



St. Mary's County Public Schools

2010-2011



Welcome to St. Mary's County Public Schools (SMCPS), located at the southernmost tip of Maryland, 60 miles south of the nation's capital. St. Mary's County, traditionally known for its agricultural and fishing communities, is now best known for its world-class technology corridor that supports the operations of the Patuxent Naval Air Station (NAS). With 17,271 students and 2,244 staff members, our school system is large enough to offer a wide variety of academic programs and services, and small enough to maintain an atmosphere of meaningful relationships, helpfulness, and personalized attention. Students have the opportunity to learn through a rigorous comprehensive program of instruction, or to choose one of the *Educational Pathways* available, including Chesapeake Public Charter School; Fairlead Academy; Tech Connect; the Academy of Finance; the Academy of Global and International Studies; and the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Academies.

We are a school system focused on student achievement and the assurance that our students meet rigorous standards. In SMCPS, all children can and will learn. Our goal is to focus our efforts to create a total community committed to learning and safety for ALL children. "We are doing some very exciting and focused work in St. Mary's County Public Schools, and this has translated into very positive results for our students," says Dr. Michael J. Martirano, Superintendent of Schools. "Following our motto, *Work Hard and Be Nice*, we have an opportunity to provide an optimal teaching and learning environment that is second to none."

Mission

*Know the learner and the learning, expecting excellence in both.
Accept no excuses, educating ALL with
rigor, relevance, respect, and positive relationships.*

Goals

Goal 1 - Increased Student Achievement

Demonstrate progress in developing or modifying curriculum, instruction, and assessments to enable all students to be appropriately challenged to meet the goal of fulfilling their personal potential.

Goal 2 - Supportive Partnerships

Encourage the community to be involved in decision-making affecting their schools.

Goal 3 - A Safe and Orderly School Environment

Emphasize and promote a safe and orderly work and learning environment.

Goal 4 - Effective and Efficient Use of Resources

Ensure the effective and efficient use of school system resources.

Fast Facts

27 Schools		
Elementary (PreK-5)	17	
Public Charter (K-8)	1	
Middle (6-8)	4	
High (9-12)	3	
Career & Technology Center	1	
Fairlead Academy	1	
Total Enrollment:	17,271	
Elementary (PS/PreK-5)	8,334	
Middle (6-8)	3,760	
High (9-12)	5,177	
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$10,412.15	
Ethnicity		
White	70.23 %	
African-American	19.50 %	
Hispanic	4.40 %	
Asian	2.77 %	
Native American	0.04 %	
Two or More Races	2.51 %	
Students Receiving Special Services		
Title I (Elementary only)	24.41 %	
Limited English Proficient	0.79 %	
Free/Reduced Lunch	29.00 %	
Special Education	10.84 %	
Attendance and Graduation (2009-2010)		
Attendance—Elementary	94.9 %	
Attendance—Middle	94.6 %	
Attendance—High	92.2 %	
Graduation Rate	88.83 %	
Dropout Rate	2.91 %	
Student Mobility (2009-2010)		
Elementary	Entrants	9.7 %
	Withdrawals	8.2 %
Middle	Entrants	6.6 %
	Withdrawals	6.0 %
High	Entrants	5.1 %
	Withdrawals	7.1 %
Our Staff		
Certificated Staff	1,457	
Non-Certificated Staff	787	
Teachers' average years of service	11.95	
Highly Qualified Teachers (2009-2010)	*94.77 %	
*Among the Highest in Maryland		

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Maryland School Assessments (MSA)

The Maryland School Assessments (MSA) are tests of student achievement. These tests provide educators, parents, and the public valuable information about student, school, school system, and state performance. Below are our school system results.

