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# Duke University School Research Partnership Manual for Researchers

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# Duke University School Research Partnership

## I. Introduction

The Duke University School Research Partnership (SRP) was established with support from the Office of the Provost and the Center for Child and Family Policy in 2006. The mission of SRP is to facilitate collaboration between Duke and area school districts to create and maintain mutually beneficial relationships. SRP strives to assist researchers with obtaining approval to conduct school-related studies. This function streamlines processes with the goal of maximizing the benefits of the research conducted for school districts, schools, K-12 students, and Duke researchers. Researchers may include faculty, staff, and students from Duke University, Duke University Medical Center, and other organizations collaborating with Duke on research projects.

This manual provides a brief guide to conducting research with school districts located in close proximity to Duke. If you desire information about, or assistance with, other districts, please contact SRP. The manual includes the following sections:

- Introduction
- SRP services and activities
- Considerations for obtaining support to conduct research in schools
- Information on selected school systems, such as:
  - makeup of the student population
  - the number of schools
  - links to websites where one can find more detailed information about districts, schools, test score data, etc.
  - school district contacts for inquiring about conducting research in those districts

## II. SRP Services and Activities

SRP works to support researchers across Duke in their efforts to initiate and carry out research in school districts and schools. SRP's services for Duke researchers include:

- Providing information about research proposals for nearby school districts.
- Facilitating access to information about research projects for school districts and charter schools in other areas of North Carolina.
- Guidance on strategies for presenting proposed research projects to districts and/or schools to maximize the potential benefits for both the researcher and the district/school and to increase the likelihood that the proposal will be accepted.
- Assistance with proposal submissions to school districts.
- Assistance with identifying schools likely to be a good fit for studies, following approval of the research by the district.
- Ongoing relationship development between Duke and school district/school representatives.

Researchers are not required to consult with SRP as part of the process of submitting their proposals to school districts or schools. We encourage you, however, to contact SRP as we may be able to provide various types of assistance depending on the case. The earlier you let us know that you intend to pursue a schools-related research project, the more likely it is that we will be able to help.

Even if you do not request assistance from SRP, we would appreciate learning about your proposed project and whether it is approved. This will help us stay informed about Duke's overall presence in schools as well as the success rate for research proposals. It will also help identify potential partners for future research proposals and Duke-school partnerships.

A key component of SRP's efforts is to ensure that school districts and schools benefit from the studies in which they participate. SRP's services for school districts and schools include:

- Hosting education-related events for the Duke community, school district stakeholders, and community and state leaders.
- Disseminating research findings via print and online publications.
- Ongoing relationship development between Duke and school district/school representatives.

For further information, visit:

<https://childandfamilypolicy.duke.edu/engagement/school-research-partnership/>

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### **III. Considerations for obtaining support to conduct research in schools**

School systems are understandably concerned with the impact a study may have on instructional and staff time. Although the time commitment will be important factors in the types of studies that districts will support, there is significant variability in the type of research that will be acceptable to different districts. A study that would not be approved in one district may very well be supported in another.

The districts for which information is provided in this manual range from large urban districts to relatively small rural districts and vary considerably in the degree to which decisions are made by individual schools versus central office administrators. Thus, an important role that SRP can play is helping faculty, researchers, and graduate students identify school systems that are most likely to be receptive to their proposal.

The remainder of this document provides school district background and information about how to request approval for a research study in the Durham Public Schools, all of the districts that border Durham (Chapel Hill-Carrboro, Chatham, Granville, Orange, Person, and Wake), and Johnston and Charlotte-Mecklenburg because of past faculty interest in those districts. We also include the following school districts: Alamance, Cumberland, New Hanover, and Pender.

### **Conducting research in other North Carolina counties and nationally**

The majority of school districts in North Carolina are much smaller than the Durham, Charlotte-Mecklenburg, and Wake districts and do not have formal offices of research and evaluation to field research applications from researchers. SRP can help determine the appropriate staff involved in reviewing research applications within particular school districts.

In some cases, school districts without a formal research office and those that are not in close proximity to Duke and other research institutions may be more amenable to approving

research study requests because they are less likely to receive as many requests as the larger, closer districts.

To pursue research studies in other states, in addition to going directly to the state(s) and district(s) of interest, there are multiple sources of information about individual districts and conducting school-based research, including the following:

- <http://nces.ed.gov/Globallocator/> The National Center for Education Statistics' site allows searches of public and private schools by zip code and distance from zip code. Search results include information such as school type (public, private, charter), size, demographics, and free and reduced lunch enrollment.

#### **IV. Information on selected school systems**

This section includes an overview of selected school districts and their policies regarding research. Durham is listed first, followed by other districts in alphabetical order.

If you would like to submit an application for research in a North Carolina public school system, we encourage you to contact SRP to discuss whether we can assist you. You may also wish to directly contact the relevant office for the system(s) where you hope to conduct the research. Some systems have staff who are responsible for reviewing and approving research applications.

Note: The information available for each district may differ. In addition, extensive information about individual school districts is available at the N.C. Department of Public Instruction website, <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/>. You may also be interested in the North Carolina Education Research Data Center, housed at Duke's Center for Child and Family Policy, <https://childandfamilypolicy.duke.edu/north-carolina-education-research-data/>.

The information contained in this document stems from conversations with school district personnel and information from the districts' websites. Please verify the accuracy of individual district's forms and policies as changes may have occurred. Also, please remember that the School Research Partnership is available to assist you in preparing your research application and in helping you get your study placed.

Contact Leslie Babinski – [leslie.babinski@duke.edu](mailto:leslie.babinski@duke.edu) – for assistance.

## DURHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS – OVERVIEW

<p><b>ADDRESS/PHONE</b>          511 Cleveland Street          P.O. Box 30002          Durham, NC 27702          (919) 560-3749</p>	<p><a href="http://www.dpsnc.net">www.dpsnc.net</a></p>
<p><b>SUPERINTENDENT</b>          Catty Moore (Interim)          (919) 560-3749  <a href="mailto:Catty_Moore@dpsnc.net">Catty_Moore@dpsnc.net</a></p> <p>Luvenia Foster, Executive Assistant  <a href="mailto:Luvenia_Foster@dpsnc.net">Luvenia_Foster@dpsnc.net</a></p>	<p><a href="https://www.dpsnc.net/domain/76">https://www.dpsnc.net/domain/76</a></p>
<p><b>KEY CONTACT(S) FOR RESEARCH</b></p> <p>Refer to website at right for current information.</p> <p>Dr. Albert Royster, Executive Director of Research &amp; Accountability          Email: <a href="mailto:Albert_Royster@dpsnc.net">Albert_Royster@dpsnc.net</a> (Always copy Meredith Mooney (<a href="mailto:Meredith_Mooney@dpsnc.net">Meredith_Mooney@dpsnc.net</a>))          Phone: 919-560-2000 ex. 21212</p> <p>Direct inquires and completed applications to:</p> <p>Meredith Mooney (<a href="mailto:Meredith_Mooney@dpsnc.net">Meredith_Mooney@dpsnc.net</a>)          Administrative Assistant to Executive Director, Al Royster Jr., Ed.</p> <p>Department of Research &amp; Accountability          511 Cleveland Street          Durham, NC 27701          Phone: (919) 560-2000, extension 21027          Email: <a href="mailto:Meredith_Mooney@dpsnc.net">Meredith_Mooney@dpsnc.net</a></p>	<p><a href="https://www.dpsnc.net/domain/149">https://www.dpsnc.net/domain/149</a></p> <p>This page provides information on conducting research in DPS and links to the necessary application forms.</p>

