids City Schools	2,557	1,628.83
15	Pitt County Schools	23,657	1,531.48
16	Gates County Schools	1,347	1,249.50
17	Dare County Schools	4,782	834.04
18	Currituck County Schools	4,479	699.16
19	Camden County Schools	1,892	492.38

Currituck County Schools
State Per Pupil Expenditure
Regional Comparison *(Out of 19 Districts)*

STATE



#19

Resource: Region 1 2024-2025 State Per Pupil Expenditure Spreadsheet
Source: North Carolina Public Schools Statistical Profile

Region 1 (19 Districts) 2024-2025 State Per Pupil Expenditure			
		ADM	STATE Per Pupil
1	Hyde County Schools	434	20,430.66
2	Tyrrell County Schools	433	18,403.19
3	Weldon City Schools	618	14,735.49
4	Northampton County Schools	1,156	13,781.94
5	Washington County Schools	979	13,085.40
6	Bertie County Schools	1,571	12,617.60
7	Halifax County Schools	2,019	12,519.46
8	Gates County Schools	1,347	11,680.63
9	Hertford County Schools	2,178	11,564.26
10	Martin County Schools	2,518	10,875.83
11	Camden County Schools	1,892	10,871.87
12	Edenton-Chowan Schools	1,649	10,802.88
13	Perquimans County Schools	1,715	10,454.73
14	Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	4,570	9,568.78
15	Roanoke Rapids City Schools	2,557	9,353.86
16	Beaufort County Schools	5,459	9,168.21
17	Dare County Schools	4,782	8,468.38
18	Pitt County Schools	23,657	8,300.39
19	Currituck County Schools	4,479	8,221.45

Currituck County Schools
Local Per Pupil Expenditure
Regional Comparison *(Out of 19 Districts)*

LOCAL





Resource: Region 1 2024-2025 Local Per Pupil Expenditure Spreadsheet
Source: North Carolina Public Schools Statistical Profile

Region 1 (19 Districts) 2024-2025 Local Per Pupil Expenditure			
		ADM	LOCAL Per Pupil
1	Dare County Schools	4,782	7,024.58
2	Weldon City Schools	618	4,628.55
3	Northampton County Schools	1,156	4,483.13
4	Hyde County Schools	434	3,852.64
5	Currituck County Schools	4,479	3,636.29
6	Gates County Schools	1,347	3,615.57
7	Edenton-Chowan Schools	1,649	3,471.02
8	Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	4,570	3,284.31
9	Beaufort County Schools	5,459	3,161.10
10	Halifax County Schools	2,019	3,072.06
11	Pitt County Schools	23,657	2,775.98
12	Perquimans County Schools	1,715	2,606.52
13	Washington County Schools	979	2,498.09
14	Roanoke Rapids City Schools	2,557	2,479.82
15	Camden County Schools	1,892	2,433.41
16	Tyrrell County Schools	433	2,380.77
17	Hertford County Schools	2,178	2,364.31
18	Bertie County Schools	1,571	2,316.57
19	Martin County Schools	2,518	2,241.68

Currituck County Schools
TOTAL Per Pupil Expenditure
Regional Comparison *(Out of 19 Districts)*

TOTAL

#19 Out of 19 Districts

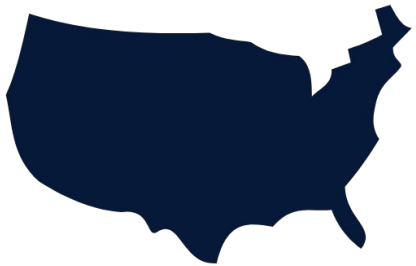
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Source: North Carolina Public Schools Statistical Profile

