

2017 Niche

“What Makes Our K-12 Rankings Unique?”

The Niche 2017 K-12 Rankings are based on rigorous analysis of academic and student life data from the U.S. Department of Education along with test scores, college data, and ratings collected from millions of Niche users. Because we have the most comprehensive data in the industry, we're able to provide a more comprehensive suite of rankings across all school types.

Families from every corner of America and every background use Niche to research schools, so our rankings are intended to be useful to a wide range of families and filterable by type and location. Our rankings strive to reflect the entire school experience, including academics, teachers, diversity, student life, and student outcomes. We also believe that each school is so much more than just one ranking number. That's why we have in-depth profiles on each school and district and also assess them across a number of factors to produce annual graded Report Cards for each school and district.”

About Niche's K-12 Rankings

<https://k12.niche.com/rankings/methodology/>

ACADEMICS

Chesapeake Overall Niche Grade A

State Assessment Proficiency	Composite		Graduation Rate	Parent/Student Surveys on Academics	Student-Teacher Ratio	Top Colleges Score	AP Enrollment	AP Test Pass Rate	Advanced Math Enrollment
	SAT	ACT							
83%	1100	25	88%	3.9 out of 5	15:1	A-	17.10%	68.90%	High

Hampton Overall Niche Grade C

State Assessment Proficiency	Composite		Graduation Rate	Parent/Student Surveys on Academics	Student-Teacher Ratio	Top Colleges Score	AP Enrollment	AP Test Pass Rate	Advanced Math Enrollment
	SAT	ACT							
72%	1000	23	81%	3.5 out of 5	13:1	B+	21.90%	18.80%	Very High

Newport News Overall Niche Grade B-

State Assessment Proficiency	Composite		Graduation Rate	Parent/Student Surveys on Academics	Student-Teacher Ratio	Top Colleges Score	AP Enrollment	AP Test Pass Rate	Advanced Math Enrollment
	SAT	ACT							
69%	1040	24	84%	3.7 out of 5	14:1	A-	29.70%	22.10%	Average

Norfolk Overall Niche Grade C

State Assessment Proficiency	Composite		Graduation Rate	Parent/Student Surveys on Academics	Student-Teacher Ratio	Top Colleges Score	AP Enrollment	AP Test Pass Rate	Advanced Math Enrollment
	SAT	ACT							
69%	1050	23	75%	3.6 out of 5	16:1	B+	20.40%	29.80%	Average

Portsmouth Overall Niche Grade C-

State Assessment Proficiency	Composite		Graduation Rate	Parent/Student Surveys on Academics	Student-Teacher Ratio	Top Colleges Score	AP Enrollment	AP Test Pass Rate	Advanced Math Enrollment
	SAT	ACT							
72%	960	22	79%	3.5 out of 5	15:1	B+	4.10%	27.00%	Very Low

Suffolk Overall Niche Grade C+

State Assessment Proficiency	Composite		Graduation Rate	Parent/Student Surveys on Academics	Student-Teacher Ratio	Top Colleges Score	AP Enrollment	AP Test Pass Rate	Advanced Math Enrollment
	SAT	ACT							
74%	1030	24	82%	3.6 out of 5	15:1	B+	8.40%	0.00%	Low

Virginia Beach Overall Niche Grade A

State Assessment Proficiency	Composite		Graduation Rate	Parent/Student Surveys on Academics	Student-Teacher Ratio	Top Colleges Score	AP Enrollment	AP Test Pass Rate	Advanced Math Enrollment
	SAT	ACT							
83%	1120	26	85%	3.9 out of 5	18:1	A-	26.70%	53.80%	Very High

TEACHERS

Chesapeake Overall Niche Grade A

Teacher Absenteeism (Percentage of teachers missing 10 or more days for sick or personal leave per school year.)	Teachers in First/Second Year (Percentage of teachers in their first or second year of teaching.)	Average Teacher Salary (Average teacher salary in the district.)	Teacher Salary index (Average teacher salary normalized by Median Household Income by county.)
27.6%	5.90%	\$58,957	0.8