<p><b>SCHOOLS (# AND TYPE)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 31 elementary</li> <li>• 9 middle</li> <li>• 1 K-8</li> <li>• 2 secondary (grades 6-12)</li> <li>• 10 high</li> <li>• 1 alternative</li> <li>• 1 hospital</li> <li>• 1 virtual academy</li> <li>• 56 total</li> </ul>	<p><a href="https://www.dpsnc.net/domain/78">https://www.dpsnc.net/domain/78</a></p>
<p><b>STUDENTS (#)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30,901 total enrollment</li> </ul> <p>Information taken from the Public Schools of North Carolina Statistical Profile:  <a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216::NO::">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216::NO::</a>  :</p>	<p><b>STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS:</b>  American Indian: 41  Asian: 652  Hispanic/Latino: 11,316  Black: 11,483  White: 6,024  Two or More Races: 1,823  Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 20</p> <p><a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216::NO::">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216::NO::</a> (enter 2024 as the year; default is 2011)</p>
<p><b>DATA</b> (including demographic, enrollment, and test score data)</p>	<p>Facts &amp; Figures about Durham Public Schools:  <a href="https://www.dpsnc.net/domain/78">https://www.dpsnc.net/domain/78</a></p> <p>Demographic/Enrollment Numbers:  <a href="https://www.dpsnc.net/site/Default.aspx?PageID=324">https://www.dpsnc.net/site/Default.aspx?PageID=324</a></p> <p>Public Schools of North Carolina Statistical Profile:  <a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216::NO::">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216::NO::</a> (search for Durham and enter 2024 as the year; default is 2011)</p> <p>NC DPI School Report Cards:  <a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards</a></p> <p>Visit NC Department of Public Instruction website at <a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports</a></p>



### ***Conducting Research in Durham Public Schools***

If you are interested in conducting research in the Durham Public Schools (DPS), we encourage you to contact SRP to discuss whether we can assist you. ***DPS strongly requests that applications be reviewed by the School Research Partnership before being submitted to DPS.*** This can facilitate your application approval.

Durham Public Schools has an application procedure for requesting approval to conduct research with their students and/or staff populations. Please review the application deadlines and other instructions at <https://www.dpsnc.net/Page/458>

It is also important to note that DPS charges \$100 to review an application to conduct research.

Please also note:

**“In addition, DPS automatically disqualifies the following types of research applications: Undergraduate and Master's research studies as well as external doctoral research studies. DPS does allow and accept internal doctoral research study applications.”** (as per [DPS Board of Education Policy 5230](#))

*Researchers should not contact principals or schools prior to having their application officially approved by DPS.*

## ALAMANCE-BURLINGTON SCHOOL SYSTEM – OVERVIEW

<p><b>ADDRESS/PHONE</b>          1712 Vaughn Road,          Burlington, NC 27217-2916          (336) 570-6060 (P)          (336) 570-6218 (F)  <a href="mailto:communityrelations@abss.k12.nc.us">communityrelations@abss.k12.nc.us</a></p>	<p><a href="https://www.abss.k12.nc.us/">https://www.abss.k12.nc.us/</a></p>
<p><b>SUPERINTENDENT</b>          Dr. Bill Harrison (Interim)  <a href="mailto:bill_harrison@abss.k12.nc.us">bill_harrison@abss.k12.nc.us</a>          Phone: 336-438-4002</p>	<p><a href="https://www.abss.k12.nc.us/page/superintendent-information">https://www.abss.k12.nc.us/page/superintendent-information</a></p>
<p><b>KEY CONTACT(S) FOR RESEARCH</b>          Revonda Johnson          Chief Academic Officer          (336) 438-4000 ext. 20070  <a href="mailto:revonda_johnson@abss.k12.nc.us">revonda_johnson@abss.k12.nc.us</a></p>	<p>Prior to beginning any proposed research and/or survey of students or staff members in the district, researchers must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Familiarize themselves with ABSS Board Policy 4720 (<a href="#">Student Surveys</a>) and 5230 (<a href="#">Research Projects</a>).</li> <li>2. Complete the <a href="#">Application for Permission to Conduct Research</a>.</li> <li>3. Receive a signed letter of approval from the Alamance-Burlington School System and comply with each of its provisions.</li> </ol> <p>Detailed instructions available at this page:  <a href="https://www.abss.k12.nc.us/page/conducting-research-in-abss">https://www.abss.k12.nc.us/page/conducting-research-in-abss</a></p>
<p><b>SCHOOLS (# AND TYPE)*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 elementary schools (K-5)</li> <li>• 7 middle schools (grades 6-8)</li> <li>• 7 traditional high schools (grades 9-12)</li> <li>• Alamance-Burlington Early College (on the campus of Alamance Community College)</li> <li>• Alamance-Burlington Career and Technical Education Center</li> <li>• Ray Street Academy (alternative learning for grades K-12)</li> <li>• Alamance Virtual School</li> </ul>	<p><a href="https://www.abss.k12.nc.us/">https://www.abss.k12.nc.us/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check “School” dropdown</li> </ul>

<p><b>STUDENTS (#)</b> 22,171 students in 2023-2024</p> <p>Information taken from the Public Schools of North Carolina Statistical Profile: <a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::</a></p>	<p>American Indian: 56 Asian: 388 Hispanic/Latino: 6,837 Black: 5,439 White: 7,791 Two or More Races: 1,635 Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 25</p> <p><a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::</a> (enter 2024 as the year; default is 2011)</p>
<p><b>DATA</b> (including demographic, enrollment, and test score data)</p>	<p>NC DPI School Accounting and Reporting <a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/testing-and-school-accountability/school-accountability-and-reporting">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/testing-and-school-accountability/school-accountability-and-reporting</a></p> <p>North Carolina School Report Cards: <a href="https://ncreports.ondemand.sas.com/src/">https://ncreports.ondemand.sas.com/src/</a></p> <p>Visit NC Department of Public Instruction website at <a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports</a></p>

### Conducting Research in Alamance-Burlington Schools

(From <https://www.abss.k12.nc.us/page/conducting-research-in-abss>, as of 10/11/2023)

The Alamance-Burlington School System welcomes periodic cooperation with individuals and agencies wishing to conduct research in the school system insofar as the proposed research is likely to result in improved services to students without detracting from the educational mission of the school.

