

# Virginia's K-12 Student Profile

# Public Education in Virginia

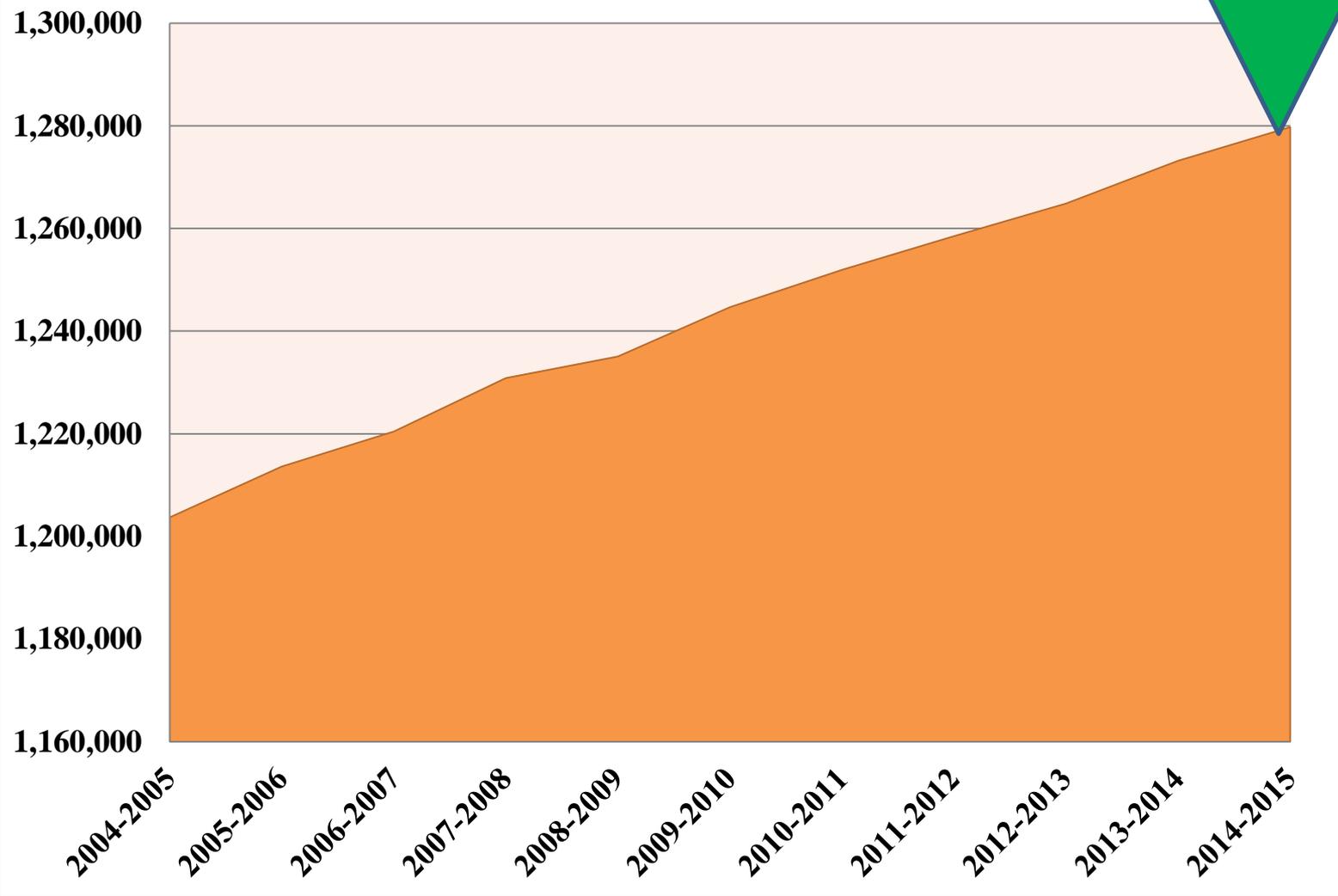
**1.273 Million Enrolled Students**

**1,860 Public Schools**

- 34 Preschools
- 1,156 Elementary Schools (K-5)
- 311 Middle Schools (6-8)
- 312 High Schools (9-12)
- 47 Combined Schools

