

# BLACKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



**Montgomery County Public Schools** are made up of four communities with elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school in each community. Blacksburg is served by five elementary schools, Blacksburg Middle, and Blacksburg High School. Information about our community of schools can be found below.

## BLACKSBURG HIGH

All Data relevant to Cohort List Class of 2017

The Class of 2017 Included:	AHS	BHS	CHS	EMHS	MCPs
Number of students on most recent senior cohort list, minus transfers. Mrs. Higgle has provided each guidance department with the latest Cohort list. All data relates to that list and NOT a list of seniors from PS!	97	283	255	66	701
2017 May Graduates - Any Diploma	92	265	222	55	634
2017 Certificates of Completion	0	0	2	0	2
2017 GED Completers	3	0	3	1	7
2017 Summer Graduates - On Time (Planned)	0	0	0	0	0
2017 Cohort Graduated in 2016 SY (Do not count Dec. 2016)	0	7	4	1	12
2017 Cohort Students who did not graduate - still enrolled	0	2	7	2	11
2017 Cohort Dropouts: W880s	2	9	17	7	35
Total Seniors in 2017 Cohort	97	283	255	66	701
National Merit Commended Scholars or finalists	0	23	2	0	25
Seniors with a 4.0 or better grade point average	9	69	31	3	112
Honor Graduates (National Honor Society or Beta Club members - Seniors Only)	38	74	124	19	255
Number of Seniors receiving Advanced Studies Diplomas	44	199	117	22	382
Number of Seniors receiving local STEM Seal	2	15	14	0	31
Graduates attending a 4-year college or university	32	187	100	13	332
Graduates attending a 2-year college	46	71	95	16	228
Total Graduates who will be attending college (list colleges on Colleges tab below)	78	258	195	29	560
Total Percent of the Class of 2017 attending college	80.41%	91.17%	76.47%	43.94%	79.89%
Number of scholarships awarded to students; see separate tab for 5 amount of scholarships	54	198	116	55	423
Number of AP Classes Taken by Seniors	33	475	99	7	614
Number of Seniors Taking AP Exams (only include the student once if they are taking more than one exam)	14	108	55	2	179
Number of AP Exams Taken by Seniors 2017	23	240	63	2	328

- Fully accredited by state standards
- 23 National Merit Commended Scholars or Finalists
- 91% of the 2017 Graduates were accepted to a 2 or 4 year college!
- Won Wells Fargo Academic Cup
- Won Wells Fargo Athletic Cup - Tied VA Record! (12 Time Award Winner)
- Won Claudia Dodson Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Award
- Won Blue Ribbon School Award from the Virginia Music Educators Association
- BHS is currently celebrating Year Five in their new school with a year-long Year of the Artist Celebration!

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## BLACKSBURG MIDDLE

- Fully Accredited by state standards
- Awarded the Board of Education Excellence Award in 2017
- The BMS Technology Student Association team won nine 1st, 2nd, and 3rd -place trophies and placed as a finalist in twenty-three events at the State competition. At National competition, they won six trophies and placed as finalists in eight additional competitions.
- BMS once again received the Blue Ribbon School Award from the Virginia Music Educators Association.
- BMS Advanced Band earned straight "Superior" Ratings at the District Concert Band Assessment.
- BMS Bel Canto Choirs and Treble Choir earned a "Superior" rating at the District Assessment Concert.
- Five Students were selected for All-State Choir and 2 students were selected for National Honor Choir.
- The BMS MathCounts team placed 6th at the State team competition. They had two first place, a second and third place individual awards at the regional competition.
- BMS has maintained partnerships with more than 15 community organizations that provide support, opportunities, and resources related to enrichment, tutoring, teambuilding, social awareness, and other student need-based services.
- BMS pioneered a Mindfulness program for its students through a joint partnership between Life Support and the Department of Counselor Education at Radford University (RU).