*Research requests will be reviewed on the last Friday of each month. Research requests will not be approved after September 15 for the fall semester or February 15 for the spring semester.*

**Please note:** Alamance-Burlington School System receives a large number of research requests. Approval is not guaranteed, even when the proposal complies with ABSS Board Policies 4720 and/or 5230. Please allow sufficient lead time for approval. Many projects require Board approval, and most require significant groundwork during the approval process to ensure policy compliance and a good match between the researcher's project and appropriate research site and subjects.

Please contact [revonda\\_johnson@abss.k12.nc.us](mailto:revonda_johnson@abss.k12.nc.us) if you have additional questions or need to provide additional documentation.

## CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO CITY SCHOOLS – OVERVIEW

<p><b>ADDRESS/PHONE</b>          750 S. Merritt Mill Rd.          Chapel Hill, NC, 27516          (919) 967-8211 (P)          (919) 933-4560 (F)</p>	<p><a href="https://www.chccs.org/">https://www.chccs.org/</a></p>
<p><b>SUPERINTENDENT</b>          Dr. Nyah Hamlett          (919) 967-8211 x 28226  <a href="mailto:superintendent@chccs.k12.nc.us">superintendent@chccs.k12.nc.us</a></p>	<p><a href="https://www.chccs.org/domain/1054">https://www.chccs.org/domain/1054</a></p>
<p><b>KEY CONTACT(S) FOR RESEARCH</b>          Diane N. Villwock, Ph.D.          Executive Director, Assessment &amp; Research          (919) 967-8211, ext. 22409  <a href="mailto:dvillwock@chccs.k12.nc.us">dvillwock@chccs.k12.nc.us</a></p>	<p>The pages below provide detailed information on submitting requests to conduct research in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.</p> <p><a href="https://www.chccs.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1174">https://www.chccs.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1174</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.chccs.org/domain/2488">https://www.chccs.org/domain/2488</a></p>
<p><b>SCHOOLS (# AND TYPE)*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11 <a href="#">elementary</a> schools</li> <li>• 4 middle schools</li> <li>• 4 high schools</li> <li>• 1 specialty school: UNC Hospital School (school for young people being treated at UNC Hospital)</li> <li>• 1 virtual learning academy</li> </ul>	<p>Overview:  <a href="https://www.chccs.org/Page/11087">https://www.chccs.org/Page/11087</a>          (and hover over “Our Schools” button)</p> <p>School Data Profiles Report: <a href="#">Microsoft Power BI</a></p>
<p><b>STUDENTS (#)</b>          11,219 students in 2023-2024</p> <p>Information taken from the Public Schools of North Carolina Statistical Profile:  <a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO::">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO::</a></p>	<p>American Indian: 12          Asian: 1,463          Hispanic/Latino: 2,084          Black: 1,308          White: 5,505          Two or More Races: 844          Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 3</p> <p><a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO::">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO::</a> (enter 2024 as the school year; default is 2011)</p>

<p><b>DATA</b> (including demographic, enrollment, and test score data)</p>	<p>School Report:  <a href="https://www.chccs.org/Page/8454">https://www.chccs.org/Page/8454</a></p> <p>NC DPI School Report Card:  <a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards</a></p> <p>Visit NC Department of Public Instruction website at <a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports</a></p>
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***Conducting Research in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools***

If you are interested in conducting research in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro school system, we encourage you to contact SRP to discuss whether we can assist you.

Researchers who wish to work with the District's students and/or staff, as subjects in their research, must submit an:

- electronic copy of their IRB packet
- copy of the signed cover sheet showing IRB approval

Email submissions to:

Dr. Diane Villwock  
 Executive Director, Assessment & Research  
[dvillwock@chccs.k12.nc.us](mailto:dvillwock@chccs.k12.nc.us)  
 919-967-8211 x 22409

## CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOLS – OVERVIEW

<p><b>ADDRESS/PHONE</b>  Mailing Address:  P.O. Box 30035  Charlotte, NC 28230-0035  (980) 343-3000 (P)</p>	<p><a href="https://www.cmsk12.org/">https://www.cmsk12.org/</a></p>
<p><b>SUPERINTENDENT</b>  Dr. Crystal L. Hill  <a href="mailto:superintendent@cms.k12.nc.us">superintendent@cms.k12.nc.us</a>  4421 Stuart Andrew Blvd.  Charlotte, NC 28217  (980) 343-3000</p>	<p>Superintendent:  <a href="https://www.cmsk12.org/domain/101">https://www.cmsk12.org/domain/101</a></p> <p>Leadership team:  <a href="https://www.cmsk12.org/Page/110">https://www.cmsk12.org/Page/110</a></p>
<p><b>KEY CONTACT(S) FOR RESEARCH</b>  Lynne Robinson, Executive Director of Strategic Planning and Research  (980) 343-1609 (P)  <a href="mailto:lynne1.robinson@cms.k12.nc.us">lynne1.robinson@cms.k12.nc.us</a></p>	<p>Detailed instructions are available here:  <a href="https://www.cmsk12.org/Page/174">https://www.cmsk12.org/Page/174</a></p> <p>and here:  <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1koy-Jn9QGezj25QtJX8maY95hqXcgHyO/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1koy-Jn9QGezj25QtJX8maY95hqXcgHyO/view</a></p>
<p><b>SCHOOLS (# AND TYPE)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 102 elementary schools</li> <li>• 44 middle schools</li> <li>• 34 high schools</li> <li>• 4 alternative schools</li> <li>• 184 total schools</li> </ul>	<p><a href="https://www.cmsk12.org/Page/8963">https://www.cmsk12.org/Page/8963</a></p>
<p><b>STUDENTS (#)</b>  141,217 students in 2023-2024</p> <p>Information taken from the Public Schools of North Carolina Statistical Profile:  <a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::</a></p>	<p>American Indian: 278  Asian: 9,858  Hispanic/Latino: 41,640  Black: 50,421  White: 34,191  Two or More Races: 4,638  Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 191</p> <p><a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::</a> (enter 2024 as year; default is 2011)</p>
<p><b>DATA</b> (including demographic, enrollment, and test score data)</p>	<p>Data Request Link: <a href="#">Data Request Form (cms.k12.nc.us)</a></p> <p>District Report Card:</p>

	<p><a href="https://www.cmsk12.org/district-report-card">https://www.cmsk12.org/district-report-card</a></p> <p>NC School Report Card:  <a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards</a></p>
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***Conducting Research in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools***

If you are interested in conducting research in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, we encourage you to contact SRP to discuss whether we can assist you. The key contacts for research noted in the above table can provide advice about research feasibility and review/approve research applications. Research applications to CMS typically take approximately 30 days from submission to decision but may take longer.

