



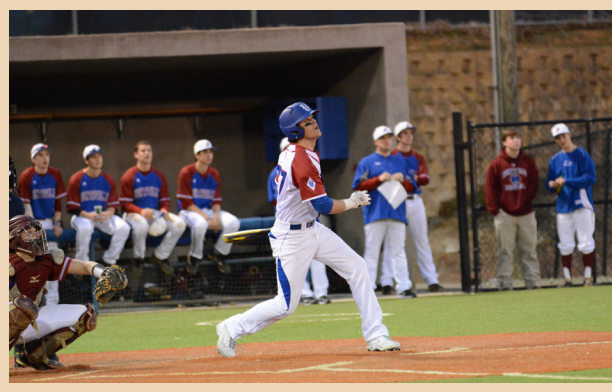
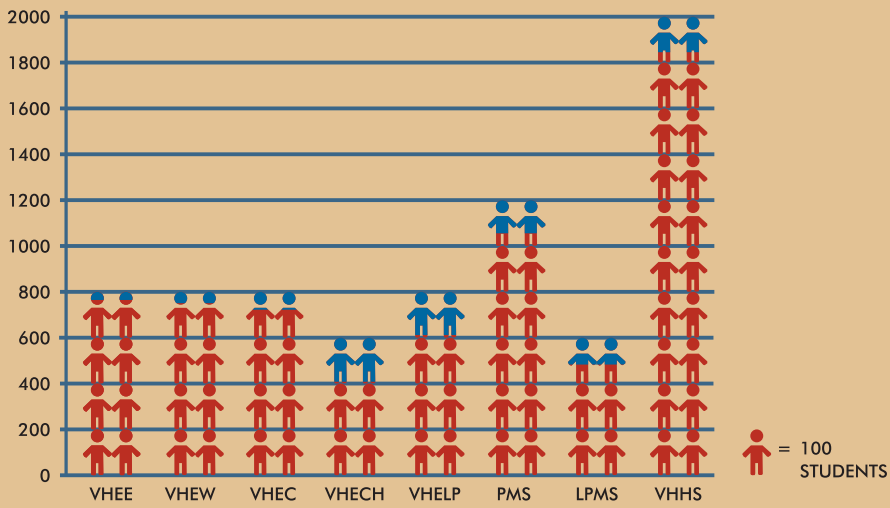
# VESTAVIA HILLS CITY SCHOOLS