Region 1 (19 Districts) 2024-2025 Total Per Pupil Expenditure			
	2024-2025	ADM	TOTAL Per Pupil
1	Hyde County Schools	434	27,035.59
2	Tyrrell County Schools	433	24,661.18
3	Weldon City Schools	618	23,833.74
4	Northampton County Schools	1,156	22,558.11
5	Halifax County Schools	2,019	21,641.16
6	Washington County Schools	979	20,973.60
7	Bertie County Schools	1,571	17,651.13
8	Hertford County Schools	2,178	16,650.95
9	Gates County Schools	1,347	16,545.70
10	Martin County Schools	2,518	16,396.26
11	Dare County Schools	4,782	16,327.00
12	Edenton-Chowan Schools	1,649	16,137.60
13	Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	4,570	15,187.99
14	Perquimans County Schools	1,715	14,886.88
15	Beaufort County Schools	5,459	13,995.77
16	Camden County Schools	1,892	13,797.66
17	Roanoke Rapids City Schools	2,557	13,462.51
18	Pitt County Schools	23,657	12,607.85
19	Currituck County Schools	4,479	12,556.91

Currituck County Schools
Total Per Pupil Expenditure
State Comparison (Out of 115 Districts)

FEDERAL

#111



STATE

#80



LOCAL

#28



TOTAL

#91

Out of 115 Districts

Source: North Carolina Public Schools Statistical Profile

School Funds at a Glance

Overview of major fund types, sources, and key points



State | Fund 1

Source	NCDPI
Key Point	Restricted: Must be used for the specific program or position.



Local | Fund 2

Source	County Appropriation
Key Point	More flexible: used for operations, salaries, and supplements.



Federal | Fund 3

Source	Federal Government
Key Point	Strict regulations: spending must align with federal program goals.



Capital Outlay | Fund 4

Source	County Appropriation
Key Point	Restricted: used for new construction and additions, renovations and repairs, and equipment and furnishings.



Individual Schools | Fund 6

Source	Fundraisers, Donations
Key Point	Must follow district policies; kept separate from State, Local, and Federal funds.



Other Local | Fund 8

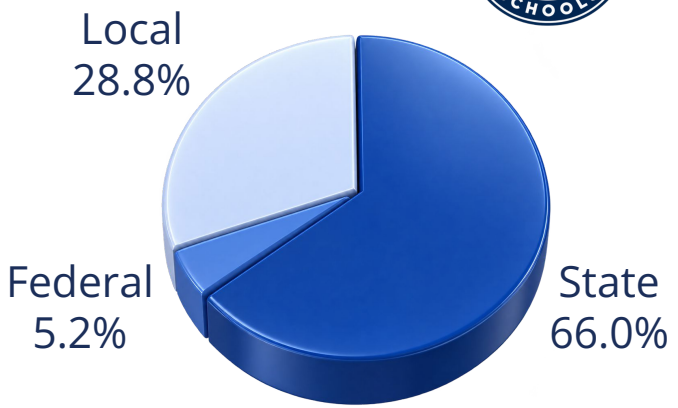
Source	Grants, Tuition, Sales Tax, Refunds, Indirect Costs, District Donations
Key Point	Flexibility depends on the grant or program.

Important note: Funds are not received all at one time.

2026-2027 BUDGET OVERVIEW

Six funds comprise the FY 2026–2027 budget.

$38,792,703	State Public School Fund
$1,891,448	Federal Fund
$2,351,865	School Nutrition Fund
$18,208,809	Local Current Expense Fund
$23,343,493	Capital Outlay Fund
$1,551,287	Other Local Funds



