

If you had three wishes for Newport News Public Schools, what would they be?

1. A self-esteem program for middle and high school, because they only have it for up to PK-5th.
2. To continue STEM after school programs
3. Better security for elementary school

1. More security
2. Fitness area/ park improvements
3. More community outreach like this to keep kids involvd

1. Better Background
2. Less bullying
3. More college helpers to do work

1. Flat screen TVs
2. Better supplies for classes
3. Better experienced teachers
4. Boxing teams
5. More programs
6. Teachers that respect everyone
7. More security
8. Teachers to stop yelling at students
9. Longer after-shool programs
10. Larger review for SOLs

1. Good Staff
2. More afterschool activities
3. More activities with exceptional students (PEEP)

1. More resources for special education
2. Ensure kids don't get left behind- the kids who need assistance, but aren't the worst
3. Get rid of SOLs
4. Summer Camps- Develop summer programs for kids who need assistance in knowledge maintenance over summer break

1. They are a Christian family- feel some of the that are pushed in school shouldn't be allowed without allowing Christian values to be shared
2. Have community leaders/ business owners get involved in schools to empower children
3. Better preparation in event school emergencies, contingency plan in event of shooting, evacuation routes, better security

1. To have a better learning environment- no interruptions
2. Better lunches- there can be bugs in the food (maggots)
3. Fun teachers- teacher are mean to him

1. More teachers
2. Ratio of students to teachers is too high
3. Small group instruction- middle school
4. Kids complain they don't like the lunch- need more yogurt and cheese sticks

5. Kids cuss a lot- don't feel like there are repercussions or discipline for it
6. Better communication between teachers and parents- call only when there are issues, issues in agenda, not calling the best phone number
7. Send work home to help support the needs, teacher isn't helping to communicate to what child is doing weekly (Saunders) (Kiln Creek)
1. Library days 2. Reading days 3. Desserts at lunch
1. All school fully accredited 2. Brian Nichols superintendent 3. 4 day work week
1. No bullying 2. More books at the library 3. Treat people with respect
1. Partner with home/school parents 2. More efforts toward decreasing bullying 3. Easier process to become teacher assistant
1. After school activities for ES 2. Tutoring for all levels of schools 3. Less homework 4. More grade levels for summer activities
1. To bring Bible back in school 2. To teach kids to pray 3. Teach kids about God
1. Early childhood before and after care (0730-1330) 2. Tutoring programs for ES students before 3 rd grade 3. One Saturday per month have school 4. More help with early childhood reading 5. Behavior issues programs 6. More affordable things for kids to do during spring break 7. Create more family activity events last major event was two years ago at SoMo
1. Better lunches 2. Really utilize resources in Parent Vue- update grades whenever they have an assignment 3. Foreign language in ES
1. Safer environment 2. Classes be more advanced 3. Food should be better
1. SOLs- get rid to them or not hold them over kids heads 2. Disciplinary actions on school bus, nothing is done if bus drivers write up incident 3. Do not do all year round schools
1. Morning experience breakfast 2. Morning meeting

3. Math activities
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have amazing bus transportation 2. Understand IEP 3. Work together
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safe 2. Prayer 3. Accredited
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moving ahead for students who are ready to achieve 2. More mentors 3. Before and after school care
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Foreign language in ES 2. Sports team for Kindergarten 3. Repeat what's not understood
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safe 2. Prayer 3. Better lunches 4. Recreation in midtown area where children can play safe and do homework to keep them off the streets
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Better communication alert notification if buses break down 2. More programs in every school 3. Do not remove activities: sports, art, music
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seating arrangement in classroom- fewer students in classroom
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More ESL teachers for the students that speak different language 2. Better food 3. Teachers find ways to make struggling students have more fun 4. Seat belts on buses and make sure to check kids on buss to make sure they aren't hurt
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Happiness 2. Accredited schools 3. Kind teachers
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Walk to church without fear of my neighborhood 2. Better education on crime prevention in my neighborhood 3. Local business' more involved in schools

What is your best learning experience in Newport News Public Schools?

