

Appomattox County Public Schools

Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

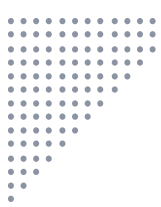
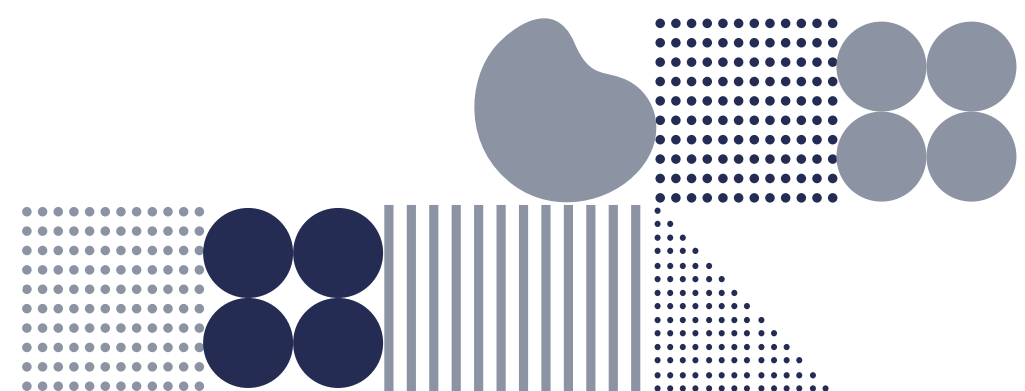
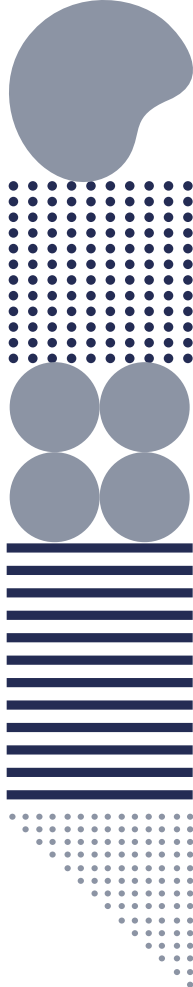
ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022



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2021-2022 Administration

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Division Superintendent

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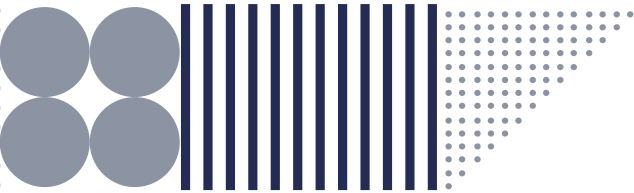
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Supervisor of Technology & Security

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Transportation Supervisor

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2021-2022 School Board Members

Mr. Bobby K. Waddell, *Board Chair*
Piney Mountain District

Mr. Wyatt K. Torrence, *Board Vice-Chair*
Appomattox River District

Mr. Gregory A. Smith
Courthouse District

Mr. Roger B. Stough
Falling River District

Mr. Jason L. Wells
Wreck Island District



FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

I do not know how to describe the 2021-2022 school year. In my 31 years as an educator, I have never experienced anything like it. My reflections include beginning the year with great anticipation that we would be able to return to full time instruction and focus on recovery only to be faced with the resurgence of the COVID-19 virus, universal mask mandates, contact tracing, student absences, and staffing challenges. Some students struggled to re-engage with us and extreme behaviors took behavior management and threat assessments to a brand new level.

It might be really easy to become overwhelmed and disillusioned if it were not for my other reflections on the positive aspects of the year. Some of these include the day masking became optional in January and we could see one another's smiles again. Our students have responded to direct instruction again and shown growth like never before. Additional counselors and truancy resources have responded to individual needs of students and families with outstanding results. Teachers and staff have been building and rebuilding relationships with students and families. Our students have excelled in extracurricular activities on ballfields, in gyms, and concert venues with regional and state recognition. Prom and graduation were held just as they have been in years past, and parents have been able to come back into our buildings for lunch, awards activities, and end of year celebrations.

In reflection, I hope members of the Appomattox community will join me in focusing on the challenges we have overcome, the creativity in problem solving we have observed, and the true spirit of appreciation we now have for the everyday occurrences that we might have once taken for granted. I could not be more proud of the resilience of our Raider Nation and this community of educators who show up everyday to invest in our youth. It is a privilege and honor to work with all of our community stakeholders.

ANNETTE A. BENNETT

Division Superintendent

Our Vision & Mission

*Productive Citizens
&
Success of All Students*



What is Our Mission?

All students, upon graduation from Appomattox County Public Schools, will have learned the skills to become productive citizens at local, state, national, and/or global levels and that all students learn in a safe, nurturing environment that engages all school personnel, students, parents, and community members as collaborative partners.

