

Dickenson County Public Schools

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Dear Parent, Guardian and Care- Giver,

Welcome to the 2019 – 2020 school year! We are excited to have the opportunity to have your child in our schools, and to welcome each of you into our school family.

We are proud of Dickenson County Schools! Through the many accomplishments of our students and staff, the Dickenson County School System is one of the top school systems in Virginia. We believe that we have the most dedicated and committed staff members working with our children. We believe that our students are the best! In instructional and extra-curricular activities, our students in Dickenson County daily demonstrate that they perform as well and better than students across the state.

We are very proud of all the accomplishments, and want to take this opportunity to celebrate our success story:

1. In Dickenson County, we are fortunate to have one of the most beautiful educational facilities in the State that is conducive to learning and teaching for our students: The Ridgeview Campus.
2. For the 2019 – 2020 school year, art and music instruction will be taught to all elementary school students
3. Breakfast and lunch is provided at no cost to **all** DCPS students.
4. For the safety of each child and staff members, a School Resource Officer (SRO) is assigned to each of our schools. This year, with the assistance of the Dickenson County Sheriff's Department, three additional School Resource Officers will be assigned to our schools: A full-time SRO at SES; one full-time in the Career/Technology Center High Bay Area; and an additional SRO for the Ridgeview campus. A four- year state grant written by the DC Sheriff's Department has been awarded for these 3 additional SRO's at no cost to Dickenson County.
5. **All** Dickenson County Schools met and/or exceeded the State's new accreditation standards for 2019 – 2020.

6. In 2019, the Division's SOL Test Results are as follows: English: 88% (Last Year: 84%) ; Writing: 83% (Last Year: 86%) ; Math: 92% (Last Year 86%) and Science: 85% (Last Year: 87%);
7. In 2019 SOL test results for individual schools are: Sandlick Elementary School had a 98% pass rate in Math and 87% pass rate in English; Ridgeview Middle School had a 90% pass rate in Math and reduced Chronic Absenteeism by 13.86%; Ridgeview High School had a pass rate of 95% in English; and 91% in Math; Ervinton Elementary School had pass rate of 93% in English and 90% in Science; Clintwood Elementary School had a 91% pass rate in English and 96% pass rate in Math.
8. In 2018 -2019 SOL Test Results: DCPS ranks 11th out of 37 school divisions participating in the Comprehensive Instructional Program. (CIP).
9. In 2018, DCPS ranked 21st in SOL Test Results out of 134 school divisions.
10. This year's High School Graduation Rate is 95.17 percent
11. This year's Drop Out Rate is 3.42%
12. During the 2018 – 2019 school year, Student Chronic Absenteeism was reduced by 7.76% division-wide:

	2018	2019	Change
CES	18.26	12.29	-5.97
EES	31.68	22.52	-9.16
SES	22.14	16.8	-5.34
RMS	34.9	21.04	-13.86
RHS	30.6	24.87	-5.73
DIV	27.29	19.53	-7.76

13. 1250 Chromebook computers / carts have been provided for students and staff to enhance instruction
14. Fully Accredited State Board of Nursing Program and Expansion of Nursing Program
15. Implementation of the division-wide Attendance Campaign to promote student attendance: "Be Great with 8: Be a Hero"
16. Expanding the role of the Instructional Technology Resource Teacher (ITRT) to enhance the integration of technology and student learning
17. Career Exploration Classes taught in middle school
18. Through the generous contributions of \$10,000 dollars from Contura Energy, Inc. and the Phipps Foundation, the Dickenson County Schools is providing one free appropriate age book each month to every Dickenson County child from birth to 5 years old through the Imagination Library Program sponsored by Dolly Parton. Funding is sufficient to participate in this program for the next 5 years.
19. This past weekend, the Ridgeview High School's Robotics Team (students and staff) were guests for an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D. C. Dr. Patil, Jan Canterbury and Jim Burke who work with VCEDA offered our students a visit to Capitol Hill, to

visit the Air and Space Museum, the American History Museum, and the other monuments. On Monday, the students will get the opportunity to tour an aerospace engineering facility and a biomedical engineering facility. Dr. Patil who works with government agencies and private entities for funding, met with our Robotics students during the past school year and was very impressed with their enthusiasm and knowledge.

All the good things that have been achieved are because **we have worked together** as a team. Each of us: our students, our staff/faculty, and each of you are part of the school system's success story! We are all part of the Dickenson County Schools Team! Thank you for all you do for its success!

My best wishes for your child to have a successful 2019 – 2020 school year! My prayers are for a safe year for all our students and staff.

If I may be of any assistance to you during the school year, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Haydee L. Robinson".

Haydee L. Robinson,
Division Superintendent