



# ASHEVILLE AREA

## EDUCATION

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### COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

<u>Buncombe County</u>	<u>Enrollment (Full Time)</u>	<u>Western North Carolina</u>	<u>Enrollment (Full Time)</u>
University of North Carolina - Asheville	3,109	Western Carolina University	8,000
Warren Wilson College	823	Appalachian State University	14,653
Montreat College	461	Mars Hill College	993
Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College (Full & Part-Time)	6,042	Brevard College	603
South College	130	Blue Ridge Community College	804
		Haywood Community College	799
		Southwestern Community College	881

Source: Individual Schools & Universities (2005)

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS

	<u>City of Asheville</u>	<u>Buncombe County</u>
Number of Elementary Schools	6 (incl. Preschool)	23
Number of Middle Schools	1	7
Number of High Schools	1	6
Special Programs/Schools	2	1 Alternative School (8-12) 1 Early College Special (Progressive Education Program)
Student Enrollment	3,850	25,570
Total Number of Teachers/Professionals	353	1,930

### High School Graduates (2005)

Number of High School Graduates	271	1,640 (2004)
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Source: Asheville City Schools (828) 255-5304 and Buncombe County Public Schools (828) 255-5921 (Fall 2005)

### Mean\* SAT Scores

	<u>Total Score</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Verbal</u>	<u>Percent Tested</u>
Asheville High School (City)	1,064	531	533	73.3%
Buncombe County Schools	1,066	541	525	58.5%
Haywood County Schools	1,030	528	502	58.2%
Henderson County Schools	1,066	533	533	54.1%
Madison County Schools	1,026	513	513	50.7%
North Carolina	1,010	511	499	74.0%
United States	1,028	520	508	49.0%

\*Mean = Arithmetic Average

Source: NC SAT Report 2005 (August 2005)

### NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS\*

	<u>Buncombe</u>	<u>Haywood</u>	<u>Henderson</u>	<u>Madison</u>
Independent	12	0	1	0
Religious	18	3	6	1
Total	30	3	7	1
Total Enrollment	2,989	227	125	14

\*Conventional schools edition; does not include Special Schools or Home Schools

Source: 2005 Directory of Non-Public Schools (June 2005; School Term 2004-2005)

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