



**Watauga County Schools**  
***“By the Numbers”***  
**2016-17**



**Schools and Enrollment**

	<b>Pre-kindergarten</b>	<b>Grades K-8</b>	<b>High School</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bethel	0	169		169
Blowing Rock	0	345		345
Cove Creek	16	270		286
Green Valley	18	374		392
Hardin Park	18	859		877
Mabel	0	169		169
Parkway	16	517		533
Valle Crucis	14	334		348
Watauga High School	0		1,374	1,374
<b>TOTAL</b>	82		1,374	4,493

**Key Test Results and Other Indicators**

<b>Category</b>	<b>WCS</b>	<b>North Carolina</b>
Students at or above proficiency in reading, grades 3-8	66.4%	56.9%
Students at or above proficiency in math, grades 3-8	65.9%	54.7%
Students at or above proficiency – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade science	79.0%	71.6%
Students at or above proficiency – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade science	84.0%	73.9%
Students at or above proficiency – English II	70.0%	58.8%
Students at or above proficiency – Math I	58.5%	60.5%
Students at or above proficiency – Biology	60.6%	55.5%
*Average SAT score (math + critical reading combined)	1068	1010
*Average SAT score (including writing component)	1582	1485
ACT Proficiency (combined score of at least 17)	78.3%	59.9%
Graduation rate (four year cohort basis)	90.8%	85.8%
**Percent of faculty with National Board Certification	19.8%	10.9%

\*Ranked fourth out of 115 school districts in NC

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**Demographics**

White	85%	African American	1%
Hispanic	9%	Asian	1%
Multi-racial	3%	(totals do not add to 100% due to rounding)	

Percentage of students receiving free or reduced price school meals: 39%

**Budget and Funding Sources**

Total adopted budget:	\$45,118,613		
Funding sources:	57.3% state	31.8% local (Watauga County)	
	6.9% federal	4.0% fees & special revenues	

**Personnel (2014-15)**

Total full time positions	621	Part time positions	35
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**Auxiliary Services (Transportation, Maintenance, and Child Nutrition)**

Number of buses	40	812,000 square feet of buildings
Average daily passengers	1,780	222 acres of grounds
Average daily miles driven	2,700	2,800 meals served daily

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*The mission of the Watauga County Schools is to educate for productive citizenship and lifelong learning.*