What is Our Vision?

All Appomattox County Public Schools' students will be provided the opportunities to be successful in his/her educational goals. We believe in the importance of actively involving all community stakeholders including families, students, staff, and community partners in our commitment to the success of all students.

2021-2022 Division Statistics



Graduation Rate: All Students

178 Graduates in the
Class of 2022



51% of the senior class
received Advanced
Diplomas

61% of CTE Completers
passed credentialing tests

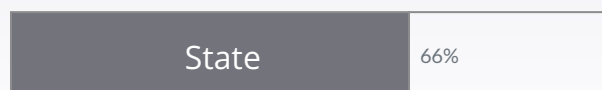
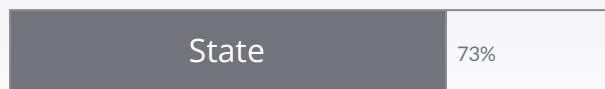


7 State Licenses Earned
via CTE

Reading Performance: All Students



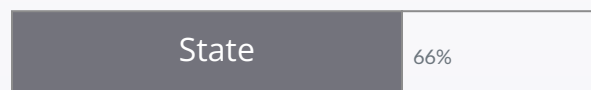
Math Performance: All Students



Science Performance: All Students



History Performance: All Students



23% of Students
Enrolled in Advanced Programs

All Students qualified for Free
Breakfast and Lunch



2021-2022 District Demographics

66% White

21% Black

9% Multiple Races

4% Other



43% of Teachers
Hold a Master's Degree



Mode of Instruction:
In Person

Remote for COVID
Related absences

2021-2022

Excellence at ACPS

Appomattox Primary School



Cards for Soldiers

Students in Kindergarten collected toiletries and made cards for soldiers returning from deployment during the holidays.



Book Fair Parents Night

Little Farmers Day

Friday, April 22, 2022, the ACHS FFA members came to host their 10th Annual Little Farmer's Day! APS Students rotated through stations set up outside and were able to learn about several animals, including horses, pigs, sheep, goats, cows, and chickens. Several of the activities were hands-on and provided the students with wonderful learning opportunities. Thank you ACHS FFA!!



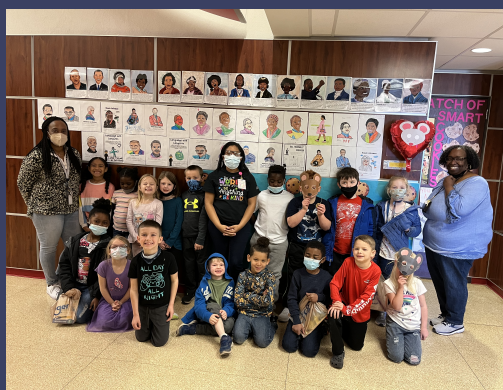
Rock Your School

Numerous activities focused on strengthening APS pride within the building. School-wide pep rally with the ACHS football team and cheerleaders. Classroom decorating contests.



Celebrating Black History Month

Our students spent the month of February celebrating African American heroes that have paved the way for our past, present, and future generations. Pictures were displayed on the classroom doors, students colored pictures that were displayed on the Main Hall, and biographies were displayed to help students learn important facts about many African Americans.





Derby Day



Friday, May 6th, 2022, APS celebrated Derby Day with fancy hats, derby attire and a few horse races! The rainy weather couldn't dampen the excitement - we just moved our races indoors and the kids cheered wildly for their teachers and administrators! Our generous PTO treated our hard-working teachers to an amazing spread of hors d'oeuvres and mint tea and everyone enjoyed all of the fun!

Celebrating 100 Days of School

APS celebrated the 100th Day of School on Monday, January 31, 2022! Activities ranged from Lollipop/100 Licks Challenges to using sponge daubers to mark 100 dots for 100 days to making 100 days necklaces with Fruit Loops.



ACHS Advanced PE Class Activity

Friday, April 29th, 2022, our students who participated in the APS Spring Fundraiser were treated to a fun reward day that was organized and sponsored by our amazing librarian, Mrs. Chavis, and our PTO! Students who met certain fundraising goals enjoyed an ice cream sundae or popsicle and also spent the morning rotating through outdoor activities at three different stations. Stations were run by the Advanced PE students from ACHS and included soccer, kickball, sidewalk chalk and jump ropes. Everybody had a great time!



Appomattox Elementary School

Rocket Lab

Mrs. Irby's classes participated in a Rocket Lab, in which students were able to follow the scientific method to build, launch, and measure the results of personal rockets.



Girls on the Run

AES celebrates our Girls on the Run program, coached by volunteers Emily Castillo, Misty Nolen, Erin Elliott, and Jordan Eagle.