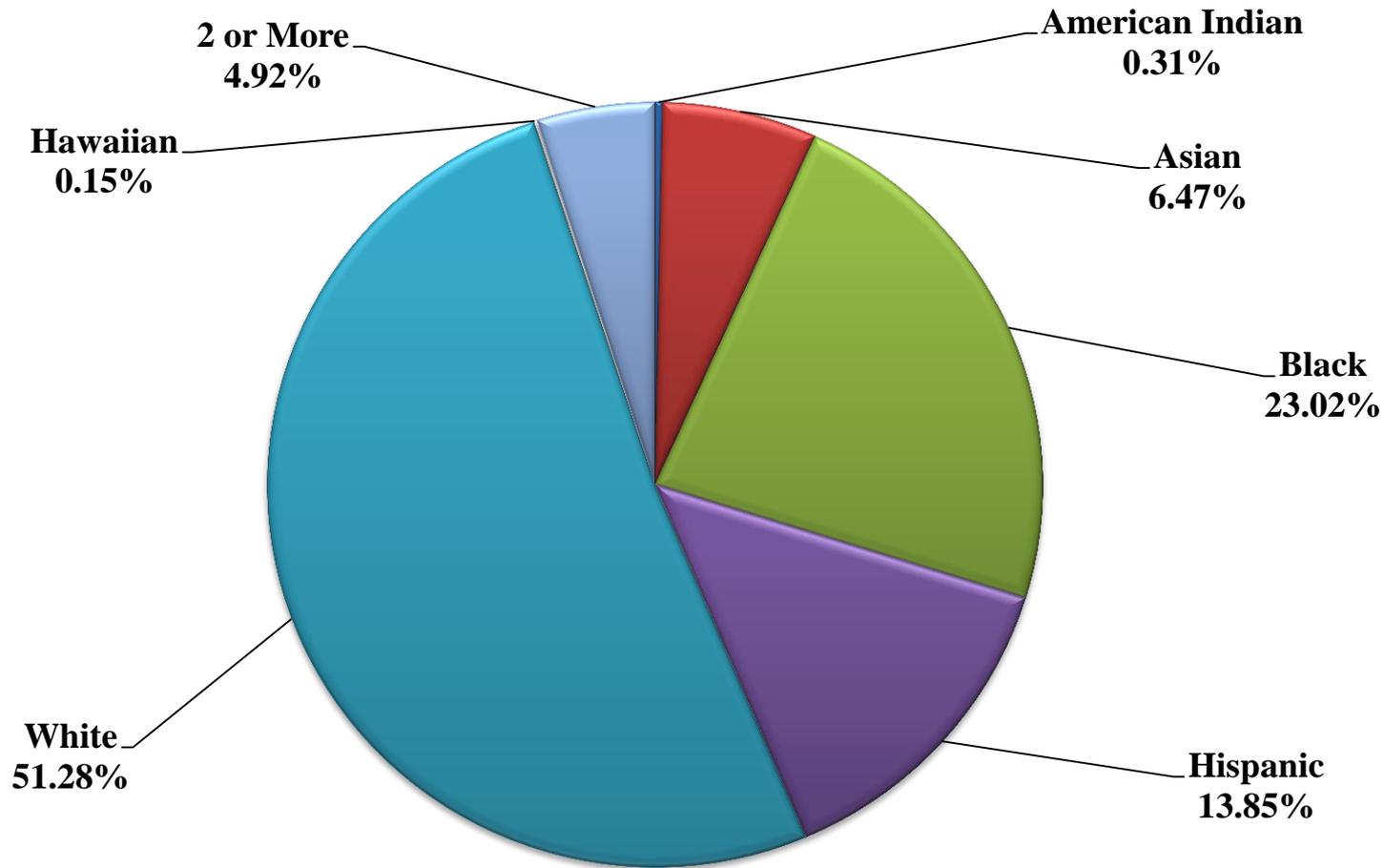


# Total PK-12 Student Enrollment 2005-2015



1.273 Million  
Students  
enrolled

# Student Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity 2014-2015





# Public Education in Virginia

- **Local and Regional Centers**
  - **108 Alternative Centers**
  - **58 Career and Technical Centers**
  - **33 Special Education Centers**
  - **18 Regional Governor's Schools**



# Education in Virginia

- **Private Schools**

- Approximately **450 private schools** in Virginia
- Not governed by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)
- Governed by the Virginia Council on Private Education (<http://www.vcpe.org/index.htm>)

- **Home School**

- Approximately **29,477 students** in Virginia



# Secretary of Education

**The Honorable Anne Holton**

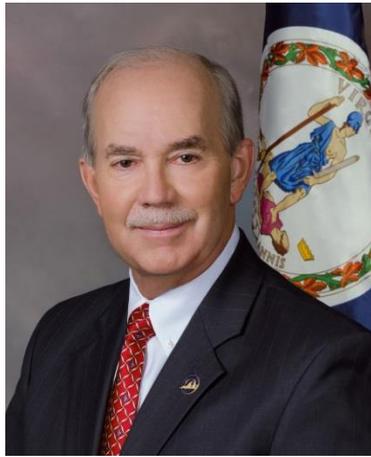
- Appointed by the Governor;
- Assists the Governor in the development and implementation of the state's education policy; and
- Provides guidance to the 16 public universities, the Virginia Community College System, five higher education and research centers, the Department of Education, and the state-supported museums.



# State Board of Education

***Nine members appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the General Assembly;***

- **Sets statewide curriculum standards;**
- **Establishes high school graduation requirements;**
- **Determines qualifications for education personnel and preparation programs for teachers and administrators;**
- **Establishes state testing requirements and standards for accreditation of local school divisions;**
- **Implements the No Child Left Behind Act (Elementary and Secondary Education Act).**



# Superintendent of Public Instruction

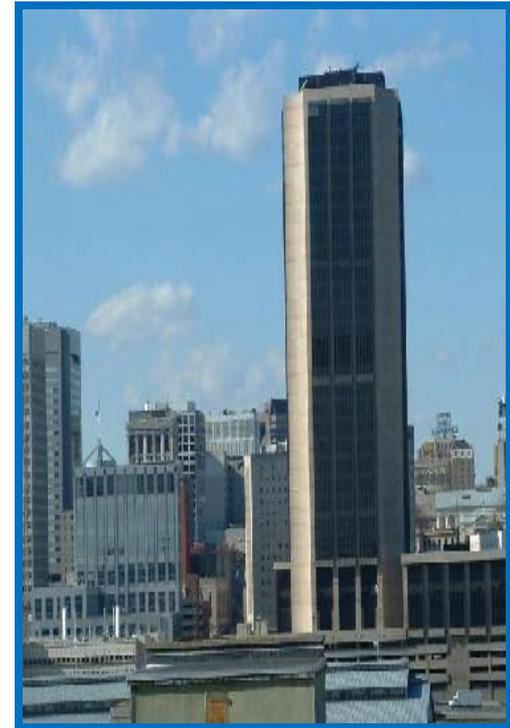
**Dr. Steven R. Staples**

- Appointed by the Governor;
- Serves as the executive officer of the Virginia Department of Education, which is the administrative agency for the Commonwealth's public schools.

*“Preparing today’s students for tomorrow’s careers”*

# Virginia Department of Education

- **Develops policies and procedures based on federal and state requirements (laws) for Board approval; and**
- **Provides assistance and support to public schools in meeting federal and state requirements.**



***Local school divisions retain much autonomy***

# Our vision, in collaboration with:

- **The Governor;**
- **The General Assembly;**
- **The Board of Education;**
- **Local School Boards;**
- **Community Partners;**
- **Education Stakeholders and Parents;**

**is to create an excellent statewide system of public education that prepares every Virginia student for success.**

# VDOE's Multiple Roles Include:

## Monitoring and Compliance of;

- School Accreditation
- Standards of Quality
- Standards of Learning (SOL)
- SOL Tests and Assessments
- State and Federal Regulations

## Identify and Disseminate Best Practices for;

- College and Career Ready Graduates
- High Quality Teachers and Staff
- Instructional Effectiveness

## Research and Development to;

- Encourage Innovation
- Facilitate Professional Development
- Analyze Data and Research to Inform Policy

# VDOE Cabinet



Kent Dickey, Deputy Superintendent

- Division of Finance and Administration



Dr. Billy Haun, Chief Academic Officer/Assistant Superintendent

- Division of Instruction



Dr. Cindy Cave, Assistant Superintendent

- Division of Policy and Communications



Shelley Loving-Ryder, Assistant Superintendent

- Division of Student Assessment & School Improvement



Dr. John Eisenberg, Assistant Superintendent

- Division of Special Education and Student Services



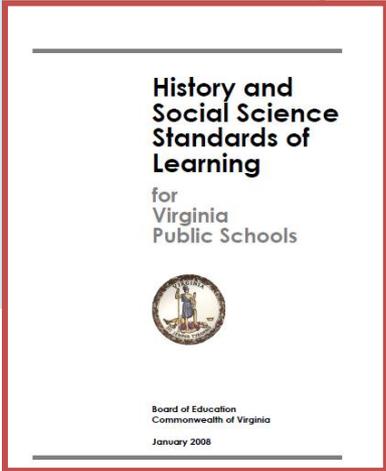
Patty Pitts

- Division of Teacher Education and Licensure

# Virginia's Standards of Learning (SOL)

## Core Content Areas

- English
- History & Social Science
- Mathematics
- Science

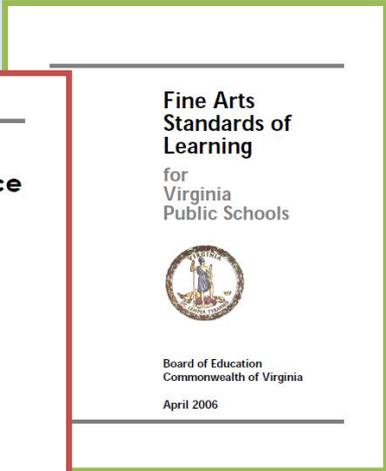


History and  
Social Science  
Standards of  
Learning

for  
Virginia  
Public Schools



Board of Education  
Commonwealth of Virginia  
January 2008



Fine Arts  
Standards of  
Learning  
for  
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Commonwealth of Virginia  
April 2006

## Non Core Content Areas

- Computer Technology
- Driver Education
- Economics & Personal Finance
- Family Life
- Fine Arts
- Foreign Language
- Health
- Physical Education

# Virginia Assessments

## Grade 3

- English: Reading
- Mathematics

## Grade 4

- English: Reading
- Mathematics

## Grade 5

- English: Reading
- Mathematics
- Virginia Studies
- Science

## Grade 6

- English: Reading
- Mathematics

## Grade 7

- English: Reading
- Mathematics

## Grade 8

- English: Reading
- English: Writing
- Mathematics
- History & Social Science
- Science

## Content Specific History

- Virginia Studies
- Civics and Economics

## High School

- English: Reading
- English: Writing
- Algebra I
- Algebra II
- Geometry
- Earth Science
- Biology
- Chemistry
- World History I to 1500 A.D.
- World History II from 1500 A.D. to present
- Virginia & U.S. History
- World Geography

# *Virginia Public Education*



*Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders*

*Virginia Public Schools  
Prepare Students  
for*

SUCCESS

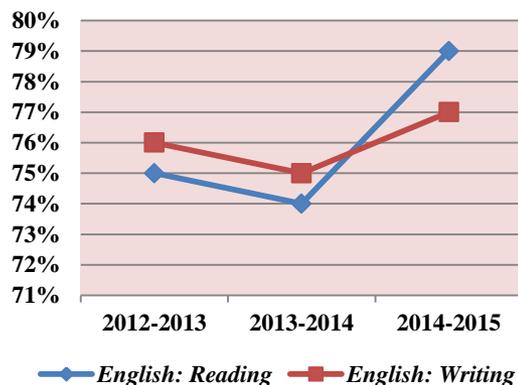


# 2014-15 Student Achievement

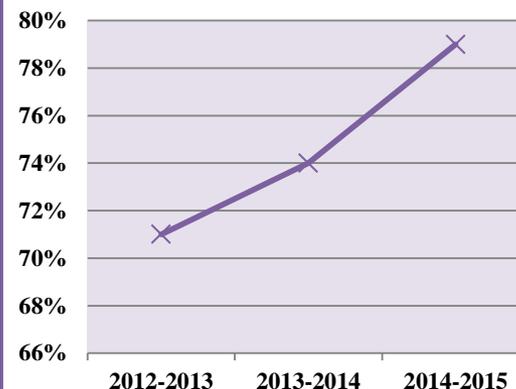
## Students Make Across-the-Board Gains on SOLs

- Student achievement in 2014-2015 on Standards of Learning (SOL) tests in English, mathematics, history and science represents significant progress in the commonwealth's effort to better prepare students for success in college and careers.
- Statewide, students posted five-point overall gains in reading and mathematics, while achievement increased by two points each in writing, science and history.

SOL Test Pass Rates: **English**



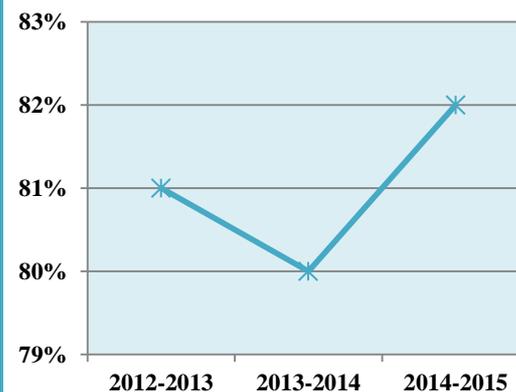
SOL Pass Rates: **Mathematics**



SOL Test Pass Rates: **History and Social Sciences**



SOL Pass Rates: **Science**

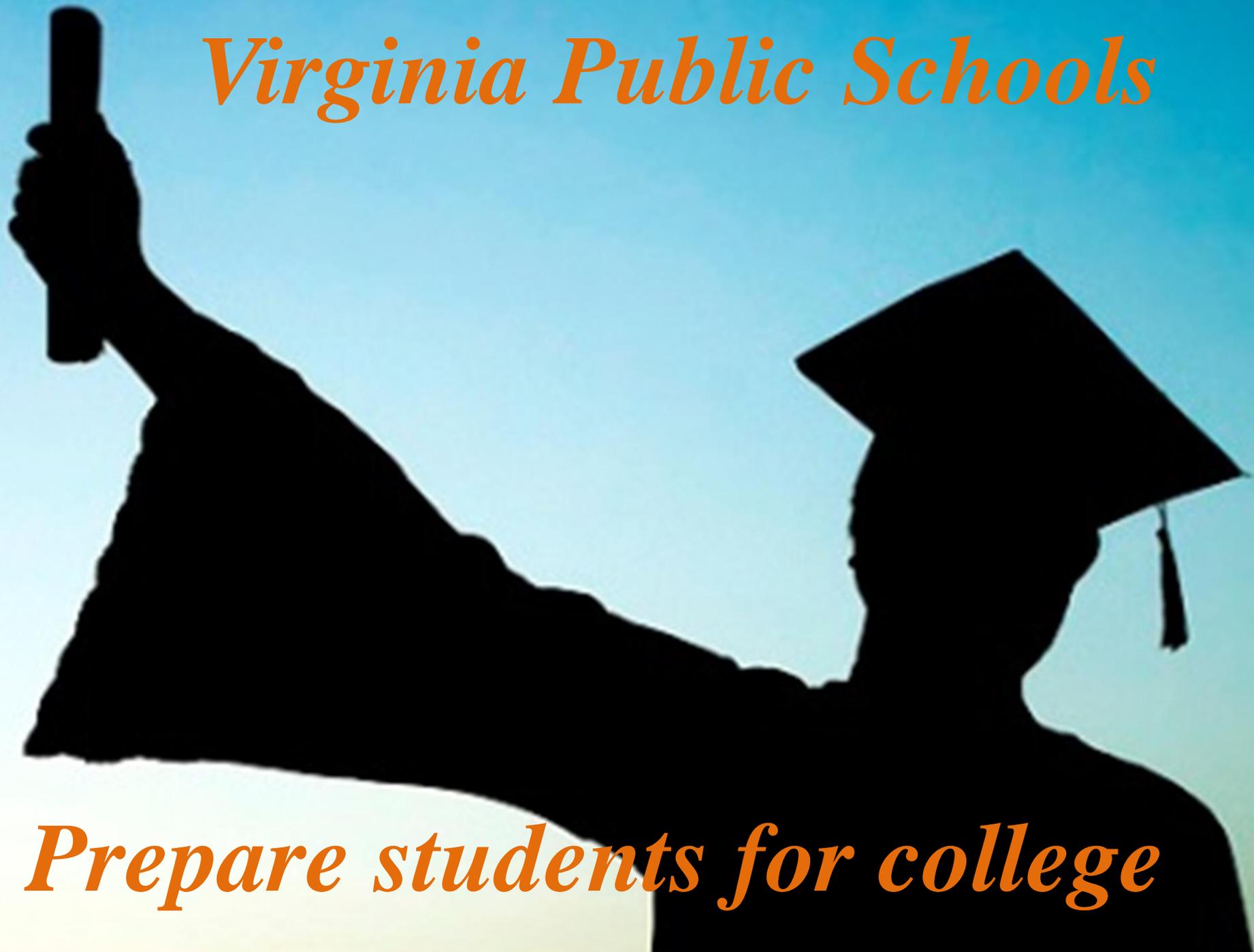


**Virginia's public schools  
earned the U.S.  
Department of  
Education's **second-  
highest score in the  
nation** for serving  
students with  
disabilities.**

