



**RANDOLPH COUNTY
SCHOOL SYSTEM
ACCREDITATION**

Every five years, the Randolph County School System participates in a process for continuous accreditation.

RCSS is presently going through the accreditation process with an organization called Cognia.

Our most recent district-wide accreditation was awarded by an organization called AdvancED.

After a year-long internal review process by our school system, an eight-member external review team from AdvancED visited Randolph County.

The team conducted interviews with 156 students, 108 teachers and support staff, 52 district and school level administrators, 40 parents, 19 community members and business representatives, all seven Board members, and the superintendent.

The review team also conducted 105 classroom observations.

Several positive school system themes were observed by the AdvancED team and included in its report:

- *A caring culture
- *Commitment to shared values
- *Building relationships
- *Collaboration
- *Communication efforts
- *Visibility
- *Genuine efforts at transparency



RCSS Communications and Media

RCSS has a [website](#) and official [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#) accounts. Each school has its own website and utilizes at least one social media [platform](#). Our district and schools use [Peachjar](#) to distribute electronic flyers and use SchoolMessenger to deliver phone messages. RCSS works closely with broadcast and print media and is often featured in [local news stories](#). Superintendent Gainey does live, on-air [interviews with WZOO radio](#) each month. He also provides school system updates in monthly videos, which are posted on our district website and social media platforms. On occasion, RCSS places promotional advertising in select media.

Personnel

Number of Staff	2,016
Teachers	1,164
National Board Certification	9.89%
Teacher Turnover Rate (2018-2019)	13.57%

4 Year Cohort Graduation Rate

Randolph County School System	89.6%
North Carolina	86.5%

Dropout Rate (Grades 9-13)

Randolph County School System	1.02%
North Carolina	1.53%

About Randolph County

Gently rolling hills, river valleys, and forest land characterize Randolph County's 790 square miles. It is the 11th largest county in North Carolina and has the 19th highest population in the state. The towns of Archdale, Asheboro, Franklinville, Liberty, Ramseur, Randleman, Seagrove, Staley and Trinity are located within Randolph County with Asheboro being the county seat. Asheboro is approximately 70 miles from Raleigh, the state capital, and from Charlotte, the state's largest city.

Randolph County is a part of the Piedmont Triad region, a 12-county area whose central location puts it within 90 miles of the Blue Ridge Mountains to the west and within 200 miles of the Atlantic Ocean to the east. The county sits in the middle of the Eastern Seaboard, within 500 miles of half of the nation's population and largest markets. The region is united by the Piedmont Triad International Airport, interstate highways, a score of colleges and universities, and a rich cultural life.

Randolph County is home to the North Carolina State Zoological Park, the nation's largest natural-habitat zoo with 500 acres of exhibits and over 1,000 animals. Also located in Randolph County are the Richard Petty Museum, (celebrating NASCAR's all-time career victory leader), the Uwharrie National Forest, the NC Pottery Center, and the Seagrove area potteries, which enjoy an international reputation for exceptional hand thrown pottery. (Excerpted from [www.co.randolph.nc.us](#))



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The Randolph County School System does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and other youth support groups as provided by law. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Edwina Ashworth, Title IX Coordinator and Section 504 Coordinator, 2222-C South Fayetteville St. Asheboro, NC 27205 Phone: 336-633-5000.



The Randolph County School System (RCSS) is a public school district in central North Carolina, comprising 32 schools and 15,093 students. RCSS is made up of 17 elementary schools, 6 middle schools, 1 Six-Twelve school, 7 high schools (6 traditional and 1 early college), and one virtual academy. In August 2021, Trinity Middle School opened, Braxton Craven School closed, and Archdale-Trinity Middle School was renamed Wheatmore Middle School..

Our Mission

Maximize educational opportunities for every student by focusing on continuous improvement and having high expectations for students and staff, while preparing students for multiple options to be competitive in a diverse 21st century global society.

Our Vision

Maximize educational opportunities for every student, based on our beliefs that: All students can learn; All students will be taught in a safe and nurturing learning environment; All students deserve a teacher who is qualified and well-prepared; All students deserve access to instructional resources managed in a fiscally responsible manner; and All stakeholders share the responsibility and accountability for student learning.

Our Strategic Plan - "Path to Pride"

Strategic Directive #1

Implement an instructional program that results in academic growth for all students at all levels of student achievement while also working to close/eliminate the achievement gaps.

Strategic Directive #2

Use all school system financial resources in a fiscally responsible manner at all times.

Strategic Directive #3

Hire, organize, retain, and develop a high-performing staff in all areas of the school system.

Strategic Directive #4

Maintain efficient/effective operations throughout the school system.

Strategic Directive #5

Implement an effective public relations program for the school system.





Our School Nutrition Department offers a Mobile Menu App that provides an easy way to view school menus and nutrient information right from your smartphone. The new "Web Menus" mobile app includes interactive nutritional menus, daily menus, nutrient information, menu item description, menu item photos, menu item allergens, and more. Visit the RCSS website for more details.



Apprenticeship Randolph is Randolph County's premier opportunity for students to get a jumpstart on a professional career in our booming local industries.

