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2021-2024 OUTREACH PLAN

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Executive Summary

The Vote Bane Committee presents a two-fold plan for educating the public during Magistrate Ron Bane's 2021-2024 term in support of stated campaign priorities.

First and foremost, all constituents are welcome to contact Magistrate Bane, or Magistrate Assistant Amy White, to request official, public information from Monongalia Magistrate Court. All citizens are invited to learn about our court system and better understand how the justice process works.



RonBane.com, hosted by Vote Bane as a public service, is the official source for Magistrate Bane's personal and professional information. Social media channels include, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube with official channels managed by the Vote Bane team. Targeted digital advertising delivered to segmented audiences is Vote Bane's primary method for paid marketing and advertising.

From the website, citizens can get official court forms via links to the WV State Supreme Court, and keep updated with unofficial, local court statistics that Magistrate Bane maintains to evaluate and track potential emerging issues. A court trends card that rolls-up and compares recent court data on a quarterly basis is the main product to communicate court metrics. Periodic articles relevant to understanding our court are a secondary product. Constituent input that prioritizes topics and helps with useful articles is appreciated.

The second aspect of the educational outreach plan supports youth. Reaching students where they learn—whether online, in the classroom, or in our community—to educate the next generation about our courts and civic rights and responsibilities is a long-term, ongoing priority. Magistrate Bane will avail himself to our West Virginia teachers as well as share educational resources and activities via RonBane.com.

The plan expands on popular educational content distributed during the 2020 campaign as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Vote Bane will seek opportunities to engage youth at key ages, and parents/guardians, with content about our justice system. For youth who find themselves in trouble on the wrong side of the law, Magistrate Bane will make use of resources to interdict and motivate at-risk youth.

Vote Bane is eager to support Magistrate Bane in these endeavors. Some aspects of these educational outreach goals, and other campaign priorities, require additional funding to fully implement. Between January 2021 and May 2021, Vote Bane will not raise any money until Judge Bane declares for office again, but interested people can give safely and securely online at [RonBane.com/donate](https://ronbane.com/donate) starting again in June 2021. As funds are raised and initiatives pursued, the Vote Bane Team will share specific outcomes.

If you have questions about our local court or want more information, you're encouraged to contact Magistrate Bane via [VoteBane.com](https://ronbane.com) or by calling 304-376-5518.

For updated information about Vote Bane and Bane for Magistrate visit <https://ronbane.com/>.

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Introduction

Plan Overview



The Vote Bane Outreach Plan is a long-term initiative to engage the public in the work of Monongalia County's Division 1 Magistrate. This plan represents a working document.

Plan Scope



This plan details the mission, vision, values, goals, objectives, outcomes, and measures guiding communications throughout Judge Bane's 2021-2024 term to ensure that accurate, and timely information is consistently shared with all stakeholders. This plan provides guidance on communications activities and engagement, and managing progress on 2020 stated priorities.

Plan Audiences

This plan is intended for these primary audiences:

- Public and media – to reference for general awareness and greater understanding.
- Donors and supporters – to understand priorities and resources needed to succeed.
- Vote Bane Campaign Committee Members – to understand how public engagement, outreach, and communications, and related activities will be managed. This also enables members to identify and reinforce communications messages among key constituencies.



Plan Goals

This plan's goals are to:

1. Ensure communications, engagement, and outreach needs are identified and sufficiently addressed.
2. Engage voters and supporters to understand their desires and expectations to build credibility, commitment, and shared investment to the office of magistrate.
3. Promote opportunities for meaningful public involvement, including enabling feedback, providing input, sharing issues, and asking questions.
4. Communicate clearly, consistently, and constantly with key audiences to update on progress and timelines.
5. Use strategies and tactics to engage stakeholders appropriately.



Overarching Objectives

Mission

Judge Bane will fairly and impartially conduct his duties and responsibilities in all matters to anyone who comes before him, or consider recusal, if warranted.

Vision

Fair and impartial justice shouldn't mean far and removed from humanity or reality. Every person who appears before Judge Bane is treated with respect. He balances considerable factors to work within the guidelines prescribed by law.

Values

- 1. Respect and appreciate the uniqueness of others' time, treasure, and talents.**
- 2. Foster and maintain relationships around trust and honest, forthright communication.**
- 3. Maximize communications reach and value using multiple channels and methods.**
- 4. Promote collaboration, teamwork, and creating outcomes around positive change.**
- 5. Prioritize opportunities that can have the greatest reach and/or most profound effect.**

Priority Campaign Objectives

In talking with citizens, voters, and taxpayers, Judge Bane works toward five goals that represent a winning slate of ideas for the future of Monongalia County.

Goal 1: Steer at-risk youth toward help, and support vulnerable citizens.

Objective 1.a: Use Monongalia County Teen Court as an alternative, as appropriate.

Objective 1.a Desired Outcomes:

- Refresh this alternative court amid the COVID-19 pandemic recovery.
- Renew this alternative court as a viable and preferable option.
- Raise public awareness of this alternative court and how it benefits everyone.

Objective 1.a Tactics:

- 1. Restart teen court and explore using web conferencing and technologies as needed.**
- 2. Promote teen court working with local defense and prosecuting attorneys.**



3. Arrange docket to group potential cases periodically that can be reassigned or tried.

Objective 1.a Measures:

- Satisfactory responses from stakeholders, attorneys as well as defendants.
- Number of cases deferred to teen court and related cost savings.
- Number of jurists (former offenders) and students reached and their input and feedback.
- Statistics from adjudicated cases including community service rendered.

Objective 1.b: Maintain visibly active presences outside the courtroom.

Objective 1.b Desired Outcomes:

- People should feel comfortable and confident to engage local court officials.
- Show humanity through humility and humor.

Objective 1.b Tactics:

1. Attend public activities and events where youth and vulnerable people may be reached.
2. Travel throughout our community to reach underserved audiences and communities.
3. Support charitable, community causes that build and strengthen fellowship among all.

Objective 1.b Measures:

- Time, talent, and treasure given in support of our community individually and together.
- Number of community events and activities attended.
- Number of contacts reached from events and activities.

Goal 2: Employ various strategies to lower repeat offender rates.



