



AMELIA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

STATE OF THE SCHOOLS 2016

August 2016

As we begin a new school year, we have the opportunity to pause and reflect on our success and growth. Here is a list of different accomplishments and happenings that have occurred during the previous academic year. Amelia County Public Schools is *Going the Distance!*

- Participated in a consortium of public school systems and University partnerships through the Virginia School University Partnership (VSUP)
- Hosted two visiting principals in residence from Uruguay through the Fulbright Commission
- High school students received dual enrollment credit and participated in an internship program at NASA Langley Research Center
- Aligned benchmark assessments through implementation of Interactive Achievement
- Developed a One-to-One Chromebook initiative to be piloted for grades 5 and 9 during the 2016-2017 school year
- High school students and staff attended a global student leadership summit on the future of energy in Reykjavik, Iceland
- ACHS student named second place in VSBA Southside Regional Art Contest
- Painting of school facilities
- Refurbishment of lockers at the Middle and High schools
- ACHS History Department organized a time capsule project
- ACPS participated in a free summer feeding program for children ages 18 and younger
- Reduction of discipline infractions at all schools
- ACMS recipient of a three-year life skills grant
- ACHS recipient of a grant funded college and career advisor through Virginia College Advising Corp
- Increased personnel to include two full time counselors at ACMS and ACHS
- ACPS participated in Digital Learning Day with all schools participating
- ACPS participated in enrichment programming through TAG at Longwood, STEM at JTCC, and STEM at the Amelia-Nottoway Technical Center
- Developed outreach cafeteria programs to honor grandparents, veterans, and other groups
- Participated in Invite Your Legislature to School Program
- ACHS designated as DMV Testing Site for students
- Recipient of First Robotics Grant
- ACHS formed a robotics competition team. Participated and received awards in two regional competitions.
- Students participated in the Governors Youth Development Academy with a capstone visit to New York City
- Added ten school busses and replaced fleet cars to improve transportation safety
- High School New Courses
 - Dual Enrollment Intro to Business and Principles of Management
 - BUS 100
 - BUS 200
 - Advanced Computer Information Systems
 - Industry Certification Possibilities
 - Technical Drawing/Design
 - Piano Lab III
 - New Course Offerings Off-Campus at John Tyler Community College
 - MAC 181 - Machine Blueprint Reading I
 - MAC 123 - Computer Numerical Control III
 - WEL 244 - Welding Testing and Code
 - WEL 247 - Welding Layout and Fabrication I
 - WEL 141 - Welder Qualification Test
 - WEL 248 - Welding Layout and Fabrication II
- ACES implemented Title I math tutoring for students
- ACES integrated music and PE
- Grab and Go breakfast program initiated at ACMS and ACHS
- ACMS hosted Arts in Courtyard programs highlighting fine arts at the Middle School



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- ACHS achieved a school average of over 85% on the Wise Financial Literacy test
- Increased partnership with Longwood University
- Continued to offer a robust mentor program for new teachers
- School participated in Red Ribbon Week to address drug awareness
- All schools developed and implemented school improvement plans
- Excellent results in sports at ACMS and ACHS
- Excellent results in elective and club competitions
- ACHS students participated in various student leadership conferences
- Offered relevant professional development opportunities for our teachers and staff
- All schools participated in a variety of field trip experiences
- ACPS participated in a Professional Learning Group studying the text *Teaching with Poverty in Mind*
- Individual schools continue to offer Professional Learning Communities as it relates to school based decisions
- Student service organizations held drives and fundraisers for a variety of charities
- Parental involvement increased
- School and central office administration conducted regular classroom observations at all three school sites to monitor continuity and alignment of curriculum
- Programs highlighting Veterans, Black History Month, college readiness, student achievement, etc.
- Increased computer coding skills by participating in the Hour of Code
- Increased student organization and club offerings at ACMS and ACHS
- ACPS adopted a Bring Your Own Device policy enhancing technology resources for our students
- Partnership for mentor program through 4H, Extension Office, for students at ACMS and ACHS
- Increased implementation of developmental spelling instruction at ACES
- ACHS and ACMS hosted yearly college and career fairs
- Summer reading program at ACES to prevent summer slide
- Initiated the process for development of the Strategic Plan to be adopted in fall of 2016
- Updated the ACPS Technology Plan and Gifted Plan
- Mr. Crane's law class competed and defended a mock trial at the Virginia Supreme Court
- ACMS worked in conjunction with a school improvement consultant for improved English instruction
- All schools entered the Richmond Que Pasa Festival Piñata contest. ACES placed first for the festival
- The School Board and Superintendent attended education conferences, the Capitol Legislation conference, Board Governance training, and the Annual VSBA Convention
- Continued partnership with TTAC and other resources
- Hosted a Fulbright Scholar Teacher of Distinction from Finland for professional development
- Security Grant Improvements
- Increased Positive Behavior Intervention Systems (PBIS) with emphasis on building relationships
- New Employees - high quality and caliber
- ACPS is "Going the Distance"!