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29 Virginia High Schools on Personal Finance Top-100 List

Twenty-nine of the nation's 100 best high schools for personal finance instruction are in Virginia, according to a New York-based non-profit group that promotes financial literacy education. Holston High in Washington County ranked seventh and was one of four high schools in the Southwestern Virginia division to make the list.

"Virginia's over-representation does not surprise me given the emphasis on personal finance and economic literacy in the commonwealth's public schools," Superintendent of Public Instruction Patricia I. Wright said.

Virginia students — beginning with those who entered the ninth grade in 2011 — must successfully complete a course in personal finance and economic literacy to earn an Advanced Studies or Standard Diploma.

Working in Support of Education announced the top-100 list on April 7 during a ceremony at the New York Stock Exchange. The 29 Virginia high schools recognized, by division, are as follows:

- Amherst County — Amherst County High
- Bristol — Virginia High
- Chesterfield County — Midlothian High
- Craig County — Craig County High
- Danville — Galileo High
- Fairfax County — James Madison High and Westfield High
- Fauquier County — Fauquier High
- Halifax County — Halifax County High
- Henrico County — Mills Godwin High
- Loudoun County — Stone Bridge High and Briar Woods High
- Newport News — Warwick High
- Northumberland County — Northumberland High
- Norton — John Burton High
- Pittsylvania County — Dan River High and Tunstall High
- Powhatan County — Powhatan High
- Richmond — Thomas Jefferson High
- Roanoke — William Fleming High and Patrick Henry High
- Rockingham County — Broadway High and East Rockingham High
- Washington County — Abingdon High, John S. Battle High, Patrick Henry High and Holston High
- Waynesboro — Waynesboro High
- West Point — West Point High

Working in Support of Education's Financial Literacy Certification Program is used by high schools in 34 states.