Objective 2.a: Use bonding as a legally defensible court tool.

Objective 2.a Desired Outcomes:

- Defendants should appear in court when the bond reflects circumstances.
- Court and taxpayer investment should be protected and made whole.

Objective 2.a Tactics:

1. Use statutory guidelines to impose up to three-times (3x) the legal bond, as needed.
2. Use cash, property, personal recognizance and bail bonds consistently, as needed.

Objective 2.a Measures:

- Number of defendants who fail to appear as a percentage of those who appear.
- Total bond amounts paid/forfeited to the court.

Objective 2.b: Consider all options to persuade and motivate citizens to comply with the law, and increase fines and fees when needed with repeat offenders.

Objective 2.b Desired Outcomes:

- Minimize jail burden for non-violent offenders while increasing maximum consequences.

Objective 2.b Tactics:

1. Use statutory guidelines to impose up to three-times (3x) the legal limit, as needed.
2. Use judicial discretion to find legally-binding solutions that reflect situational realities.

Objective 2.b Measures:

- Amount of fines/fees paid to the court by repeat offenders as compared to a percentage of fines/fees paid by first-time offenders.
- Amount of fines/fees deferred in-lieu of alternative penalties.

Objective 2.c: Communicate with defendants, plaintiffs, and legal counsel clearly and consistently in court to ensure court orders are understandable.**Objective 2.c Desired Outcomes:**

- Orderly, efficient court hearings with timely follow-through to achieve final disposition.
- Minimal number of challenged orders/rulings.

Objective 2.c Tactics:

1. Ask counsel and all parties to clearly reiterate understanding of key elements outlined by the court, specifically requirements/responsibilities that pose additional consequences.
2. Ask counsel and all parties whether there are any questions and/or concerns.

Objective 2.c Measures:

- Number of orders/rulings challenged and percentage upheld.
- Feedback from attorneys, defendants, and plaintiffs.

Goal 3: Prioritize domestic violence and mental hygiene cases.**Objective 3.a: Maintain an organized, updated list actionable items at all times.****Objective 3.a Desired Outcomes:**

- Organized, actionable case files are essential to effective court business.
- Actionable daily case files stored in a secured, office space that's still accessible.
- Tickler system uses 43 file folders (31 days and 12 months) to keep organized.

Objective 3.a Tactics:

1. Use folders for each day of the week to organize case files in progress.
2. Maintain a monthly 'tickler' file system to keep apprised of key dates yearly.
3. Keep signature folders visible and at-hand to quickly turn around critical needs.

Objective 3.a Measures:

- All files requiring signatures will be completed on a daily basis.
- No case files will be misplaced or unavailable when needed.
- No key deadlines will be missed.

Objective 3.b: Develop and use pre-formatted digital files and bookmarked links.**Objective 3.b Desired Outcomes:**

- Develop and use effective processes to quickly replicate frequently needed content.

Objective 3.b Tactics:

1. Create a portal and dashboards to make common content readily available in court.
2. Maintain a library of links and content mapped to official source files.

Objective 3.b Measures:

- Time to administer court business will be reduced.
- Effectiveness and accuracy of court business will be increased.

Goal 4: Advocate for an effective and efficient justice system.**Objective 4.a: Reduce regional jail trends and taxpayer costs.****Objective 4.a Desired Outcomes:**

- Minimize the number of trips to and from WV Regional Jails & Correctional Facilities.
- Employ alternative sentencing when appropriate.

Objective 4.a Tactics:

1. Work with the Sheriff's Office to ensure mutual understanding and positive relationships.
2. Ensure availability within 30 minutes of receiving an after hours, on-call notice.

Objective 4.a Measures:

- Number of defendants jailed as a percentage of total.
- Number of defendants arraigned and bonded who might otherwise have been jailed.
- Number of convicted defendants sentenced to alternative terms.

Objective 4.b: Ensure sufficient court resources to match county growth.**Objective 4.b Desired Outcomes:**

- Find and support pathways to regain a fifth magistrate judge.
- Advocate for the county to be accurately reimbursed per real costs of court space.
- Maintain currency with computers and communications to meet digital challenges.

Objective 4.b Tactics:

1. Vote Bane can educate and inform the public, and legislators, about current realities.
2. Vote Bane can educate other court members, as well as legislators, about challenges.
3. Vote Bane can raise funds to carry out any aspects of Judge Bane's office not covered.

Objective 4.b Measures:

- Legislative action to provide for at least one additional local magistrate judge.
- Increased funding (and/or resources) from state court to county in light of issues/needs.
- Advocate and model adoption of technology that improves efficiency.

Objective 4.c: Minimize the need to use retired/special judges to handle caseloads.**Objective 4.c Desired Outcomes:**

- Swift justice efficiently and effectively administered.

Objective 4.c Tactics:

1. Make use of all available court spaces to hear cases while on duty.
2. Adjudicate cases between 15-30 days, with outlying continuances set at 45+ days.

Objective 4.c Measures:

- Number of days/hours that retired/special judges used to handle routine cases.
- Number of cases heard.
- Number of cases delayed beyond 46 days.

Goal 5: Collaborate with others on strategies to address community issues.



Objective 5.a: Approach the mental health crisis with care and compassion.

Objective 5.a Desired Outcomes:

- Foster better understanding and appreciation for mental health issues and care.

Objective 5.a Tactics:

1. Respect the uniqueness of each individual.
2. Listen attentively to all parties to understand issues and underlying causes.
3. Refer defendants for assessment.

Objective 5.a Measures:

- Acknowledge self worth and potential of individual defendants who respect our court.
- Participation in and support of organizations and causes that champion mental health.

Objective 5.b: Champion recovery and sobriety in addiction and substance abuse cases.

Objective 3.b Desired Outcomes:

- Motivate others to take steps in support of recovery and sobriety.

Objective 3.b Tactics:

1. Recognize when family members and friends are present, and acknowledge their roles.
2. When appropriate, use home confinement so people can continue to work and use jail when appropriate to change situational dynamics.

Objective 3.b Measures:

- Number of home confinement and recovery referrals.
- Number of repeat offenders.

