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**A. PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The public school system is one of Warren County's most important assets. About 71 percent of the County's budget is allocated for education. The County has two high schools, one newly renovated intermediate school, and five primary schools. All are located in the Town of Front Royal. Listed below are student enrollments.

**Table 4-A  
Schools(Fall 2015)**

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- Early Childhood Programs (Pre-K)
  - 5 Elementary Schools (Pre K-5)
  - 1 Middle School (6-7)
  - 2 High Schools (8-12)
  - Total K-12 Enrollment: 5433
  - Student Teacher Ratio (FY 2015), Elementary 14:1 Secondary 12:1
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The Warren County Public School System provides basic instruction to aid each student, consistent with his or her abilities and educational needs as established by the Virginia General Assembly under its Standards of Quality for Public Schools in Virginia.

Career education is offered to students at all levels. It provides the students with career information and allows them to explore opportunities, so they can make decisions about their life's ambitions. At the secondary level, it incorporates career exploration, guidance, and vocational training opportunities.

The school system also offers evening programs to meet the intellectual, social, vocational, and recreational needs of adults. The adult program is self-supporting through tuition fees as well as through State and Federal reimbursement.

**Table 4-B  
Ratio of Pupils to Classroom Teaching Positions Fall 2015**

Total Enrollment K-12	5,433
Average Pupil-Teacher Ratio	13:1

**Table 4-C**  
**Class of 2015 : Profile**

- Graduation rate 95.3% (per Commonwealth of Virginia ratings);
- Over 52% earned Advanced Diplomas;
- 44% of graduating class was enrolled in Advanced Placement classes;
- 72% of graduates planned to enroll in two- and four-year colleges;
- 85% of graduates intended to participate in continuing education, including military;
- 41% of graduates completed a career and technical education program.

**Table 4-D**  
**Per Pupil Expenditure for Operations 2015**

Per Pupil Expenditure	\$9,900
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**Table 4-E**  
**Honors and Awards**

- Skyline High School Students SAT scores in Verbal/Critical Reading and Writing were higher than the National Average in 2015
- Warren County High School Band was named a Virginia Honor Band for its Superior Rating in both marching and concert seasons
- Warren County Middle School participates in the renowned AMCS American Mathematics Contest for middle school students a Virginia Millitary Institute
- in 2014, Warren County High School was ranked by U.S. News and World Report 37th out of 96 schools ranked in Virginia and 1974th out of 21,000 schools ranked in the Nation.

<b>B. VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS</b>
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Vocational education programs are offered in Marketing, Work and Family Studies (Child Care, Food Occupations, Clothing Specialist, Consumer and Homemaking), Business, Technology Education (Drafting, Principles of Technology, Materials and Processes/Manufacturing) and Trade and Industrial Education (Electricity, Building Trades, and Auto Mechanics).

Adult education courses are also offered based upon local demand and enrollment. The offerings fall into the areas of adult basic education (ABE), general educational development (G.E.D.), and adult vocational education. Warren County is also a test center for the general educational development (G.E.D.) test.

Warren County High School and Skyline High School have articulation agreements with Lord Fairfax Community College in the areas of child care, drafting, accounting, and office technology. In addition, along with the other school divisions in the Lord Fairfax Community College service area, Warren County has participated in the development of several tech prep programs, one facet of which emphasizes the integration of vocational and academic education and teaching in applied manner.

### C. PRIVATE SCHOOLS

There are three major private schools in Warren County.

**Randolph-Macon Academy** (R-MA), established in Front Royal in 1892, is a co-educational preparatory school with boarding facilities located on a 135 acre campus. The school operates classes for grades 6 through 12, set in a military atmosphere. It is one of five secondary schools operated in affiliation with the United Methodist Church and is accredited by both the Virginia State Board of Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The fall 1994 student enrollment of Randolph-Macon consisted of 401 cadets.

Academically, students get the most from their classes through R-MA's Individual Learning Program, which allows students to learn at their own pace, depending on their own academic strengths and weaknesses. Randolph Macon Academy is structured into two educational programs: the Middle School for grades six through eight, and Upper School for grades nine through twelve and postgraduates.

Middle School students take part in a curriculum that combines traditional academic courses with character development programs. The structured environment, small class size and a caring faculty help to create a healthy atmosphere conducive to learning.

Upper School students are part of the Virginia 91st Air Force Junior ROTC Unit. Through the military program, students learn leadership, self-discipline and self-confidence that are essential for success in college and beyond. Academic course work and small class sizes help prepare students for entrance into college and for college entrance exams. Gifted seniors and postgraduates have the option of earning up to 26 hours of college credit through a cooperative program with Shenandoah University in Winchester.

