

# quick WOW! facts

## chesterfield county public schools 2008-2009 figures

More than 58,000 students in 64 schools  
38 elementary schools (grades K-5)  
– average class size 24  
14 middle schools (grades 6-8)  
– average class size 26  
11 high schools (grades 9-12)  
– average class size 25  
1 technical center

Specialty centers, housed within high schools, emphasize arts, health science, technology, mass communications, math and science, humanities, pre-engineering, Spanish immersion, leadership and International Baccalaureate program.

Chesterfield County Public Schools made AYP for the third straight year, and Chesterfield is the largest school system to have every school accredited by the Virginia Department of Education.

Of the 4,294 graduates in the class of 2008, 53 percent earned advanced studies diplomas and 85 percent planned to attend a four-year or a two-year college. The class earned \$15.6 million in scholarships.

7,493 employees  
\$594.5 million operating budget  
\$9,903 per student

3 National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence  
3 teachers with Milken Educator Awards  
64 National Board certified teachers  
17 teachers with a doctorate  
1,973 teachers with a master's degree

\$39,749 starting salary for a teacher with a bachelor's degree. \$41,736 starting salary for a teacher with a master's degree. Complete salary information is available at [chesterfield.k12.va.us](http://chesterfield.k12.va.us).

Chesterfield County population  
259,903 (2000 Census)  
311,000 (2008 Planning Department estimate)

Student demographics  
59 percent white  
28 percent black  
8 percent Hispanic  
3 percent Asian/Pacific Islander  
1 percent American Indian/Alaskan Native/unspecified

9,975 students in elementary and middle schools receive free or reduced price lunches. That's 24.4 percent of the elementary and middle school student body. High schools don't participate in the federal lunch program.

3 high schools and 4 middle schools contain English for Speakers of Other Languages centers. All elementary students are served in their home school. There are 1,424 ESOL students in grades 1-12, plus 959 monitored students (kindergartners and students who have exited from ESOL in the past two years).

180 student days,  
200 teacher workdays  
Classes start Sept. 2, 2008, and end June 12, 2009.  
Winter break runs Dec. 22-Jan. 2.  
Spring break runs April 6-10.

### **Chesterfield County Public Schools**

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