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## High School to College Transition Initiatives: Making it a Reality

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# High School to College Transition Initiatives:

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## MAKING IT A REALITY

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# Henrico County Public Schools Snapshot

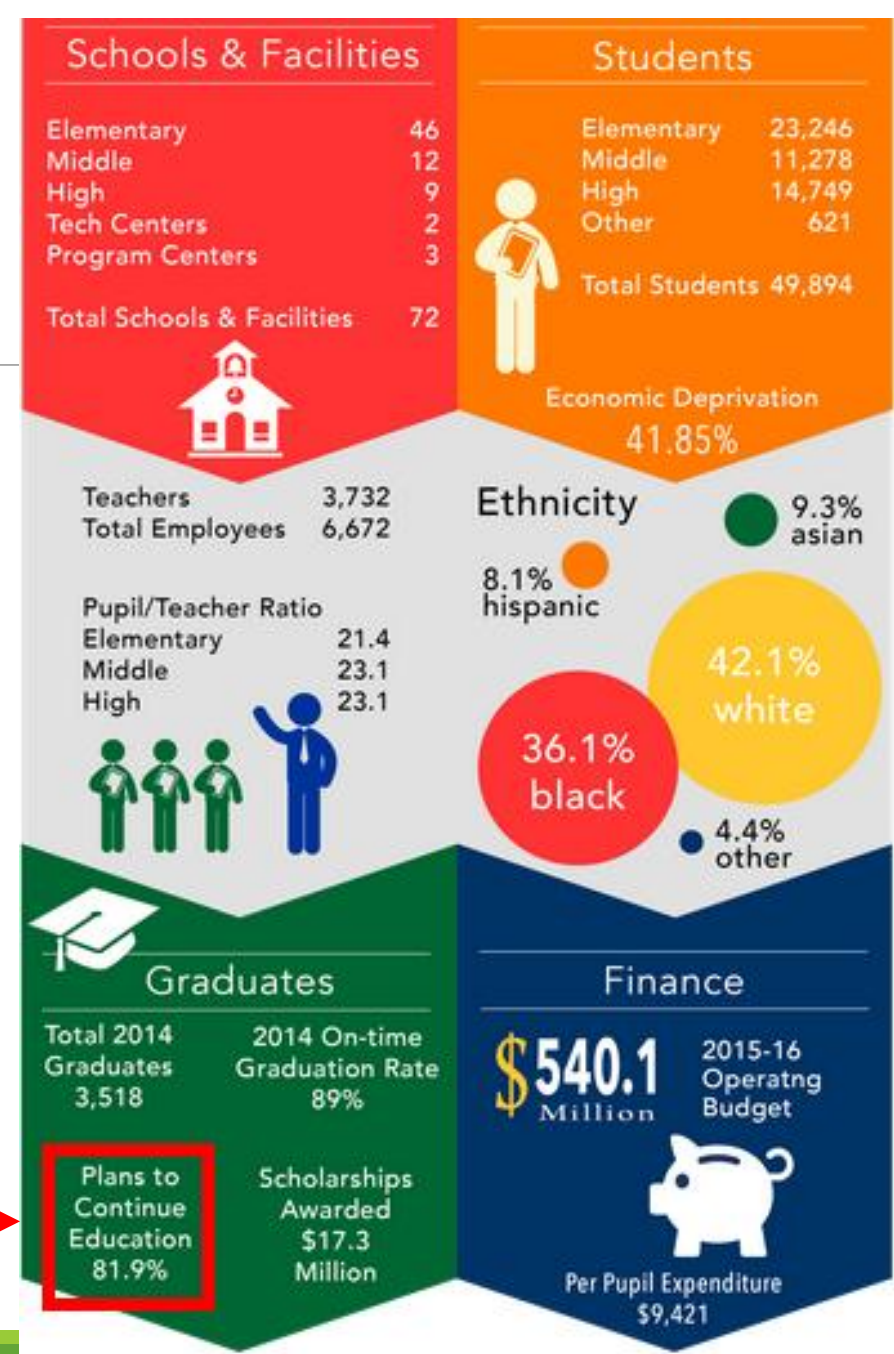


## HCPS:

- Over 50,000 students
- 11 High schools/12 Middle schools/46 Elementary schools
- College bound students: 81.9%

## Hermitage High School:

- 1,550 students
- 51% free & reduced price lunch
- 15% ESL/majority minority



# Reynolds Community College Snapshot

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- Opened in 1972. Youngest & third largest of 23 community colleges in Virginia.
- 3 campuses serve residents in the City of Richmond and the counties of Henrico, Hanover, Goochland, Powhatan and Louisa.

## **2014-15 Data:**

- 17,742 students, 7,469 FTE Students
- Class Load: 15% Full-time, 85% Part-time
- Race: 49% White, 36% Black, 5% Asian, 5% Hispanic, 5% Other/Unknown
- Gender: 61% Female, 39% Male

# Achieve Survey



## College instructors report significant preparation gaps in many other subject areas.

*How many recent high school grads at your school were adequately prepared in this area?*



