

Improved Academic Achievement Continues!

Chatham County students' scores exceed state averages across the board in 2022-2023.

CHATHAM COUNTY, NC (September 6, 2023) – The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction has released testing data results for school districts from the 2022-23 school year, with the data showing Chatham County Schools performing above the state average in multiple categories.

“The data released today reiterates just how hard our educators, students, and support staff worked last year,” said Superintendent Dr. Anthony Jackson. “Accountability results are not just numbers on a spreadsheet; they are a reflection of our commitment to excellence and opportunity for every student. It is our responsibility to ensure that these results translate into opportunities and growth for each and every child in our care. One Chatham for ALL students.”

Here are some important highlights from the testing data results:

- Chatham outperformed the state’s proficiency in EVERY 3rd-8th subject area (reading, math, and science).
- Chatham outperformed high schools across the state in EOC composite, Math I, Math 3, Biology, the ACT, the WorkKeys, Math Course Rigor, and the 4 year cohort graduation rate.
- Three schools improved a letter grade.
 - Bennett School increased from a C performance grade to a B.
 - Bonlee School and Jordan-Matthews High School increased their school performance grades from a D performance grade to a C, which removed them from “low-performing” designation.
- 16 out of 19 schools (85%) earned a School Performance Grade (SPG) of C or better.
- 15 out of 19 schools (78.9%) **met or exceeded** expected growth
- 100% of Chatham elementary schools (K-5) **met or exceeded** expected growth
- 100% of Chatham K-8 schools **met** expected growth.
- 92.8% of schools **met or exceeded** expected growth in reading.
- 85.7% of schools **met or exceeded** expected growth in math.

- Six schools met or exceeded expected growth for the **past 8 consecutive years** in which growth was calculated (Moncure School, Bonlee School, J.S. Waters School, North Chatham Elementary, Northwood High, and Virginia Cross Elementary).
- Seven schools met or exceeded expected growth for the **past 5 consecutive years** in which growth was calculated (Silk Hope School, Siler City Elementary, Chatham Early College, Seaforth High, and Pittsboro Elementary, Seaforth High, and Chatham Grove Elementary).
- CCS is 10+ points above the average state ACT score.
- Chatham's 4-yr graduation rate improved by 3%, and is 2.6% above the state 4 year graduation rate. The state's graduation rate remained unchanged.

The student achievement data for the 2022-23 school year is based on an analysis of all end-of-grade (EOG) and end-of-course (EOC) tests, which are aligned to the North Carolina Standard Course of Study in English Language Arts (Reading) and Mathematics and the Essential Standards in Science for all public schools in North Carolina. The data provides the percentage of students who scored at Level 3 and above (grade level proficiency), at Level 4 and above (college and career readiness) and at each academic achievement level. Because of disruptions in teaching and learning caused by the pandemic, the accountability report for the 2022-23 school year is the second since 2018-19 to feature all elements of the state's accountability framework, including the calculation of growth designations and A-F School Performance Grades.

“When I visit our classrooms across the district I get excited about the student engagement, rigorous instruction, and the sense of community that our school staff and administrators work so hard to achieve,” said Dr. Amanda Moran, assistant superintendent for academic services and instructional support. “Those efforts show in these accountability results. It is simple, when our students feel safe, nurtured, and challenged; they will rise to the occasion. We appreciate all of the hard work our students, staff, and families put into making the 2022-2023 school year such a success. We are looking forward to continued growth and success this year, as better is always possible. “

A snapshot of these accountability numbers will be presented to the Chatham County Board of Education on September 11, and a full accountability review will be presented to the Board in October, as more results are released from across the state.

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CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS

2022-23 ACCOUNTABILITY RESULTS SNAPSHOT

ABOVE THE STATE AVERAGE IN EVERY 3-8TH SUBJECT AND GRADE

Chatham outperformed the state's proficiency in reading, math, and science for grades 3 - 8.



OUTPERFORMED STATE PROFICIENCY IN MULTIPLE HIGH SCHOOL TARGETS:

Including EOC composite, Math I, Math 3, Biology, the ACT, the WorkKeys, Math Course Rigor, and the 4 year cohort graduation rate.