Hampton Overall Niche Grade C

Teacher Absenteeism (Percentage of teachers missing 10 or more days for sick or personal leave per school year.)	Teachers in First/Second Year (Percentage of teachers in their first or second year of teaching.)	Average Teacher Salary (Average teacher salary in the district.)	Teacher Salary index (Average teacher salary normalized by Median Household Income by county.)
9.8%	11.60%	\$45,073	.9

Newport News Overall Niche Grade B-

Teacher Absenteeism (Percentage of teachers missing 10 or more days for sick or personal leave per school year.)	Teachers in First/Second Year (Percentage of teachers in their first or second year of teaching.)	Average Teacher Salary (Average teacher salary in the district.)	Teacher Salary index (Average teacher salary normalized by Median Household Income by county.)
56.4%	17.70%	\$46,575	.9

Norfolk Overall Niche Grade C

Teacher Absenteeism (Percentage of teachers missing 10 or more days for sick or personal leave per school year.)	Teachers in First/Second Year (Percentage of teachers in their first or second year of teaching.)	Average Teacher Salary (Average teacher salary in the district.)	Teacher Salary index (Average teacher salary normalized by Median Household Income by county.)
26.2%	25.40%	\$61,154	1.4

Portsmouth Overall Niche Grade C-

Teacher Absenteeism (Percentage of teachers missing 10 or more days for sick or personal leave per school year.)	Teachers in First/Second Year (Percentage of teachers in their first or second year of teaching.)	Average Teacher Salary (Average teacher salary in the district.)	Teacher Salary index (Average teacher salary normalized by Median Household Income by county.)
34.5%	9.60%	\$52,911	1.1

Suffolk Overall Niche Grade C+

Teacher Absenteeism (Percentage of teachers missing 10 or more days for sick or personal leave per school year.)	Teachers in First/Second Year (Percentage of teachers in their first or second year of teaching.)	Average Teacher Salary (Average teacher salary in the district.)	Teacher Salary index (Average teacher salary normalized by Median Household Income by county.)
39.8%	5.60%	\$54,557	.8

Virginia Beach Overall Niche Grade A

Teacher Absenteeism (Percentage of teachers missing 10 or more days for sick or personal leave per school year.)	Teachers in First/Second Year (Percentage of teachers in their first or second year of teaching.)	Average Teacher Salary (Average teacher salary in the district.)	Teacher Salary index (Average teacher salary normalized by Median Household Income by county.)
52.1%	6.90%	\$66,461	1

HEALTH and SAFETY

Chesapeake Overall Niche Grade A

Expenses per Student <small>(Total expenses divided by the total number of students.)</small>	Student Absenteeism <small>(Percentage of students missing 15 or more days per school year.)</small>	In-School Suspensions <small>(Percentage of students receiving at least one in-school suspension.)</small>	Out-of-School Suspensions <small>(Percentage of students receiving at least one out-of-school suspension.)</small>	Expulsions <small>(Percentage of students expelled from the district.)</small>	Law Enforcement Referrals <small>(Percentage of students referred to law enforcement.)</small>	School-Related Arrests <small>(Percentage of students arrested for a school-related incident.)</small>
\$11,582	8.9%	5.41%	4.58%	0.02%	0.44%	0.00%

Hampton Overall Niche Grade C

Expenses per Student <small>(Total expenses divided by the total number of students.)</small>	Student Absenteeism <small>(Percentage of students missing 15 or more days per school year.)</small>	In-School Suspensions <small>(Percentage of students receiving at least one in-school suspension.)</small>	Out-of-School Suspensions <small>(Percentage of students receiving at least one out-of-school suspension.)</small>	Expulsions <small>(Percentage of students expelled from the district.)</small>	Law Enforcement Referrals <small>(Percentage of students referred to law enforcement.)</small>	School-Related Arrests <small>(Percentage of students arrested for a school-related incident.)</small>
\$10,484	68.3%	7.64%	9.80%	0.01%	1.63%	0.00%

