

SCHOOL PROFILE  
**John S. Battle High School**

The students of John S. Battle High School are residents of an increasingly suburban community covering approximately 200 square miles in Washington County, Virginia. John S. Battle High School is one of four county public, four year high schools located between exits 5 and 7 off of interstate 81. The estimated population of the county in 2014 was 54,729. The median age of Washington County residents in 2014 was 43 with an estimate of 2.34 persons per household. Among the households, 19.1 % was less than 18 years of age. The median household income, 2009-2013 was \$41,897 and 12.1% of the population was below poverty level. The major industry in Washington County is agriculture and manufacturing.

John S. Battle High School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Virginia State Department of Education. This year's enrollment is approximately 595 students in grades 9-12.

The teaching faculty consists of 37.5 full-time teachers (including 3 special education teachers) and 10 part-time teachers. Approximately 60% of the faculty hold a master's degree or higher. The pupil/teacher ratio is approximately 17 to 1.

The school operates on a modified block schedule. The first and last classes of the day meet 47 minutes, while 3 block classes in the middle of the day meet for 90 minutes each.

Graduation Requirements

A minimum of 22 credits in grades 9-12 is required for graduation: English-4, Math-3, Science-3, History/Social Studies-3, PE/Health-2, Fine or Practical Art-1, Economics/Personal Finance-1, and Electives-5. The Advanced Studies Diploma requires 24 credits which include Computer Information Systems and an additional credit in math, science, history and 3 credits in a foreign language.

Grading Scale

A = 93-100, B = 85-92, C = 77-84, D = 70-76, F = Below 70.

Advanced Placement courses taught by John S. Battle faculty include: English 11 Language and Composition, U.S. Government and Politics. In addition, students can enroll in Dual Enrollment as well as various other AP courses through the Virginia Virtual AP School.

The class of 2015 graduated 143 students, 80 with a standard diploma and 63 with an advanced study diploma. Approximately 25 enrolled in a 4-year college and 65 in a two-year or community college. The average scores on the College Board assessment are as follows: SAT 989 (Critical Reading: 503, Math: 486), ACT 22.