## ANNUAL REPORT 2013 - 2014

### 2013 - 2014 ENROLLMENT

**6,701**  
STUDENTS

AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE  
**96.0%**



### ETHNICITY

- WHITE 83.7%
- AFRICAN-AMERICAN 6.5%
- ASIAN 5.6%
- HISPANIC 3.2%
- OTHER 1%

### GRADUATION RATE

**99%**

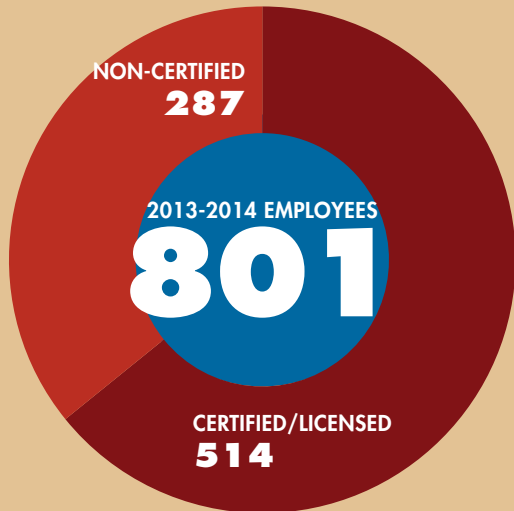
### FREE & REDUCED LUNCH

**9.3%**

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# WHO WE ARE

## 2013 - 2014 EMPLOYEES



## TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

DOCTORATE  
**3.3%**

6TH - YEAR  
**7.4%**

NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED  
**77**

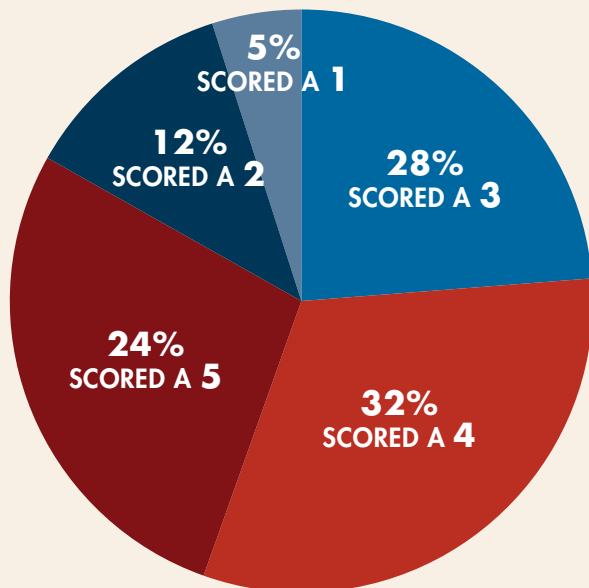
AP TEACHERS  
**22**

MASTER'S  
**63%**

BACHELOR'S  
**26%**

## 2013 - 2014 SCORES

### AP EXAM SCORES



### ACT SCORE AVERAGES

VHCS AVERAGE  
COMPOSITE: **25.8**

STATE AVERAGE  
COMPOSITE: **20.6**



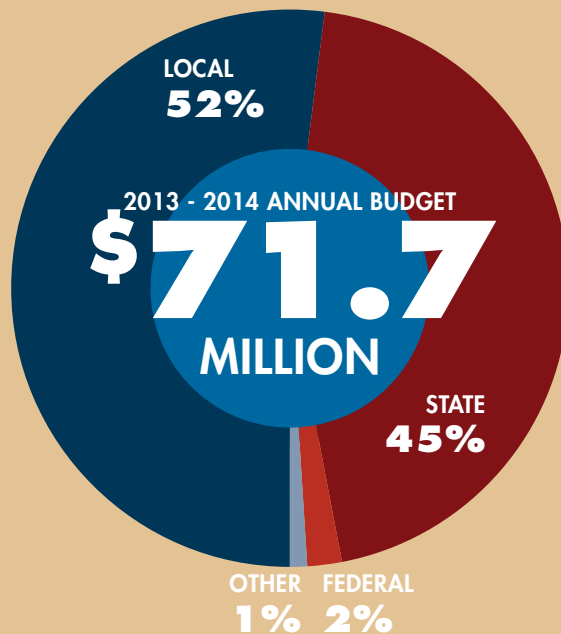
# 2013 - 2014 ANNUAL BUDGET

**\$10,879**

PER-PUPIL  
EXPENDITURE

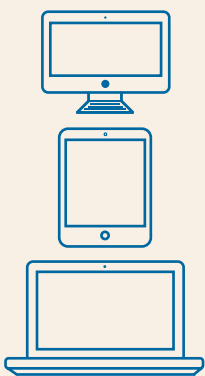
**\$8,779**

STATE  
AVERAGE



AD VALOREM TAX  
**52.05**  
MILLS

## TOTAL DEVICES IN VHCS



STUDENT:COMPUTER  
RATIO

**2:1**



VESTAVIA HILLS  
CITY SCHOOLS



# WHERE WE'VE BEEN

## 2013 - 2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### VESTAVIA HILLS CITY SCHOOLS

- AdvancED District Accreditation Awarded
- Named Best Community of Music Education by National Association of Music Merchants
- Implemented Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) learning environments throughout district
- School resource officers and improved access controls installed at every school
- Teachers designed 65 professional development projects across all grades and schools to create units of study, assessment, and research of best practices
- Dr. Connie Bain honored as 2013 recipient of Sally Moore Award from Alabama Education Technology Association
- Teachers of the Year: Lynn Sullivan, Lisa Kearney, Racheal Luccasen, Susan Galloway, Krista Bender, Joy Bragan, Susan Brooks, Ben Davis, Meredith DeFore
  - Elementary Teacher of the Year: Krista Bender
  - Secondary Teacher of the Year: Meredith DeFore

