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VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MIDDLE SCHOOL

# Report Card

ISSUED 2005-2006



Dear Parents or Guardian:

We are pleased to provide you with the eighth annual School Report Card containing important information about your child's school. This report card is an important part of educational accountability designed to help you assess many aspects of your child's school and evaluate its success over time.

In addition to school and staff characteristics for the current school year and student performance for previous years, you will find information related to the school's progress toward meeting state and federal standards. I am pleased to indicate that for the current year, 100 percent of our schools earned full state accreditation.

Schools are also expected to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) based on criteria required by the *No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001*. A school's AYP status is based on Standards of Learning (SOL) test results and other factors such as attendance rates for elementary and middle schools and graduation rates for high schools. Criteria for meeting AYP are set for all students and for subgroups of students, including economically disadvantaged, limited English proficient, and students with disabilities, as well as for major racial and ethnic groups. Each student subgroup within a school must achieve all of the annual objectives for the school to be classified as making AYP. We are proud that 95 percent of our schools made AYP for the 2005-2006 school year based on 2004-2005 data.

However, our ability to remain "ahead of the curve" and show continuous improvement depends on our students, teachers, staff, community, and family members like you. We hope that you will continue to help us succeed through your commitment to your child's education and by taking an active role at your child's school.

Sincerely,

Sheila S. Magula, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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## 2005-2006

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Mr. Joey H. Phillips, Assistant Principal

Mr. Bruce R. Rector, Assistant Principal

Ms. Jacqueline Balmer, PTA President

### State Accreditation Status:

Fully Accredited

*The mission of the Virginia Beach City Public Schools, in partnership with our entire community, is to ensure that each student is empowered with the knowledge and skills necessary to meet the challenges of the future.*

### School Board Members

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## READING YOUR SCHOOL REPORT CARD

This report card for your child's school includes information related to school characteristics and student performance measures. Unless noted otherwise, the information is for the current school year, 2005-2006. Some of the information required by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 is also included. Additional information about your child's school and all other schools in the division is available at [www.vbschools.com](http://www.vbschools.com) and [www.doe.virginia.gov](http://www.doe.virginia.gov).

### SCHOOL INFORMATION

**PTA Membership March 2005:** 780

**No Child Left Behind Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)**

**Status:** Made AYP

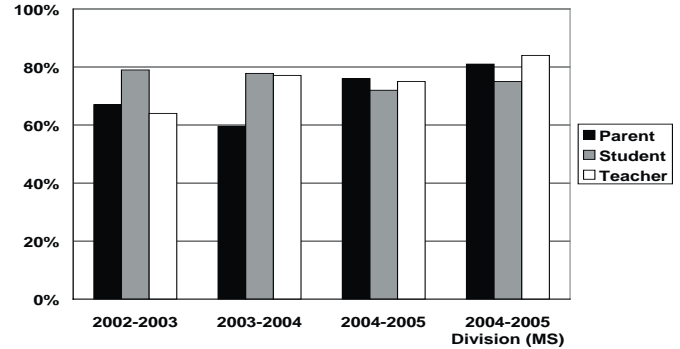
**No Child Left Behind Safe School**

**Status:** Not Persistently Dangerous

#### Average Class Size

English	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies
22.7	24.1	24.7	24.7

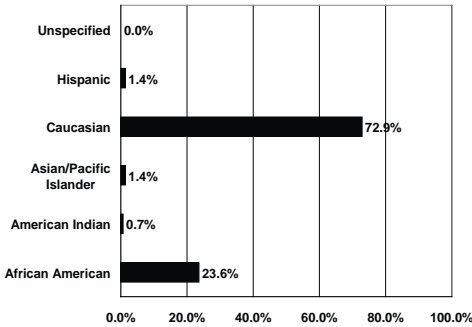
Percentage of people giving an A or B grade to the overall quality of education received by students at this school, based on the school division's annual spring survey.