In the fall of 1995, R-MA opened a new \$4.5 million Middle School campus. This campus features three state-of-the-art facilities used exclusively by the Middle School students. The classroom building includes 13 classrooms and a modern library. The dormitory provides a comfortable living environment with 80 beds, 20 girls and 60 boys. The dorm also houses 4 dorm supervisors' apartments, game room, TV room and visitor lounge. The activities center includes a cafeteria, kitchen, gymnasium, laundry outlet, and bookstore.

**Royal Christian Academy**, also in Front Royal, was established in 1978. It is a private co-educational facility operated as a ministry of the First Assembly of God Church. The school offers classes from kindergarten through grade 8, using the individualized teaching program of Accelerated Christian Education. The non-traditional teaching format utilizes a learning center concept. The 2007-08 total school enrollment was 176 students.

**The Mountain Laurel Montessori School**, certified Montessori teachers, offers classes for pre-school through 9<sup>th</sup> grade and is located in the Town of Front Royal.

There are several other private schools located in nearby counties that draw students from Warren County. Among them are Wakefield School in Huntly, the Chelsea Academy in Front Royal offers classical and Christian past for students in grades six through nine, Powhatan School near Boyce, and Sacred Heart Academy in Winchester.

#### **D. LIBRARY**

Until 2009, Samuels Public Library was located at Villa Avenue. Originally located on Chester Street, the Library was officially established in 1953. However, library history in Front Royal can be traced back to the Front Royal Librarian Society that was founded in 1798.

The new Library is located on Criser Road next to Ressie Jeffries Elementary School.

The Library is a non-profit corporation receiving local, state, and federal funds and is governed by a Board of Directors that currently has 10 members.

The Library's mission is to assist the residents of Warren County/Front Royal in fulfilling their personal, occupational, and recreational needs by providing services, programs and a collection of materials that is current, balanced and responsive to those needs of the public.

The Library is manned by 7 full-time and 4 part-time staff members and 13 volunteers. The seating capacity of the library proper is approximately 56 and is structured around informal areas for browsing or light reading and more private carrel areas for research and study. The library also has a meeting room which can seat up to 60. It is used for library programs and is available to community groups.

The Library is automated with the Gaylord Galaxy system which fully integrates the cataloging, circulation and many clerical functions of the library. The library currently has 2 public catalog terminals and 6 staff-use terminals in the system. Two additional public catalog terminals are on order.

There are more than 65,000 volumes in the Library's books and materials collections. Books, large print materials, videos, and audio-cassettes are available for circulation.

Non-circulating materials, including the Reference collection, the Virginia collection, newspapers and magazines are available for in-library use. The Library subscribes to 93 periodicals (magazines and newspapers).

A reference librarian is usually available to help patrons find information using the computer catalog and the library collection. Ready reference service is available by phone.

Materials not available at the Library may be requested through an interlibrary loan (ILL). Samuels Public Library is a member of the Northern Shenandoah Valley Library Network (NSVLN) and the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET). Through these networks, the Reference Librarian can borrow books for patrons from most libraries in Virginia and the U.S.

"Books by Mail" service is available to any resident of Warren County. Paperback books are mailed directly to the borrower's mail box at no charge. To use the service, patrons should call the Library and request a "Books by Mail" catalog.

The Library provides many programs and activities for children all year long. A calendar of children's activities is available at the circulation desk. For adults, the Library sponsors a book discussion group that meets monthly, and other special programs. Publicity and information for all programs are available from the Library, newspapers, and local radio and television stations.

### **E. CHRISTENDOM COLLEGE**

The only college within Warren County is Christendom College, near Front Royal. Christendom College is a Catholic, four year, co-educational liberal arts college. It was established in 1977 by Dr. Warren Carroll. The college is fully accredited by the Southern Association for Colleges and Schools. The liberal arts program is rooted in a solid core of English, History, Philosophy, Theology, Political Science and Economics.

Christendom is classified among the most selective Liberal Arts colleges in America today by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Unlike the general education requirements at most colleges and universities, Christendom's core program is structured to provide an orderly study of these subjects. Students must complete 81 credit hours of core classes before advancing to upper division courses in their major. Thus, Christendom students are educated in a variety of subjects, not just one particular field.

A hallmark of the fine education at Christendom is its commitment to a close student-professor interaction. There is presently one professor for every eight students. The small classes allow for discussion time and personal attention, learning tools often not available at larger universities.