- When students go on field trips
- I like the magnet program and the fact that it pushes my grandchildren to study harder and have more advanced courses
- I love to read and help others

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I like the way teachers present material in reading and math
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reading daily, they take tests on what they learning and teachers are involved. I feel like thy are safe. I like the programs and afterschool activities that thy have for students that need it. The teachers and staff help when needed.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Field trips, I went to the symphony orchestra at CNU and Mariners Museum with my child and it was fun.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We had a great time at a event at Discovery STEM. It was fun to do things with our kids.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Saturday activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ When I was in 6th grade social studies was fun; Teachers and staff have a partnership between home and school; meeting different parents and students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The assistant teachers in my sons kindergarten class and the way the teacher used technology and the smart board. The teacher was very sweet. Having two teachers really helped the children adjust to kindergarten.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Algebra was fun, learning to solve the problems
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shoe box projects- dioramas, activities for parents and child to work together
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Having classroom aids in regular classrooms to assist students. I loved they encouraged parents to read with their child overnight and we read a book together called, "The Lemonade War." Extra help in the classroom allows teacher to focus on teaching while aide helps students who need a little more help- bullying is not taken care of
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Got more from head start than Denbigh, need more rigorous learning and basics of reading and writing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The field days and afterschool programs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reading The One and Only Ivan together as a family and with teachers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parent teachers conference and getting more parents involved, there is no diversity.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The teachers are very helpful and very good
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None

Tell me a story about your community...

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The people are always helpful, and they put people first no matter what the situation is to make the best of the situation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I want my community to have a community coordinator with businesses to streamline resources to help students. Mr. Waters is a great helper to students about life skills. We need more education on basic life skills like cooking, checkbooks, hygiene, and job applications. We also need resources for students with higher IQ. We have a lot of resources for students who have problems.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I live in a 100 year old community that is celebrating it's birthday. Everyone looks out for one another, looks out for children, and animals. It has beautiful trees and we walk to the water and pier to see sunsets and playground
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In my community we feel we need more input from the parent and mentors so that children will feel safe to talk. The neighborhood needs to be more friendly and watchful for children to prevent bad things from happening.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We have a police station on the corner and a Boys & Girls Club, but it is not safe.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The community needs to get minute men in the community for more help. It is never safe for children.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is not that bad, but we have a lot of gun shots. I want a community center, because we have lots of gang people that get into... a lot of breaking into people's houses.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We hear police sirens and bad things because of poverty. We have barely any community groups or activities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ They took the basketball hoop down at James River Flats. Now we have nothing for the youth. We need a Boys & Girls Club.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is not much offered in my community. I wish we promoted more events and better resources. I like the library and activities for kids at Halloween. Not much in community...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I think it is great to see such a large turnout. I hope we have the abused children's campaign. It is nice to see the community bringing awareness to different things.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Newport News is a growing community. Peer pressure is very difficult in our area. We need more training and information about drugs and sexuality.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I can tell a lot of stories, I live in a young and elderly community and everyone helps each other with laundry and just sitting with them to listen to them talk and I just love it.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ My community has been having a lot of shootings and I get scared. I go to a counselor to get help.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ My community has a lot of government officials, but w don't talk or interact. There is no cohesiveness.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We have lots of shootings, but I go to The Catalyst Effect to stay out of it.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I like my community, but there is a lot of violence. It has good and bad people.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Every time I go to the bus stop the driver is late or absent.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We have Lincoln Park and they have activities for families, food haircuts, and activities, but it seems only for back to school time frame. The SPARK program is great for parents and students. Being free really helps. School notifications are great for different events on the telephone.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We live in Lee Mills. We look out for each other, if one of us goes on vacation and neighbor will watch my house.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We had a big recycling event in our community. It helped make this a better place to live and made me more aware of nature.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We have a nice and friendly neighborhood, it is clean and we have activities for children.