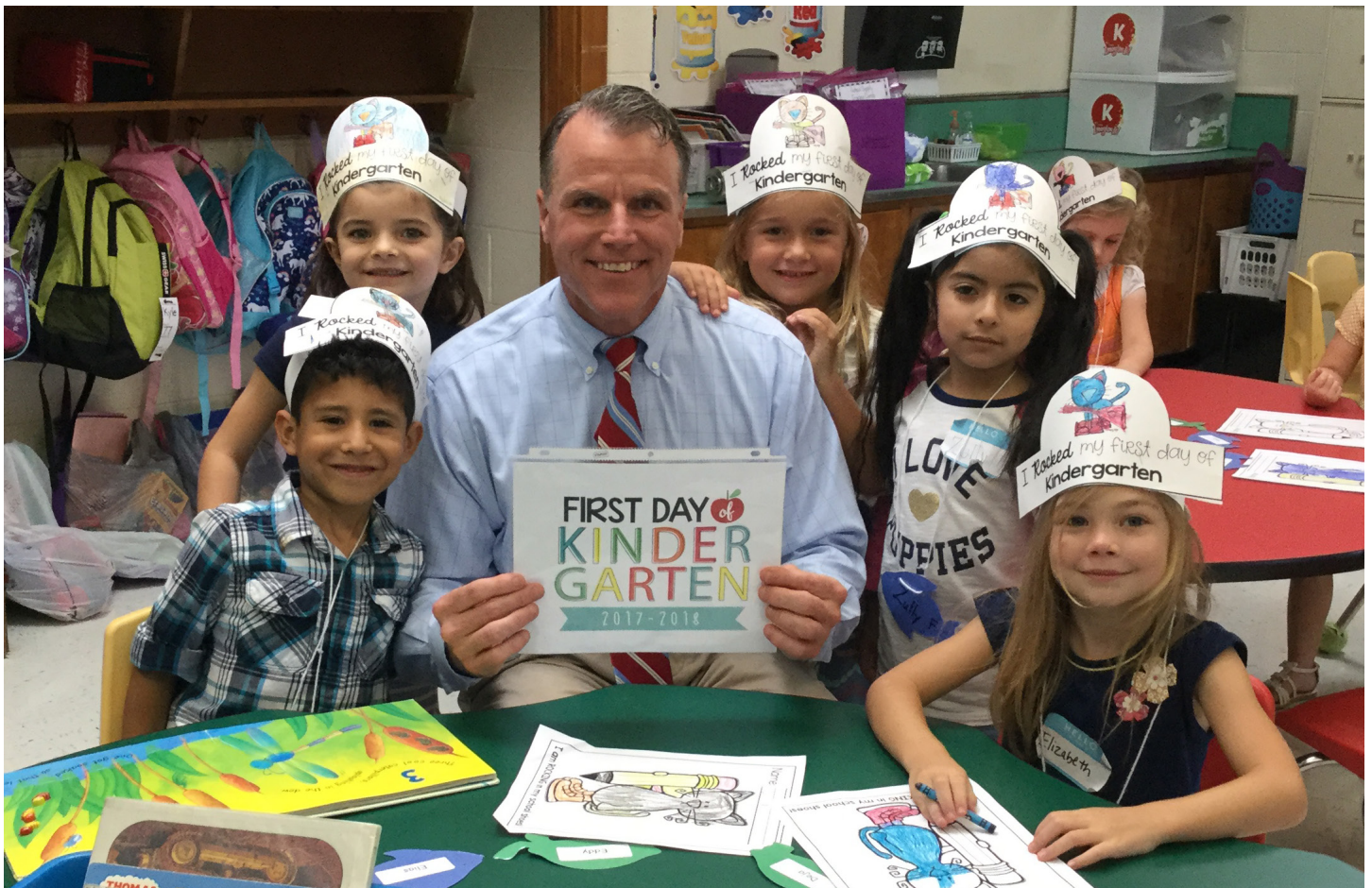


CAPE HENLOPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Annual Report 2016/2017 School Year

Published Winter 2017





A Message from Our Superintendent:

I could not be more proud of our Cape community and District. We continue to work together, support one another, and have a common belief about the importance of providing quality educational opportunities for our students.

As in the past, our enrollment continues to increase and is now more than 5400 students. More families are moving into our District or electing to “Choice” because of the standard we have created and the belief that continuous improvements provide the best opportunities for our students.

I believe that our academic success is due largely to the expectations we establish for our staff and students. Students and staff accomplish what is expected of them, and if the bar is set high, achievement levels increase. Quality staff, along with supportive parents and community, is our recipe for success.

In September 2017 we opened Love Creek Elementary School. The opening of Love Creek created an incredible learning environment for our students and staff, as well as relieving the four other elementary schools of some of their overcrowding concerns. In the fall of 2018, we will celebrate the opening of the new H.O. Brittingham Elementary School, followed by the opening of the new Rehoboth Elementary School and Sussex Consortium in 2019-2020.