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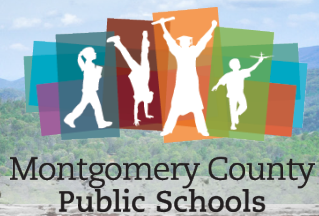
## GILBERT LINKOUS

Gilbert Linkous Elementary is a fully accredited, culturally diverse learning community with high expectations for every student. With the motto of, "Building a Learning Community that Inspires Individual Growth", GLE staff members strive to help each student meet his/her highest potential. Located near the VA Tech campus, GLE staff and students benefit from ongoing partnerships with many university programs. GLE enjoys a long-standing reputation of academic excellence and high student achievement, has been a continuous recipient of the Virginia Board of Education Excellence Award since 2014, and was named a National Blue Ribbon School by the U. S. Department of Education in 2014. The GLE E2 program offers the school community on site before/after school child care, as well as a variety of 6 - 12 week enrichment classes each semester. GLE embraces 21st century technology skills for all students with grade 3, 4, and 5 students having 1-1 Chromebooks, while lower grade classrooms have six or more Chromebooks/Desktops, supplemented with liberal access to two computer labs and two laptop carts.

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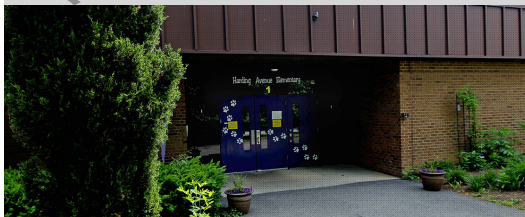
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## HARDING AVENUE

Harding Avenue Elementary, located in downtown Blacksburg, is a unique school built in the early 1970's with an open school format. Open schools have few interior walls where the design creates opportunities for an excellent collaborative learning environment. HAE maintains a high level of academic excellence and received the 2017 Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Award. 21st century technology skills are a priority at Harding Avenue and currently students in grades 3-5 participate in the 1-1 Chromebook initiative as part of their instructional program. The close proximity to Virginia Tech allows HAE students to benefit from the support of college professors and students who tutor, volunteer, and run clubs. HAE offers many after school clubs including Chess, Running, Knitting, Lego League, French, German, and Math Club. The LINK is Harding Avenue's on-site before and after-school program. HAE lives up to their motto "Where Each Child Matters."

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## KIPPS ELEMENTARY

Kipps Elementary School staff, students, parents, and community members emphasize the importance of school and community. They create a climate for learning, demonstrate a commitment to character, and implement a cohesive curriculum. Students are encouraged to make responsible choices, respect diversity, and develop necessary skills in a supportive and welcoming environment. Kipps maintains a high level of academic excellence and is fully accredited. Kipps received the 2016-2017 VA Index of Performance Board of Education Excellence Award. Twenty-first century technology skills are a priority and students in fourth and fifth grades participate in the 1:1 Chromebook initiative during their instructional day. Kipps Elementary provides many extracurricular clubs including Chess Club, French Club, German Club, Science Club, 4H Club, Chinese School, Virginia Tech College Mentors, Running Roos, Recorder Club, Orff Ensembles, and Three O'clock Band. The Three O'clock Band competed in the Music in the Parks competition in Williamsburg, VA and received first place in the Percussion Ensemble category, received a superior rating, and received the highest score in the competition, beating twenty-five high schools from across the east coast.

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## MARGARET BEEKS

Margaret Beeks Elementary was the first elementary school to implement the one to one eLearning initiative. Fifth grade students at Margaret Beeks Elementary were provided a Chromebook for use in school and at home. The purpose of this initiative was to ease the transition to 6th grade where students were already participating in a one to one program. Nearly all classroom teachers throughout the school were able to attend training on Google Apps for Education, now known as GSuite. Students began learning how to become a digital citizen and student in the 21st century classroom. We look forward to this year as we expand our program down to third grade.

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## PRICE'S FORK ELEMENTARY

Prices Fork Elementary is a community school where teachers care about the students. They welcome parental involvement and they promote safety as most of the personnel work hard to get to know the parents and families. Children are provided with an excellent curriculum and gain a strong sense of community through the school. The teachers, principal and staff have a special care and compassion for their job and students. Price's Fork is located in a rural setting in Blacksburg that has a small country school feeling which makes it special and unique. It is a school that provides a wonderful caring environment for learning.

Student/Teacher Ratio: 11.4

Number of students: 413

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