

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### **Abingdon Elementary**

Abingdon Elementary School is a public elementary school with approximately 525 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 15 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 15 classroom teachers, a secretary, a librarian, 2 library clerks, a part-time band director, a part-time art teacher, a part-time music teacher, a lunchroom manager, 3 cooks and a custodian.

Today Abingdon Elementary School houses 36 classrooms, a library, clinic, gym/auditorium, cafeteria, guidance office, administrative offices, lounge, computer lab/forum, teacher workroom and a conference room. The staff is composed of 27 classroom teachers, an art teacher, a music teacher, 2 speech therapists, a physical education teacher, a guidance counselor, a librarian, a reading specialist, a reading recovery teacher, a kindergarten intervention teacher, 3 self-contained special education programs and 6 special education teachers, 2 preschool assistants, a library assistant, a nurse, a part-time technology teacher, a principal, a part-time assistant principal, receptionist, bookkeeper, 2 full time custodians and a part-time custodian, 5 cafeteria workers as well as 10 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 2001-2002 school year and has remained fully accredited each consecutive year to the present.

Abingdon Elementary is composed of 91% Caucasian students, 4% African American, 3% Hispanic students, 1.5% Asian, and .5% American Indian/Alaskan Native. Forty-two percent of the student body is eligible for free/reduced lunch. Average daily attendance is 96%. The average pupil-teacher ratio is 19:1. The current staff is composed of 44 teachers. Forty-three percent of the staff has a master's degree. The average years of experience of teachers is 13 years.

The mission statement for Abingdon Elementary is "Success, Nothing Less" and the staff at Abingdon Elementary School is committed to ensuring all students succeed in all areas. 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 educating our students for the future.