Thank you so much for allowing me to serve the District as your Superintendent. We have accomplished so much, but know there is so much more to do for our students and community.

#CapeProud

Robert S. Fulton, M.S. Ed.

Superintendent

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“Every child deserves a champion: an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists they become the best they can possibly be.”

-Rita Pierson, Educator & Motivational Speaker



Our Mission

The Cape Henlopen School District prepares each student for a healthy, creative and rewarding life in a diverse and global society by creating an educational environment which enables each student to achieve personal excellence and lifelong learning skills to become a productive and responsible citizen.



Our Vision

The Cape Henlopen School District will:

- *Achieve academic and program excellence*
- *Promote diversity*
- *Improve school climate and safety*
- *Employ and retain highly qualified and dedicated staff*
- *Close the achievement gap*
- *Become the district of choice in southern Delaware*
- *Enhance communication and build trust within the Cape Henlopen community*



5,256 Students Enrolled



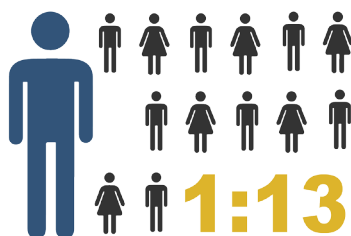
8 Schools plus 1
under construction



1,029 Instructional
Hours



48 Years as a
consolidated district



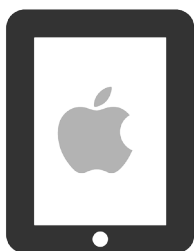
1:13 student to
teacher ratio



4,178 Students
transported daily



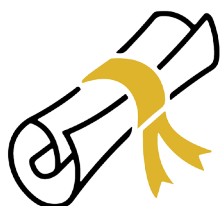
\$15,481 expenditure
per pupil



1:1 iPads for grades
6-12



110 Extracurricular
activities



99% of our students
received a diploma from
CHHS in 2017



85% of our students
enrolled in higher
education in 2017

In Our Elementary Schools

The elementary level curriculum is designed to meet the needs of every learner. Small group instruction is provided on a daily basis in reading, writing, and math. This allows teachers to tailor their curriculum based on student needs.

*Our **CAP** (Cape Accelerated Program) was created to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of highly abled learners.*

Student's talents are fostered with a full range of the arts offered at every elementary school including instruction in art, music and band.

In Our Middle Schools

The middle school core curriculum is aligned to the national standards. To meet the needs of all learners, several academic options and programs are offered.

Honors Program: *Students are challenged in honors with deeper exploration into grade level topics. This is possible due to the quicker instructional pace offered in honors courses.*

AVID (Advanced Via Individual Determination) *is designed to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.*

Academic Challenge: *Students are provided the opportunity to participate in a five-year accelerated program of instruction in mathematics and English at Delaware Technical Community College. Students are selected at the end of seventh grade to participate based on aptitude, achievement, subject area performance and overall academic performance.*

CAP *continues at the middle school level to continue to meet the needs of our highly abled learners.*

RTI (Response To Intervention): *Students participate in a multi-year approach of support in academic or with behavior needs. RTI is based on high-quality instruction in the classroom.*

After school tutoring programs offer students additional assistance and support from a teacher with homework, projects and other assignments.

In Our High School

The high school curriculum offers a wide range of opportunities providing an environment in which students may achieve success in academics and extracurricular activities. Students are empowered to become productive, responsible autonomous members of society.

*The high school has a **1:1 iPad initiative** that allows students to learn with 21st century technology.*

Academic Challenge: *Students in the higher levels of Academic Challenge are offered courses in math, English language arts and science. Students in Level 4 and Level 5 courses receive college credit for each course successfully completed.*

Honors Programs *continue to challenge highly motivated students. These classes cover more material than the regular curriculum.*

AVID (Advanced Placement Via Individual Determination) *is designed to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.*