#### Attendance 2004-2005\*\*

School Average Daily Attendance:	94.7%
Division (MS) Average Daily Attendance:	95.4%
AYP Attendance Target:	94.0%

### STAFF CHARACTERISTICS



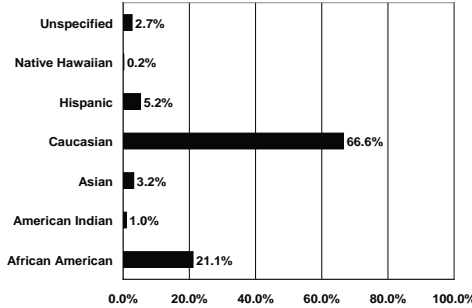
Administration/Intern:	4
Instructional:	99
Classified:	37
Other:	4

#### Additional Instructional Characteristics

	School	Division (MS)	State
Female	74.7%	75.9%	*
Male	25.3%	24.1%	*
Average years of teaching experience	12.1	13.6	*
Percentage with graduate degrees	42.4	48.1	*
Percentage new to the system	9.1	7.0	*
Percentage of core courses not taught by highly qualified teachers 04-05	8.5	5.6	4.4
Percentage of teachers with provisional credentials 04-05	7.6	4.5	7.1

\*Not Available

### STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS



September 30, 2005

Membership: 1,412

	School	Division (MS)
Female	51.7%	48.6%
Male	48.3%	51.4%
Economically Disadvantaged	25.1%	27.2%
Gifted	11.6%	14.3%
Limited English Proficiency	2.3%	2.0%
Migrant	0.0%	0.0%
Special Education	14.2%	13.3%

### STUDENT PERFORMANCE MEASURES

#### Stanford Achievement Tests

*The Stanford 10 is a nationally norm-referenced test designed to compare the achievement of students with other students throughout the country.*

#### Stanford Achievement Tests - Grade 6 Percentile Scores

Tests	Fall 2004	Fall 2004
	School	Division
Total Reading	56	59
Total Language	68	69
Total Mathematics	73	73
Partial Battery Total	65	66

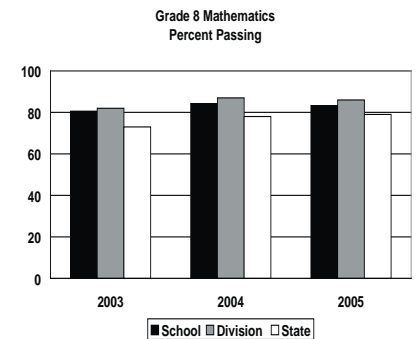
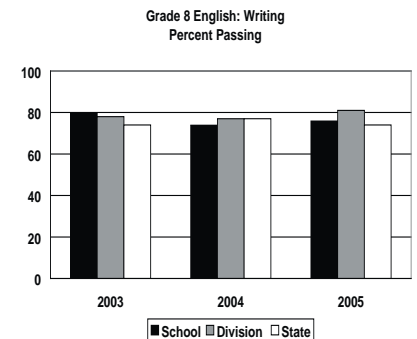
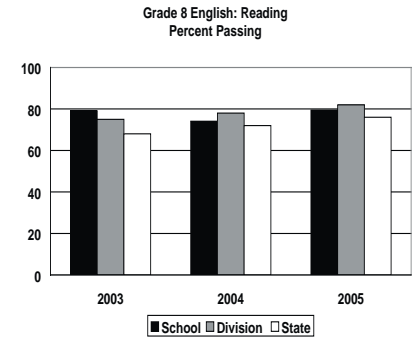
\*\*Attendance as of March 31 is reported because it is used by the state to calculate AYP.

The Standards of Learning (SOL) tests are state mandated achievement tests used by students to earn verified credits for graduation and by schools and the division to assess student achievement and plan for continuous improvement. The test results are also used to determine school accreditation and AYP status. The 2004-2005 SOL performance shown in the following tables includes all SOL unadjusted scores for the year including scores reported back to the home school for alternative center students. The bar graphs show three-year trends for spring SOL scores for the school, division, and state. Remediation recovery, SELP scores, retake test scores, substitute test scores, and alternate assessment scores are not included in the SOL Performance tables. Retake test scores are included in the bar charts. School and division scores exclude SECEP students.