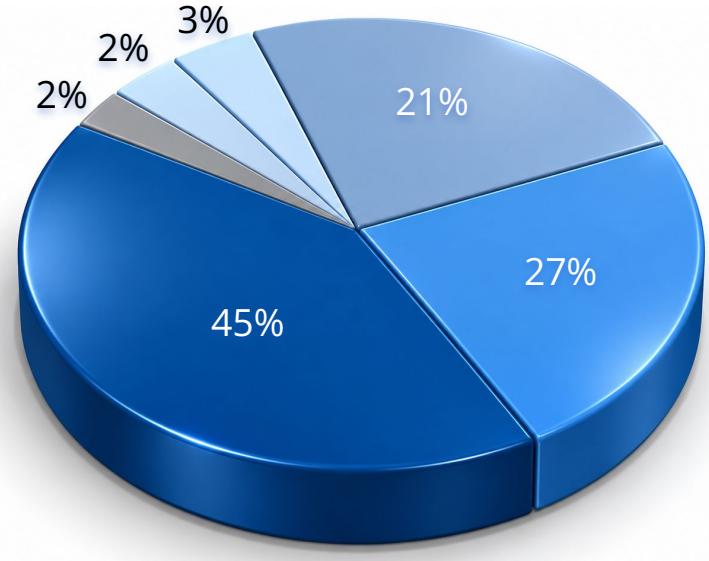
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Currituck County Schools
2026-2027 Budget

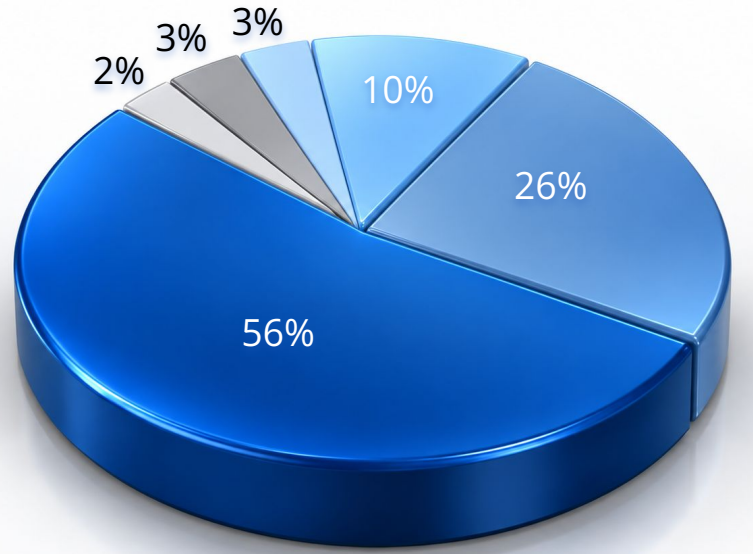
Source: Currituck County Schools Finance Budget Presentation (September 2026)

Budget Distribution: All Funds vs. Without Tulls Creek



All Funds

State Public School Fund 45%
Capital Outlay Fund 27%
Local Current Expense Fund 21%
School Nutrition Fund 3%
Federal Grants Fund 2%
Other Local Funds 2%



Without Tulls Creek

State Public School Fund 56%
Capital Outlay Fund 10%
Local Current Expense Fund 26%
School Nutrition Fund 3%
Federal Grants Fund 3%
Other Local Funds 2%

2026-2027 BUDGET NOTES

FEDERAL FUNDS

Post-COVID Decline: Funding declining steadily as ESSER pandemic relief dollars have expired.
Geographic Disadvantage: Currituck sits at the bottom tier of NC districts for federal grant allocations.
No Wage Adjustments: Grants do not account for state-mandated raises or benefit increases.

SCHOOL NUTRITION

Financial Assistance Warning: Enterprise fund will likely require local financial support before year-end.
Inflation Gap: Federal/State reimbursement rates have failed to keep pace with food & labor inflation.
Strict Directives: Mandated standards for meal nutrition, food safety, and financial integrity.

Source: Currituck County Schools Finance Budget Presentation (September 2026)

FISCAL PRESSURES

Unfunded and underfunded mandates create costs for local school districts.

Unfunded and underfunded mandates occur when the NC General Assembly passes legislative directives requiring local school districts to deliver specific services or alter staffing ratios without providing adequate state dollars to cover the associated costs.