### VESTAVIA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

- 92% of Class of 2014 graduates enrolled in four-year universities
- 18 National Merit Finalists, 19 Semifinalists
- 12 Presidential Scholar nominees
- \$25 million in scholarships offered to Class of 2014
- Named by College Board to 4th Annual AP Honor Roll
- State Champions: Boys Soccer, Boys Tennis, Math Team, We the People Team
- Rick Grammer named NFHS 2013 Coach of the Year for Southern U.S.
- \$235,000 raised for Relay for Life
- Built new wing including 24 classrooms, 350 new parking spaces



VESTAVIA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

### LOUIS PIZITZ MIDDLE SCHOOL

- State Champions: VEX Robotics Team, Boys Indoor Track and Field Team
- 40 "top 10" awards won by Robotics Team members at state championships
- 1 of 4 bands in U.S. invited to perform at Middle School National Music Festival
- Band performed "The Star Spangled Banner" at Indiana Pacers NBA game
- Teachers presented science workshops at 2014 Science Works Conference

## LIBERTY PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 8th grade cheer team won 2014 UCA Cheerleading Camp Extreme Dance and Cheer title
- 2 students published nationally in Anthology of Short Stories by Young Americans
- Band won 1st place honors at Music in the Park Festival at Six Flags Over St. Louis
- Teachers presented science, technology, and math workshops at 2014 Science Works Conference
- Jennifer Isbell named Metro South Tennis Coach of the Year
- Jonathan Jeff named Metro South Track and Field Coach of the Year

## VESTAVIA HILLS ELEMENTARY EAST

- Named 1 of 29 National Schools of Character
- 493 students participated in Mercedes Marathon Children's Run
- Installed new artificial playground turf with funds raised by PTO
- Donated more than a half-ton of food to local food bank
- Donated more than 8,900 food items to local elementary-age children in need
- Music teacher Deanna Bell named 1 of 12 teachers in Alabama with Kodaly Level I teaching certification



## VESTAVIA HILLS ELEMENTARY CENTRAL

- Conducted canned food drive, coat and clothes drive, toy drive, and school supply drive for needy children and families in greater Birmingham area
- Raised \$2,000 for Oncology Department at Children's of Alabama
- Student art exhibited at Birmingham Museum of Art, Barnes & Noble, and Vestavia Hills Library in the Forest
- Honored more than 100 veterans through Veterans Day program

## VESTAVIA HILLS ELEMENTARY WEST

- Received legislative grant for Alabama's first Promethean ActivTable
- Collected 5,000 cans for local food bank during West Way Week
- Girls on the Run Team ran two 5K races; raised more than \$1,600 for two charities
- Provided full Thanksgiving meals and groceries to more than 30 local families in need
- Teacher Sharman Martin wrote and published children's book *I Can Play Too!*



VESTAVIA HILLS ELEMENTARY EAST





# WHERE WE'VE BEEN

## 2013 - 2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### VESTAVIA HILLS ELEMENTARY CAHABA HEIGHTS

- Named a national Let's Move! Active School
- Built new front entrance and corridor to connect all campus buildings
- Raised more than \$14,900 for American Heart Association in Jump Rope for Heart
- Donated more than 3,300 books during Birmingham Reads book drive
- Donated more than 1,100 cans of food to local food bank



**VESTAVIA HILLS ELEMENTARY LIBERTY PARK**

### VESTAVIA HILLS ELEMENTARY LIBERTY PARK

- P.E. Teacher Brett Huber named NFHS Alabama Cross-Country Coach of the Year
- Built new state-of-the-art Mac computer lab
- Installed new picnic tables and new P.E. rock climbing wall
- Donated portion of money raised in annual fundraiser to Birmingham schools in need
- State Champions: Knight School Liberty Park Chess Team