Supporting Campaign Goals

To support Judge Bane in communicating priority goals with residents, taxpayers, stakeholders in Monongalia County and beyond, the Vote Bane Committee has two additional goals for the 2021-2024 term.

- A. Reach 50% of Monongalia County's adult (18+) population at least once.**
- B. Reach 33% of Monongalia County's youth at least once.**

Reference Data

Monongalia County Adult Population Statistics

During 2021-24, Vote Bane wants to reach 50% of the adult (18+) population at least once.

Number of Total Citizens: 105,612

Population estimates, July 1, 2019, (V2019)	105,612
Population estimates base, April 1, 2010, (V2019)	96,184
Population, percent change - April 1, 2010 (estimates base) to July 1, 2019, (V2019)	9.80%
Population, Census, April 1, 2010	96,189
Age & Sex	
Persons under 5 years, percent	4.90%
Persons under 18 years, percent	16.30%
Persons 65 years and over, percent	13.20%
Female persons, percent	48.60%
Race & Hispanic Origin	
White alone, percent	90.20%
Black or African American alone, percent(a)	3.90%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent(a)	0.20%
Asian alone, percent(a)	3.40%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent(a)	0.10%
Two or More Races, percent	2.30%
Hispanic or Latino, percent(b)	2.20%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	88.30%
Population Characteristics	
Veterans, 2015-2019	5,094
Foreign born persons, percent, 2015-2019	5.70%
Housing	
Housing units, July 1, 2019, (V2019)	45,210
Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2015-2019	56.80%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2015-2019	\$204,400
Median selected monthly owner costs -with a mortgage, 2015-2019	\$1,314
Median selected monthly owner costs -without a mortgage, 2015-2019	\$369

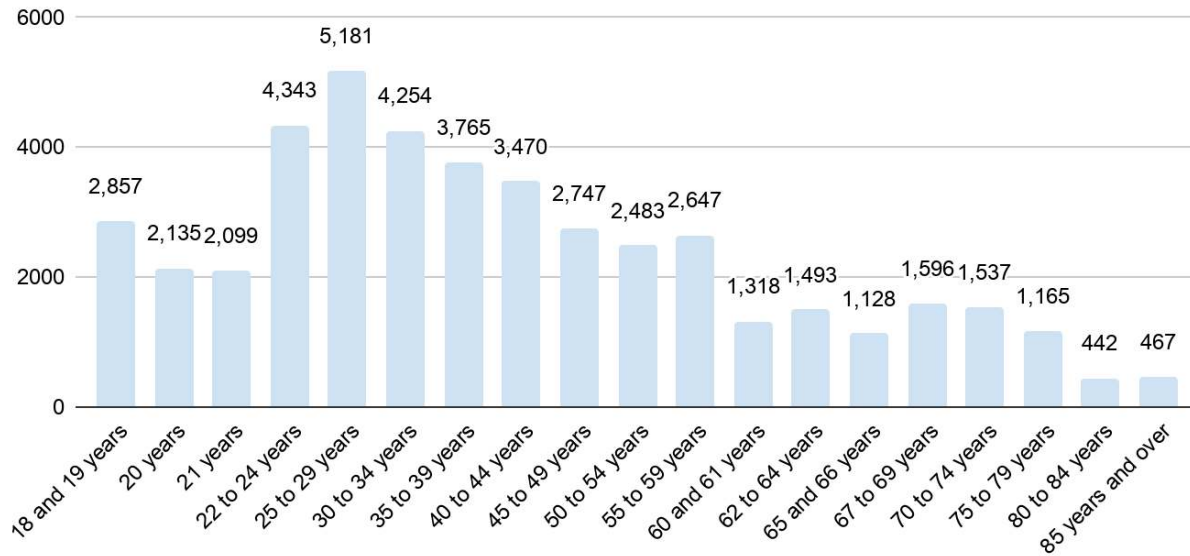
Median gross rent, 2015-2019	\$834
Building permits, 2019	26
Families & Living Arrangements	
Households, 2015-2019	39,466
Persons per household, 2015-2019	2.53
Living in same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+, 2015-2019	77.80%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+, 2015-2019	8.00%
Computer & Internet Use	
Households with a computer, percent, 2015-2019	92.10%
Households with a broadband Internet subscription, percent, 2015-2019	86.10%
Education	
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2015-2019	92.40%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2015-2019	42.80%
Health	
With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2015-2019	9.20%
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent	7.40%
Economy	
In civilian labor force, total, percent of population age 16 years+, 2015-2019	60.60%
In civilian labor force, female, percent of population age 16 years+, 2015-2019	57.20%
Total accommodation and food services sales, 2012 (\$1,000)(c)	253,516
Total health care and social assistance receipts/revenue, 2012 (\$1,000)(c)	1,513,845
Total manufacturers shipments, 2012 (\$1,000)(c)	2,034,340
Total merchant wholesaler sales, 2012 (\$1,000)(c)	340,944
Total retail sales, 2012 (\$1,000)(c)	1,608,609
Total retail sales per capita, 2012(c)	\$16,033
Transportation	
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16 years+, 2015-2019	20.9
Income & Poverty	
Median household income (in 2019 dollars), 2015-2019	\$52,455
Per capita income in past 12 months (in 2019 dollars), 2015-2019	\$32,154
Persons in poverty, percent	19.10%
Businesses	
Total employer establishments, 2018	2,369
Total employment, 2018	47,736
Total annual payroll, 2018 (\$1,000)	2,293,795

Total employment, percent change, 2017-2018	-0.20%
Total nonemployer establishments, 2018	5,916
All firms, 2012	7,117
Men-owned firms, 2012	3,897
Women-owned firms, 2012	2,390
Minority-owned firms, 2012	438
Nonminority-owned firms, 2012	6,325
Veteran-owned firms, 2012	759
Nonveteran-owned firms, 2012	5,838
Geography	
Population per square mile, 2010	267.1
Land area in square miles, 2010	360.06
FIPS Code	54061

