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Introduction

Gloucester County is located north of York County on the Middle Peninsula of Virginia, and is best described as a bedroom community of the Hampton Roads area, with a population of approximately 36,976 people. The projected K-12 school enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year is 5,430, with approximately 19% being minority and approximately 10.5% being identified as having special needs. The county is surrounded by the York River on the south and west, with the Chesapeake Bay on the east. It is said that at any point in Gloucester County, you are never more than six miles from the water. Given its geographical location, Gloucester County has a rich heritage of life on the water.

Gloucester operates under a county government, with seven members of the Board of Supervisors overseeing local operations and setting the annual budgets. The School Board is also comprised of seven elected members. Both boards are comprised of members from five electoral districts, and two who serve at-large. Elections are held in November and members officially take office on January 1. Terms of office are four years, and districts are staggered so that all seven members of either board are never elected during the same year.

Mission Statement

The Gloucester County Public Schools will provide a safe environment in which all students have the right to learn. Through the process of continuous improvement in achievement, Gloucester County Public Schools will assist and expect students to acquire knowledge and skills to become literate, contributing citizens in a democracy.
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Goals

• To provide safe, clean and appropriate learning environments.

• To maintain partnerships with schools, families, and the community in order to deliver an appropriate educational program for each student.

• To develop students’ critical-thinking, problem-solving, collaboration, communication, and technological skills.

• To prepare students to assume responsibility for stewardship of the natural environment.

• To prepare students for employment or further academic and technical education upon graduation.

Programs and Strategies

Consistent with the Standards of Accreditation, programs and strategies should address:

• School safety and security
• Facilities maintenance and expansion
• High expectations for student achievement and personnel performance
• Development and implementation of K-12 curriculum consistent with the Standards of Learning
• Integration of technology in all curricular areas and administrative processes
• Diverse needs of all learners, including at-risk, average, disabled, gifted and minority populations
• Opportunities for students to serve the community
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Schools

The division is comprised of five elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school. Based on FY 2013 test scores, all elementary and middle schools are fully accredited and Gloucester High School is accredited with warning in Mathematics under the Commonwealth of Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL).