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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, according to Working in Support of Education (W!se), a New York-based non-profit group that promotes financial literacy education. Of those, nine of these schools are ranked in the top 30 schools in the nation. Working in Support of Education announced the top-100 list in April during a ceremony at the New York Stock Exchange.

"The Class of 2015 is the first to have the advantage of earning a diploma that required them to successfully complete and pass a course in economics and personal finance," Superintendent of Public Instruction Steven R. Staples said. "Here in Virginia — and with support of the business and financial organizations including the Virginia Council on Economic Education — we value economic literacy as an indicator of college and career readiness."

Virginia students — beginning with those who entered the ninth grade in 2011 — must successfully complete a course in personal finance and economic literacy to earn an Advanced Studies or Standard Diploma. Students have a number of options in meeting the requirement including taking the course through Virtual Virginia, the Virginia Department of Education's online learning program, or as a part of Career and Technical Education coursework.

The Virginia schools listed in the top 30 and their ranking are as follows:

- Craig County — Craig County High, ranked 9
- Danville — Galileo Magnet High, ranked 22
- Mathews County — Mathews High, ranked 28
- Norton — John I. Burton High, ranked 30
- Pittsylvania County — Gretna High, ranked 21
- Richmond — Richmond Community High, ranked 19
- Washington County — Abingdon High, ranked 20; Holston High, ranked 14; and Patrick Henry High, ranked 29.

Additional Virginia schools listed in the top 100 are as follows:

- Augusta County — Fort Defiance High and Riverheads High
- Bristol — Virginia High
- Buchanan County — Council High
- Chesapeake — Grassfield High
- Culpeper County — Eastern View High
- Dickenson County — Haysi High
- Fairfax County — Chantilly High, James Madison High, Mountain View Alternative High and South Lakes High
- Halifax County — Halifax County High
- Loudoun County — Dominion High, Freedom High, John Champs High and Loudoun County High,
- Northumberland County — Northumberland High

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- Page County — Page County High
- Pittsylvania County — Dan River High
- Richmond County — Rappahannock High
- Roanoke — Patrick Henry High and William Fleming High
- Russell County — Honaker High
- Virginia Beach — Frank W. Cox High
- Waynesboro — Waynesboro High
- West Point — West Point High
- Winchester — John Handley High
- Wise County — Central High and Union High.

Working in Support of Education's Financial Literacy Certification Program is used by high schools in 40 states. Teachers in the participating schools receive instructional resources to teach personal finance and measure students' financial literacy. Students who pass the financial literacy certification test are designated as being certified financially literate.

The complete list of the Top 100 Schools and the top ten small, midsize and large high schools within the network is available from [Working in Support of Education](#).

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