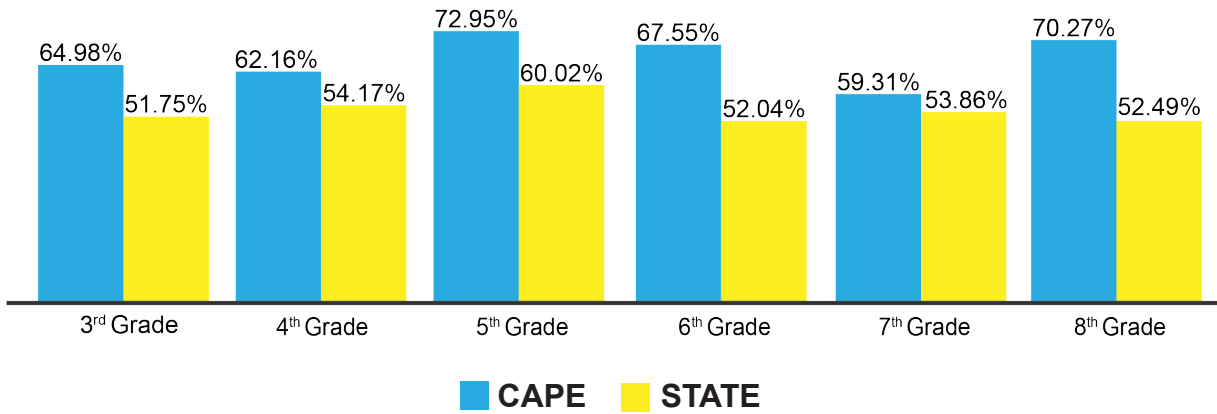
AP (Advanced Placement): *Students participate in nationally recognized college level classes taught at the high school by certified staff. AP provides students with an opportunity that goes beyond facts and figures by helping students to develop critical thinking skills necessary to succeed at the college level.*

Dual Enrollment: *Students participate in college level courses offered by local colleges (Wilmington University and Delaware Technical Community College) without having to leave the high school campus. Students receive college credit for successful completion of these courses.*

RTI (Response to Intervention): *Students participate in a multi-tier approach of support in academic or with behavioral needs. RTI is based on high-quality instruction in the classroom.*

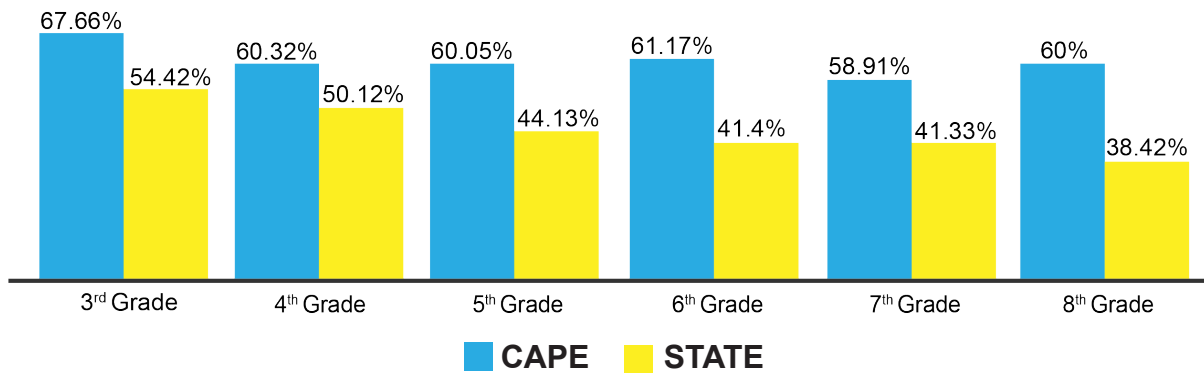
ELA Smarter Balanced

% proficient by grade level



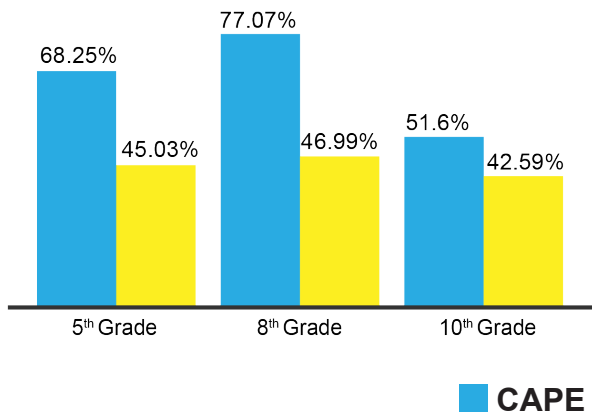
Math Smarter Balanced

% proficient by grade level

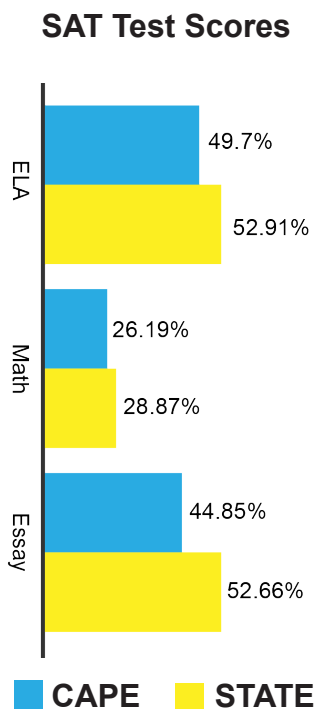


Statewide DCAS Science Assessment

% proficient by grade level



In the spring of 2016, the SAT replaced the Smarter Balanced Assessment as Delaware's state test in 11th grade. The change came at the request of legislators and as the state continues to look for ways to reduce testing, particularly for 11th graders who already were taking both assessments as part of Delaware's state-funded School Day SAT program.