<i>MSA Mathematics Proficient/Advanced Percentages 2009-2010</i>		
	Maryland	SMCPS
Grade 3	86.0	90.8
Grade 4	90.2	91.6
Grade 5	83.2	87.2
Grade 6	79.8	88.5
Grade 7	72.6	81.0
Grade 8	65.4	80.3

<i>MSA Reading Proficient/Advanced Percentages 2009-2010</i>		
	Maryland	SMCPS
Grade 3	84.0	87.1
Grade 4	87.4	89.1
Grade 5	89.4	91.8
Grade 6	86.1	87.9
Grade 7	81.9	86.7
Grade 8	80.3	83.1

<i>MSA Science Proficient/Advanced Percentages 2009-2010</i>		
	Maryland	SMCPS
Grade 5	65.9	78.9
Grade 8	67.7	78.4

Alternate Maryland School Assessments (Alt-MSA)

In Maryland, students with disabilities participate in either the Maryland School Assessment (MSA), (with or without accommodations, as appropriate) or in the Alternate Maryland School Assessment (Alt-MSA), as determined by the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team.

<i>Alt-MSA Mathematics Proficient/Advanced Percentages 2009-2010</i>		
	Maryland	SMCPS
Grade 3	84.1	100
Grade 4	86.1	100
Grade 5	85.1	100
Grade 6	81.4	76.9
Grade 7	79.6	100
Grade 8	82.8	92.9
Grade 10	80.0	100

<i>Alt-MSA Reading Proficient/Advanced Percentages 2009-2010</i>		
	Maryland	SMCPS
Grade 3	89.5	100
Grade 4	89.9	100
Grade 5	90.6	91.7
Grade 6	85.8	92.3
Grade 7	86.8	100
Grade 8	88.4	100
Grade 10	85.4	100

<i>Alt-MSA Science Proficient/Advanced Percentages 2009-2010</i>		
	Maryland	SMCPS
Grade 5	69.2	67
Grade 8	71.5	50
Grade 10	68.6	100

High School Assessments (HSA)

The Maryland High School Assessments (HSA) are tests that measure school and individual student achievement in English, Government, Algebra/Data Analysis, and Biology. Passing the HSA is a graduation requirement that began with the graduating class of 2009. Students take each test whenever they complete the course. To meet the graduation requirement, students may: Pass each HSA; Earn a combined core of 1602 across all exams; or Complete one or more Bridge Plan project modules.

<i>High School Assessment Percentage Passing by Graduating Class</i>					
Class	Algebra	Biology	English	Government	Met Graduation Requirements
2010	90.7	94.4	85.4	94.4	100
2011	92.6	94.6	88.9	93.3	95.1
2012	88.9	89.6	80.7	88.3	89.2

Fast Facts

Average Class Size

Grade Pre-K	17.30
Grade K	19.46
Grade 1-2	20.56
Grades 3-5	22.74
Grades 6-8	18.56
Grades 9-12	22.03

Educational Pathways Enrollment

Chesapeake Public Charter School	294
Grades K-7	
Fairlead Academy	134
Grades 9-10	
Tech Connect	66
Grade 9	
Academy of Finance	53
Grades 9-10	
Global and International Studies	64
Grades 9-10	
STEM Academies	378
Grades 4-11	

Class of 2010 Documented Decisions

Attend a 4-year College	32 %
Attend a 2-year College	44 %
Attend a Trade/Technical School	2 %
Enter the Workforce	14 %
Enter Military	8 %
Scholarships Offered	\$14M

ELL Program

Approximately 170 students participate in the program for English Language Learners (ELL).

Kindergarten

Full Day Kindergarten is currently held at all St. Mary's County public elementary schools.

Bus Transportation

Student transportation is provided by 47 bus contractors on 259 buses. These buses travel more than 4 million miles per year to and from schools, and transport students on more than 4,000 program trips.

For More Information

To learn more about Maryland's assessment programs, visit—

www.mdk12.org

To learn more about St. Mary's County Public Schools, including information about our instructional programs, student programs, support services, or human resources, visit our website—

www.smcps.org

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