Note from CMS:

**We strongly encourage researchers to contact a district level staff member from the appropriate department when you are selecting your research topic. The district level staff can help develop your research questions to align with district priorities so that the study would provide actionable information. Please note this will not ensure your application will be approved but is a crucial first step.**

**We strongly recommend that researchers review the CMS [Research Guidelines](#) research before planning their research study.**

To avoid duplicative research, please see the document below of Ongoing and Recently Completed Research Studies. We will likely deny any studies similar to studies on this list. If you would like more information on any of these studies to determine if your study might be duplicative, contact [Susie Freije](#), who will provide a copy of the research questions and proposal summary.

- [Ongoing and Recently Completed Research Studies](#)

## CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS – OVERVIEW

<p><b>ADDRESS/PHONE</b>          468 Renaissance Dr., P.O. Box 128          Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312          (919) 542-3626 (P)          (919) 542-1980 (F)</p>	<p><a href="https://www.chatham.k12.nc.us/">https://www.chatham.k12.nc.us/</a></p>
<p><b>SUPERINTENDENT</b>          Dr. Anthony D. Jackson, Superintendent  <a href="mailto:ajackson@chatham.k12.nc.us">ajackson@chatham.k12.nc.us</a></p> <p>Mrs. Kristin C. Guthrie          Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent  <a href="mailto:kguthrie@chatham.k12.nc.us">kguthrie@chatham.k12.nc.us</a>          (919) 542-3626 (P)</p>	<p><a href="https://www.chatham.k12.nc.us/Page/20868">https://www.chatham.k12.nc.us/Page/20868</a></p>
<p><b>KEY CONTACT(S) FOR RESEARCH</b>          Dr. Amanda Hartness          Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services and Instructional Support Division          369 West Street          Pittsboro, NC 27312          (919) 542-3626 (P)  <a href="mailto:ahartness@chatham.k12.nc.us">ahartness@chatham.k12.nc.us</a></p>	<p><a href="http://www.chatham.k12.nc.us/domain/1608">http://www.chatham.k12.nc.us/domain/1608</a></p> <p>Board of Education policies:  <a href="https://boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=chatham_nc#&amp;&amp;hs=136278">https://boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=chatham_nc#&amp;&amp;hs=136278</a></p> <p>Any project involving the survey of students will be in compliance with applicable federal regulations as well as the district <a href="#">Research Process Guidelines</a></p>
<p><b>SCHOOLS (# AND TYPE)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 pre-k schools</li> <li>• 6 elementary schools</li> <li>• 5 K-8 schools</li> <li>• 3 middle schools</li> <li>• 4 traditional high schools</li> <li>• 1 alternative high school (SAGE Academy)</li> <li>• 1 Early College High School (the Chatham School of Science &amp; Engineering)</li> <li>• 1 fully online school (Virtual Academy at Chatham Central)</li> </ul> <p>*Data current as of 2022-2023 school year</p>	<p>Overviews of the school numbers and types can be found by going to the Chatham County Schools home page, hovering over Academics, and selecting Pre-Kindergarten, Elementary Education, Middle School, or High School.</p> <p>Links to individual school web sites are found on the home page, under the Schools drop-down menu.</p> <p><a href="https://www.chatham.k12.nc.us/">https://www.chatham.k12.nc.us/</a></p>



<p><b>STUDENTS (#)</b> 8,830 students in 2023-2024</p> <p>Information taken from Public Schools of North Carolina Statistical Profile: <a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::</a></p>	<p>American Indian: 13 Asian: 139 Hispanic/Latino: 2,822 Black: 949 White: 4,418 Two or More Races: 478 Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 11</p> <p><a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::</a> (enter 2024 as year; default is 2011)</p>
<p><b>DATA</b> (including demographic, enrollment, and test score data)</p> <p>School Testing Results: <a href="https://www.chatham.k12.nc.us/Page/20912">https://www.chatham.k12.nc.us/Page/20912</a></p> <p>First Ten Days, monthly, and historical enrollment information: <a href="https://www.chatham.k12.nc.us/Page/20910">https://www.chatham.k12.nc.us/Page/20910</a></p> <p>Demographic information on the school website: (current as of May 7, 2021) <a href="https://www.chatham.k12.nc.us/Page/23311">https://www.chatham.k12.nc.us/Page/23311</a></p>	<p>NC Report Cards: <a href="https://ncreports.ondemand.sas.com/src/">https://ncreports.ondemand.sas.com/src/</a></p> <p>NC DPI School Report Cards: <a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards</a></p> <p>Visit NC Department of Public Instruction website at <a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports</a></p>

***Conducting Research in the Chatham County Schools***

Please submit a [Research Request Online Application Form](#) for review.

**Approval Contact**

Dr. Amanda Hartness

*Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services and Instructional Support Division*

Chatham County Schools

369 West Street, Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312

[ahartness@chatham.k12.nc.us](mailto:ahartness@chatham.k12.nc.us)

If you are interested in conducting research in the Chatham County schools, we encourage you to contact SRP to discuss whether we can assist you. In addition, the key contact for research noted in the table above can provide guidance regarding specific research proposals.

## CUMBERLAND COUNTY SCHOOLS – OVERVIEW

<p><b>ADDRESS/PHONE</b>                  2465 Gillespie Street                  Fayetteville, NC 28306                  (910) 678-2300 (P)</p> <p>Mailing Address:                  P.O. Box 2357                  Fayetteville, NC 28302</p>	<p><a href="http://ccs.k12.nc.us/">http://ccs.k12.nc.us/</a></p>
<p><b>SUPERINTENDENT</b>                  Dr. Marvin Connelly, Jr., Superintendent  <a href="mailto:ccssuperintendent@ccs.k12.nc.us">ccssuperintendent@ccs.k12.nc.us</a></p> <p>Mrs. Linda Caesar, Executive Assistant  <a href="mailto:lindacaesar@ccs.k12.nc.us">lindacaesar@ccs.k12.nc.us</a>                  (910) 678-2312</p>	<p>About the Superintendent:  <a href="https://www.ccs.k12.nc.us/Page/1196">https://www.ccs.k12.nc.us/Page/1196</a></p>
<p><b>KEY CONTACT(S) FOR RESEARCH</b></p> <p><b>Communications and Public Relations</b>                  Lindsay Whitley, Associate Superintendent                  Communications and Community Engagement                  (910) 678-2303 (P)</p>	<p>This page provides information on conducting research in CCS and links to the necessary application forms:  <a href="https://www.ccs.k12.nc.us/domain/1621">https://www.ccs.k12.nc.us/domain/1621</a></p> <p>Board of Education Policy on Participation in Research Projects:  <a href="https://boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=cumberland#&amp;&amp;hs=127953">https://boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=cumberland#&amp;&amp;hs=127953</a></p>
<p><b>SCHOOLS (# AND TYPE)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50 elementary schools</li> <li>• 17 middle schools</li> <li>• 17 high schools</li> <li>• 2 virtual schools</li> <li>• 86 total schools</li> </ul>	<p>CCS District Profile:  <a href="https://www.ccs.k12.nc.us/domain/2697">https://www.ccs.k12.nc.us/domain/2697</a></p>