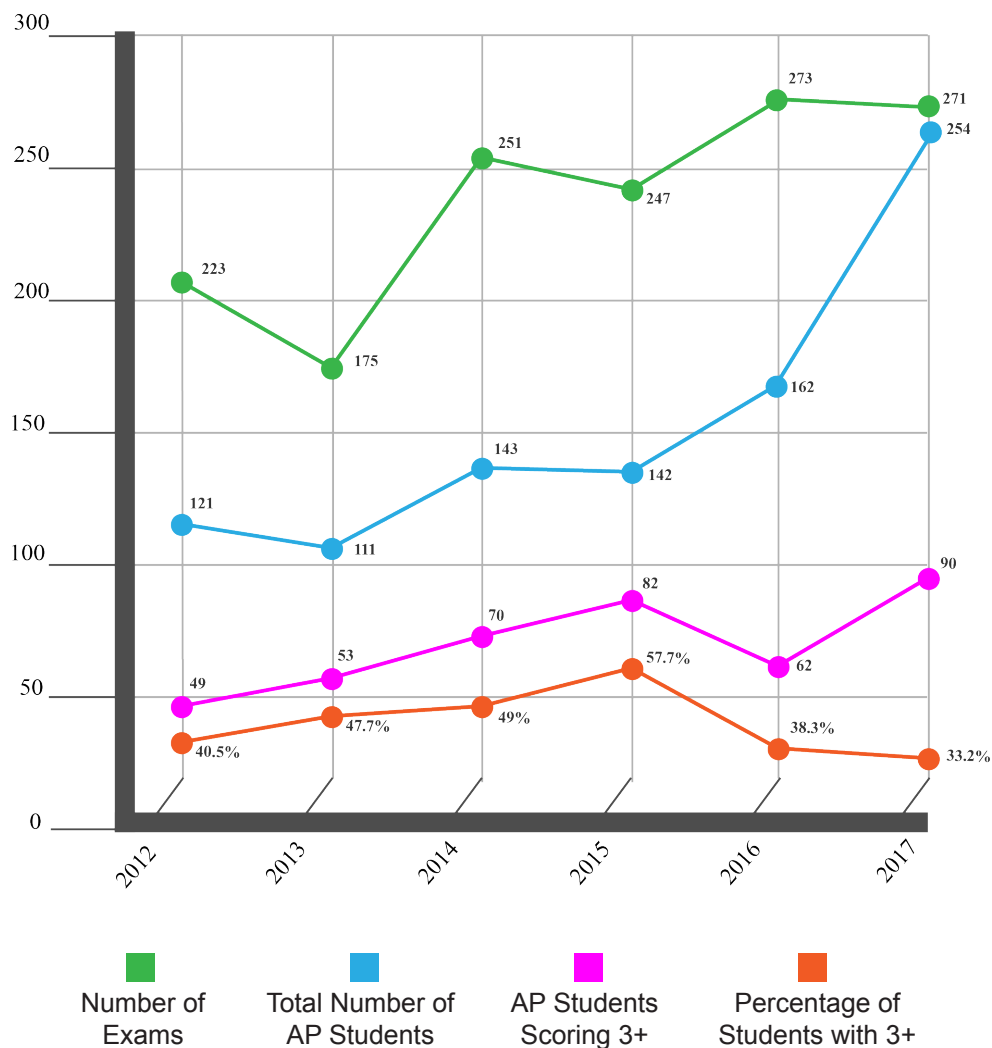


Since reviewing the SAT scores from the 2016/2017 school year, our administrative team has worked diligently to research new ideas and cultivate strategic methods on SAT preparation for students at the high school.

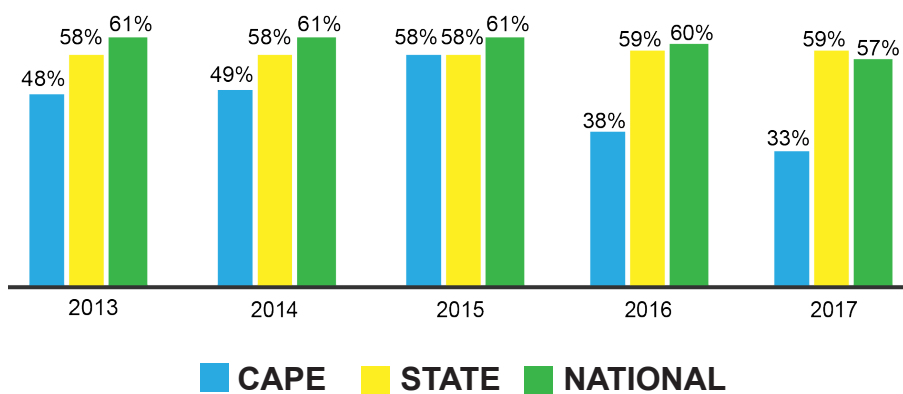
All 11th grade students are provided structured time to work on SAT prep for a half an hour each day, during the Student Success Academic Period (SSAP). During SSAP students work with a teacher to practice and gain experience working with SAT question types in Math and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing. Additionally, since all students have iPads, they are encouraged to access College Board and Kahn Academy tutorials, practice items and practice tests online outside of school.