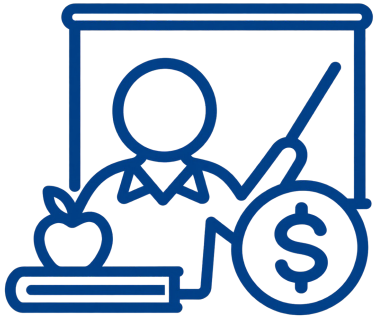
- Mandated Employee Bonuses
- School Nutrition Financial Aid
- Nurse Salaries at Master's Level Pay
- Exceptional Children Services
- Local Transportation Costs
- Tier 3 County Status

Source: Currituck County Schools Finance Budget Presentation (September 2026)

NAVIGATING CHALLENGES



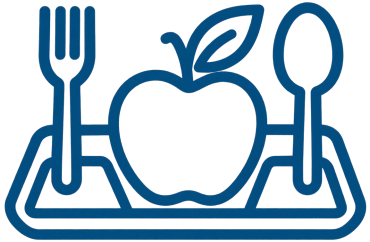
Tier 3 County Status



Teacher & Principal Pay



School Accountability Model



School Nutrition Debt



Ferry
Toll
Implementation



Bus
Driver
Shortage



CDL
Attainment
Barriers



Continued
Capital Outlay
Needs with
Growing
Population &
Aging Buildings

North Carolina Tier System At-a-Glance

A simple overview of how counties are designated for economic development purposes

Currituck County Schools is a Tier 3 County
Ranked #96 out of 100 counties across the state.



North Carolina uses a three-level County Development Tier system required by state law. The designations help determine certain state funding opportunities that support economic development.

The 3 Tiers

Tier 1
Most distressed
40 counties

Tier 2
Middle tier
40 counties

Tier 3
Least distressed
20 counties

How Rankings Are Calculated

Average unemployment rate
Most recent 12 months

Median household income
Most recent available year

Population growth
Most recent 36 months

Adjusted property tax base per capita
Most recent taxable year

How Counties Are Assigned

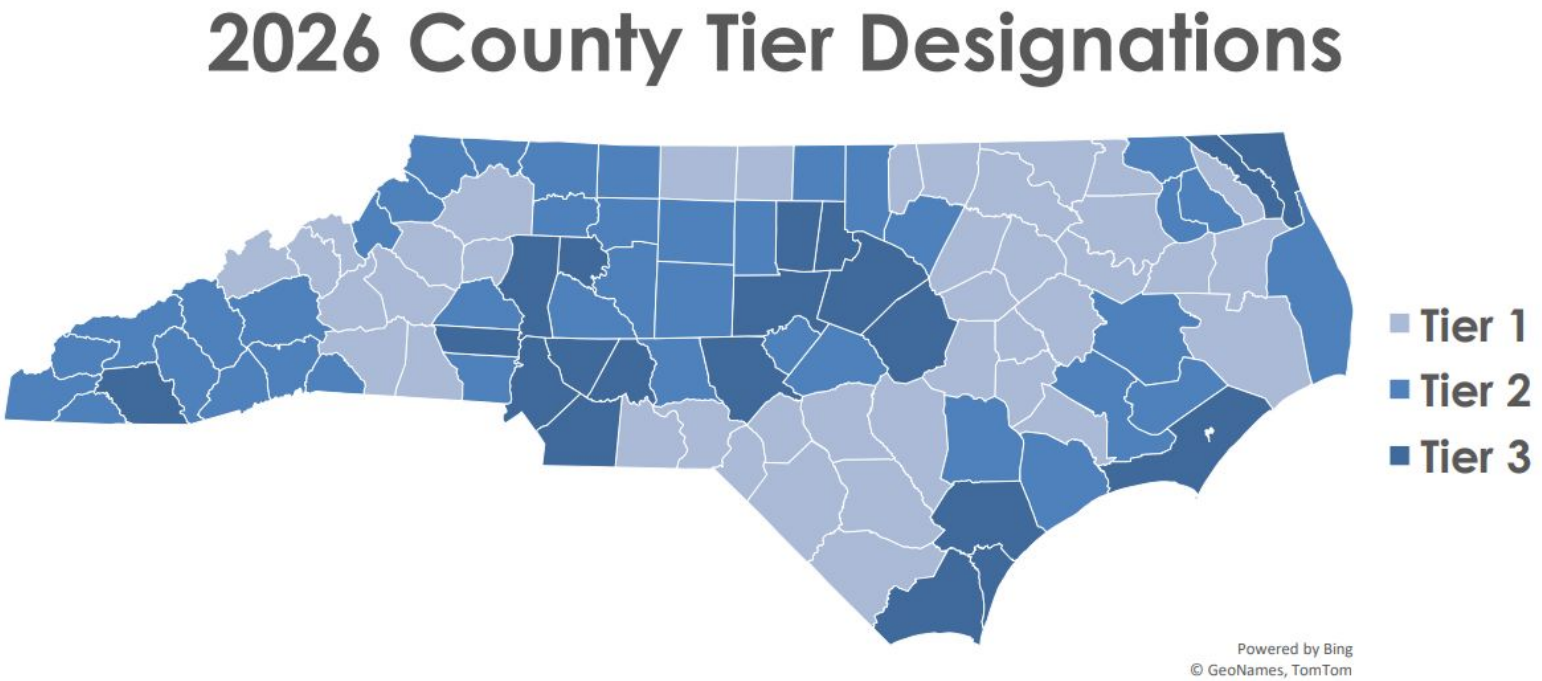
1. Each county is ranked on all 4 factors.
2. The rankings are combined into a County Rank Sum.
3. Counties are then ordered from most distressed to least distressed.
4. That order determines Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier 3.