<p><b>STUDENTS (#)</b> 48,468 students in 2023-2024</p> <p>Military/Federally Connected Students: 14,716 (29%) (from <a href="https://www.ccs.k12.nc.us/domain/2697">https://www.ccs.k12.nc.us/domain/2697</a>)</p> <p>Information taken from the Public Schools of North Carolina Statistical Profile: <a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216::NO:::">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216::NO:::</a></p>	<p>American Indian: 629 Asian: 948 Hispanic/Latino: 7,953 Black: 22,248 White: 11,770 Two or More Races: 4,682 Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 238</p> <p><a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216::NO:::">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216::NO:::</a> (enter 2024 as year; default is 2011)</p>
<p><b>DATA</b> (including demographic, enrollment, and test score data)</p> <p><b>Data and Accountability:</b> <a href="https://www.ccs.k12.nc.us/Domain/1623">https://www.ccs.k12.nc.us/Domain/1623</a></p>	<p>Cumberland County Schools Planning Department: <a href="http://planning.ccs.k12.nc.us/ccs-demographics/">http://planning.ccs.k12.nc.us/ccs-demographics/</a></p> <p>NC DPI School Report Cards: <a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards</a></p> <p>Visit NC Department of Public Instruction website at <a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports</a></p>

***Conducting Research in the Cumberland County Schools***

If you are interested in conducting research in the Cumberland County schools, we encourage you to contact SRP to discuss whether we can assist you. In addition, the key contact for research noted in the table above can provide guidance regarding specific research proposals.

Detailed information and related policy links can be found at this link:  
<https://boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=cumberland#&&hs=127953>

## GRANVILLE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – OVERVIEW

<p><b>ADDRESS/PHONE</b>          101 Delacroix Street          Oxford, NC 27565</p> <p>Mailing Address:          P.O Box 927          Oxford, NC 27565</p> <p>(919) 693-4613 (P)          (919) 693-7391 (F)</p>	<p><a href="http://www.gcs.k12.nc.us/">http://www.gcs.k12.nc.us/</a></p>
<p><b>SUPERINTENDENT</b>          Dr. Stan Winborne</p>	<p><a href="https://www.gcs.k12.nc.us/our-district/our-superintendent">https://www.gcs.k12.nc.us/our-district/our-superintendent</a></p>
<p><b>KEY CONTACT(S) FOR RESEARCH</b>          Amy C. Rice          Testing &amp; Accountability Coordinator  <a href="mailto:ricea@gcs.k12.nc.us">ricea@gcs.k12.nc.us</a></p> <p>Dinah Carter          Data Manager for Testing &amp; Accountability  <a href="mailto:cmarterd@gcs.k12.nc.us">cmarterd@gcs.k12.nc.us</a></p>	<p>Board of Education Policy Code 5230          Participation in Research Projects:  <a href="https://boardpolicyonline.com/?b=granville">https://boardpolicyonline.com/?b=granville</a></p> <p>Testing and Accountability:  <a href="https://www.gcs.k12.nc.us/departments/testing-and-accountability">https://www.gcs.k12.nc.us/departments/testing-and-accountability</a></p>
<p><b>SCHOOLS (# AND TYPE)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 elementary schools</li> <li>• 3 middle schools</li> <li>• 4 high schools</li> <li>• Granville Academy (K-12)</li> <li>• Phoenix Academy</li> </ul>	<p>Individual school information can be accessed from the home page. Select “Schools” in the top right-hand corner:  <a href="https://www.gcs.k12.nc.us/">https://www.gcs.k12.nc.us/</a></p>
<p><b>STUDENTS (#)</b>          6, 458 students in 2023-2024</p> <p>Information taken from the Public Schools of North Carolina Statistical Profile:  <a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::</a></p>	<p>American Indian: 11          Asian: 36          Hispanic/Latino: 1,653          Black: 2,242          White: 2,124          Two or More Races: 391          Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 1</p> <p><a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::</a> (enter 2023 as year; default is 2011)</p>

<p><b>DATA</b> (including demographic, enrollment, and test score data)</p>	<p>DPI NC School Report Cards:  <a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards</a></p> <p>Granville Testing and Accountability:  <a href="https://www.gcs.k12.nc.us/departments/testing-and-accountability">https://www.gcs.k12.nc.us/departments/testing-and-accountability</a></p> <p>NC Dept. of Public Instruction website:  <a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports</a></p>
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***Conducting Research in the Granville County Schools***

If you are interested in conducting research in the Granville County schools, we encourage you to contact SRP to discuss whether we can assist you. In addition, the key contact for research noted in the above chart is available to discuss questions regarding research studies.

Granville County Schools does not have a formal application process to conduct research. Requests with as detailed information as possible about the proposed research should be sent to the key contact noted in the table above.

## JOHNSTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – OVERVIEW

<p><b>ADDRESS/PHONE</b>  Physical Address:  2320 US 70 Business Hwy East  Smithfield, NC 27577-1336</p> <p>Mailing Address:  PO Box 1336  Smithfield, NC 27577</p> <p>(919) 934-6031 (P)  (919) 934-2586 (F)</p>	<p><a href="http://www.johnston.k12.nc.us">http://www.johnston.k12.nc.us</a></p>
<p><b>SUPERINTENDENT</b>  Dr. Eric Bracy, Superintendent</p> <p>Contact the Office of the Superintendent using the form at the bottom of this page:  <a href="https://www.johnston.k12.nc.us/o/jcps/page/superintendent">https://www.johnston.k12.nc.us/o/jcps/page/superintendent</a></p>	<p><a href="https://www.johnston.k12.nc.us/o/jcps/page/superintendent">https://www.johnston.k12.nc.us/o/jcps/page/superintendent</a></p>
<p><b>KEY CONTACT(S) FOR RESEARCH</b>  Cherry Johnson  Director of Research &amp; Grant Development  Johnston County Public Schools  <a href="mailto:cherryjohnson@johnston.k12.nc.us">cherryjohnson@johnston.k12.nc.us</a>  (919) 934-4361 x 4090</p>	<p>Johnston County Policy Code 2400 on Student Participation in Surveys and Research Studies:  <a href="https://boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=johnston#&amp;&amp;hs=157534">https://boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=johnston#&amp;&amp;hs=157534</a></p> <p>Johnston County Policy Code 5230 on Participation in Research Projects:  <a href="https://boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=johnston_new#&amp;&amp;hs=1328840">https://boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=johnston_new#&amp;&amp;hs=1328840</a></p>
<p><b>SCHOOLS (# AND TYPE)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 elementary schools</li> <li>• 12 middle schools</li> <li>• 11 high schools (some are small programs)</li> <li>• 1 virtual school</li> <li>• 48 total schools</li> </ul>	<p>Johnston County School Profiles:  <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ogeTN9Kb9u1Sg1OHjrjVEhMDBtLOvtnGISEA7Y6EGIM/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ogeTN9Kb9u1Sg1OHjrjVEhMDBtLOvtnGISEA7Y6EGIM/edit?usp=sharing</a></p>