AP Participation Over the Last 5 Years



Percentage of AP Students Scoring 3 or Higher

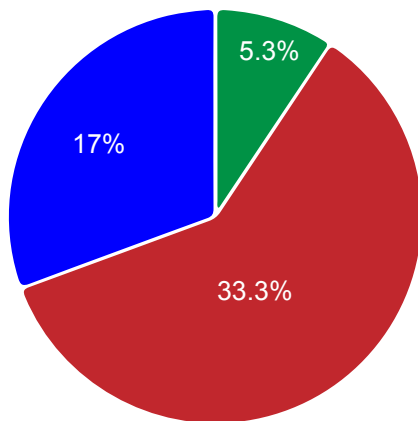




Number of Students in Each School As of September 2017

H.O. Brittingham Elementary	558	Beacon Middle School	606
Milton Elementary	553	Mariner Middle School	582
Rehoboth Elementary	614	Cape Henlopen High School	1,352
Shields Elementary	717	Sussex Consortium	274

Student Subgroups

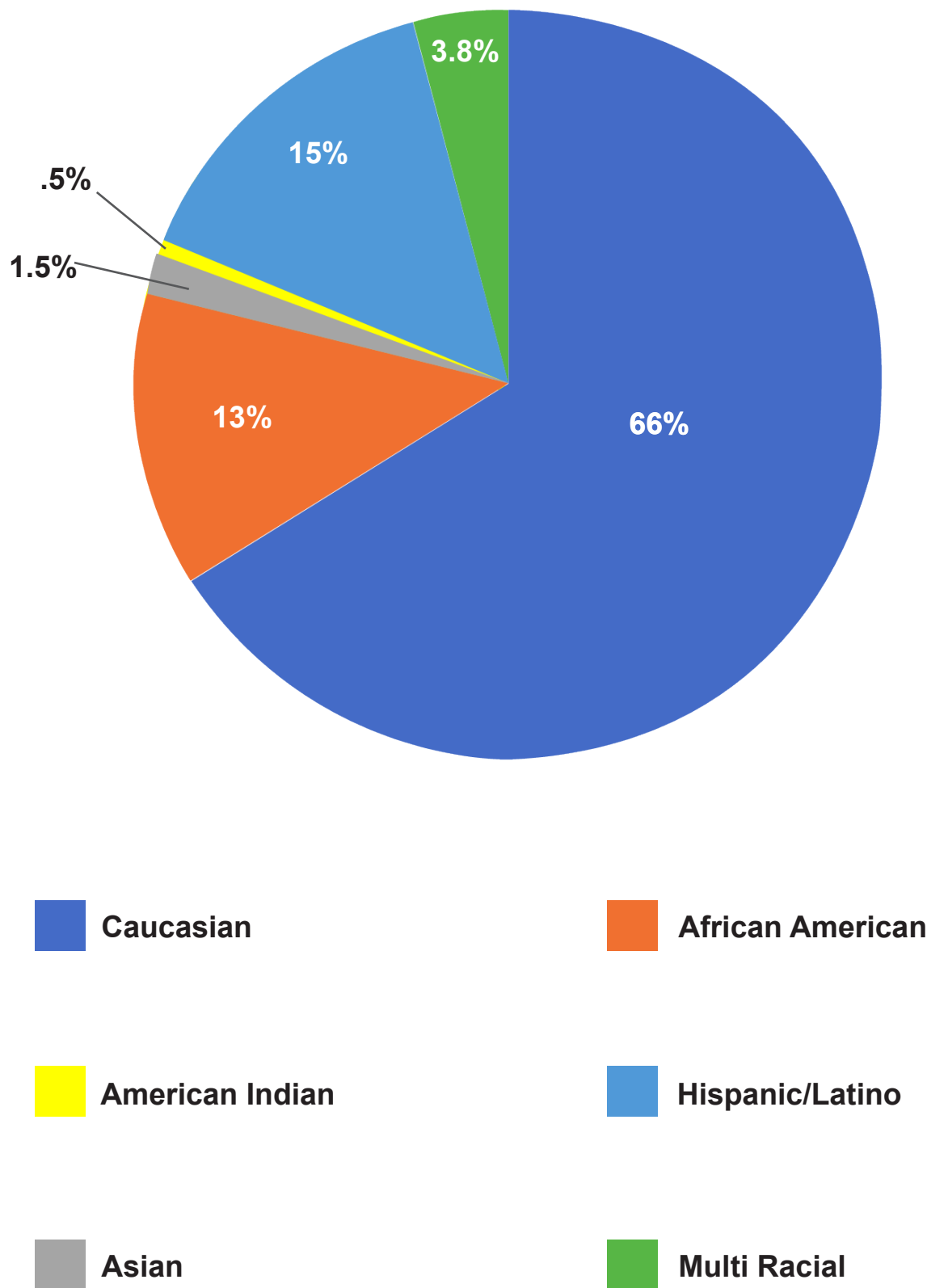


- Low Income
- Special Education
- English Language Learners



Enrollment by Ethnicity

The Cape Henlopen School District is a culturally diverse educational institution.



Love Creek Elementary

In February of 2016 Love Creek Elementary, the first project in the pipeline of the District's Major Capital Projects, started as a result of a 2014 referendum. The school is set for completion in August of 2017, and will open its doors to students for the first time during the 2017/2018 school year.



H.O. Brittingham Elementary School

The second new elementary school to be built in the Cape Henlopen School District is H.O. Brittingham Elementary located on Mulberry Street in Milton, Delaware. The design for this elementary school is similar to Love Creek Elementary school. The new H.O. Brittingham broke ground in early winter of 2017 and is on track for an opening of fall 2018.



Rehoboth Elementary School

Negotiations on the site plan and the design of Rehoboth Elementary took place during the summer of 2017 and was approved by the town of Rehoboth in the fall. The District hopes to start construction in the winter of 2018 for a fall 2019 opening. The design of Rehoboth Elementary will mimic what was built at Love Creek Elementary and what is being built at H.O. Brittingham Elementary.



Sussex Consortium

In the spring of 2016, the state of Delaware granted the Sussex Consortium a Certificate of Necessity that provides the Cape Henlopen School District \$22.4 million to construct the new consortium building. After exhaustive research, Cape determined that a plot of land on Sweetbriar Road located in Milton, Delaware as the future site of the consortium. Groundbreaking on this new building will start in the winter of 2018 with a target completion date of fall 2019.



Milton Elementary School and Shields Elementary School