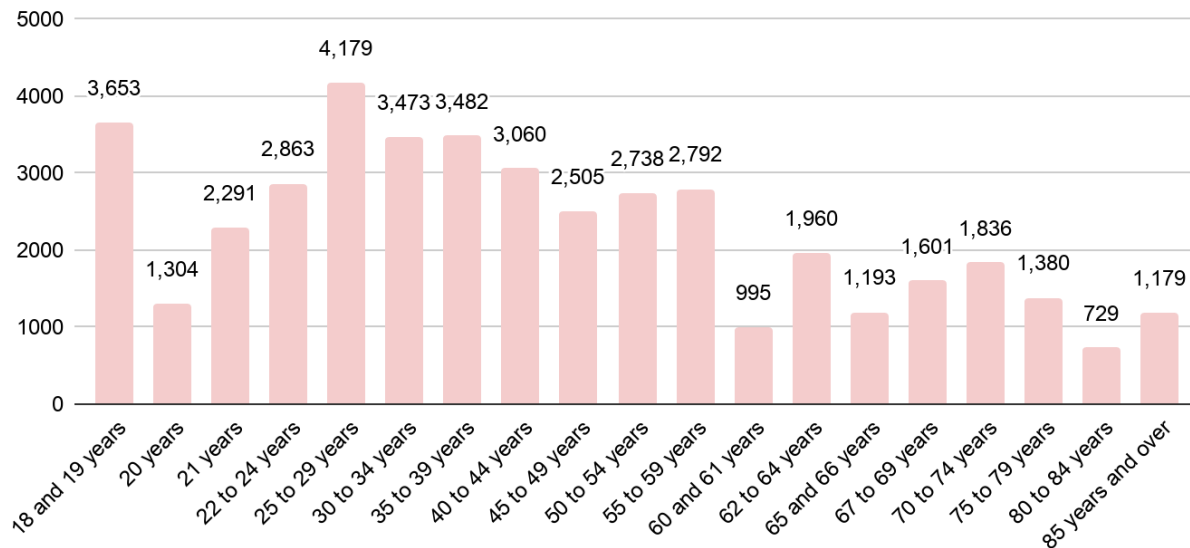


Number of Adult (18+) Citizens: 88,397

Males Over 18

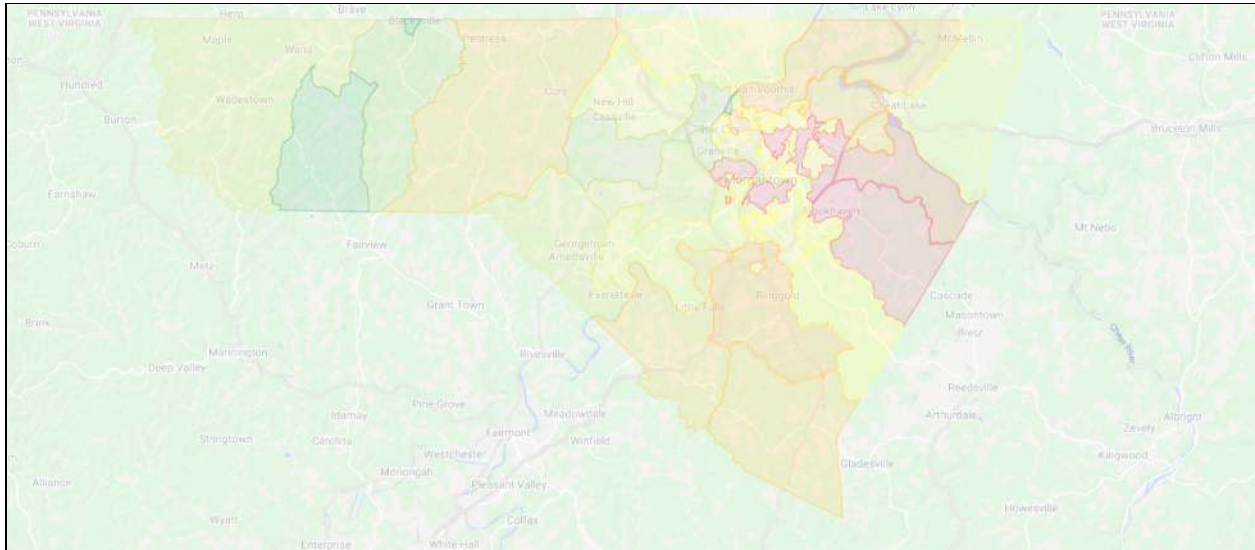


Females Over 18

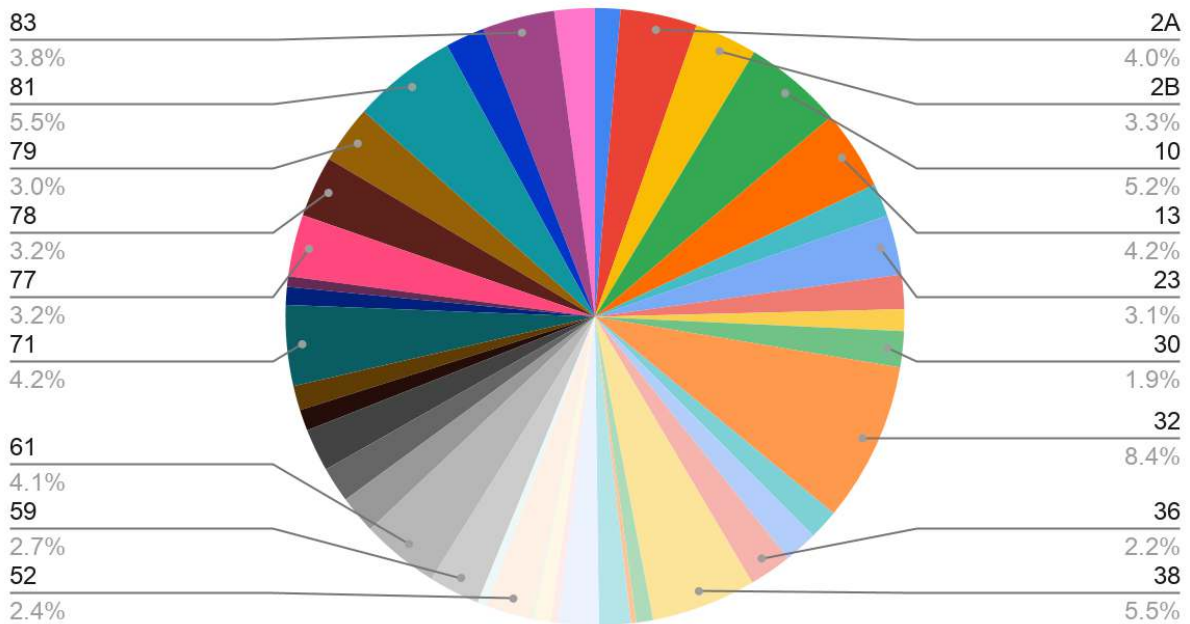


Number of Registered Voters: 74,516

Precinct Density Map



Precincts & Percentages of Voters



Precinct Information

Pct	Polling Place - Area	Voters
1	Mountainview Elementary - 1st Ward/South Morgantown	990
2A	Morgantown High - South Park/Hopecrest/Dorsey Ave	2,977
2B	Morgantown High - Greenmont/South Hills/Brockway Ave	2,446
10	WVU Alumni Center - Downtown/Sunnyside/Evansdale	3,868
13	Mountaineer Middle - Woodburn/College Ave/Falling Run	3,099
16	BOPARC Senior Center - Wiles Hill-Highland Park	1,287
23	St. Mary's Catholic Church - Morgantown (Eastern/Western/Collins Ferry)	2,330
25	St. Mary's Catholic Church - Star City	1,338
26	Suncrest Middle - Old Suncrest	846
30	Sabraton Baptist Church - Jerome Park/Norwood/Airport/Farms	1,405
32	Eastwood Elementary - Pierpont/West Run/Mileground/Hartman Run/Woodland Terrace/Chestnut Ridge	6,224
33	Rock Forge Presybyterian Church - Rt. 7/Eastgate/Summer School Rd/Nicholson Loop/Lower Aarons Creek	1,156
35	Mountainview Elementary - Dorsey Ave/Kingwood Pike/Greenbag Rd/Cobun Creek	1,308
36	North Elementary - Northridge/Wedgewood/NETL	1,659
38	Brookhaven Elementary - Dellslow/Richard/South Rt 7	4,078
40	Mason-Dixon - Wadestown/Wana	656
41	Mason-Dixon - Miracle Run	204
44	Granville VFD Bingo Hall - Maidsville	1,235