<p><b>STUDENTS (#)</b> 36,879 students in 2023-2024</p> <p>Information taken from the Public Schools of North Carolina Statistical Profile: <a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::</a></p> <p>Demographic data also available on the Johnston County district website: <a href="https://www.johnston.k12.nc.us/o/jcps/page/about-the-district">https://www.johnston.k12.nc.us/o/jcps/page/about-the-district</a></p>	<p>American Indian: 86 Asian: 329 Hispanic/Latino: 11,033 Black: 6,760 White: 16,620 Two or More Races: 2,039 Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 12</p> <p><a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::</a> (enter 2024 as year; default is 2011)</p>
<p><b>DATA</b> (including demographic, enrollment, and test score data)</p> <p><b>Public Information:</b> Richard Carr Interim Executive Director of Communication (919) 934-3865 x 7032 <a href="mailto:richardcarr@johnston.k12.nc.us">richardcarr@johnston.k12.nc.us</a></p>	<p>Visit NC Department of Public Instruction website at <a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports</a></p> <p>Public Schools of North Carolina Statistical Profile: <a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::</a></p> <p>NC DPI School Report Card: <a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards</a></p>

***Conducting Research in the Johnston County Schools***

If you are interested in conducting research in the Johnston County schools, we encourage you to contact SRP to discuss whether we can assist you. In addition, the key contact for research noted in the above table is available to discuss questions regarding research studies.

The Johnston County School District does not have a formal application process to conduct research. Requests to conduct research should be initiated with the key contact person listed above.

From Policy Code information at this link:  
<https://boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=johnston#&&hs=157534>

The Johnston County Board of Education approves periodic cooperation with individuals and agencies wishing to conduct research in the school system insofar as the proposed research is likely to result in improved services to students without detracting from the educational mission of the school. The superintendent or designee shall review requests from individuals and/or agencies outside of the school system to distribute or administer any research project, survey, analysis or evaluation to students. Any such instrument must be approved by the superintendent or designee before a survey is administered or distributed to students.

## NEW HANOVER COUNTY SCHOOLS – OVERVIEW

<p><b>ADDRESS/PHONE</b> 6410 Carolina Beach Road Wilmington, NC 28412 (910) 254-4200 (P)</p>	<p><a href="https://www.nhcs.net/">https://www.nhcs.net/</a></p>
<p><b>SUPERINTENDENT</b> Dr. Charles Foust <a href="mailto:charles.foust@nhcs.net">charles.foust@nhcs.net</a></p>	<p><a href="https://www.nhcs.net/about-us/superintendent">https://www.nhcs.net/about-us/superintendent</a></p>
<p><b>KEY CONTACT(S) FOR RESEARCH</b> Barbara Ussary Evaluation &amp; Research Analyst <a href="mailto:barbara.ussary@nhcs.net">barbara.ussary@nhcs.net</a> 910-254-4221</p>	<p>New Hanover County Schools Policy Code 5230 on Participation in Research Projects: <a href="https://www.boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=hanover_county_new#&amp;&amp;hs=1064145">https://www.boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=hanover_county_new#&amp;&amp;hs=1064145</a></p> <p>New Hanover County Schools Testing and Accountability Team: <a href="https://www.nhcs.net/divisions/instruction-and-academic-accountability/testing-and-accountability/about-us">https://www.nhcs.net/divisions/instruction-and-academic-accountability/testing-and-accountability/about-us</a></p>
<p><b>SCHOOLS (# AND TYPE)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25 elementary schools</li> <li>• 8 middle schools</li> <li>• 8 high schools</li> <li>• 2 alternative schools</li> <li>• 3 Pre-K Centers</li> </ul>	<p><a href="https://www.nhcs.net/schools">https://www.nhcs.net/schools</a></p>
<p><b>STUDENTS (#)</b> 24,881 students in 2023-2024</p> <p>Information taken from the Public Schools of North Carolina Statistical Profile: <a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::</a> :</p>	<p>American Indian: 67 Asian: 435 Hispanic/Latino: 4,760 Black: 3,986 White: 14,274 Two or More Races: 1,322 Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 37</p> <p><a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::</a> (enter 2024 as year; default is 2011)</p>



<p><b>DATA</b> (including demographic, enrollment, and test score data)</p> <p>Salvatore Cardella, Chief Communications Officer  <a href="mailto:salvatore.cardella@nhcs.net">salvatore.cardella@nhcs.net</a></p> <p><b>Public Information Request Form:</b>  <a href="https://www.nhcs.net/divisions/communication/public-records-requests">https://www.nhcs.net/divisions/communication/public-records-requests</a></p> <p><b>Annual Accountability Report:</b>  <a href="https://www.nhcs.net/about-us/annual-accountability-report">https://www.nhcs.net/about-us/annual-accountability-report</a></p>	<p>Visit NC Department of Public Instruction website at <a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports</a></p> <p>New Hanover County Schools Instruction and Academic Accountability:  <a href="https://www.nhcs.net/divisions/instruction-and-academic-accountability">https://www.nhcs.net/divisions/instruction-and-academic-accountability</a></p> <p>National Center for Education Statistics District Search:  <a href="https://nces.ed.gov/ccd/districtsearch/district_detail.asp?start=0&amp;ID2=3703330">https://nces.ed.gov/ccd/districtsearch/district_detail.asp?start=0&amp;ID2=3703330</a></p>
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***Conducting Research in the New Hanover County Schools***

If you are interested in conducting research in the New Hanover County schools, we encourage you to contact SRP to discuss whether we can assist you.

## ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOLS – OVERVIEW

<p><b>ADDRESS/PHONE</b>                  200 East King Street                  Hillsborough, NC 27278</p> <p>(919) 732-8126</p>	<p><a href="http://www.orangecountyfirst.com/">http://www.orangecountyfirst.com/</a></p>
<p><b>SUPERINTENDENT</b>                  Dr. Danielle Jones                  Superintendent  <a href="mailto:ocs.superintendent@orange.k12.nc.us">ocs.superintendent@orange.k12.nc.us</a>                  (919) 732-8126 x 12010</p>	<p><a href="https://www.orangecountyfirst.com/Page/756">https://www.orangecountyfirst.com/Page/756</a></p>
<p><b>KEY CONTACT(S) FOR RESEARCH</b></p> <p>Chief Academic Officer position is currently vacant, as of May 2024</p> <p>Mr. Kevin B. Smith                  Chief Public Information Officer  <a href="mailto:kevin.smith@orange.k12.nc.us">kevin.smith@orange.k12.nc.us</a>                  919-732-8126 x10005</p>	<p>District Leadership:  <a href="https://www.orangecountyfirst.com/Page/756">https://www.orangecountyfirst.com/Page/756</a></p> <p>Public Records Request Form:  <a href="https://www.orangecountyfirst.com/Page/1499">https://www.orangecountyfirst.com/Page/1499</a></p> <p>Orange County Board of Education                  Policy on Research:  <a href="https://www.boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=orange_county_nc#&amp;&amp;hs=958420">https://www.boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=orange_county_nc#&amp;&amp;hs=958420</a></p>
<p><b>SCHOOLS (# AND TYPE)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 elementary schools</li> <li>• 3 middle schools</li> <li>• 2 high schools</li> <li>• 1 alternative school</li> </ul>	<p><a href="https://www.orangecountyfirst.com/domain/32">https://www.orangecountyfirst.com/domain/32</a></p>

<p><b>STUDENTS (#)</b> 6,981 students in 2023-2024</p> <p>Information taken from the Public Schools of North Carolina Statistical Profile: <a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::</a></p>	<p>American Indian:17 Asian: 132 Hispanic/Latino: 1,938 Black: 986 White: 3,388 Two or More Races: 520 Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 0</p> <p><a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::</a> (enter 2024 as year; default is 2011)</p>
<p><b>DATA</b> (including demographic, enrollment, and test score data)</p> <p>For Demographics info, contact Joy Toellen, Enrollment &amp; PowerSchool Coordinator, at <a href="mailto:joy.toellen@orange.k12.nc.us">joy.toellen@orange.k12.nc.us</a></p>	<p>Visit NC Department of Public Instruction website at <a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports</a></p> <p>NC DPI School Report Card: <a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards</a></p> <p>Public Schools of North Carolina Statistical Profile: <a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::</a></p>

***Conducting Research in the Orange County Schools***

If you are interested in conducting research in the Orange County Schools, we encourage you to contact SRP to discuss whether we can assist you.

The Orange County School system’s [Board of Education policy](#) states the following regarding research in the schools:

“The Orange County School System is supportive of the development of new educational knowledge through research within the local school community. The Board encourages agencies and individuals to conduct research on issues related to student achievement and the effective operation of the school system. The research should be well planned and supervised to the point that it provides the least interruption possible to the currently adjusted instructional program. All interested researchers must submit an application and receive approval from the Chief Academic officer prior to initiation of the research project. (03/06/2017)

***Research applications to Orange County Schools typically take approximately two weeks from submission to decision but may require additional time to review.***

## PENDER COUNTY SCHOOLS – OVERVIEW

<p><b>Pender County Schools</b>            925 Penderlea HWY            Burgaw, NW 28425            (910) 259-2187 (P)            (910) 259-0133 (F)</p>	<p><a href="https://www.pender.k12.nc.us/">https://www.pender.k12.nc.us/</a></p>
<p><b>SUPERINTENDENT</b>            Dr. Brad Breedlove (effective Jan. 1, 2023)  <a href="mailto:william_breedlove@penderschools.org">william_breedlove@penderschools.org</a></p>	<p>Article:  <a href="https://www.pender.k12.nc.us/article/874874">https://www.pender.k12.nc.us/article/874874</a></p>
<p><b>KEY CONTACT(S) FOR RESEARCH</b></p> <p>Dr. Brad Breedlove (Superintendent)  <a href="mailto:william_breedlove@penderschools.org">william_breedlove@penderschools.org</a>      → See 5230/5230-R Policies before contacting</p>	<p>Board of Education Policies on Participation in Research:</p> <p>5230 Participation in Research Projects:  <a href="https://www.boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=penderschools.org&amp;hs=1686808">https://www.boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=penderschools.org&amp;hs=1686808</a></p> <p>5230-R Participation in Research Projects:  <a href="https://www.boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=penderschools.org&amp;hs=1686809">https://www.boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=penderschools.org&amp;hs=1686809</a></p>
<p><b>SCHOOLS (# AND TYPE)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 preschool</li> <li>• 1 year-round school (K-8)</li> <li>• 8 elementary schools</li> <li>• 5 middle schools</li> <li>• 4 high schools</li> <li>• 1 alternative school</li> </ul>	<p><a href="https://www.pender.k12.nc.us/page/about">https://www.pender.k12.nc.us/page/about</a></p>
<p><b>STUDENTS (#)</b>            10,832 students in 2023-2024</p> <p>Information taken from the Public Schools of North Carolina Statistical Profile:  <a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::</a></p>	<p>American Indian: 37            Asian: 56            Hispanic/Latino: 1,823            Black: 1,138            White: 7,159            Two or More Races: 610            Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 9</p> <p><a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO:::</a> (enter 2024 as year; default is 2011)</p>

<p><b>DATA</b> (including demographic, enrollment, and test score data)</p>	<p>Visit NC Department of Public Instruction website at <a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports</a></p> <p>NC DPI School Report Cards: <a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards</a></p>
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***Conducting Research in the Pender County Schools***

If you are interested in conducting research in the Pender County district, we encourage you to contact SRP to discuss whether we can assist you.

Requests to conduct research in Pender County Schools shall be made in writing to the Superintendent on forms provided by the district. Information on the application will include, at a minimum:

1. Statement of the research problem,
2. A description of the methodology,
3. A management plan describing the major steps required to conduct the research,
4. Copies of all research data gathering instruments and parent permission slips, and
5. A description of data analysis procedures.

More information, including necessary forms, can be found at this link:

<https://www.pender.k12.nc.us/page/regulation-5230-r-participation-in-research-projects>

## PERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS – OVERVIEW

<p><b>ADDRESS/PHONE</b>          304 South Morgan St.          Roxboro, NC 27573          (336) 599-2191 (P)          (336) 599-0844 (F)</p>	<p><a href="https://www.pcsnc.org/">https://www.pcsnc.org/</a></p>
<p><b>SUPERINTENDENT</b>          Rodney Peterson, Ph.D.  <a href="mailto:petersonr@person.k12.nc.us">petersonr@person.k12.nc.us</a>            (336) 599-2191 x 22153</p>	<p>Message from the Superintendent:  <a href="https://www.pcsnc.org/page/message-from-the-superintendent">https://www.pcsnc.org/page/message-from-the-superintendent</a></p>
<p><b>KEY CONTACT(S) FOR RESEARCH</b>          Rodney Peterson, Ph.D., Superintendent  <a href="mailto:petersonr@person.k12.nc.us">petersonr@person.k12.nc.us</a>            (336) 599-2191 x 22153</p>	<p>See Policy Code 5230: Participation in Research Projects:  <a href="https://boardpolicyonline.com/?b=person">https://boardpolicyonline.com/?b=person</a>          (scroll to code 5230)</p>
<p><b>SCHOOLS (# AND TYPE)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 preschools</li> <li>• 7 elementary schools</li> <li>• 2 middle schools</li> <li>• 1 high school</li> <li>• 1 early college</li> <li>• 1 virtual academy</li> </ul> <p>14 total schools</p>	<p>Data from:  <a href="https://www.pcsnc.org/page/facts-figures">https://www.pcsnc.org/page/facts-figures</a>          (select About Us → Facts and Figures at top of page)</p> <p>Public School Review:  <a href="https://www.publicschoolreview.com/north-carolina/person-county">https://www.publicschoolreview.com/north-carolina/person-county</a></p>
<p><b>STUDENTS (#)</b>          4,294 students in 2023-2024</p> <p>Information taken from the Public Schools of North Carolina Statistical Profile:  <a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216::NQ::">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216::NQ::</a></p>	<p>American Indian: 10          Asian: 13          Hispanic/Latino: 602          Black: 1,277          White: 2,092          Two or More Races: 298          Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 2</p> <p><a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216::NO::">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216::NO::</a> (enter 2024 as year; default is 2011)</p>

<p><b>DATA</b> (including demographic, enrollment, and test score data)</p>	<p>Welcome Letter for Person County Schools' Report Cards:  <a href="https://www.pcsnc.org/page/school-report-cards">https://www.pcsnc.org/page/school-report-cards</a></p> <p>NC DPI School Report Cards:  <a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards</a></p> <p>Visit NC Department of Public Instruction website at  <a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports</a></p>
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***Conducting Research in the Person County Schools***

If you are interested in conducting research in the Person County district, we encourage you to contact SRP to discuss whether we can assist you.

Person County Schools does not have a formal application process for requesting research approval. Written requests with as detailed information as possible about the proposed research should be sent to the superintendent.

## WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM – OVERVIEW

<p><b>ADDRESS/PHONE</b> 5625 Dillard Drive Cary, NC 27518 (919) 431-7400</p>	<p><a href="http://www.wcpss.net/">http://www.wcpss.net/</a></p>
<p><b>SUPERINTENDENT</b> Dr. Robert P. Taylor Use this link to email: <a href="https://www.wcpss.net/Page/264">https://www.wcpss.net/Page/264</a></p>	<p><a href="https://www.wcpss.net/domain/82">https://www.wcpss.net/domain/82</a></p>
<p><b>KEY CONTACT(S) FOR RESEARCH</b>  Questions about applications can be sent to: <a href="mailto:wcpss-data-accountability@wcpss.net">wcpss-data-accountability@wcpss.net</a></p>	<p>Detailed application instructions are available at: <a href="https://www.wcpss.net/domain/2395">https://www.wcpss.net/domain/2395</a></p>
<p><b>SCHOOLS (# AND TYPE)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 119 elementary schools</li> <li>• 38 middle schools</li> <li>• 31 high schools</li> <li>• 7 alternative schools</li> <li>• 3 (K-8, 6-12) schools (academies)</li> <li>• 952 trailers (2023-24)</li> <li>• 198 total schools (2023-24)</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://www.wcpss.net/domain/100">http://www.wcpss.net/domain/100</a></p>
<p><b>STUDENTS (#)</b> 159,827 students in 2023-2024</p> <p>Information taken from the Public Schools of North Carolina Statistical Profile: <a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO</a></p> <p>Year-by-year demographic data available on the Wake County Public School System website: <a href="https://www.wcpss.net/domain/100">https://www.wcpss.net/domain/100</a></p>	<p>American Indian: 364 Asian: 19,873 Hispanic/Latino: 31,533 Black: 34,168 White: 67,138 Two or More Races: 6,578 Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 173</p> <p><a href="http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO">http://apps.schools.nc.gov/ords/f?p=145:216:::NO</a> (enter 2024 as year; default is 2011)</p>



<p><b>DATA</b> (including demographic, enrollment, and test score data)</p>	<p>Demographic information for the school system is available at <a href="http://www.wcpss.net/domain/100">http://www.wcpss.net/domain/100</a></p> <p>For WCPSS test score data, see: <a href="http://www.wcpss.net/site/Default.aspx?PageID=95">http://www.wcpss.net/site/Default.aspx?PageID=95</a></p> <p>Visit the NC Department of Public Instruction website at: <a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports</a></p>
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There is currently no distinction in our requirements for faculty vs. student applicants. All research proposals must adhere to the same standards. The Evaluation & Research Department staff members noted in the table above can provide advice about research feasibility and are responsible for reviewing and approving research applications.

***Conducting Research in the Wake County Public School System***

***Research applications to WCPSS typically take approximately six weeks from submission to decision.*** Applications are typically reviewed monthly.

Before you consider submitting an [Application to Conduct Research in WCPSS](#) (“application”), please review [Board Policy 5230](#) for the definition of “research” and the conditions under which requests may be approved.

Extensive information about the topic “Request for Conducting Research” can be found at this link: <https://www.wcpss.net/domain/2395>

Excerpt from the 2018 Policy Manual, found at this link: [https://boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=wake\\_new#&&hs=499837](https://boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=wake_new#&&hs=499837)

**Policy Code: 5230 Participation In Research Projects**

The Wake County Board of Education encourages agencies and individuals to conduct research on issues related to student achievement and the effective operation of the school system.

For the purpose of this policy, "research" shall include (1) any collection of existing information (e.g., student test scores, attendance, grades, demographic information, etc.) that requires staff time to obtain and is not otherwise an existing public record; (2) any new data collection from students or staff, including but not limited to interviews, observations, and surveys of staff or students; and (3) any analyses of existing data that are not publicly available.

Data, Research, and Accountability staff may approve a request for participation in a research project if:

1. the research results ultimately may benefit students of the school system;
2. the project's purpose and methodology are compatible with the goals and objectives of the Board and school system;
3. the project will not disrupt instructional time;
4. the costs of the project (in student/staff time) are low and the likely benefits to WCPSS are high in terms of potential insights, valid and reliable outcomes, and impact on practice;
5. the project has been submitted to a federally-recognized Institutional Review Board (IRB) for clearance prior to the application being reviewed unless the study is being conducted by the state education agency or a federal government agency. Evidence of actual IRB approval will be required before data collection actually begins should approval be granted, but it is not necessary during the application stage; and
6. the project is consistent with the implementation of existing district or school-based initiatives and programs.

Staff are encouraged to involve other central office administrators, school administrators, teachers, and parents in making this assessment.

All approved research projects must comply with any applicable policies regarding surveys of students, student records, and confidentiality of personal identifying information.

Legal References: [G.S. 115C-47, -230](#)

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