The renovation of Milton Elementary School and The Lewes School (which will eventually become the new Shields Elementary), are still in the early planning phases. Once the new consortium is constructed and opened on Sweetbriar Road, the District will be able to move forward with these building updates. The renovations are aiming to maintain parts of these historic buildings while adding new and innovative features for the students, staff and parents in our District to utilize. The goal is to have construction completed by the fall of 2021.

CLASS OF 2017



296

Number of Graduates

\$3,023,963

Total Scholarship Dollars

166

National Honor Society
Members

188

Leadership, Experience,
Opportunity (LEO)
Club Members

51%

Enrolled in a
4 Year College

34%

Enrolled in a
Community College

2%

Joined the Military or
Public Service Group

6%

Pursued Other Options

Graduating Class of 2017 College Decisions

American Music & Drama Academy	Moravian College
Anne Arundel Community College	Pace University
Arcadia University	Penn State University
Boston College	Penn State University at Altoona
Brevard College	Pennsylvania College of Technology
Bridgewater College	Salisbury University
Cabrini University	Swarthmore College
Campbell University	United States Air Force Academy
Clemson University	United States Army
College of William & Mary	United States Merchant Marine Academy
Delaware Learning Institute of Cosmetology	University of Delaware
Delaware State University	University of Florida
Delaware Technical Community College	University of Georgia
Emerson College	University of Kentucky
Florida Gulf Coast University	University of Maine
Franklin & Marshall College	University of Maryland Eastern Shore
George Mason University	University of Michigan
Georgia State University	University of Nevada Las Vegas
Goldey-Beacom University	University of New Haven
Gordon College	University of North Carolina School of the Arts
James Madison University	University of Pittsburgh
Johnson & Wales University	University of South Carolina
Juniata College	University of the Arts, Philadelphia
LaSalle University	University of Virginia
Lackawanna College	Virginia Union University
Lynchburg College	Virginia Wesleyan College
Maine College of Art	Washington College
Massachusetts Maritime Academy	West Palm Beach Community College
McDaniel College	West Virginia University
Mercer College	Wilmington University
Millersville University	Winthrop University
Montserrat College of Art	WyoTech Advanced Technical Training

Cape Athletics

Cape Henlopen School District is not just known for academics, we also have outstanding athletic programs. Our high school sponsors approximately 38 athletic teams including junior varsity and varsity across 21 sports. Over 750 students participate each year. Beacon and Mariner Middle Schools each also host 13 athletic teams.

