

2009-2010 Profile

Salem High School

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Mission Statement

The Salem High School community is united in educating all of its students for the future by encouraging students

- To Succeed
- To Achieve
- To Lead
- To Excel
- To Mature

History of the School

Salem High School, on South Lynnhaven Parkway, is built on a 50-acre site acquired by the School Board in 1985. Construction of the 258,862 square foot building began in July, 1987. The school, which contains 85 classrooms, an auditorium, a large lecture hall, a large gym, and two auxiliary gyms, opened on September 5, 1989, to a capacity enrollment of just over 2,000 students. A student committee selected the name, SunDevils, to represent Salem High School in the spring of 1989. The school colors are scarlet, black, silver, and white. A life-sized school mascot was unveiled during the 1991-1992 school year. The "Sunny" fan is depicted on school sweatshirts and athletic programs. The Visual and Performing Arts Academy became an integral part of Salem High in September of 2004.

School and Community Information:

Salem High School is one of eleven high schools in the Virginia Beach City School System. It is a comprehensive high school housing grades 9-12. Located in the southwest part of the city, it draws students from a diversity of neighborhoods. Students are required to enroll in six subjects during the day; each subject meets every other day for 90 minutes. The broad-based curriculum is designed to meet/accommodate a wide variety of students' needs and plans. Students can attend alternative educational programs including the Advanced Technology Center, Technical and Career Education Center, Virginia Beach Central Academy and Open Campus evening credit program.

Student Population

Total enrollment	1901
Ninth Grade	497
Tenth Grade	515
Eleventh Grade	485
Twelfth Grade	404

Graduate Profile

40.6 % four-year college
56.7 % two-year college
1.7 % business/technical
1.0 % employment

Curriculum

Honors Courses:
 English 9, 10, 11, 12

Advanced Placement Courses:
 English and composition, Literature and Composition, U.S. History, Government, Human Geography, Psychology, European History, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Calculus, Statistics, Studio Art, French, Spanish, German, and Latin.

Dual Enrollment:
 English 12

Academy Program:
 The Visual and Performing Arts

Gifted Program:
 Governor's School for the Arts

Distribution of cumulative average:
 Final GPA and class rank is computed at the end of the senior year. A tentative GPA/Rank is computed at the end of the junior year.

Class of 2009

4.0 and above	1.6%
3.5 - 3.99	10.2%
3.0 - 3.49	19.8%
2.5 - 2.99	22.5%
2.0 - 2.49	23.5%
1.5 - 1.99	14.9%
1.0 - 1.49	6.5%
Below 1.0	1.0%

National Merit Program:

The Class of:	2009
Finalists.....	1
Commended.....	2

National Achievement Program:

The Class of:	2008	2009
Finalist	1	1

AP Scholar Awards

The Class of:	2008	2009
Scholar w/Dist.	4	4
Scholar w/Honors	5	4
Scholar	25	20

The mean SAT scores for Salem High School, Virginia Beach City Public Schools, and the nation are as follow:

	2007/2008			2008/2009		
	Verbal	Math	Writing	Verbal	Math	Writing
Salem HS	461	495	486	476	491	458
Virginia Beach	500	510	484	503	511	486
State	499	512	511	511	512	498
National	494	515	502	501	515	493

Fifty-seven percent of the students who took the Advanced Placement exams in 2009 scored a three, four, or five.



VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A H E A D O F T H E C U R V E

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Mission Statement: The Virginia Beach City Public Schools, in partnership with the entire community, will empower every student to become a life-long learner who is a responsible, productive, and engaged citizen within the global community.

School and Community Information:

Virginia Beach is one of the top 50 largest school systems in the nation with a total enrollment of nearly 70,000 students. Twelve percent of the students are identified as gifted and twelve percent are in special education programs. The Virginia Beach City Public Schools includes eleven four-year comprehensive high schools, the Technical and Career Education Center, the Advanced Technology Center, an International Baccalaureate Program, a Mathematics and Science Academy, a Technology Academy, a Legal Studies Academy, a Health Sciences Academy, a Visual and Performing Arts Academy, a Global Studies Academy, Adult Learning Center, and three alternative centers. Virginia Beach is located in the southeastern corner of Virginia along the Atlantic Ocean. The city of over 420,000 people is the state's largest city and represents a blend of farmland, resort area, and suburban development. Four major military bases are located within the city boundaries, and approximately 23 percent of the public school students are military dependents.

Accreditation: All Virginia Beach high schools are accredited by the Southern Association of Secondary Colleges and Schools.

Curriculum: Virginia Beach City Public Schools offers a comprehensive instructional high school program design to meet the needs of a diversified student population. Emphasis is placed upon courses that prepare students to be effective citizens who are able to continue their education and/or enter the world of work.

Graduation Requirements: Students in Grade 12 have the option of earning an Advanced Studies Diploma, requiring twenty-four credits and 9 verified credits, a Standard Diploma, requiring twenty-two credits and 6 verified credits, a Modified Standard Diploma requiring twenty credits with literacy and numeracy requirements, or a Special Diploma by completing the curricula as established by their individualized education plan (IEP).

Advanced Studies Diploma

<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Credits Needed For Graduation</u>
English	4
Mathematics	4
Laboratory Science	4
Social Studies	4
Foreign Language	3
3 years of one language or 2 years each of 2 languages	
Health & Physical Education	2
Fine Arts or Career Technical Ed	1
Electives	2
Total Units	24

Standard Diploma

<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Credits Needed For Graduation</u>
English	4
Mathematics	3
Laboratory Science	3
Social Studies	3
Health & Physical Education	2
Fine Arts or Career Technical Ed	1
Electives	6
Total Units	22

Modified Standard Diploma

<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Credits Needed For Graduation</u>
English	4
Mathematics	3
Laboratory Science	2
Social Studies	2
Health & Physical Education	2
Fine Arts or Practical Arts	1
Electives	6
Total Units	20

Note: When students below the ninth grade successfully complete courses offered for credit in grades 9-12, credit is counted toward meeting the units required for graduation.

Graduates: Eighty-four percent of the June 2008 high school graduates indicate they are continuing their education as follows:

- 48 percent four-year colleges
- 28 percent two-year colleges
- 8 percent business/technical schools

Grading System and Class Ranking:

The academic year is on a semester system with two nine-week grading periods each semester.

In Virginia Beach City Public Schools, the grading scale is as follows:

<u>Symbols</u>	<u>Scale</u>	<u>Value</u>
A	100-94	4.0
B	93-86	3.0
C	85-78	2.0
D	77 - 70	1.0
E	Below 70	0.0
W	Withdrawn Failing	0.0
I	Incomplete	0.0
N	Excessive Absences	0.0

Class ranking is computed by averaging the above listed values. All credit-bearing courses through the second semester of the senior year are included in the computation. After the grade point average has been determined, bonus credit is added for advanced placement courses and specifically approved courses such as International Baccalaureate.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Semester Course</u>	<u>Year Course</u>
A	.0244	.0488
B	.0183	.0366
C	.0122	.0244
D	.0061	.0122
E	0	0

A student with a cumulative grade point average of 3.000 or higher will be considered an honor graduate.