

Keene High School
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Keene High School is the receiving school for the towns of Chesterfield, Harrisville, Keene, Marlborough, Marlow, Nelson, Stoddard, Westmoreland, and Winchester. Enrollment in grades 9 through 12 is 1758 students. The average class size is approximately 22 students. KHS, a comprehensive high school accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, recently completed a three-year, \$17.5 million renovation. KHS offers students a well-rounded academic program (approximately 195 course offerings) in a block format and numerous co-curricular (27 varsity teams and 38 clubs) activities. Advanced placement courses were formally introduced in 1990 and participation has steadily increased to the point where 12 AP programs are offered in the areas of English, world languages, math, social studies, art and science. Over the past five years, approximately 66 percent of graduating seniors have pursued post-secondary education.

The staff at Keene High School has made a commitment to provide students opportunities to prepare themselves for the transition to higher education and the workforce. Efforts in this area have been greatly facilitated by partnerships with area businesses and industries.

Keene High School is the site of the Cheshire Career Center, one of 24 vocational schools in the state. The center, which recently completed a \$6 million renovation, offers programs in business and office education, human services, and technology and trades to students from Keene, Fall Mountain, and Monadnock Regional high schools.

MARLBOROUGH

Population: 2,086

Marlborough School
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The enrollment at Marlborough School in Kinder-

garten through grade 8 including Readiness is 179 students.

Academic and related instruction and services are provided by 40 full and part-time staff.

Instructional programs include cooperative learning, the Responsive Classroom, Second Step and the Accelerated Reader. Teachers plan and work in teams to develop a child-centered and integrated curriculum throughout the grades. The school's small size lends itself to an emphasis on the individual needs of students.

In addition to the regular academic instruction, Marlborough offers music, band, chorus, NHDI (dance), art, Destination Imagination, physical education, Spanish and computer technology, as well as reading and resource room services.

The school is a member of the Governor's Best Schools Initiative whose goals are to improve student responsibility and community involvement and, thereby, increase student achievement.

MARLOW

Population: 789

John D. Perkins Elementary School
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John D. Perkins Elementary School is a rural country school with 45 students in grades K through 6. The staff is committed to addressing state standards and maintaining a safe and respectful school environment. Recent renovations have resulted in the addition of a computer lab, library and a playground with a nature center. The school has a very active PTA and benefits from the support of the community.

NELSON

Population: 653

Nelson School
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Nelson School is a small rural school with an enroll-

ment of 42 students in grades K-6. The school excels in creating a family atmosphere through multi-grade classrooms, the implementation of an all school theme, and close interaction between classes. In addition to academic subjects, Nelson offers music, art, physical education, French, and after school instrumental lessons. Its students are supported by Title I services in reading and math, a special education teacher, a school counselor, an occupational therapist, a speech therapist, and a school nurse. The efforts of the staff to establish a productive and nurturing learning environment for children are greatly aided by strong community involvement and support.

Nelson School is a place where there is a strong emphasis on basic skills, where there is excitement about learning, where there are high and clear expectations for performance, and where children are challenged to reach their full potential.

WESTMORELAND

Population: 1,865

Westmoreland School
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Westmoreland School is a full-day kindergarten through grade 8 school with 147 students. In addition to the 9 full-time classroom teachers, instruction in art, music, physical education, health, library, guidance, technology and world language is provided by part-time, certified teachers. Westmoreland School offers a comprehensive range of student support services including a school counselor, special education, reading specialist, media generalist, school psychologist, speech and language therapist, occupational therapist, and a school nurse.

The staff of Westmoreland School is proud of initiatives related to curriculum, student management, technology, and new initiatives to address educating the whole child.

The Westmoreland School community is cooperative, close-knit, and highly positive. Students are recognized and treated as individuals and learn in a safe, supportive and personal manner.