Championships



For the 9th Year in a row, the Girl's Lacrosse Team earned a State Championship. Evelyn Shoop and Cailey Thornburg earned All-American and 1st Team All-State honors. Alia Marshall, Annie Judge, and Iseabal Cryne were also named 1st Team All-State athletes. Earning the 2nd Team All-State honors from Cape were Lindsay Monigle, Victoria Lockwood and Jody Boyer.



The Girl's Swimming Team won the 2017 Conference Championship, and two of the girl's relay teams also took home gold. Molly Weeks and Alec Hochrein earned the Vince Morris Outstanding Swimmer Awards, and Bill Geppert was named Women's Coach of the Year.

Outstanding Achievements

Several of our high school sports teams also earned themselves a spot in the state competition including Field Hockey, Girl's Volleyball, Boy's and Girl's Basketball, Baseball and Boy's Lacrosse.

Cape Extracurriculars

In addition to athletics, Cape's extracurricular programs also enjoy a great deal of success. With theatre and arts programs beginning at the elementary level and culminating at the high school, we have many students who win scholarships based on their skills in the applied and performing arts.

Listed below are a few of the achievements from the 2016/2017 school year.



CHHS Art students won 26 awards at the Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Competition.



The Robotics Team attended the World Competition. The land team won at the Regional Competition level and earned the Award for Excellence.



DECA Club students won first place at the State Competition in the Quick Serve Restaurant Management category, and the Travel and Tourism Team Decision Making also earned first place.



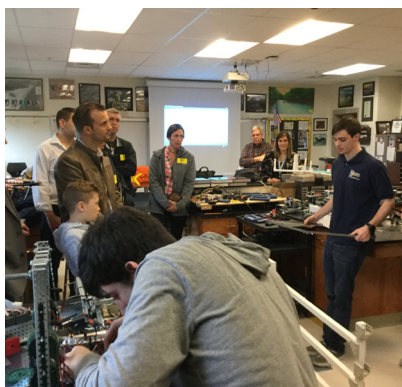
CHHS Odyssey of the Mind won a state title, and four teams earned a spot at the World Competition.



Mariner Middle School student, Emadah White, won the State TSA Competition.



Beacon Middle School 8th graders won first place at the 15th Annual eCybermission competition as part of the STEM program.



Quality staff is at the forefront of what makes Cape an exceptional comprehensive public school district. Since 1969, we have selected educators who are at the top in their field.

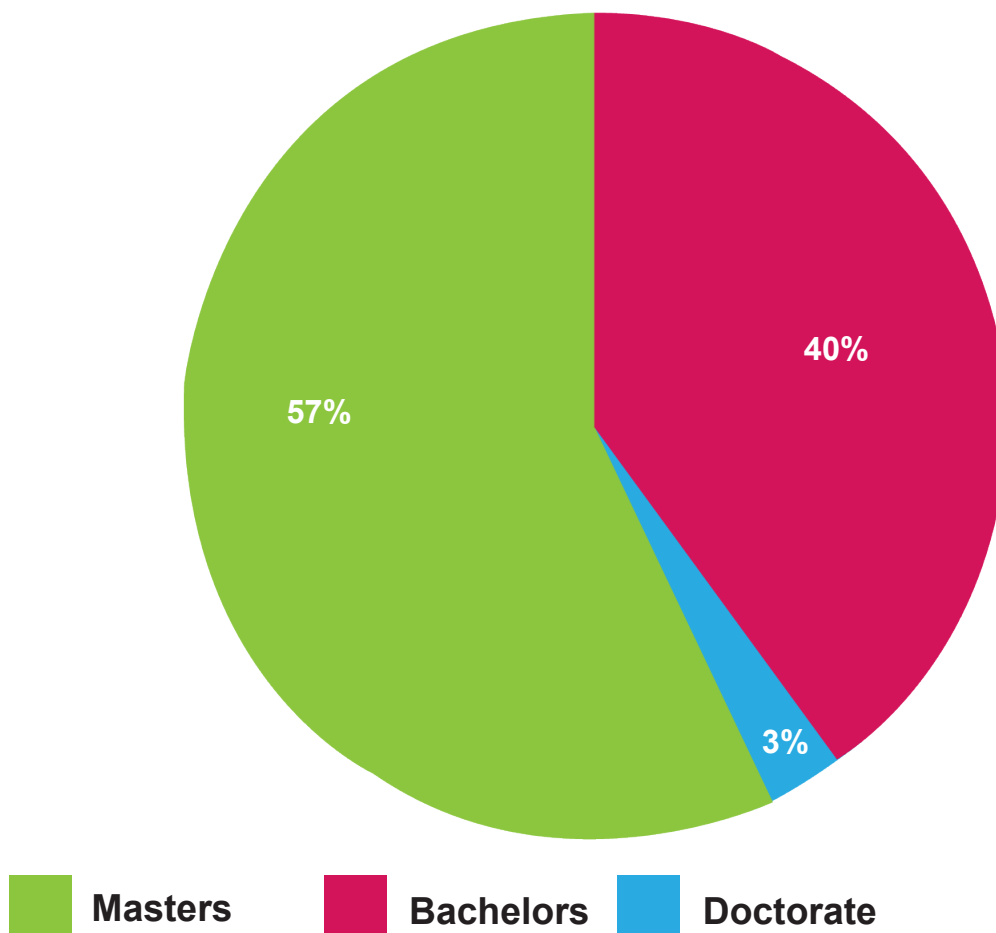
Cape has a diverse group of staff members, many of whom reside in our district and are invested in the Cape Community. This connection makes Cape consistently successful in academics, athletics, and the arts. We all share a common goal, and that is to continue to make Cape a great school district.

