



A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE FOR ALL



LYNCHBURG CITY SCHOOLS

MISSION: Every Child, By Name and By Need, to Graduation

## CLASS OF 2013

Graduates will attend more than 80 colleges, join branches of the military and enter into the work force as skilled professionals.

### Colleges Attending:

Air Force Academy • Arizona State University • Averett University • Baylor University • Bowie State University • Bridgewater College • Brigham Young University • Cedarville University • Centra Nursing • Central Virginia Community College • Chowan University • Christopher Newport University • Clark Atlanta University • Clemson University • College of William & Mary • Davis & Elkins College • East Tennessee State University • Elon University • Emory and Henry College • Ferrum College • Full Sail University • Furman University • George Mason University • Georgetown • Georgia State University • Georgia Tech • Guilford College • Hampden-Sydney College • Hargrave Military Academy • Indiana University • ITT Tech • James Madison University • Johns Hopkins University • Johnson & Wales University • Liberty University • Livingstone College • Longwood University • Louisville College • Lynchburg College • Maritime College New York • Marymount University • Miami University • Middle Tennessee State University • Miller Motte • Muhlenberg College • National College • Norfolk State University • Old Dominion University • Penn State • Philadelphia Community College • Piedmont Community College • Pikeville College • Purdue University • Radford University • Randolph College • Roanoke College • Saint Peters University • Shenandoah University • Southern Methodist University • Southwestern University • St. Andrews University • Sweet Briar College • United States Marines • United States Navy • Universal Technical Institute • University of Mary Washington • University of Maryland • University of Mississippi •

University of North Carolina • University of Phoenix • University of Richmond • University of South Carolina • University of Southern California • University of Virginia • UVA-Wise • Virginia Commonwealth University • Virginia Military Institute • Virginia State University • Virginia Tech • Virginia Wesleyan College • Wake Forest University • West Virginia University • Wofford College. **More than \$12 million dollars in scholarships have been offered to the LCS class of 2013.**

### Workforce Ready:

Career Tech students have already applied for and accepted IT jobs at places such as StarTek, Areva, Apex Systems and Liberty University.

Career Tech Students have passed the following state board examinations and industry certifications:

- 9 Dental Assisting students passed the Virginia Dental Radiation Safety & Hygiene Certification.
- 15 students in the Culinary Arts program passed the "ServSafe" Culinary Examination.
- 7 Cosmetology students passed the Virginia State licensing examination.

Career Tech Students have passed the following NOCTI (National Occupational Competency Testing Institute) tests:

- 5 — Dental Assisting Certification
- 7 — Workforce Readiness Certification
- 22 — Architectural Drafting Certification
- 18 — Technical Drafting Certification
- 7 — Early Childhood Education Certification
- 5 — Computer Repair Technology Certification
- 4 — Carpentry Certification
- 22 — Retail Merchandising Certification
- 8 — Medical Assisting Certification
- 37 students — WISE (Working In Support of Education) Financial Literacy Certification.

## THE BUDGET

Our mission-driven budget for the 2013-14 school year focuses on serving every child, by and by need. Some highlights include:

- Elementary Alternative Education
- Special Education and ELL services
- Gifted Services
- Naviance program
- Instructional materials for math
- Career guidance counselor

Go to [www.lcsedu.net/2013/03/26/proposed-budget-2013-14](http://www.lcsedu.net/2013/03/26/proposed-budget-2013-14) to review the entire budget presentation.

## NEW PROGRAMS

The 2013-14 school year will have two additional programs that will help prepare students for success beyond high school.

- Early College Learning Program: high school students will travel to Central Virginia Community College and can earn their Associates Degree from CVCC while also earning their high school diploma.
- XLR8—Governor's STEM Academy: a regional program that allows students to be better prepared for careers in the growing Science, Technology, Engineering and Math fields.

## HHS UPDATE

A Heritage High School design workshop was held for three days. The workshop team included:

16 HHS staff members, three HHS students, three HHS parents, community members, city staff, two school board members, three Central Virginia Governor's School for Science and Technology Staff members, the Assistant Superintendents of Operations and Administration/Curriculum and Instruction, the Directors of Secondary Education, Special Education, Facilities and Maintenance, Transportation, Information Technology, Testing, Gifted and Guidance, and School Nutrition, and the Supervisor of Instruction for Career Tech.

During the April 9, 2013 school board meeting, the architects provided an overview of the designs that resulted from the three-day workshop and how they came to their final design decisions. Also, on April 23, 2013, the school board further discussed and approved the design with the addition of the indoor track. The design approved during this meeting was the one presented on May 14, 2013 to City Council.

Go to [www.lcsedu.net/schoolboard/meetings/videos](http://www.lcsedu.net/schoolboard/meetings/videos) to review the school board discussions and presentations about Heritage High School.

## TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Linkhorne Elementary School teacher Jennifer Lovett was named the Lynchburg City Schools Teacher of the Year.

"Ms. Lovett exhibits those characteristics that all teachers aspire to have—a caring spirit, a desire to do the best for children and a passion for learning," said LES principal Kathleen Sawyer in her nominating letter. "Ms. Lovett truly cares about her children and faculty members at LES."

Go to [www.lcsedu.net](http://www.lcsedu.net) to see more about Ms. Lovett and what motivates her in the classroom.

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

We have a plan around Achievement, Behavior and Culture. First semester data shows:

### Achievement

ELEMENTARY: 8.16 % increase in As and Bs; 9.02 % decrease in Ds and Us/Fs

MIDDLE: 0.34 % increase in As and Bs; 21.22 % decrease in Ds and Fs

HIGH: 5.78 % increase in As and Bs; 12.91 % decrease in Ds and Fs

## Behavior

15.64 % decrease in total number of students with 7 or more unexcused absences. 12.63 % decrease in total number of students with at least one short term suspension.

## Culture

49.61 % increase in number of volunteer applications

Go to [www.lcsedu.net](http://www.lcsedu.net) to view the entire Comprehensive Plan for 2012-2014. View the version in its entirety, or view the summarized version.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

### Education Foundation

LCS Education Foundation awarded 49 Classroom Innovation Grants sponsored by 42 businesses totaling \$69,346.50 for innovative programs and projects designed by teachers to enhance the educational environment for students. The foundation also recognized the top 15 graduating seniors from Heritage and E. C. Glass high schools. Those honored from each high school were:

**E. C. Glass top 15** Thomas Blankinship, Samuel Bradford, Brian Carey, Bruce Carrington, Carson Creasy, Sabrina Gerlich, Cristina Good, Sarah Hour, Lauren Kenney, John May, Sadika Natour, Elizabeth Pittard, Matthew Pittard, Lindsay Riordan, and Olivia Varah;

**Heritage top 15** Yuri Bang, Ashley Baxter, Sara Castanes, Caroline Chun, Cameron Evans, Jacob Jaminet, Ye-Chan Jeoung, Lauren Lowery, Brea Marshall, Diana Milea-Ciobanu, Tiana Pannell, Bryan Rapp, Sean Warner, Anna Yoon, and Aainy Zahra;

To learn more about the Education Foundation, contact Jodi Gillette at [gillettejk@lcsedu.net](mailto:gillettejk@lcsedu.net).

### Partners in Education

LCS partnered with new organizations this year: Public Works, Riverside Runners and Peakland United Methodist Church. To learn more about the Partners in Education, contact Amy Huskin at [huskinad@lcsedu.net](mailto:huskinad@lcsedu.net).

Go to [www.lcsedu.net/community](http://www.lcsedu.net/community) to learn how you can get involved with Lynchburg City Schools,