47	Scott's Run VFD - Pursglove/Cassville	1,539
48	Granville VFD Bingo Hall - Osage	319
51	Clay-Battelle High - Daybrook	639
51M	Clay-Battelle High - Blacksville	91
52	Mason-Dixon - Core/Pentress	1,800
58	Mylan Park Elementary - Dents Run	376
59	Smithtown School Community Center - Ashton Estates/Little Falls/West Goshen Rd/West Halleck Rd	1,991
61	Clinton District VFD - Ringgold/Ridgedale/North Grafton Rd/East Goshen Rd	3,029
62	Brown's Halleck Community Center - Grafton Rd/Healthy Heights	1,482
63	Mountainview Elementary - South Kingwood Pike	1,384
64	Skyview Elementary - River Rd	1,663
67	Arnettville Community Center - Grafton Rd/Bloody Run	825

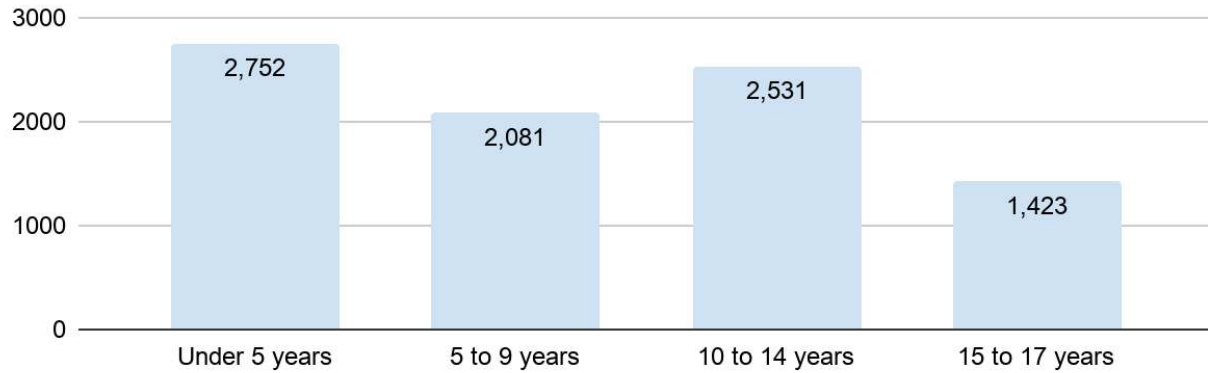
68	Mylan Park Elementary - Westridge (Granville/Westover)	959
71	Westover Community Center	3,141
74	Granville Social Hall	698
76	Suncrest Middle - Timberline	409
77	Cheat Lake Community Church - Brandywine/Tibbs Run	2,415
78	Cheat Lake Elementary - Imperial Woods/Deerwood/Downwood	2,384
79	Cheat Lake VFD - Greystone/Royal Oaks/Falling Water	2,263
81	University High - Stewartstown/Woodlands/Canyon Run/Lakeside Village	4,097
82	Cheat Lake VFD - Ice's Ferry/Quarry Run	1,526
83	University High - Baker's Ridge/Van Voorhis	2,809
86	North Elementary - North Hills/Mon General	1,571
Total:	41 Precincts	74,516



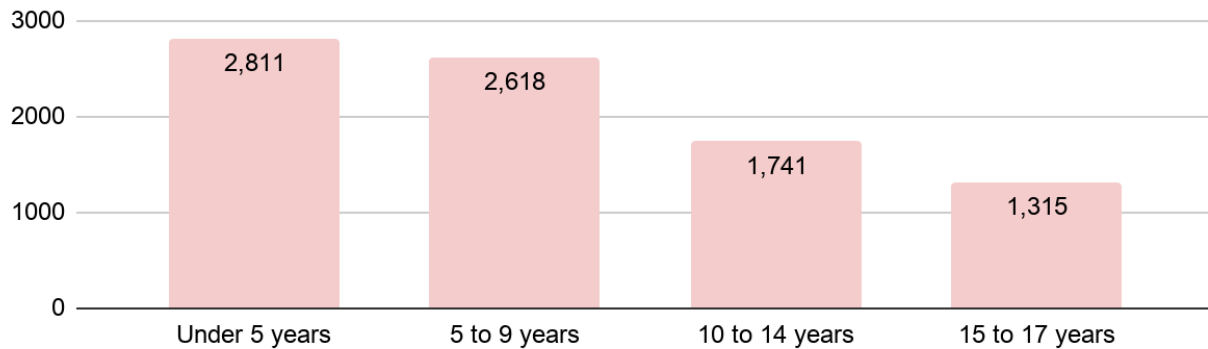
Monongalia County Student Youth Statistics

During 2021-24, Vote Bane wants to reach 33% of the number of PK-12 students at least once.