### VHCS FOUNDATION

- Granted \$60,000 to Vestavia Hills City Schools
- Received \$10,000 science professional development grant from Wells Fargo Foundation
- Raised more than \$75,000
- Purchased Lucy Caulkins Units of Study for Vestavia Hills Elementary West, Vestavia Hills Elementary East, Vestavia Hills Elementary Cahaba Heights, and Vestavia Hills Elementary Central
- Funded summer professional development for Vestavia Hills Elementary Liberty Park
- Purchased FOSS Science Modules for Louis Pizitz and Liberty Park Middle Schools
- Funded professional development for Advanced Placement at Vestavia Hills High School
- Funded professional development for Alabama College-and-Career Ready Standards
- Funded technology professional development training



# WHERE WE'RE GOING

## MESSAGE FROM THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT



Over the past academic year, you might have noticed some changes in our schools. We began construction projects at Vestavia Hills Elementary Cahaba Heights and Vestavia Hills High School. We strengthened our relationship with the City of Vestavia Hills to work on joint ventures to increase revenue for our school system. We increased efforts for communicating with our community and stakeholders.

We've earned recognition from AdvancED for our powerful practices, which include employing and retaining qualified people who know their roles and support the direction of the school system, as well as protecting our instructional time and providing adequate materials and fiscal resources to support our purpose. We earned renewed accreditation for our system through AdvancED, and we increased our standards and accountability expectations.

As we celebrate these successes, we also recognize this moment as our best opportunity to build the future of Vestavia Hills City Schools. In the year ahead, we will develop a new Strategic Plan to ensure the alignment of our curriculum and instruction, reduce achievement gaps by providing equitable learning experiences, and enhance digital learning to prepare our students for technology-rich college and career opportunities. Throughout this development, we will seek feedback from our stakeholders and ensure that all decisions are made with a strong sense of fiscal responsibility.

As we grow strategically, our community can expect transparency and accountability from our leaders, partnerships with our stakeholders and city leaders, and an unwavering commitment to excellence on behalf of every student. We must, in the words of an unknown author, "Care more than others think safe, dream more than others think practical, expect more than others think possible."

— Sheila Phillips, New VHCS Superintendent



# 2013 - 2014 SCHOOL CONTACTS

## VESTAVIA HILLS ELEMENTARY EAST

Grades K-3

2109 Tyson Drive, 35216

(205) 402-5211

<http://vestavia.k12.al.us/EastElementary>

## VESTAVIA HILLS ELEMENTARY WEST

Grades K-3

1965 Merryvale Road, 35216

(205) 402-5156

<http://vestavia.k12.al.us/WestElementary>

## VESTAVIA HILLS ELEMENTARY CENTRAL

Grades 4-5

1289 Montgomery Highway, 35216

(205) 402-5300

<http://vestavia.k12.al.us/CentralElementary>

## VESTAVIA HILLS ELEMENTARY CAHABA HEIGHTS

Grades K-5

4401 Dolly Ridge Road, 35243

(205) 402-5480

<http://vestavia.k12.al.us/CahabaElementary>

## VESTAVIA HILLS ELEMENTARY LIBERTY PARK

Grades K-5

17051 Liberty Parkway, 35242

(205) 402-5400

<http://vestavia.k12.al.us/LibertyParkElementary>

## LOUIS PIZITZ MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades 6-8

2020 Pizitz Drive, 35216

(205) 402-5350

<http://vestavia.k12.al.us/PizitzMiddle>

## LIBERTY PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades 6-8

17035 Liberty Parkway, 35242

(205) 402-5450

<http://vestavia.k12.al.us/LibertyParkMiddle>

## VESTAVIA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 9-12

2235 Lime Rock Road, 35216

(205) 402-5250

<http://vestavia.k12.al.us/VestaviaHigh>

## VESTAVIA HILLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

1204 Montgomery Highway, 35216

(205) 402-5100

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