



Essex High School Profile



2023-24 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 510 students in grades eight through twelve. Currently, the district consists of three schools, one elementary school, one intermediate school, and one high school utilizing a PK-4, 5-8, 9-12 grade-level configuration.

School

Essex High School opened in the fall of 1970. It is a comprehensive high school that offers college preparatory, general, and exceptional education classes. Essex County Public Schools does not discriminate in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its educational programs, services, or activities based on race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in accordance with state and federal laws.

Curriculum

The academic program is organized on a traditional 4x4 block schedule. Eight credits per year is the maximum course load; students take 4 classes each semester. These AP® courses are offered through Virtual Virginia. Dual-Enrollment (DE) classes offered at EHS are, English Composition, 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. These classes are yearlong classes. Students receive 1.5 credits per semester.

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

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	59 or below	0	0
W/P	Withdrew Pass	0	0
W/F	Withdrew Fail	0	0

Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation and Rank

GPA is computed using the above quality points. Beginning with grade nine, all subjects, either passed or failed, are included in the computation. High school credit classes taken in either seventh or eighth grade, will be calculated into their high school GPA. A *Standard* Diploma requires 22 credits and 5 verified credits. The Advanced Diploma require 26 credits and 5 verified credits. Students who are eligible for exceptional education services and do not meet the state requirement for either the Standard or the *Advanced* Diploma, will be considered by their IEP Team for an *Applied Studies* Diploma. Grades are recorded on the transcript and GPA is computed at the end of each semester. Class rank and GPA are determined by the level and number of courses taken and the grades earned in those courses.

Post High School Placement (Approximation)

- 30% matriculated to 4-year colleges
- 40% matriculated to 2-year institutions
- 30% selected work, military service or technical instruction

Extra-Curricular Programs

Students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of co-curricular and extracurricular activities at Essex High School. EHS'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, volleyball, softball, cheerleading, and scholastic bowl.

Performing arts include drama, marching band, and concert band.

A variety of student organizations and clubs have been established.