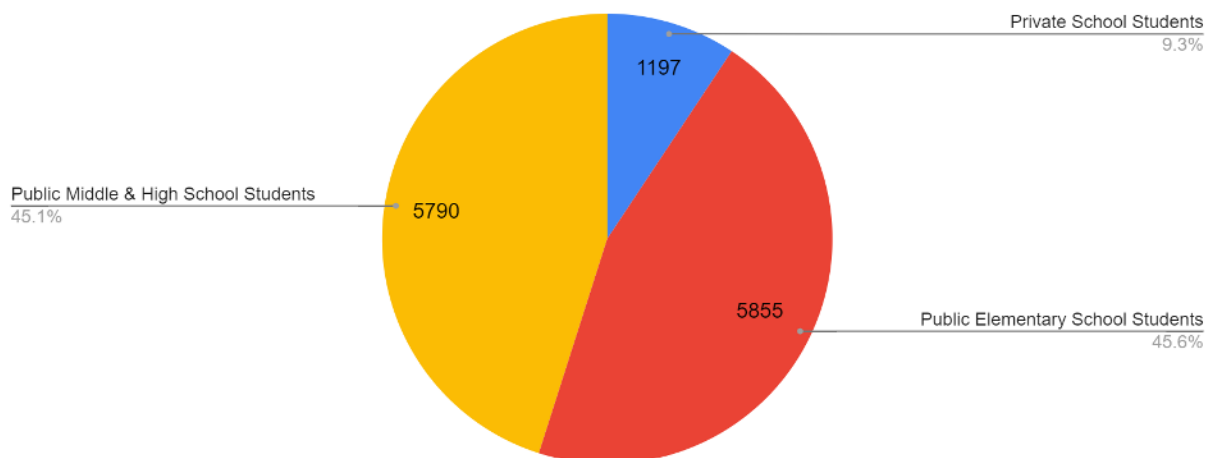
Males Under 18



Females Under 18



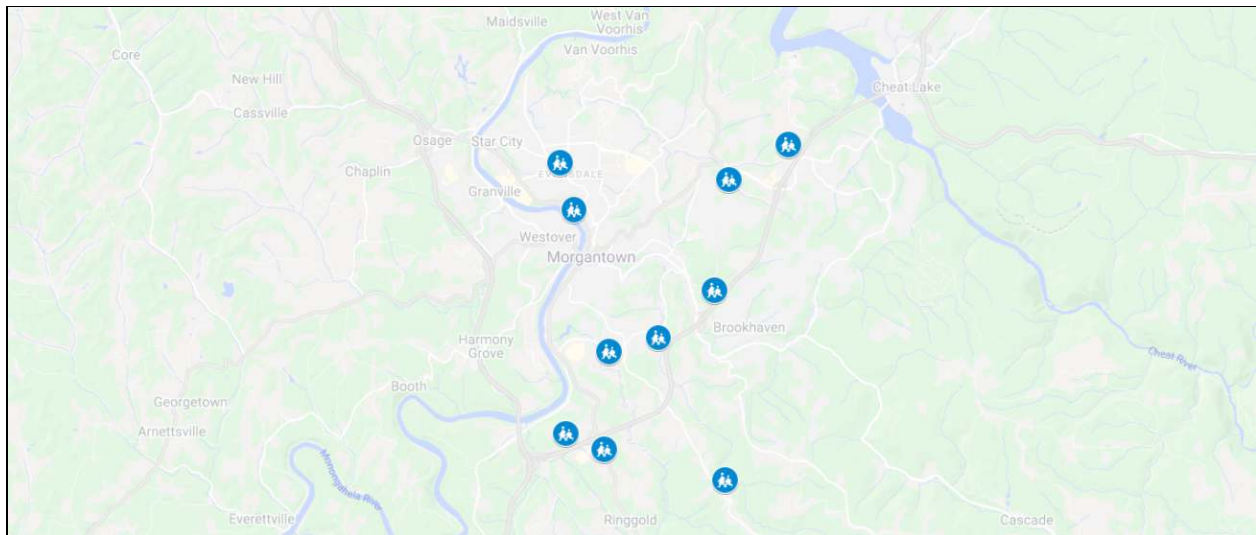
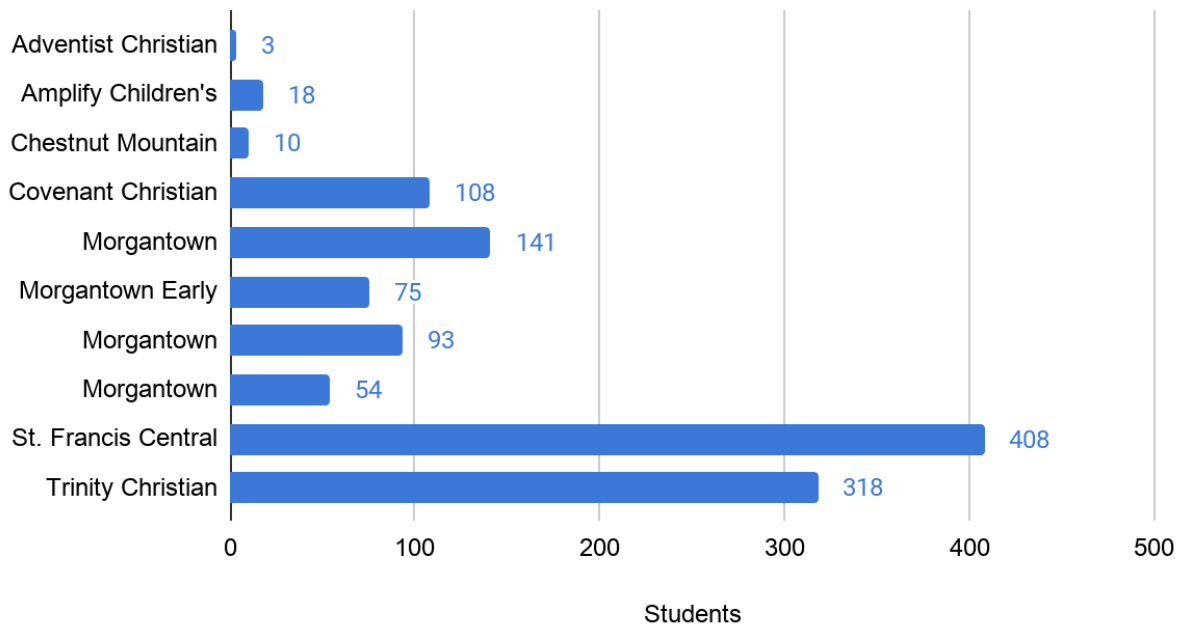
Percentages of Students