# 38 Virginia High Schools on Personal Finance Top-100 List

*Thirty-eight of the nation's 100 best  
high schools for personal finance  
instruction are in Virginia.*

# *Virginia Public Schools*



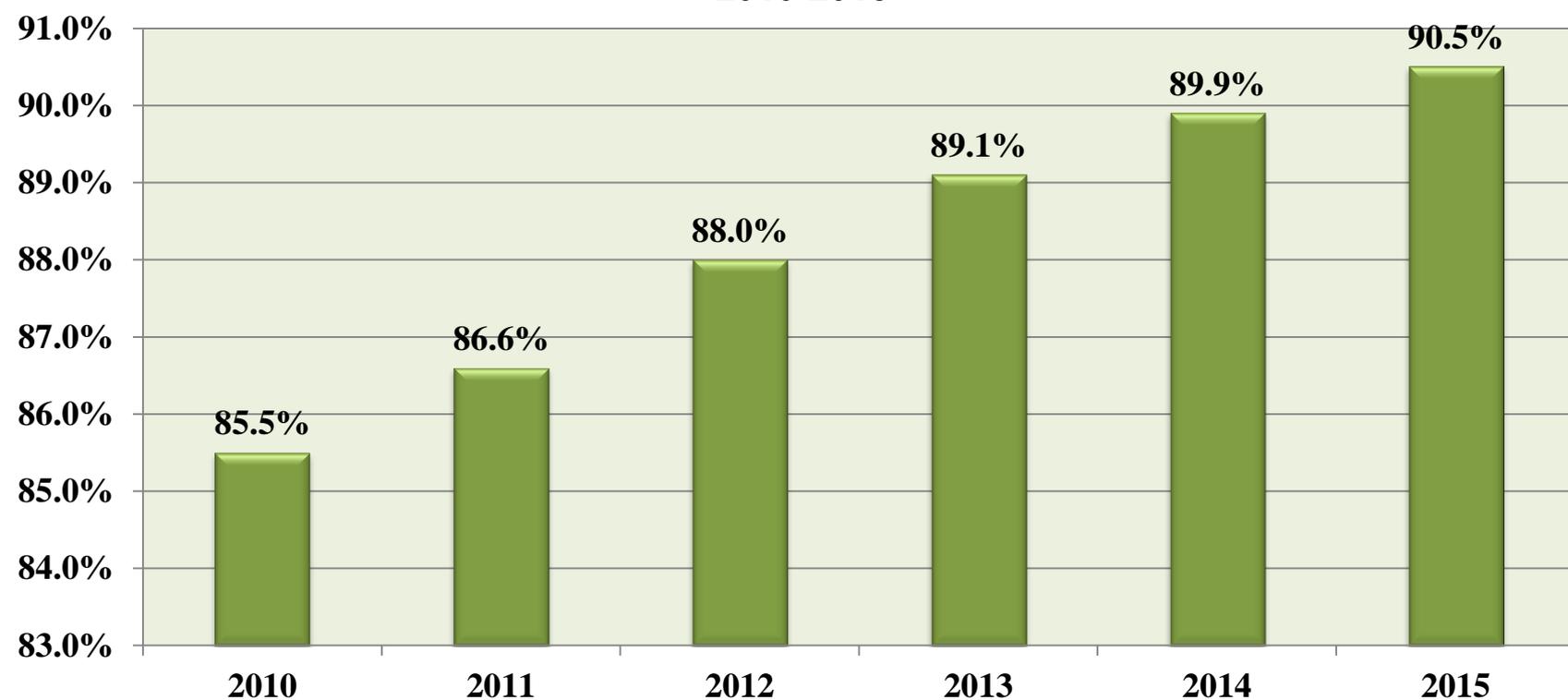
*Prepare students for college*

# Virginia **Third** in the **Nation** in AP Achievement!

*Thirty percent of State's 2014  
graduates earn qualifying scores.*

# Virginia's On-Time Graduation Rate Tops 90%

Virginia On-Time Graduation Rate  
2010-2015



Source: VDOE Cohort Reports

# *Virginia Public Schools*



*Prepare students for career*

**284,976 Virginia  
Students enrolled in a  
Career Pathways  
course in the 2013-14  
school year.**

**367 Virginia  
high schools have  
implemented the  
Microsoft IT  
Academy Program**

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