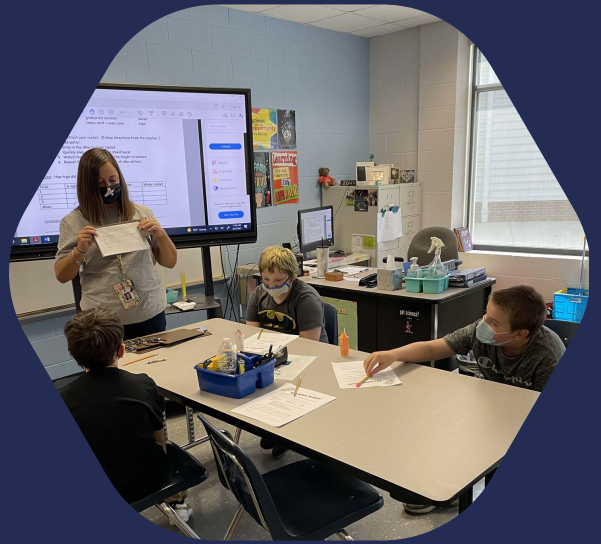
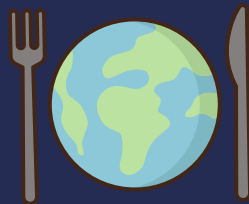
AES C.A.R.E.S.!

During the month of November, our guidance counselors taught lessons on what it means to be truly thankful. Students filled our tree with leaves of blessings they are thankful for in their lives.



International Kids's Magazine

Some of our AES Students are representing the USA as part of this edition of the International Kids' Magazine. Children in Taiwan, Japan, Spain, Turkey, and India are also participants.



Hanging out with Mrs. Ranson

Many of our classrooms are "hanging out" with Mrs. Ranson this year, as she shares experiences with science and math.



Read Across America Week

In celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America Week, AES celebrated across classrooms



Kindness Month



February was "Kindness Month" at AES, and many things were happening. Thanks to our guidance counselors, Karen Richardson and Amy Rostan, there was a school-wide emphasis, which included classroom lessons, "Kindness Calendar" activities, and friendly challenges for classrooms to meet goals reaching out to others with "random" acts of kindness.



AES Scientists are Making History

This year over 80 students submitted voluntary science fair projects as part of the 4-H Extension Science Fair project hosted every year. This was our highest year of participation ever. Blue Ribbon winners went to Regional Competitions, and excelled there as well!



Appomattox Middle School



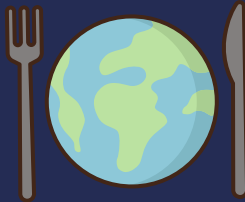
Social-Emotional Learning (SEL)

AMS Students started off their year at AMS by spending some time in SEL and discovering the importance of the skills. The five areas of SEL AMS worked on were: self-awareness, self-management, responsible decision making, social awareness and relationship building.



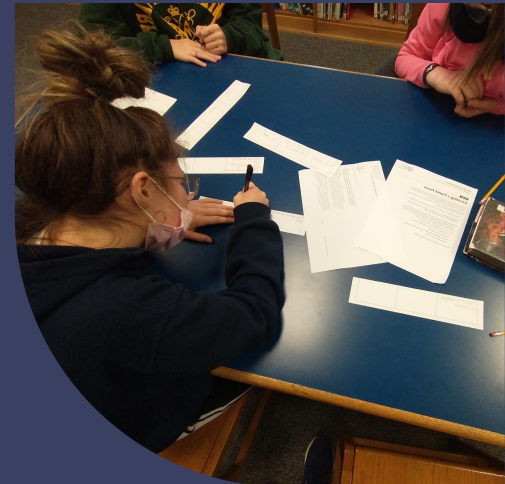
AMS SCA Supports our Community

We recognized our military veterans on Veterans Day. We provided cookies for those in attendance and shared an encouraging tribute. The SCA sponsored a canned food drive. The students and staff collected over 750 items to be shared among those in need.



Lessons in the Library

Students don't come to the library just to check out books. In December, our students participated in musical book tastings where they got to spend time with four random books in between walking around the tables to music.



7th grade ALPS students created and tested ball runs made only from construction paper and painter's tape. Their goal: the longest path time for a ping pong ball.

Advanced Learners Program



New Members Inducted into the National Junior Honor Society

AMS Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society inducted 52 new members. Congratulations to these students.