**2004-2005 SOL Performance**

Grade 8 <sup>†</sup>		School % Tested	School Proficiency Levels			Percent Passing		
			Advanced	Proficient	Fail	School	Division	State
English: Reading	All Students	99.8	23	56	21	79	82	*
	Female	100.0	28	56	15	85	86	*
	Male	99.6	18	56	26	74	78	*
	African American	100.0	15	49	36	64	71	*
	American Indian	<	<	<	<	<	79	*
	Asian	100.0	37	58	5	95	90	*
	Caucasian	99.7	25	57	18	82	86	*
	Hispanic	100.0	18	65	18	82	82	*
	Native Hawaiian	<	<	<	<	<	85	*
	Unspecified Ethnicity	<	<	<	<	<	82	*
	Economically Disadvantaged	100.0	11	56	33	67	69	*
	Limited English Proficiency	<	<	<	<	<	63	*
	Special Education	100.0	2	34	64	36	41	*
Migrant	<	<	<	<	<	<	*	
English: Writing	All Students	98.1	4	72	24	76	81	*
	Female	98.8	5	84	11	89	88	*
	Male	97.5	3	60	37	63	74	*
	African American	100.0	3	57	40	60	71	*
	American Indian	<	<	<	<	<	92	*
	Asian	90.9	5	90	5	95	88	*
	Caucasian	97.9	4	76	21	79	85	*
	Hispanic	100.0	0	61	39	61	74	*
	Native Hawaiian	<	<	<	<	<	92	*
	Unspecified Ethnicity	<	<	<	<	<	85	*
	Economically Disadvantaged	96.1	2	61	37	63	69	*
	Limited English Proficiency	<	<	<	<	<	62	*
	Special Education	98.1	0	24	76	24	36	*
Migrant	<	<	<	<	<	<	*	
Mathematics	All Students	99.6	13	71	17	83	86	*
	Female	100.0	10	75	15	85	88	*
	Male	99.2	15	66	19	81	85	*
	African American	99.0	5	69	26	74	76	*
	American Indian	<	<	<	<	<	90	*
	Asian	100.0	37	63	0	100	93	*
	Caucasian	99.7	14	71	15	85	91	*
	Hispanic	100.0	0	70	30	70	83	*
	Native Hawaiian	<	<	<	<	<	96	*
	Unspecified Ethnicity	<	<	<	<	<	85	*
	Economically Disadvantaged	99.3	9	67	25	75	76	*
	Limited English Proficiency	100.0	9	55	36	64	75	*
	Special Education	100.0	7	39	54	46	58	*
Migrant	<	<	<	<	<	<	*	

**Three-Year Trend SOL Spring Scores**



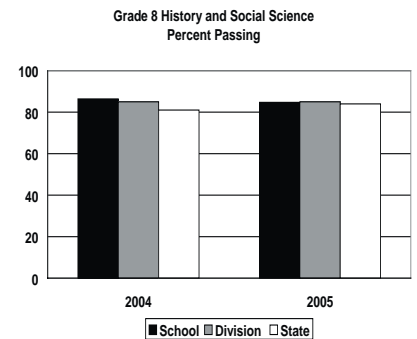
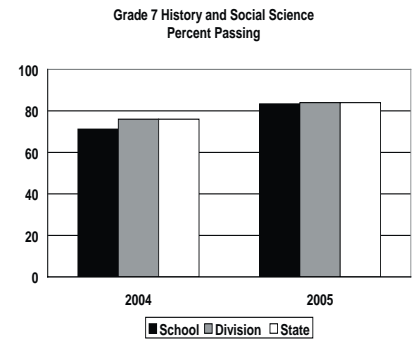
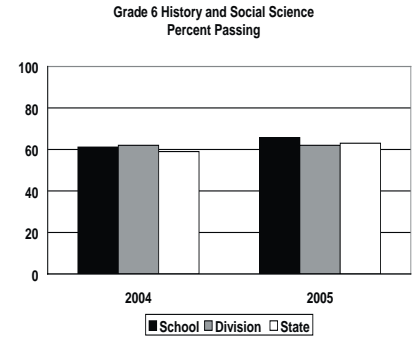
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†VGLA scores are included in the table but not in the bar charts in order to make appropriate comparisons.