Students maximize earning potential, gain needed skills, receive on-the-job training, and earn an Associate of Applied Science degree from Randolph Community College, at no cost to the student. Apprenticeships are available in advanced manufacturing, automotive technology, and information technology.

"Apprenticeship Randolph" is a partnership of the Randolph County School System, Asheboro City Schools, Randolph Community College, the Asheboro-Randolph Chamber of Commerce, and local manufacturers working to give students the technical skills needed to meet the demands of local companies.



Students			
Grades K-5	6,627	<u>Ethnic Distribution</u>	
Grades 6-8	3,618	American Indian	50
Grades 9-13	4,848	Asian	347
Total	15,093	Hispanic	3053
		Black	575
		White	10,639
Academically Gifted	11.0%	Pacific Islander	9
Students with Disabilities	1,888	Multi-Racial	690
English Learners	6.26%		

Information Systems

- Our Information Systems Department supports nearly 4,923 Windows computers, 17,515 Chromebook devices, 32 facilities, and 17,800 students, faculty, and staff members. The department also supports computers, applications, audio visual equipment, telephone systems, intercom/paging systems, security cameras, and closed circuit television systems.
- Our Information Systems Department processes approximately 4,965 work orders per year.
- Wireless access and "Bring Your Own Technology" wireless access are available in all schools.
- Our staff members have the capability to provide remote support, which saves time in work requests being resolved and fuel for the county vehicles.
- Our Information Systems Department has new and leading technologies such as high speed network infrastructure, wireless access, virtual servers, voice over Internet protocol phones (VOIP), and on-premise and hosted cloud applications.
- Information Systems Department staff members have traveled approximately 49,712 miles this past year to schools to provide technical support.
- The department consists of eight people and is diverse in education, age, and experience.

Transportation

- Our Transportation Department currently runs 145 yellow school buses that travel a total of 7,023 miles each day and transport 4,500 students to and from school each day.
- Our school system has 46 activity buses (with GPS tracking) for events such as field trips, athletic events, and band competitions.
- The Transportation Department also maintains 23 yellow school buses and 8 activity buses for Asheboro City Schools.
- Our yellow school buses and activity buses have live tracking GPS units. GPS units on the yellow school buses track and record all passenger stops made by the drivers.
- Yellow school buses and activity buses are inspected every 30 calendar days by certified bus mechanics. Yellow school buses are equipped with two-way radios and internal cameras.



Information About the Graduates in the Class of 2021

- 1,189 diplomas and 5 certificates were issued.
- Mid-year graduates accounted for 88 of the total diplomas.
- 343 students (28.8%) planned to attend public and/or private four-year colleges.
- 476 students (40.0%) planned to attend a community college, private junior college, or trade school.
- 36 students planned to enter the military and accounted for 3.0% of high school graduates.
- 250 students (20.9%) planned to enter the workforce.
- 88 students (7.3%) indicated their future plans were undecided.
- In all, 855 graduates (71.9%) planned to pursue further education.
- The total amount of scholarship money awarded to RCSS graduates pursuing further education was \$23,120,787.

School Nutrition

- Each day, over 5,500 breakfast meals and 9,000 lunch meals are served to students throughout the school system.
- Digital monthly menus are available on the RCSS website as well as our new "Web Menus" mobile app.
- Our new, interactive menus provide information on the nutritional content of food items, daily fresh fruit and vegetable offerings, and pricing and pre-pay information.
- School Nutrition Services provides a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, many from North Carolina farmers, and also offers higher quality food items made from scratch in our cafeterias daily. Students may also receive unlimited fruits and vegetables with every lunch meal.
- Our menus are carefully analyzed by the Registered Dietitian on staff to ensure students are receiving healthy, well-balanced meals that meet all federal nutrition standards.
- The average health inspection score for our school cafeterias is 98.5!

Maintenance

- The RCSS Maintenance Department's 34 employees maintain 2.7 million square feet, 1,384 acres, 31 schools, the maintenance warehouse, and the bus garage.
- Responsibilities include plumbing, electrical, HVAC, carpentry, cabinetmaking, locksmithing, water/wastewater treatment, equipment operating, and roofing.
- Maintenance employees respond to all types of emergencies, all while performing preventative maintenance tasks and overseeing large projects such as new roofs, classroom remodels, driveway repaving, and more.
- Our Maintenance Department is on call 24/7/365.



"Pathways to Prosperity"

Pathways are curriculum and skills programs that offer a clear sequence of education and training credentials aligned with employer validated work readiness standards and competencies.

"Pathways to Prosperity" represents a landmark collaboration between the Randolph County School System, Asheboro City Schools, and Randolph Community College. The three educational institutions are working together with industries to create a seamless pathway for students to go into careers in Randolph County.

These pathways provide training for students to obtain jobs here in their own community, while benefiting local business and industry employers that are constantly seeking skilled employees.

Pathways are currently available to Randolph County School System and Asheboro City Schools students in the areas of Healthcare, Advanced Manufacturing, and Agriculture.

For more information about career pathways for students, please contact David Cross, Director of Career-Technical Education, at 336-633-5062.