

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, Surry, Westmoreland, and Winchester. Enrollment in grades 9 through 12 is 1,598 students. The average class size is approximately 22 students.

KHS is a comprehensive high school accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges which 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 are offered in the areas of English, world languages, math, social studies, art and science.

KHS now offers a Virtual High School program where students can take on-line courses not offered at KHS. Over the past five years, approximately 70 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 them 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 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 Kindergarten through grade 8 including Readiness is 197

students. Academic and related instruction and services are provided by 40 full and part-time staff. 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, NHD (dance), art, physical education, Spanish and computer technology, as well as, reading and resource room services. The school is a member of the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) initiative whose goal is to improve student responsibility and community involvement and, thereby, increase student achievement.

MARLOW
Population: 788

John D. Perkins Elementary School
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The John D. Perkins School is a rural school with an enrollment of 43 students from kindergarten through grade six. Its staff is committed to students' learning in a safe and respectful positive environment using Responsive Classroom and curriculum interventions where students are challenged to reach their individual potential. Each week students enjoy classes in physical education, music, Spanish, computers, library, and art. Students enjoy many outdoor areas such as nature trails, an observation deck overlooking a beaver pond, and an outdoor classroom.

NELSON
Population: 660

Nelson School
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Nelson is a small rural school with an enrollment of 25 students in grades K-6. Last year, the State Dept. of Education identified Nelson as one of three schools in the state as a Blue Ribbon School, an honor bestowed upon schools which

have achieved high levels of performance over an extended period of time. 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 Spanish, music, art, and physical education. Nelson students are supported by Title I services in reading and math, a special education teacher, a school counselor, occupational and speech therapists, 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: 1,897

Westmoreland School
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Westmoreland School is a full-day kindergarten through grade 8 school with 153 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 the school's high academic performance, best-practice integrated technology, innovative literacy programs, and "Westmoreland Pride". The Westmoreland School community is cooperative, close-knit, and highly positive. Students are recognized and treated as individuals, contributing to a safe and supportive learning community.

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 29

- School districts in New Hampshire are organized in School Administrative Units (SAUs). SAU 29 is comprised of seven independent school districts—Chesterfield, Harrisville, Keene, Marlborough, Marlow, Nelson, and Westmoreland.
- SAU 29 is the largest multi-district SAU in New Hampshire. Its responsibilities include managing a collective budget of \$84.9 million, maintaining 15 school buildings, coordinating the activities of seven independent school boards, and supervising the educational program for 4,235 students.
- SAU 29 and its member districts employ approximately 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 challenging, productive and relevant learning activities to promote individual growth and skills development.

SAU 29 Mission

- To provide leadership for continuous school improvement within SAU 29.
- To build and maintain a common vision and direction that meet the educational needs of member communities and assures the highest quality public education.
- To provide services and coordinate resources to support effective and efficient operation of SAU 29.

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CHESTERFIELD

Population: 3,905

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Chesterfield values and nurtures all members of the school community and is dedicated to creating an environment that respects diversity and ensures the social, physical, intellectual, creative, and emotional growth of every student.

Chesterfield School has an enrollment of 294 students in grades K-8 who reside in Chesterfield, Spofford and West Chesterfield. Students in grades 9-12 attend Keene High School.

Chesterfield employs 31 certified teachers. The school offers Spanish instruction for students K-8, has a full-time media generalist, guidance counselor, speech therapist, reading specialist and nurse. The staff is responsible for implementing a wide range of instructional/support programs and services. Special Education and Title One reading and math support services are available for eligible students. Chesterfield School offers a wide variety of co-curricular and special programs, and encourages all students to "Dream, Believe and Achieve!"

HARRISVILLE

Population: 1,106

Harrisville-Wells Memorial School
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The staff at Harrisville-Wells Memorial provides instruction to 44 students in kindergarten through grade 6. Harrisville students in grades 7 and 8 attend Keene Middle School. Students in grades 9-12 attend Keene High School.

A trademark of Harrisville-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 develop-

mental needs of children. The school also offers an innovative K-6 Spanish language program.

KEENE

Population: 22,540

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

Jonathan M. Daniels School
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Benjamin Franklin School
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John H. Fuller School
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Wheelock School
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Student enrollment in Keene's five elementary schools (kindergarten through grade 5) is 1,173. Enrollments in the schools range from 322 students at Fuller School to 156 at Wheelock School. The average student-teacher ratio at the elementary level is 17.

Because the neighborhood school concept is very important to the community, each of Keene's elementary schools is located in a different part of the city and serves 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.

Initiatives at the elementary level that enhance the learning environment for children include full-day kindergarten, an emphasis on the use of technology in the classroom, an Everyday Mathematics initiative, a core reading program, grade 5 world language instruction, the Collins Writing Program, the social curriculum, peer mediation, Response to Instruction (RTI) 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 596 students in grades 6 through 8 attend the brand new Keene Middle School (KMS) built around the concept of team teaching. A staff of 71 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, Surry 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.