

# **SCHOOL PROFILE**

## **Abingdon Elementary**

Abingdon Elementary School is a public elementary school with approximately 465 students pre-kindergarten to fifth grade. The school first opened its doors to students on January 4, 1965. It served 435 students in first through seventh grade. At that time the school consisted of fifteen classrooms, a library, a clinic, a lounge, administrative offices and a multipurpose room that served as a lunchroom, gym and auditorium. The staff was composed of fifteen classroom teachers, a secretary, a librarian, two library clerks, a part time band director, a part time art teacher, a part time music teacher, a lunchroom manager, three cooks and a custodian.

Today Abingdon Elementary School houses thirty classrooms, a library, a clinic, a gym/auditorium, a cafeteria, a guidance office, administrative offices, a lounge, a computer lab, a teacher workroom and a conference room. The staff is composed of 24 classroom teachers, a preschool assistant, a library assistant, a part time art teacher, a part time music teacher, a part time speech teacher, a physical education teacher, a guidance counselor, a librarian, a speech pathologist, a reading specialist, a recovery teacher, one and a half special education teachers, a nurse, a part time technology teacher, a principal, a receptionist, a bookkeeper, two full time custodians and a part time custodian as well as nine bus drivers.

Abingdon Elementary School is fully accredited by the State of Virginia and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The school was first fully accredited by the State of Virginia in the 2000-2001 school year and has remained fully accredited each consecutive year to the present.

Abingdon Elementary is composed of 98% Caucasian students, 1.8% African American and .2% Hispanic students. Thirty percent of the student body is eligible for free/reduced lunch. Average daily attendance is 95%. The average pupil-teacher ratio is 19:1.

The current staff is composed of thirty-eight teachers. Twenty-three percent of the staff has a master's degree. Approximately 80% of the staff has more than 15 years experience.

As stated in our mission statement, the staff at Abingdon Elementary School is committed to quality education while helping students grow in mind, body and spirit. The school enjoys a high level of commitment and dedication from teachers, parents and the community in general. This teamwork among all stakeholders has helped Abingdon Elementary School to be successful in education our students for the future.