Private Schools: 1,197

1. [Adventist Christian](#)
2. [Amplify Children's Academy](#)
3. [Chestnut Mountain Ranch](#)
4. [Covenant Christian](#)
5. [Morgantown Christian](#)
6. [Morgantown Early Learning](#)
7. [Morgantown Learning](#)
8. [Morgantown Montessori](#)
9. [St. Francis Central Catholic](#)
10. [Trinity Christian](#)

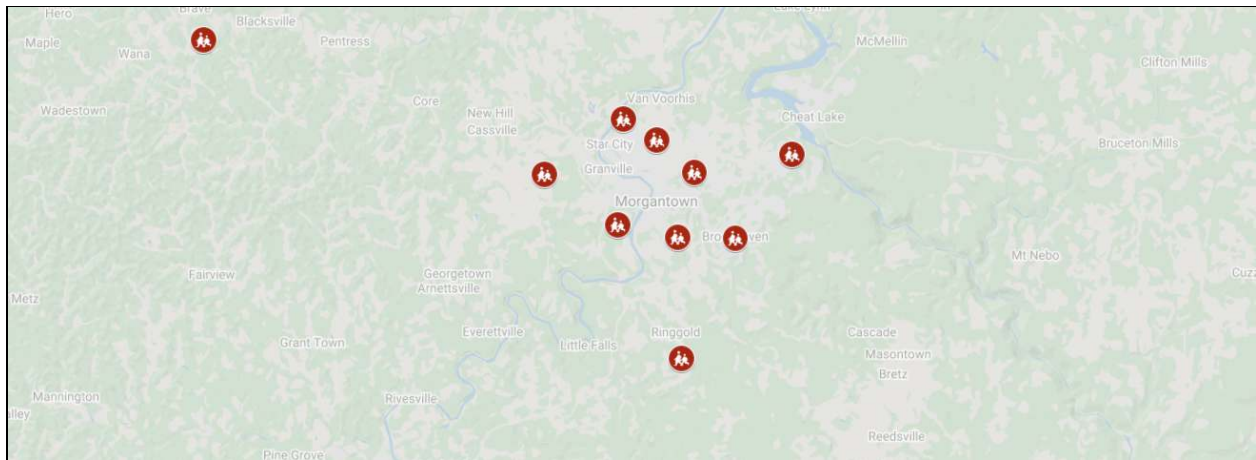
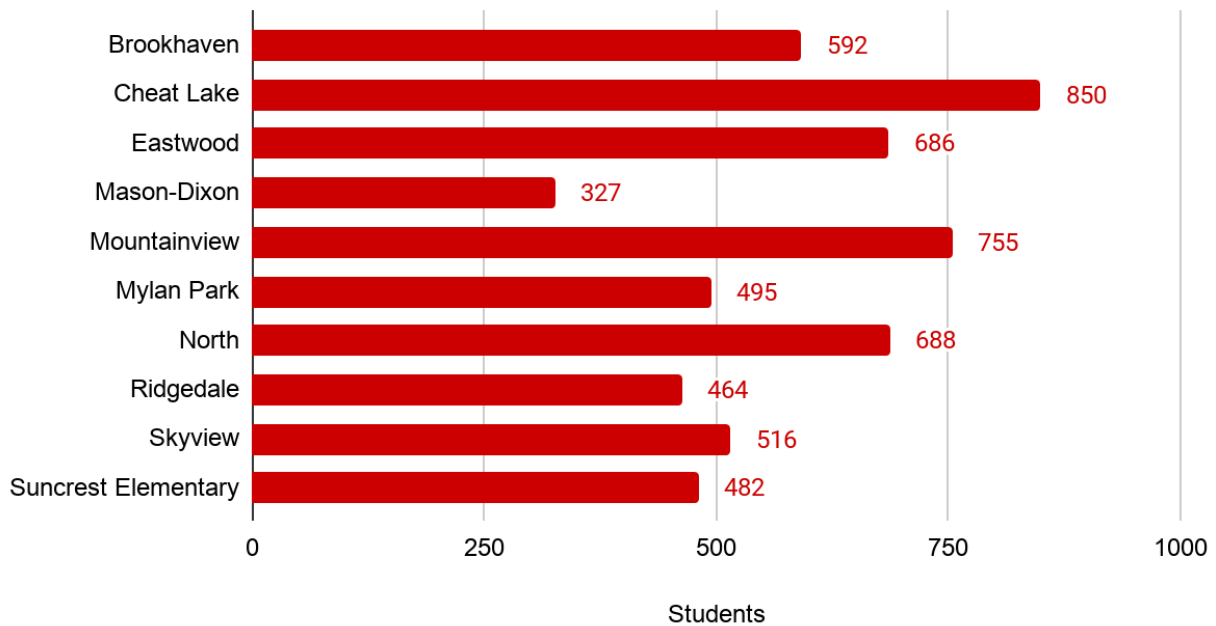
Private School Student Enrollment