## 2004-2005 SOL Performance

## Three-Year Trend SOL Spring Scores

Grades 6, 7, 8 History and Social Science <sup>†</sup>		School % Tested	School Proficiency Levels			Percent Passing		
			Advanced	Proficient	Fail	School	Division	State
Grade 6: History and Social Science	All Students	98.2	16	50	34	66	62	*
	Female	98.1	16	47	37	63	59	*
	Male	98.2	16	53	31	69	65	*
	African American	97.3	5	40	55	45	44	*
	American Indian	<	<	<	<	<	61	*
	Asian	100.0	32	36	32	68	79	*
	Caucasian	98.4	19	55	27	73	70	*
	Hispanic	95.5	14	33	52	48	58	*
	Native Hawaiian	<	<	<	<	<	64	*
	Unspecified Ethnicity	100.0	21	57	21	79	71	*
	Economically Disadvantaged	98.6	8	44	49	51	44	*
	Limited English Proficiency	72.2	15	15	69	31	55	*
	Special Education	95.9	4	24	71	29	28	*
Migrant	<	<	<	<	<	<	*	
Grade 7: History and Social Science	All Students	98.6	15	68	17	83	84	*
	Female	98.9	13	70	17	83	83	*
	Male	98.3	17	67	16	84	85	*
	African American	100.0	5	68	27	73	73	*
	American Indian	<	<	<	<	<	83	*
	Asian	100.0	18	64	18	82	91	*
	Caucasian	98.5	19	68	12	88	89	*
	Hispanic	94.1	6	72	22	78	81	*
	Native Hawaiian	<	<	<	<	<	91	*
	Unspecified Ethnicity	<	<	<	<	<	83	*
	Economically Disadvantaged	96.6	9	65	26	74	72	*
	Limited English Proficiency	<	<	<	<	<	84	*
	Special Education	96.6	5	48	46	54	54	*
Migrant	<	<	<	<	<	<	*	
Grade 8: History and Social Science	All Students	99.2	18	67	15	85	85	*
	Female	98.7	14	72	14	86	84	*
	Male	99.6	21	62	17	83	86	*
	African American	98.9	9	71	20	80	76	*
	American Indian	<	<	<	<	<	88	*
	Asian	95.2	40	60	0	100	91	*
	Caucasian	99.7	20	66	15	85	89	*
	Hispanic	94.1	6	69	25	75	79	*
	Native Hawaiian	<	<	<	<	<	85	*
	Unspecified Ethnicity	<	<	<	<	<	81	*
	Economically Disadvantaged	97.7	13	65	22	78	73	*
	Limited English Proficiency	<	<	<	<	<	62	*
	Special Education	98.0	10	49	41	59	57	*
Migrant	<	<	<	<	<	<	*	



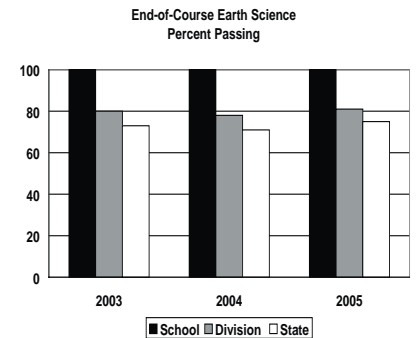
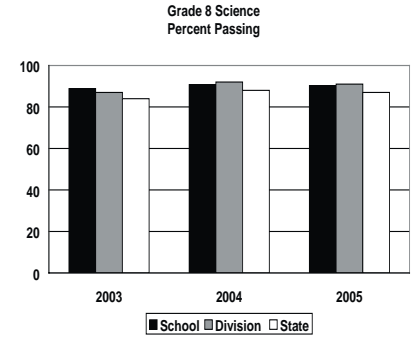
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## Three-Year Trend SOL Spring Scores

