

AMELIA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ACPS THEME FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR IS "INNOVATE!"

"DOING SOMETHING YOU HAVEN'T DONE BEFORE"



STATE OF THE SCHOOLS AUGUST 2017

Each year we strive to make Amelia County Public Schools a quality place of learning for our students. Here is a list of achievements that we have accomplished. This is not an all-inclusive list but highlights many of our proud accolades. For more information, please contact our school staff or administration.

ACADEMICS

- Member of Virginia School University Partnership (VSUP)
- Joined UVA K12 Advisory Council
- John Tyler Community College dual enrollment programs – Welding, Machining, Child Care
- Virginia Space Coast Scholars for STEM
- Virginia College Advising Corp counselor- year one of three
- Youth Conservation Corps
- Blended Learning and Flipped Instruction
- STEPS work transition program for SPED students
- Outreach programs for families, parents, and grandparents
- Service, academic, and business organizations at ACMS and ACHS
- Enrichment Summer Programs for Students - UVA, W&M, Longwood, Wilson Center, Summer Governors School
- Pilot Year Chromebooks - Grades 5 and 9, this year grades 5-10, next year 5-12
- Realignment of the ACPS technology plan
- Reduction of discipline infractions at all schools
- ACMS - year two of three year life skills grant
- Increased personnel to include two full time counselors at ACMS and ACHS
- ACPS participated in Digital Learning Day with all schools participating
- Increased Performance Based Assessments
- Professional Development Focus - Differentiation, Curriculum Development, Reading and Math Instruction, PBAs, etc.
- Writing instruction increased at each grade level in K-8
- New High School New Course Offerings
 - Business 100
 - Business 200
 - Advanced Computer Info Systems
 - Technical Drawing/Design
 - Piano Lab III
- Industry Certification
 - Microsoft Office Specialist
 - Workplace Readiness Skills
- ACES implemented Title I math tutoring for students
- ACES integrated music into PE instruction
- All schools developed and implemented school improvement plans
- Professional Learning Groups at each school
- Increased computer coding skills by participating in the Hour of Code
- Increased implementation of developmental spelling instruction at ACES
- Summer reading program at ACES to prevent summer slide
- ACMS worked in conjunction with a school improvement consultant for improved English instruction
- TTAC and other resources
- Increased Positive Behavior Intervention Systems with emphasis on building relationships
- New Employees - high quality and caliber
- Southside Virginia Regional Technology Consortium- Division Leadership Award (ACPS) and Technology Leadership Award (Superintendent)
- Teacher Observations held at each school with division administrators participating - alignment of instruction and student engagement
- First Aid/CPR training for all 9th grade students
- ACES – All teachers trained in reading assessments
- ACES and ACMS Principals participated in the new principal academy workshops through VSUP
- Read Across America celebrated
- Technology Conferences attended
- Teacher Recruitment split among administrative team
- Conference presentations by our administrators- WELV, VAESP, VSBA, and VASS Education Conferences
- ACMS Forensics- 2nd place in region
- New 3d printer at the high school
- PTA and Title I Family nights held at ACES and ACMS
- Microsoft Office Certifications
- Discipline Survey conducted for ACPS schools and busses
- Improved SOL scores
- Accredited schools
- New and Improved Teacher Mentor Program growing strong

ATHLETICS

- ACES Playground Equipment Fundraising
- Excellent results in sports at ACMS and ACHS
- ACHS Boys Varsity Basketball- District Champions, Quad Rivers Champion Basketball Playoffs
- JV Lady Raiders Basketball- James River District Champions
- Varsity Girls Basketball- regional tournament
- ACHS Wrestling team competed at the state level
- ACES Running Club
- ACPS Running Club
- State Cross Country and State Track Meet
- Varsity Baseball 2nd in the Conference
- JV Lady Raiders- Volleyball District Champions

ARTS, STUDENT PARTICIPATION AND CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

- Expanded club offerings at the high school and middle schools
- High school students, staff, and parents toured with Education First to visit Ireland and the British Isles
- ACHS student named second place in VSBA Southside Regional Art Contest
- Expanded free summer feeding program for children ages 18 and younger
- Developed outreach cafeteria programs to honor grandparents, veterans, and other groups
- Grab and Go breakfast program expanded at ACMS and ACHS
- College fairs, college nights, college site visits
- ACES used kiln for art projects
- Second Year Robotics Competition - ACHS formed a robotics competition team. Participated in two regional competitions.
- Wise Blue Star school - 2nd year in a row for financial literacy
- Christmas Mother service project
- National Beta School of Distinction
- Band competitions and Longwood Honor Band
- Choir competitions - Disneyworld competition
- ACMS hosted Arts in Courtyard programs highlighting fine arts at the Middle School
- Partnership for mentor program through 4H Extension office which will serve underserved students at ACMS and ACHS
- Student service organizations held drives and fundraisers for a variety of organizations
- Parent involvement increase
- Programs highlighting Veterans, Black History Month, college readiness, student achievement, etc.
- All school entered the Richmond Que Pasa Festival Piñata contest- ACHS placed first for the festival
- 4H - Go Green Science Fair
- Go Green/Clean logo contest through Amelia County Department of Environmental Management
- Relay for Life

- Prom Night Safety Drill held by Rescue Squad and Fire Departments
- ACHS instituted newly formed Student Council Association
- VDOT Paint the Plow project
- School participated in Red Ribbon Week to address drug awareness
- Excellent results in elective and club competitions
- ACHS students participated in various student leadership conferences
- All school participated in a variety of field trip experiences
- ACHS hosted an annual college and career fair and ACMS held an annual career fair

OTHER: DIVISION

- Employee Dress Code Implementation
- The school board and superintendent attended education conferences, capitol legislation conference, VSBA annual convention, and board governance
- The superintendent holds a monthly open house during the school year called Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation with the Superintendent. This is an open house style meeting held on first Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the Hamner Library
- Phase Two of painting of school facilities
- Conducted facility maintenance and safety walkthroughs of facilities
- Security Grant Improvements
- Decision Day 2017 - Governor McAuliffe attended to honor our seniors
- Superintendent presented at the Virginia Association of School Superintendents conference in May 2017
- Meet and Greet with the Board held at each school site in conjunction with board meetings
- Superintendent serves as Chair for Region 8 Superintendents' Group
- Superintendent serves on State Superintendent Leadership Council with Steve Staples, State Superintendent for Public Instruction
- Mr. Bowman named as 2017 ACPS Teacher of the Year