



# Essex High School Profile



## 2017-18 School Year

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## Community

Essex High school is a small public school located in Tappahannock, VA. The school serves the educational needs of approximately 549 students in grades eight through twelve. Currently, the district consists of three schools, one high school, one intermediate school and 1 elementary school utilizing a PK-3, 4-7, 8-12 grade-level configuration.

## School

The academic school year is 36 weeks in length and runs on an A-B alternating block schedule. The student body is culturally diverse with a population that is approximately 55.7% African American, 38.1% white and 4.2% Hispanic, 1.1% American Indian, and .9% Asian. Approximately, 18% of our student population receive special education services. The school opened in the fall of 1978 and holds membership with College Board.

## Curriculum

The academic program is organized on a alternating A-B block schedule. Eight credits per year is the maximum course load; students take four 97-minute block classes per day. These AP® courses are offered: Government and Politics, Statistics, and AP English 12. AP is an open-enrollment program. Dual-Enrollment (DE) classes offered at EHS are, Advanced Composition and US History. Advanced classes are offered in English 9 and 10.

The Northern Neck Technical Center (NNTC) enables juniors and seniors to enroll in a wide variety of off-campus technical courses for students seeking vocational training. Students enrolled in Culinary Arts, Engineering, and Nurse's Assistant earn dual enrollment credits.

Chesapeake Bay Governor's School for Marine and Environmental Science (CBGS) provides a highly rigorous program of student for a select group of students. About 30 students, grades 10-12, attend each year and are selected using testing, GPA, teacher recommendations, and applications. All CBGS a classes are dual enrolled.

## Grading and Ranking

Grade	Scale	GPA Points	AP/DE Weighted GPA Points
A – Excellent	90–100	4	5
B – Above average	80–89	3	4
C – Average	70–79	2	3
D – Below average	60–69	1	2
F – Failure	50 or below	0	0

### Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation and Rank

GPA is computed using the above quality points. Beginning with grade nine, all subjects, whether passed or failed, are included in the computation. High school credit classes taken in seventh or eighth grade, will be calculated into their high school GPA. A minimum of 22 standard credits, and 6 verified credits are required for graduation. Grades are recorded on the transcript and GPA is computed in February and June. Class rank and GPA are determined by the levels of courses taken and the grades earned in those courses.

### Post High School Placement (Approximation)

- 40% matriculated to 4-year colleges
- 10% matriculated to 2-year institutions
- 50% selected work, military service or technical instruction

### Student Activities

Students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of co-curricular and extracurricular activities at EHS. Essex High School's athletic teams are members of the Virginia High school League and compete in the Northern Neck (Region 3, 1A). The Trojan sports include basketball, cross country, track and field, soccer, tennis, baseball, golf, football, wrestling, girl's volleyball, softball, cheerleading, and scholastic bowl.