Public Elementary Schools: 5,855

1. [Brookhaven Elementary](#)
2. [Cheat Lake Elementary](#)
3. [Eastwood Elementary](#)
4. [Mason-Dixon Elementary](#)
5. [Mountainview Elementary](#)
6. [Mylan Park Elementary](#)
7. [North Elementary](#)
8. [Ridgedale Elementary](#)
9. [Skyview Elementary](#)
10. [Suncrest Elementary](#)

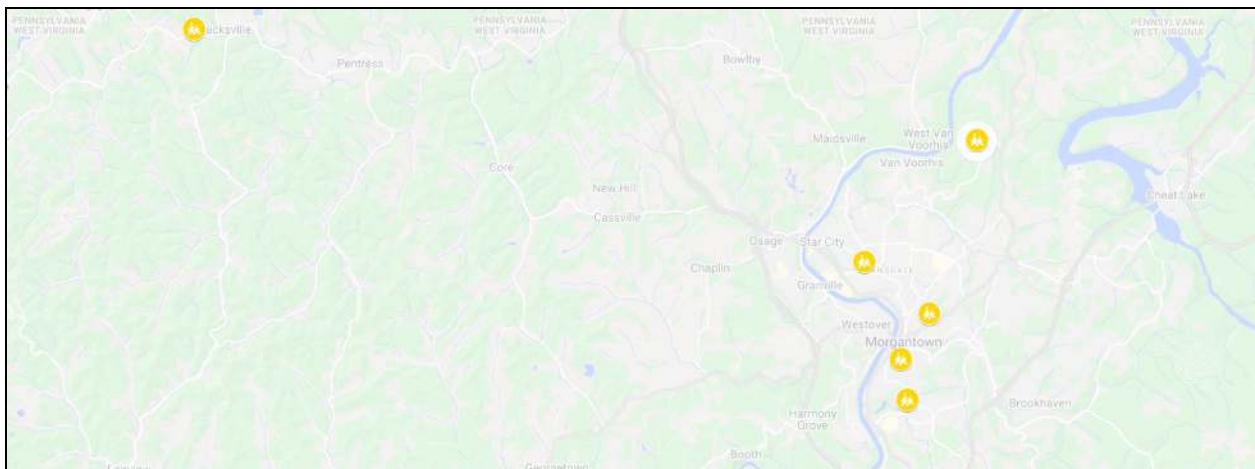
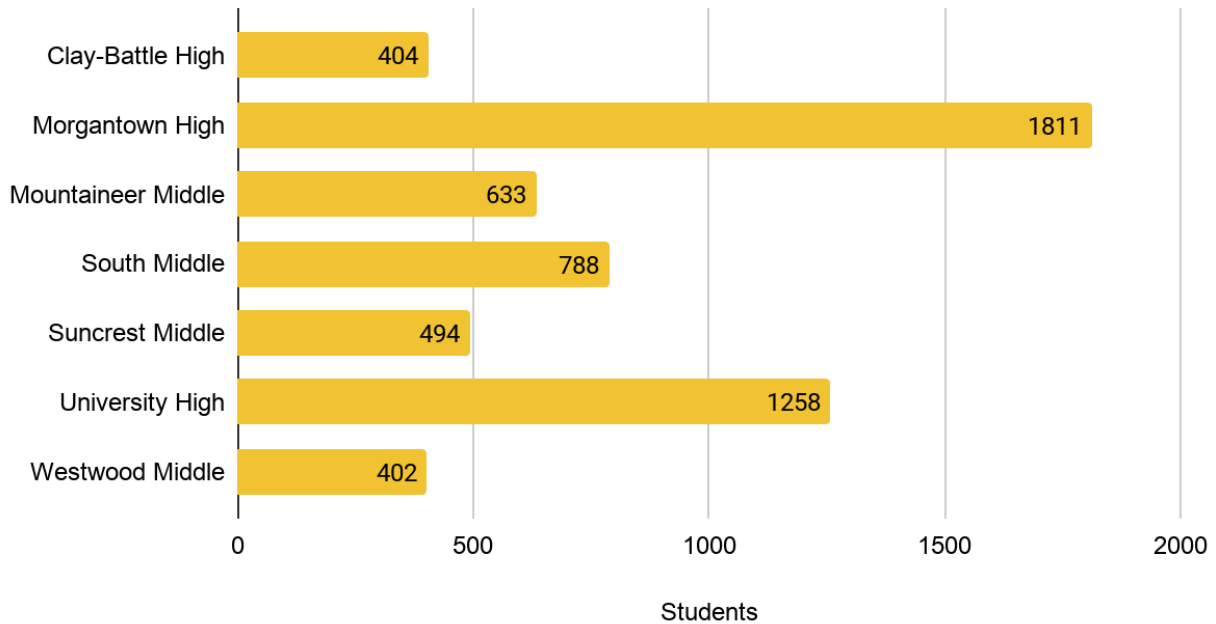
Public Elementary School Student Enrollment



Public Middle & High Schools: 5,790

1. [Clay-Battle High](#)
2. [Morgantown High](#)
3. [Mountaineer Middle](#)
4. [South Middle](#)
5. [Suncrest Middle](#)
6. [University High](#)
7. [Westwood Middle](#)

Public Middle & High School Student Enrollment



Stakeholders

- Voters, taxpayers, and citizens
- Students, parents, guardians, and families
- Court officials – bailiffs, magistrate judges, circuit judges, court administrators
- Government officials – prosecutors, sheriffs, commissioners, state and federal legislators, elected and appointed leaders at all levels, including state police and local police chiefs
- Attorneys, bondsmen
- Media – newspapers, magazines, radio stations, television stations, cable, and internet
- Educators – principals, school superintendents, teachers, county board of education, and state department of education, as well as higher education, university officials
- Business leaders and employer representatives
- Health care, social services, mental health, addiction, intervention, and recovery agency representatives that serve at-risk audiences
- Neighborhood leaders and grassroots leaders from informal and formal community groups like school parent-teacher associations/organizations, YWCA/YMCA, Boys & Girls Clubs, 4-H, Future Farmers, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and community centers
- Church leaders and representatives from faith-based organizations
- Cultural, diversity, ethnic, and minority group representatives
- Donors, foundations, and philanthropists

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