

# BERTIE COUNTY SCHOOLS

Bertie County Schools is a public LEA that offers many exciting, one-of-a-kind opportunities for its students! We have cutting edge pilot programs and unique ways to bridge the gap between the classroom and “the real world.” Our students experience—first hand—what it is like for everyday learning to translate into everyday life. We are proud to offer:

- Three nurturing, NC Pre-K preschool sites—all with Five-Star Ratings
- The first-of-its-kind early start Kindergarten Kamp for rising kindergartners
- Four elementary schools, embedded within local communities
  - NEW! STEAM Curriculum at Aulander Year Round Elementary School
  - “Sound to Sea” Environmental Science adventures in grades 4 and 5 (Spring 2019)
- One middle school, which is housed in a state-of-the-art facility
  - First in the country to partner with Pitsco to offer STEM Labs and STEM expeditions to middle grades students
    - With hopes to expand into the elementary schools
- A STEM “Academy,” which is housed in the brand new Bertie High School building
- **FREE!** One early college high school, where students can potentially graduate with a high school diploma and an associate’s degree (at no cost to families) – Focus on Agri-Science and Biotechnology. Parents save thousands of dollars!!
- A variety of Career and Technical Education courses that lead to certifications earned while in high school – some include welding, carpentry, auto mechanics, Adobe Suite, CNA classes and Early Childhood program; plans to expand the number of CTE offerings to suit the needs and demands of students and the local business community
- **FREE!** Bertie County Public Safety Cadet Program: First cohort graduated in 2017, prepared to further their education in Criminal Justice at the community college level, or enter the work force in the corrections field
- **FREE!** EMT Cadet Program: High school students can take the Basic-EMT course while in high school and enter the work force, upon successful completion of the state examination.
- Alternative Learning Program housed within Bertie High School
- COMING SOON: Enhanced Summer Bridge programs for those students in transition grades
- Special Education: EC and AIG (and everyone in between!)
- Healthy Living Coaches at each school
- BCS Staff Wellness Center! We CARE about our employees’ well being!

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## Student Leadership Opportunities:

- STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATIONS and CLUB DAYS in EVERY SCHOOL

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- **NEW!** Elected Junior School Board Members and Junior County Commissioners
- Teen Court – A real-life, once-in-a-lifetime alternative to the juvenile court system, whereby students who break the rules are defended by student defense “attorneys;” they are also “tried” and “sentenced” by student prosecutors and student jury members. (Sgt. Bonnie Powell)
- **NEW!!** Elementary Peer Mediation and Conflict Resolution at West Bertie Elementary School (Sgt. Bonnie Powell)
  - We are looking for ways our Bertie County Public Safety Cadets can help with this new program!
  - This program will expand to all elementary schools in 2019-2020...

## County Initiatives:

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- Teacher Housing Initiative – Soon to be underway – made possible in part, through the Bertie County Commissioners and a local non-profit organization
- COMING SOON! Another push toward teacher supplements through a quarter-cent sales tax referendum – That’s ¼ of a penny, folks!

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