Newport News Overall Niche Grade B-

Expenses per Student <small>(Total expenses divided by the total number of students.)</small>	Student Absenteeism <small>(Percentage of students missing 15 or more days per school year.)</small>	In-School Suspensions <small>(Percentage of students receiving at least one in-school suspension.)</small>	Out-of-School Suspensions <small>(Percentage of students receiving at least one out-of-school suspension.)</small>	Expulsions <small>(Percentage of students expelled from the district.)</small>	Law Enforcement Referrals <small>(Percentage of students referred to law enforcement.)</small>	School-Related Arrests <small>(Percentage of students arrested for a school-related incident.)</small>
\$11,252	14.8%	5.97%	9.23%	0.06%	0.08%	0.00

Norfolk Overall Niche Grade C

Expenses per Student <small>(Total expenses divided by the total number of students.)</small>	Student Absenteeism <small>(Percentage of students missing 15 or more days per school year.)</small>	In-School Suspensions <small>(Percentage of students receiving at least one in-school suspension.)</small>	Out-of-School Suspensions <small>(Percentage of students receiving at least one out-of-school suspension.)</small>	Expulsions <small>(Percentage of students expelled from the district.)</small>	Law Enforcement Referrals <small>(Percentage of students referred to law enforcement.)</small>	School-Related Arrests <small>(Percentage of students arrested for a school-related incident.)</small>
\$11,467	12.2%	4.05%	8.14%	0.02%	1.10%	0.01

Portsmouth Overall Niche Grade C-

Expenses per Student <small>(Total expenses divided by the total number of students.)</small>	Student Absenteeism <small>(Percentage of students missing 15 or more days per school year.)</small>	In-School Suspensions <small>(Percentage of students receiving at least one in-school suspension.)</small>	Out-of-School Suspensions <small>(Percentage of students receiving at least one out-of-school suspension.)</small>	Expulsions <small>(Percentage of students expelled from the district.)</small>	Law Enforcement Referrals <small>(Percentage of students referred to law enforcement.)</small>	School-Related Arrests <small>(Percentage of students arrested for a school-related incident.)</small>
\$11,188	15.9%	2.07%	10.66%	0.02%	1.00%	0.00

Suffolk Overall Niche Grade C+

Expenses per Student <small>(Total expenses divided by the total number of students.)</small>	Student Absenteeism <small>(Percentage of students missing 15 or more days per school year.)</small>	In-School Suspensions <small>(Percentage of students receiving at least one in-school suspension.)</small>	Out-of-School Suspensions <small>(Percentage of students receiving at least one out-of-school suspension.)</small>	Expulsions <small>(Percentage of students expelled from the district.)</small>	Law Enforcement Referrals <small>(Percentage of students referred to law enforcement.)</small>	School-Related Arrests <small>(Percentage of students arrested for a school-related incident.)</small>
\$10,627	4.4%	8.39%	7.37%	0.02%	1.15%	0.00

Virginia Beach Overall Niche Grade A

Expenses per Student <small>(Total expenses divided by the total number of students.)</small>	Student Absenteeism <small>(Percentage of students missing 15 or more days per school year.)</small>	In-School Suspensions <small>(Percentage of students receiving at least one in-school suspension.)</small>	Out-of-School Suspensions <small>(Percentage of students receiving at least one out-of-school suspension.)</small>	Expulsions <small>(Percentage of students expelled from the district.)</small>	Law Enforcement Referrals <small>(Percentage of students referred to law enforcement.)</small>	School-Related Arrests <small>(Percentage of students arrested for a school-related incident.)</small>
\$11,808	10.9%	0.71%	3.15%	0.00%	0.41%	0.00