Tie rule: If there is a tie for the final Tier 1 or Tier 2 position, both counties are placed in the lower tier.

Why it matters: Counties that underperform the state average on any of the four factors may request assistance from the N.C. Department of Commerce to improve performance.

Source: North Carolina Department of Commerce Tier Designation web page

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Currituck County Schools
Inspiring Excellence in Every Student
STATE OF THE SCHOOLS

The Power of Community

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Christina Bowyer
Communications & Community Outreach



Family & Community Engagement Meetings



District & School Events



Boosters, PTA, & PTO



Substitute Teaching



Partner with us to be a guest speaker or host student interns



Volunteering in our Schools



Stay Connected with Us

Website

Social Media

Weekly Newsletter

Podcast

CLOSING







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ACCOUNTABILITY & TESTING

- Currituck County Schools Accountability & Testing Board of Education Presentation (September 2026)
- North Carolina Public Schools Accountability & Testing Interactive Dashboard
- North Carolina Report Cards

NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY TIER SYSTEM

- 2026 North Carolina Tier Designations Memo
- North Carolina Department of Commerce Tier Designation web page

FINANCE/BUDGET

- Currituck County Schools Finance Budget Board of Education Presentation (September 2026)
- North Carolina Public Schools Statistical Profile
- CCS Per Pupil Expenditure State Ranking_Total Funds
- CCS Per Pupil Expenditure State Ranking_Federal Funds
- CCS Per Pupil Expenditure State Ranking_State Funds
- CCS Per Pupil Expenditure State Ranking_Local Funds
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STAKEHOLDER RESOURCES

How to Get Involved

- Currituck County Schools Communications and Community Outreach Department web page
- CCS Family & Community Engagement web page
- CCS Sound Waves Podcast (New Season Coming Spring 2027)
- Volunteer in our Schools
- Become a Substitute for CCS
- CCS Career & Technical Education Department web page (Guest Speakers & Student Internships)

ADDITIONAL

- NCDPI Achieving Educational Excellence (NCDPI Strategic Plan)
- NC Public Schools Facebook page
- Attorney General Jackson Makes Landmark Big Tech Announcement

STAKEHOLDER RESOURCES

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Currituck County Schools
Facebook and Website

Currituck Chamber of Commerce
Facebook and Website

Currituck Education Foundation, Inc.
Facebook and Website