

# WCASD Fast Facts



1:1 Device  
Program: Grades  
K-5 iPads and  
Laptops for 6-12



Increase to  
12 Full-Time  
Mental Health  
Specialists

## Dual Enrollment Opportunities with West Chester University



Bridging  
Spanish-  
Speaking  
Families with  
Our Schools



In-house  
WC Cyber  
Program began  
Fall 2020

## Senior & Veteran Gold Cards for Community Members



Pathways to  
Success with  
Career  
Education



Additional  
Summer  
Learning  
Opportunities in  
Summer 2021



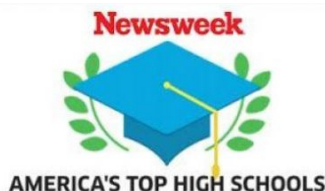
# Points of Pride

*Educate and Inspire our Students to Achieve their Personal Best*

## Top Rankings



East, Henderson, & Rustin High Schools are consistently ranked among the top public schools in the nation according to U.S. News & World Report.



Newsweek ranks East, Henderson, & Rustin High Schools among the top high schools locally, regionally, and nationally.



WCASD schools have been awarded the U.S. Department of Education's coveted National Blue Ribbon Award multiple times.



Multiple recognitions as a Best Communities for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation.



WCASD is considered a top-rated school district according to Niche.com and Schooldigger.com users.



Multiple WCASD elementary schools recognized for having superior, federally-funded school programs.

## Charitable Connections





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## Student Assessment



Graduation Year	Composite		
	District	State	National
2016	24.5	23.1	20.8
2017	24.9	23.7	21.0
2018	25.0	23.5	20.8
2019	25.1	23.6	20.7
2020	25.9	23.7	20.6



# SAT

	WCASD	WCASD	WCASD	WCASD	WCASD	PA	National
Test	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2020	2020
Reading	532	583	576	588	578	543	528
Math	549	585	580	591	579	534	523

**In 2020, 35 WCASD students were named National Merit Scholars and 376 students were named AP Scholars**

### National Merit Scholars

7 National Merit Finalists  
 8 National Merit Semi-Finalists  
 27 National Merit Commended



## AP Scholars



### AP Scholars

142 AP Scholars  
 142 AP Scholars w/ Distinction  
 59 AP Scholars w/ Honors  
 33 National AP Scholars

# WCASD Financial Fast Fact\$

**The WCASD maintains the LOWEST SCHOOL TAX rate in Chester County**

	Act 1 Index	WCASD % Increase
3 Year Average	2.6%	1.5%
5 Year Average	2.6%	2.1%
10 Year Average	2.3%	1.9%

The **2021-22 preliminary budget is below the Act I Index** (at 2.8%) while opening a new elementary school and retaining the in-house K-12 WC Cyber Program.



Certificate of Excellence (COE) in Financial Reporting from The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO)

**ASBO International's COE recognizes WCASD's high standards for financial reporting and transparency.**

**MOODY'S**  
**INVESTORS SERVICE**

**Superior Aaa Credit Rating** from Moody's Investors Service. The rating is based on **WCASD's history of conservative budget management and strong fiscal controls.**



# Full-Day Kindergarten Progress Report

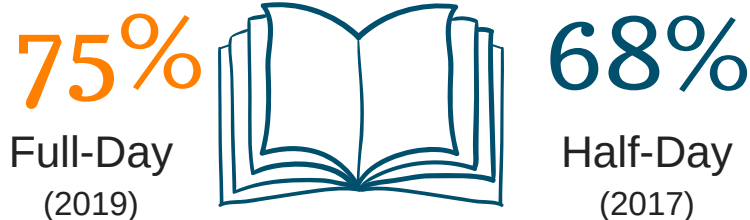
In 2017, the West Chester Area School District launched its full-day kindergarten program centered around the idea of purposeful play. Child development expert Dr. Kathy Hirsh-Pasek helped create the program with the belief that play is a central component of children's growth. Purposeful play helps students make meaning of their world, learn about themselves and how things work, and guides them as they learn how to get along with others and develop the crucial social skills that are necessary for them to flourish.

Within the first year, the District saw significant improvement in academic achievement and social skills compared to the previous year's half-day kindergarten students. Dr. Hirsh-Pasek continues to work with our educators as the program evolves.

Percentage of Kindergarten students reading at or above grade level



Percentage of First Grade students reading at or above grade level



33% Fewer student occupational therapy referrals due to greater emphasis on fine motor skills in Kindergarten

20% additional drop in occupational therapy referrals in First Grade

30% Increase in percentage of students in First Grade reading above grade level.

18% AND reading a year above grade level in grade 1

78% decrease in first grade special ed referrals

Charter school enrollment declined by 168 students saving the District

\$2.3 MILLION



# Kindergarten de día completo

## El informe de progreso

El Distrito escolar del área de West Chester implementó en el otoño del 2017 un programa de kínder de horario completo y basado en el juego. Este programa fue creado con la ayuda de la Dra. Kathy Hirsh-Pasek, una experta en el área de desarrollo infantil, y se cementa en la idea de que el juego es un componente central en el crecimiento del niño.

Al cabo del primer año de este programa en el Distrito se observó una mejora significativa en el rendimiento académico y en las destrezas sociales de los estudiantes al compararlos con los estudiantes de kínder del año anterior que habían asistido programa de kínder de medio día.

Porcentaje de estudiantes de Kínder leyendo en o por encima del nivel de grado

84%

Día completo  
(2019)



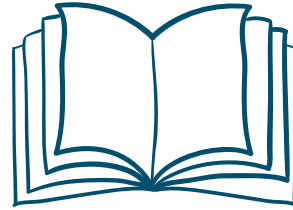
67%

Medio día  
(2017)

Porcentaje de estudiantes en Grado 1 que leen al nivel o por encima de su grado

75%

Día completo  
(2019)



68%

Medio día  
(2017)

33%

Menos recomendaciones de terapia ocupacional estudiantil debido a un mayor énfasis en las habilidades motoras finas en Kínder

20%

disminución adicional en recomendaciones para terapia ocupacional en Grado 1

↑ 30%  
Aumento en el porcentaje de estudiantes de Grado 1 leyendo por encima del nivel de grado.

18%

Y

leyendo un año por encima del nivel de grado en Grado 1

↓ 78%



disminución en recomendaciones de Grado 1 para educación especial

La inscripción en escuelas autónomas decreció por

168 estudiantes

ahorrándole al Distrito



\$

2.3 MILLONES



# WCASD Preschool Parents Group

The West Chester Area School District Preschool Parents Group is a free program that offers educational and fun activities for preschool-aged children and education sessions for parents to attract and transition children and parents into the West Chester Area School District

## Our goal is to:

- ◇ **assist parents in preparing their children for school**
- ◇ **help families become familiar with the school district**
- ◇ **provide opportunities for parents to connect with other parents**



**Join us for educational parent presentations and fun events for kids.  
You can attend any event that interests you - there is no obligation.**

**Go to [www.wcasd.net](http://www.wcasd.net) and click on the Community tab  
Like us on Facebook @WCASDPreschool ParentsGroup**

If you have questions about the Preschool Parents Group contact  
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**Sign-up  
to receive emails  
from the WCASD  
PPG today!**