



ESSEX HIGH SCHOOL

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Essex High School and Essex County

Essex High School is a small public school located in Tappahannock, Virginia. The school's enrollment is approximately 424 students in grades nine through twelve. The academic school year is 36 weeks in length and runs on an A/B alternating Block schedule. The student population consist of 47% African American, 41% White, 4% Hispanic, and 1% Asian. The number receiving free or reduced lunch is 56%. Essex High School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Average SAT scores are: Critical Reading- 455, Math- 459, and Writing- 432.

Courses and Graduation Requirements

Students take courses to meet the requirements for a standard or advanced studies diploma. Essex High School before 2015-16 followed a seven point scale. Now Essex follows a ten point grade scale (A is 90-100) and GPA is based on the total number of quality points earned by the number of courses taken. Points are awarded as follows unless a class is DE or AP: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1. Students this year will only be able to complete three years of Spanish. French IV, however, is still offered. Essex High School offers students four AP courses (AP Government, Literature and Composition, Statistics and Language and Composition) and three dual classes (US History, Language and Composition, and Engineering). AP and DE courses are weighted as follows: A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2, F=0.

Chesapeake Bay Governor's School and the Northern Neck Technical Center

Chesapeake Bay Governor's School for Marine and Environmental Science provides a highly rigorous program of study for a select group of students. About 30 students, grades 10-12, attend each year and are selected using testing, GPA, recommendations, and applications. All CBGS classes are dual enrolled. The Northern Neck Technical Center offers a wide variety of off-campus technical courses for students seeking vocational training. Culinary Arts and Nurse's Aide are dual enrolled classes.