

# About Frederick County Public Schools

## Frederick, Maryland

*Frederick County Public Schools seek to establish an environment that capitalizes on all children's natural curiosity, nurtures their desire to learn and respects their individual learning styles.*

### ★ Growing

FCPS has 63 schools serving pre-kindergarten through grade 12. Enrollment increased by 6,000 in the last decade to 41,000 students. To accommodate rapid growth, three new schools opened in recent years, several schools have been expanded and more are scheduled to open over the next few years. The system employs more than 2,600 teachers.

### ★ Achieving

An increasing number of FCPS students take Advanced Placement courses, with many of nearly 5,000 exams taken earning scores that qualify for college credit. Our students also consistently outscore state and national averages on the College Board SAT.

### ★ Successful

About 70% of FCPS high school seniors indicate a desire to further their education by attending college, technical schools or joining the military. Ninety-nine percent of 1,200 employers surveyed felt that FCPS students were well prepared for the work force after completing their education.

### ★ Connected

Frederick schools outpace the state average by providing one computer for every four students. Every school in the county is connected to the Internet. Every teacher has email and voicemail.

### ★ First Class

Newsweek's 2007 Challenge Index ranked all FCPS high schools in the nation's top 5% in encouraging students to take Advanced Placement exams. The *Forbes Best and Worst School Districts for the Buck* ranked FCPS 21st in the nation for value, in the top quarter for high performance at low cost. Many of our schools, staff and students have earned national awards.

### ★ Get Involved

The Maryland Department of Education has recently recognized our schools for outstanding work in welcoming volunteers. To achieve our Master Plan goal to engage all sectors of the community in education, our Board adopted the Maryland Plan for Family, School and Community Involvement. FCPS welcomes and encourages your interest, support and participation.

### ★ Visit

To gain a full appreciation of a particular school – its atmosphere, philosophy, approach to teaching and learning, and spirit of community – visit and talk with the principal, teachers and parents of children who attend the school. Call ahead to be sure the time is appropriate.

Curriculum standards are the same in all Frederick County public schools, so we do not "rate" our schools. To compare for yourself, visit [www.fcps.org](http://www.fcps.org) to see school profiles.

### ★ Enroll

Enroll at the school that serves your Frederick County address. Bring child's:

- birth certificate or other proof of date of birth
  - proof of residency such as lease, mortgage document, contract or utility bill
  - immunization and health records.
- For more enrollment info: [www.fcps.org](http://www.fcps.org).

### ★ Get More Info

- Subscribe to Find Out First email for late-breaking news, emergency notices, and calendar updates.
- Also online at [www.fcps.org](http://www.fcps.org), view our Calendar Handbook and School Report.
- Tune to FCPS TV at Frederick area cable channel 18 for school news, menus, inclement weather closing announcements and more.
- See school boundaries and bus routes at [www.fcps.org](http://www.fcps.org).
- Call 301-644-5000 for automated options to reach various FCPS departments, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. weekdays.
- Call 301-696-6900 for info not listed above.