Grade 8 and End-of-Course <sup>†</sup>		School % Tested	School Proficiency Levels			Percent Passing		
			Advanced	Proficient	Fail	School	Division	State
Science	All Students	97.5	25	65	10	90	91	*
	Female	98.8	24	68	9	91	92	*
	Male	96.3	27	62	11	89	91	*
	African American	98.9	10	72	18	82	84	*
	American Indian	<	<	<	<	<	96	*
	Asian	89.5	18	82	0	100	96	*
	Caucasian	97.4	30	62	8	92	95	*
	Hispanic	100.0	22	67	11	89	90	*
	Native Hawaiian	<	<	<	<	<	96	*
	Unspecified Ethnicity	<	<	<	<	<	91	*
	Economically Disadvantaged	97.0	15	68	18	82	83	*
	Limited English Proficiency	<	<	<	<	<	78	*
	Special Education	98.2	17	46	37	63	67	*
	Migrant	<	<	<	<	<	<	*
End-of-Course: Earth Science	All Students	100.0	58	42	0	100	85	*
	Female	100.0	43	57	0	100	81	*
	Male	100.0	72	28	0	100	88	*
	African American	<	<	<	<	<	70	*
	American Indian	<	<	<	<	<	94	*
	Asian	100.0	70	30	0	100	91	*
	Caucasian	100.0	59	41	0	100	92	*
	Hispanic	<	<	<	<	<	77	*
	Native Hawaiian	<	<	<	<	<	94	*
	Unspecified Ethnicity	<	<	<	<	<	83	*
	Economically Disadvantaged	100.0	65	35	0	100	73	*
	Limited English Proficiency	<	<	<	<	<	69	*
	Special Education	<	<	<	<	<	65	*
	Migrant	<	<	<	<	<	<	*



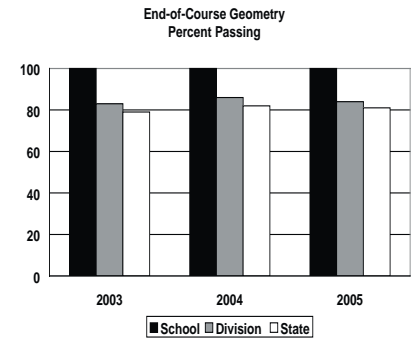
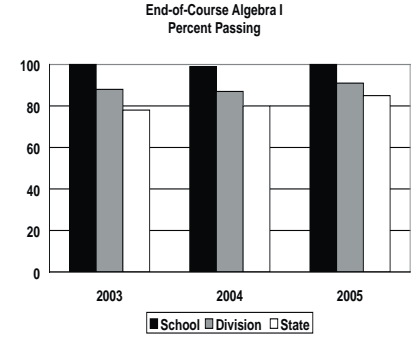
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End-of-Course <sup>†</sup>		School % Tested	School Proficiency Levels			Percent Passing		
			Advanced	Proficient	Fail	School	Division	State
End-of-Course: Algebra I	All Students	100.0	49	51	0	100	87	*
	Female	100.0	43	57	0	100	89	*
	Male	100.0	55	45	0	100	85	*
	African American	100.0	54	46	0	100	79	*
	American Indian	<	<	<	<	<	81	*
	Asian	<	<	<	<	<	94	*
	Caucasian	100.0	48	52	0	100	90	*
	Hispanic	<	<	<	<	<	85	*
	Native Hawaiian	<	<	<	<	<	90	*
	Unspecified Ethnicity	<	<	<	<	<	91	*
	Economically Disadvantaged	100.0	45	55	0	100	81	*
	Limited English Proficiency	<	<	<	<	<	88	*
	Special Education	<	<	<	<	<	60	*
	Migrant	<	<	<	<	<	<	*
End-of-Course: Geometry	All Students	100.0	65	35	0	100	87	*
	Female	<	<	<	<	<	85	*
	Male	100.0	73	27	0	100	88	*
	African American	<	<	<	<	<	72	*
	American Indian	<	<	<	<	<	80	*
	Asian	<	<	<	<	<	91	*
	Caucasian	100.0	57	43	0	100	92	*
	Hispanic	<	<	<	<	<	83	*
	Native Hawaiian	<	<	<	<	<	95	*
	Unspecified Ethnicity	<	<	<	<	<	90	*
	Economically Disadvantaged	<	<	<	<	<	78	*
	Limited English Proficiency	<	<	<	<	<	88	*
	Special Education	<	<	<	<	<	67	*
	Migrant	<	<	<	<	<	<	*



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### SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2004-2005

- The IMS PTA received the Cardinal Award and the Exemplary Award from the Virginia Beach Council of PTAs.
- The science classes received the Riverstar Award from the Elizabeth River Project.
- The IMS Computer/Technology Clubs won first and second place in the Great Computer Challenge as well as first, second, and third place in the Engineering Competition.
- The IMS Newsletter received the award for Exemplary Newsletter as well as Best of the Beach Web site.