### **F. LORD FAIRFAX COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Lord Fairfax Community College is one of 23 comprehensive two-year institutions of higher education that comprise the Virginia Community College System. The College is located on a 101 acre tract approximately 12 miles south of Winchester, near Middletown (See map, p. 4-17). It serves the Counties of Clarke, Fauquier, Frederick, Page, Rappahannock, Shenandoah, and Warren, and the City of Winchester.

The College emphasizes occupational-technical education and transfer programs. Counseling, developmental courses, continuing education, and community services are an integral part of the College's function. More than half of the student enrollment of the College work either full or part-time. A major priority of Lord Fairfax is to offer business and industry training programs and courses developed in partnership with regional business, industrial, and governmental agencies. The College offers Quality First/Service First, a program for continuous

improvements based on the team-building philosophies of Dr. W. Edward Deming. It is one of two such Community College programs in Virginia.

Lord Fairfax Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges, and approved by the State Board for Community Colleges and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. The College offers both day and evening courses.

Regular programs of study at the College include Arts and Science transfer degree majors in business administration, education, general studies, liberal arts, and science; and Applied Science and Technology programs in accounting, agri-business, electronics, horticulture, management, mechanical design technology, natural resources management and security, recreation and parks, secretarial science, automotive repair, industrial machine repair, and a wide variety of adult career specializations.

For more information, contact:

Lord Fairfax Community College  
P.O. Box 47  
Middletown, Virginia 22645  
Phone: (540) 868-7000  
[www.lfcc.edu](http://www.lfcc.edu)

## **G. AREA COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

### **VIRGINIA**

1. Blue Ridge Community College  
P. O. Box 80  
Weyers Cave, VA 24486  
(888) 750-2722  
[www.brcc.edu](http://www.brcc.edu)
2. Bridgewater College  
402 East College Street  
Bridgewater, VA 22812  
(540) 828-8000  
[www.bridgewater.edu](http://www.bridgewater.edu)
3. Christendom College  
134 Christendom Drive  
Front Royal, VA 22630  
(800) 877-5456  
[www.christendom.edu](http://www.christendom.edu)
4. Eastern Mennonite College  
Harrisonburg, VA 22801  
(540) 432-4000  
[www.emu.edu](http://www.emu.edu)

5. George Mason University  
4400 University Drive  
Fairfax, VA 22030  
(703) 993-1000  
[www.gmu.edu](http://www.gmu.edu)
6. James Madison University  
Harrisonburg, VA 22807  
(540) 568-6211  
[www.jmu.edu](http://www.jmu.edu)
7. Lord Fairfax Community College  
P. O. Box 47  
U. S. Route 11  
Middletown, VA 22645  
(540) 868-7000  
[www.lf.vccs.edu](http://www.lf.vccs.edu)
8. Marymount University  
2807 North Glebe Road  
Arlington, VA 22207  
(703) 522-5600  
[www.marymount.edu](http://www.marymount.edu)
9. University of Mary Washington  
1301 College Avenue  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
(540) 654-1000  
[www.umw.edu](http://www.umw.edu)
10. Northern Virginia Community College  
Main Branch  
8333 Little River Turnpike  
Annandale, VA 22003  
(703) 323-3000  
[www.nvcc.edu](http://www.nvcc.edu)
11. Shenandoah University  
1460 University Drive  
Winchester, VA 22601  
(800) 432-2266  
[www.su.edu](http://www.su.edu)
12. University of Virginia  
Charlottesville, VA 22903  
(434) 924-0311  
[www.uva.edu](http://www.uva.edu)
13. Virginia Military Institute  
Lexington, VA 24450



(540) 464-7211  
[www.vmi.edu](http://www.vmi.edu)

14. Virginia Tech University  
Blacksburg, VA 24061  
[www.vt.edu](http://www.vt.edu)

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**MARYLAND**

15. Allegany Community College  
Willow Brook Road  
Cumberland, MD 21502  
(301) 784-5005  
[www.allegany.edu](http://www.allegany.edu)
16. Hagerstown Junior College  
751 Robinwood Drive  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

**WEST VIRGINIA**

17. Potomac State College of West Virginia University  
Keyser, WV 26726  
(800) 262-7332  
[www.potomacstatecollege.edu](http://www.potomacstatecollege.edu)
18. Shepherd University  
Shepherdstown, WV 25443  
(800) 344-5231  
[www.shepherd.edu](http://www.shepherd.edu)
19. West Virginia University  
PO Box 6201  
Morgantown, WV 26506  
[www.wvu.edu](http://www.wvu.edu)

**OTHER WASHINGTON, D.C. UNIVERSITIES**

American University  
Georgetown University  
Catholic University

George Washington University  
Howard University