Moved **out** of low performing

BONLEE AND JMHS

Increased school performance grade from a **D to a C**

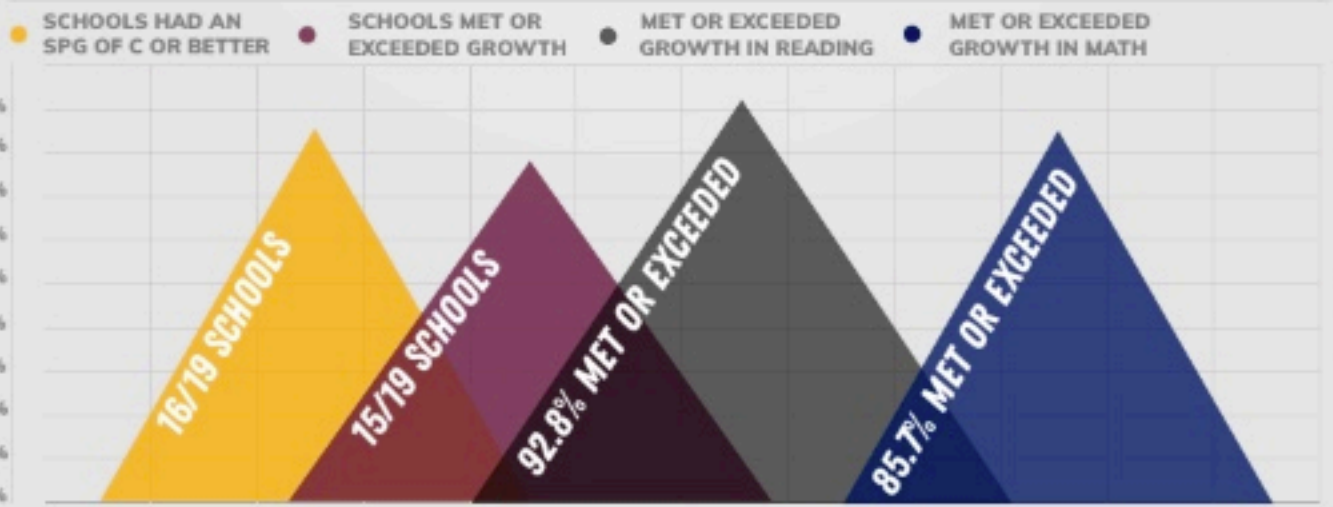
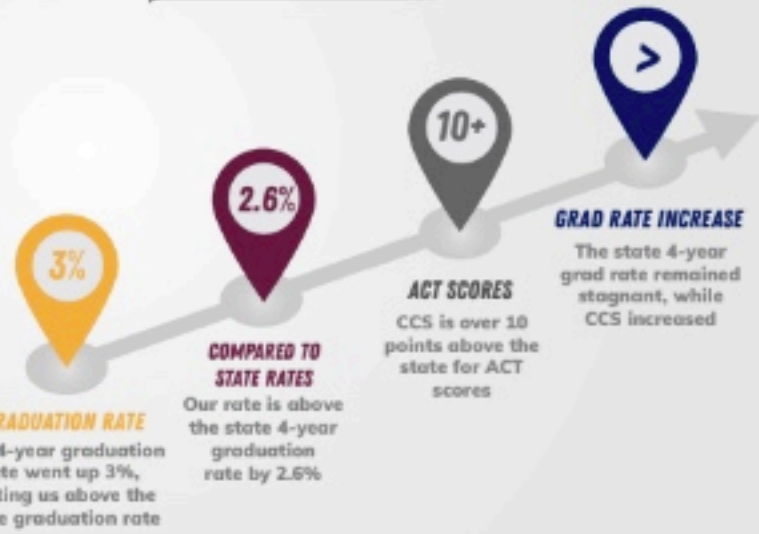
BENNETT SCHOOL

Increased school performance grade from a **C to a B**

100% OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS MET OR EXCEEDED GROWTH
100% OF K-8 SCHOOLS MET OR EXCEEDED GROWTH

- 6 schools met or exceeded growth consecutively the past 8 years
- 4 schools met or exceeded growth consecutively the past 5 years
- 5 schools met or exceeded growth consecutively the past 2 years

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MONCURE • BONLEE • JS WATERS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NORTH CHATHAM • NORTHWOOD • VIRGINIA CROSS 	<p>8 YEARS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SILK HOPE • SILER CITY • CHATHAM EARLY COLLEGE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PITTSBORO 	<p>5 YEARS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BENNETT • SEAFORTH • GEORGE MOSES HORTON 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PERRY HARRISON • CHATHAM GROVE 	<p>2 YEARS</p>



THE CLASS OF 2023 RECEIVED OVER \$32 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS

TOP 10% STUDENTS

63 Students were recognized in the top ten percent of the Chatham County Schools Class of 2023

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ASSOCIATES DEGREES

14 out of 15 students from CSSE received an Associates Degree from Central Carolina Community College

96%

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

530 graduates were accepted into 2- or 4-year colleges

75%

ENTERING THE WORKFORCE

127 graduates have secured full time employment

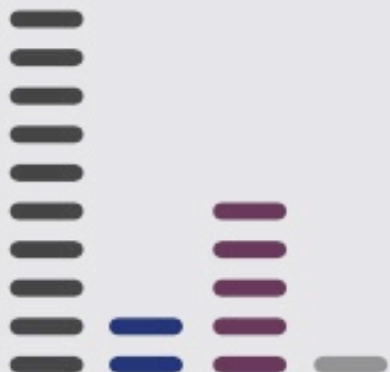
18%

SAGE ACADEMY

100% of the seniors enrolled in the SAGE Evening Academy program successfully completed the requirements for this high school diploma. (SAGE will transition to ONE Academy beginning next year)