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 29

- School districts in New Hampshire are organized in School Administrative Units (SAUs).
- School Administrative Unit #29 is comprised of seven independent school districts—Chesterfield, Harrisville, Keene, Marlborough, Marlow, Nelson, and Westmoreland.
- SAU#29 is the largest multi-district S.A.U. in New Hampshire. Its responsibilities include managing a collective budget of approximately \$73.6 million, maintaining 14 school buildings, coordinating the activities of seven independent school boards, and supervising the educational program for approximately 4,600 students.
- SAU 29 and its member districts employ more than 900 people.
- SAU#29 covers 211 square miles in southwestern New Hampshire.
- The mission of the schools within SAU#29 is to provide each child with the opportunity to participate in challenging, productive and relevant learning activities which promote individual growth and skills development that will enhance the likelihood of each student leading a productive and fulfilling role in our society.

NHSAU#29 Mission

- To provide leadership for continuous school improvement within SAU #29 that results in success for every student.
- To build and maintain a focus on a common vision and direction that meets the educational needs of member communities and assures the highest quality public education for our students.
- To provide services and coordinate resources to support the effective and efficient operation of SAU #29 and its member schools.

Administrative staff includes:

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CHESTERFIELD

Population: 3,783
(Chesterfield, West Chesterfield and Spofford)

Chesterfield Elementary School
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Chesterfield School is the largest elementary school in SAU #29 and maintains a current enrollment of 377 students in grades K-8 who reside in Chesterfield, Spofford and West Chesterfield. Students in grades 9-12 attend Keene High School.

The district employs a total of 82 professional and support staff who are responsible for implementing a wide range of instructional/support programs and services in all major subject areas, Spanish in grades K-8, middle school health and unified arts (art, music, and physical education). Special Education and Title I reading support services are also provided for identified/eligible students. In addition, the school employs a full-time reading specialist. A wide range of co-curricular/special programs are also available to students in selected grades.

HARRISVILLE

Population: 1,106

Wells Memorial School
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The staff at Wells Memorial provides instruction to 56 students in kindergarten through grade 6. Harrisville students in grades 7 and 8 attend Keene Middle School.

A trademark of Wells Memorial School is its emphasis on multi-age instruction. This enhances student-teacher relationships and students' self-esteem, promotes academic achievement and social growth, and is responsive to the developmental needs of children. The school also offers an innovative K-6 Spanish language program.

KEENE

Population: 22,780

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

Jonathan M. Daniels School
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Benjamin Franklin School
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Wheelock School
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Student enrollment in Keene's five elementary schools (kindergarten through grade 5) is 1,114. Enrollments in the schools range from 325 students at Symonds School to 144 at Wheelock School. The average student-teacher ratio at the elementary level is under 17:1.

Because the neighborhood school concept is very important to the community, each of Keene's five elementary schools is located in a different part of the city and serves the families that live in that area. This system has encouraged each school to develop its own individual character, but because each teaches the same subject areas and comparable skills, all Keene elementary school children enter the middle school (at grade 6) with a similar academic background.

Recent initiatives at the elementary level that have enhanced the learning environment for children in Keene's elementary schools include things such as full-day kindergarten, an emphasis on the use of technology in the classroom, a core reading program, world language instruction, the Collins Writing Program, the introduction of the social curriculum and peer mediation, and after school programs.

Close collaboration with Keene State College and Antioch University New England for pre-service and teaching experiences, continued volunteer efforts and strong community support contribute to the success of Keene's elementary schools.

Each of the schools is committed to providing a quality educational program to each child in a positive and highly-motivating environment.

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Approximately 729 students in grades 6 through 8 attend Keene Middle School (KMS). A staff of 78 certified professionals provide students with a balanced academic program and co-curricular opportunities.

KMS receives students from several sending towns — sixth, seventh and eighth graders from Keene and Stoddard, and seventh and eighth grade students from Marlow, Nelson and Harrisville.

KMS's staff demonstrates the strongest commitment to the middle school concept. This places an emphasis on positive student-teacher relationships and a responsiveness to the interests and needs (academic, social, and emotional) of young adolescents. KMS practices include continual strengthening of a challenging curriculum, enrichment activities, small student advisory groups, instructional teams, and flexible scheduling to meet student needs.