78%

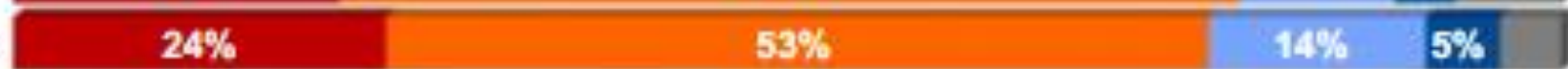
80%

### Conducting research

Two-year colleges



Four-year colleges



### Critical thinking

Two-year colleges



Four-year colleges



# Dual Enrollment Students

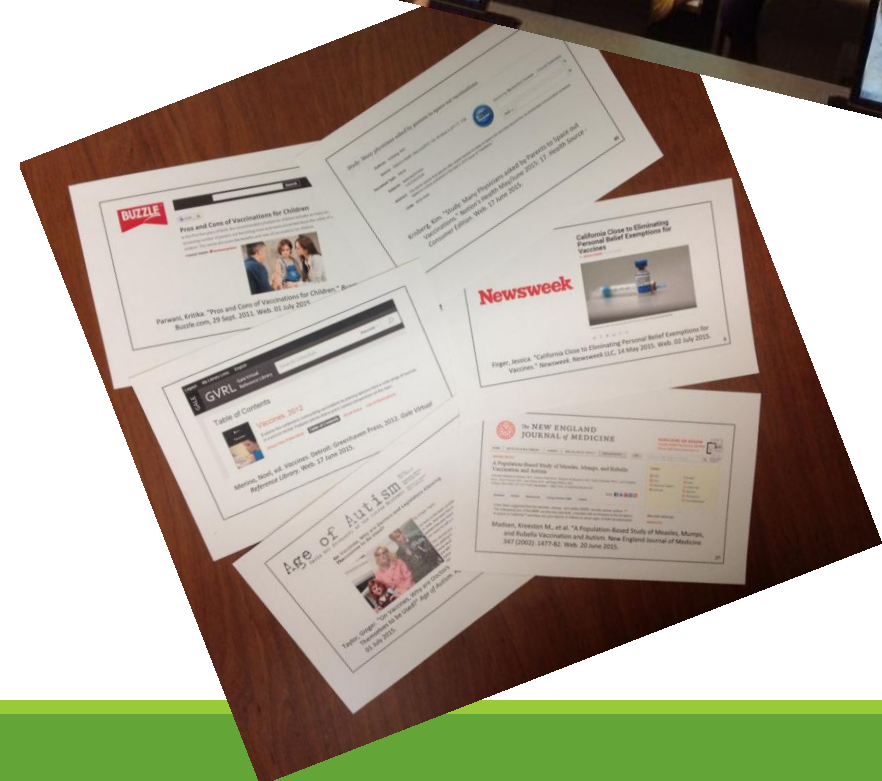
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- Collaboration with dual enrollment teaching faculty & high school librarians
- Instruction can be offered at the high school or on the college campus
- Fall 2015: 1062 students, 102 classes, 8 surrounding counties, 13 high schools/centers
- Goals - Stronger rapport with:
  - Office of Dual Enrollment
  - Henrico County Public High School librarians (College Readiness Library Task Force)



# Advanced College Academy Students

- Reynolds CC program provides HS students the opportunity to earn an associate degree.
- Currently four participating area high schools
- Initiatives with ACA program:
  - Orientation session & tour for ACA students & parents
  - Mobile scavenger hunt using iPads
  - Source deck card activities



# Visit with Hermitage HS Seniors

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- **Hermitage HS librarian:**

- Approval from administration
- Discussed plans with HS English faculty & College Counselor
- Scheduled and confirmed dates/times

- **Reynolds CC librarians:**

- Planned presentation:  
*College Libraries & Research: Top 10 Things to Expect*
- Met with HS seniors - All day event:  
6 sessions, 13 classes, 400 students





# Panel Discussion at HS Librarians Meeting

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- Academic librarians from area 2 & 4 year colleges & universities were invited to a Henrico County Public School Librarians meeting.
- Shared college level research assignments and what's covered in library instruction sessions.
- Panel discussion on what specific research & knowledge are expected of college freshmen, collaborative initiatives with high schools, and plans for the future.

# Local, State & National Conferences

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- Invite partners to attend school library and academic library conferences
- Co-present sessions on collaborative initiatives:
  - Virginia Association of School Librarians (VAASL) Spring Regional Conference & statewide conference
  - Today's session



# College Readiness Library Task Force

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- Review high school/college collaborations nationwide.
- Research grant opportunities.
- Develop organized plan for building district level college collaborations.
- Compare current HCPS high school research with local college research.
- Develop plan to narrow discrepancies & disseminate findings to teachers & administrators.
- Establish & disseminate guidelines for high school level information literacy instruction
- Long-term goal to fully prepare all HCPS graduates for college level research.

# Future Plans

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- Reynolds 2022 Strategic Plan: One goal is to “Build partnerships with regional school systems that increase the college and career readiness of high school students through collaboration between K-12 and college faculty”
- Created a College Readiness Task Force comprised of high school and academic librarians
- Invite partners to library events
- Continue to collaborate on & co-present sessions at school library and academic library conferences

# How to Begin

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- Partner up with librarians, teaching faculty and administrators within your constituencies
- Brainstorm, plan, develop & implement initiatives that serve the needs of both high school & college students and are feasible for all parties involved.
- Gather data & share w/ stakeholders to garner support.



# Resources

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- Bibliography: *Library Partnerships / Transitioning to College*  
<http://libguides.reynolds.edu/collegelib/bibliography>
- PPT presentation: *College Libraries & Research: What to Expect*  
<http://tinyurl.com/CollegeLibraries-Research>
- IL modules: *Research @ Reynolds Library*  
<http://libguides.reynolds.edu/research>
- Kent State University Libraries LibGuide: *Transitioning to College*  
<http://libguides.library.kent.edu/t2c>
- Achieve Survey: *Employers and College Faculty Report Gaps in Recent Graduates' Preparedness in New National Survey*  
<http://www.achieve.org/print/survey-results-show-gaps-preparedness>

# Need Further Information?

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