100%

18 GRADUATES WILL BE ENLISTING IN THE MILITARY



ARMY

- Judith Barrios (CCHS)
- Jonathan Atkinson (CCHS)
- Mack Luther (CCHS)
- Maria Aguilar (J-M)
- Christopher Deshawn Alston (J-M)
- Kevin Causey Jr. (J-M)
- Frankie Cruz (J-M)
- Kevin Flores Lopez (J-M)
- Angelo Giron-Dominguez (J-M)
- Devon Fan Fan (NHS)

NAVY

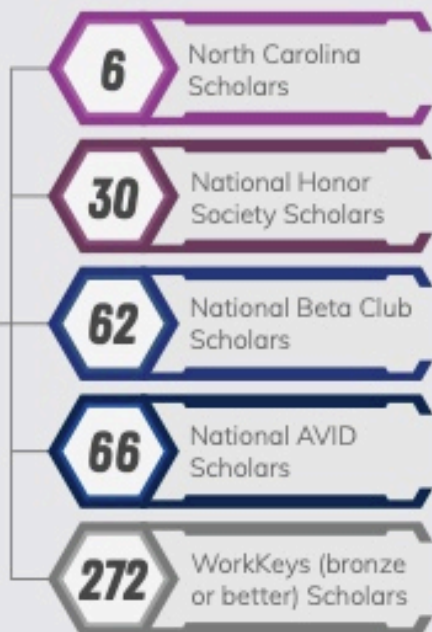
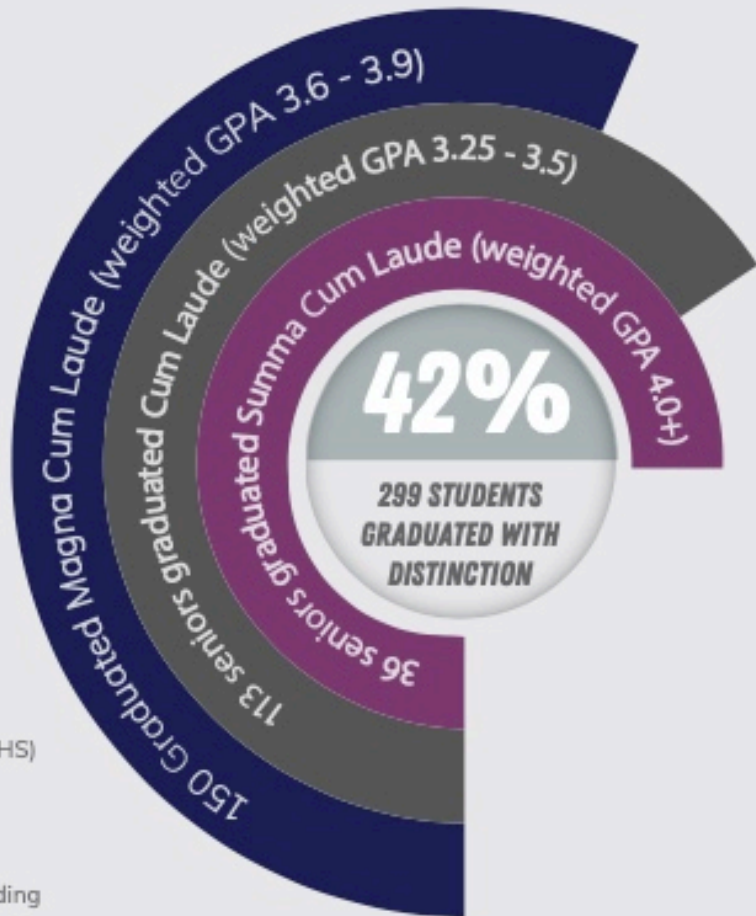
- Eric Johnson (CCHS)
- Armani Perez (NHS)

MARINES

- Cristhian Padilla (CCHS)
- Hunter Bray (CCHS)
- Wayland Jayden Hill (CCHS)
- Omar Rios-Ortega (J-M)
- Reagan Mueller (NHS)

UNDECIDED

- Adrian Kelly (NHS - deciding between Navy, Air Force, or Marines)



- NC Scholars
- Art Honor Society
- National Technical Honor Society
- Dell Scholars
- Morehead-Cain (UNC-CH) Scholarship
- Levine (UNCC) Scholarship
- NC Teaching Fellows
- Goodnight Scholars
- Global Language Endorsement
- Dual Language Scholars
- Full ride scholarships to:
 - Wake Forest
 - Elon
 - UNC-Asheville
 - Appalachian State
- Hundreds of other merit-based scholarships