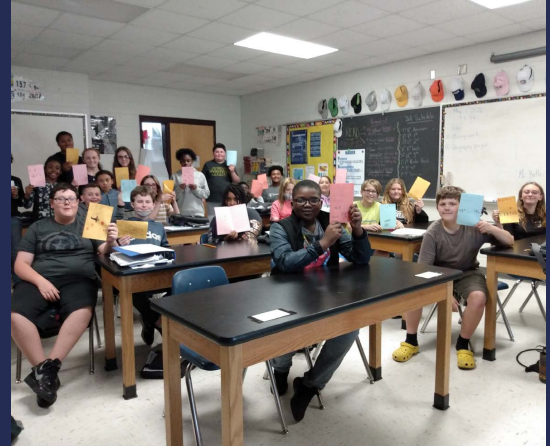


8th Graders Participate in Watershed Field Trip

Eighth-Grade Science Students had the opportunity to participate in hands-on James River watershed activities at River's Edge Park in Madison Heights, VA. Students worked with natural resource professionals from the James River Association and Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District. The trip consisted of three stations in which students engaged in water quality monitoring, kayaking/canoeing, and watershed games. This trip was completely grant-funded and a great opportunity for experiential learning.

Birthday Cards for Tuskegee Airman

6th Grade Language Arts Classes read about the Tuskegee Airman, The Red Tails, and their contribution during WWII. The class learned about Retired Sgt. Victor Butler who served as a mechanic for the Red Tails during the war. Mr. Butler turned 100 on May 21st and he requested birthday cards from people around the country. AMS is happy to report that he will be receiving about 60 birthday cards to help celebrate his special milestone.



Appomattox County High School

Grand Champions



2021
41st Annual
Brick Capital Classic
Sanford, NC
Back to Back
Grand Champions

New Marching Raiders Uniforms



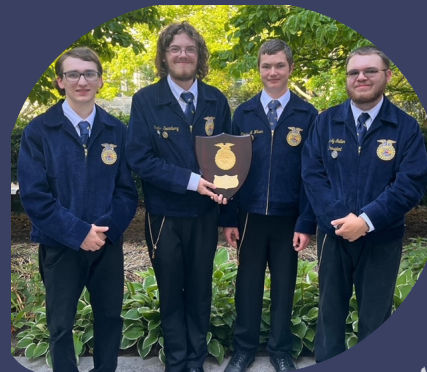
The Appomattox Marching Raiders are excited to have brand new uniforms to showcase their hard work and talent!

FFA National Chapter Award Winner Back to Back Champions!



This award recognizes our Chapter's commitment to building communities, strengthening agriculture, and growing leaders.

FFA Appomattox State Champions



First Place
Agricultural
Mechanics Team



2022 Raiders' Softball Team
Class 2 - Back to Back
State Champions



7% of Students
Participated in
Dual Enrollment



2022 Raiders' Baseball Team
Class 2
State Champions



National Honor Society

ACHS Chapter of the
National Honor Society
inducted 35 new members.
Congratulations to these
students.



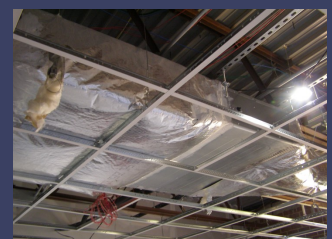
2022
Indoor Track 4X200 Meter Relay
Region 2C
State Champions

Site Work:

High School Renovation in Pictures:



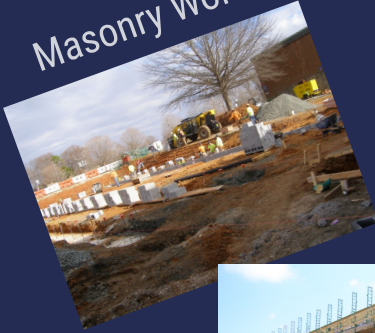
HVAC:



Old Admin Space:



Masonry Work:



New Building:



Cafeteria:



Windows:



Current Pictures:



2022-2023 Budget Projections

Budget Expenditures 2022-2023 (Fund 1 - General Fund)

% of Total
Budget

Instruction	\$ 21,135,666	71.15
Administration/Attendance/Health	\$ 1,396,172	4.70
Transportation	\$ 2,186,346	7.36
Operations and Maintenance	\$ 2,937,902	9.89
Technology	\$ 2,049,699	6.90
Total	\$ 29,705,785	100.00
Food Services	\$ 1,530,000	

Budgeted Revenues 2022-2023 (Fund 1 - General Fund)

% of Total
Budget

State - Standard of Quality Accounts	\$ 15,648,026	52.68
State - Incentive Programs	\$ 3,904,586	13.14
State - Categorical Program	\$ 26,860	0.09
State - Lottery Funded Programs	\$ 1,973,988	6.65
State Revenue Total	\$ 21,553,460	72.56
Federal Revenue (projected)	\$ 1,375,849	4.63
County Revenue	\$ 6,776,476	22.81
Other Revenue (projected)		
Total	\$ 29,705,785	100.00
Food Services	\$ 1,530,000	

Per Pupil Expenditures - Budgeted

Source	2022-2023	
State	\$ 9,566.56	
Federal	\$ 610.67	
Local	\$ 3,007.76	
Total	\$ 13,184.99	