Number of Staff Members

		Secretaries	104
Teachers	414	Food Services	66
Instructional Support	210	Maintenance	64
Student Support	86	Not Classified	16
Administrators	28	Librarians	1

Total Number of Employees: 989

Staff Member Education Level



Teachers of the Year

Teachers of the year were named in the Spring of 2016 and represent the upcoming 2017/2018 School year. The 2016 District Teacher of the Year also represented the Cape Henlopen School District at the State level in October of 2016.

Teachers of the Year 2016-2017

Heather Marvin
H.O. Brittingham Elementary School

Lisa Schlater
Milton Elementary School

Melissa Dawson
2017 District TOY
Rehoboth Elementary School

Amanda Archambault
Shields Elementary School

Khara Bauer
Beacon Middle School

Terry Tappan
Mariner Middle School

Carrie Evick
Cape Henlopen High School

Pamela Wilmot
Sussex Consortium

Teachers of the Year 2017-2018

Jill Wittman
H.O. Brittingham Elementary School

Kristen Patton
Milton Elementary School

Kimberly Cross
Rehoboth Elementary School

Andrea Hutchison
Shields Elementary School

Samantha Purple
Beacon Middle School

Corbin Bean
2018 District TOY
Mariner Middle School

William Walls
Cape Henlopen High School

Molly Lingo
Sussex Consortium



The Annual Budget

\$144.1 Million

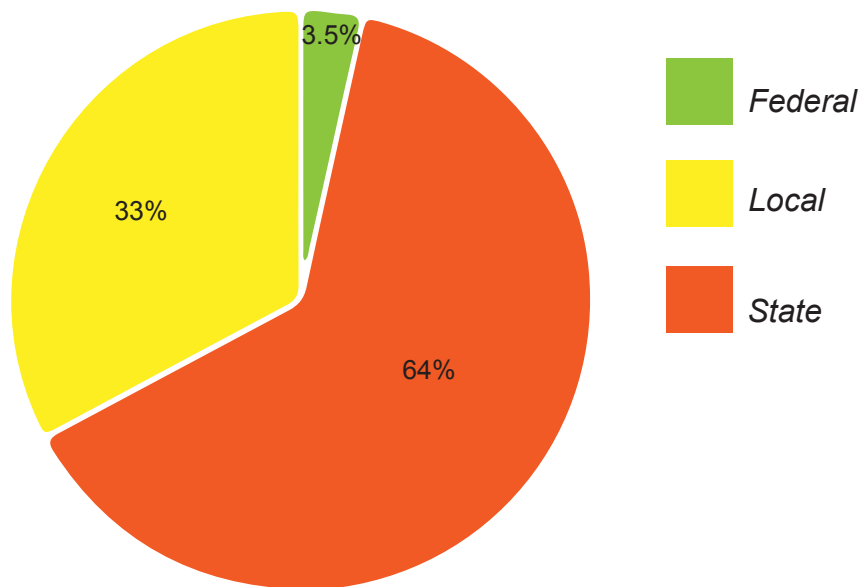
\$35.1 Million

Of our total annual budget, about 25% was used towards our District capital improvement projects.

Citizen's Budget Oversight Committee

In 2010, the District formed a Citizen's Budget Oversight Committee in accordance with title 14 Del. C.1508. the committee, consisting of community members and school officials, is responsible for overseeing the financial position of the district. They meet quarterly to review financial related materials and expenditures. This committee adds a layer of transparency to the district budget.

Revenue Sources



CHEF Mission Statement

The Cape Henlopen Educational Foundation (CHEF) is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which raises funds to support educational initiatives for the Cape Henlopen School District. Our principal objective is to inspire learning, and to prepare all students for a healthy, productive life in a diverse and global society. To accomplish this, we seek to engage the entire community--educators, parents, business, civic and legislative leaders--in providing students with the tools they need to excel.

Sponsors

Support from community businesses and corporations are integral to our success. Please be sure to visit our sponsors as our mission would not be attainable without them. Thank you to the following businesses, corporations and individuals for their unwavering sup-

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