

A Message from the Principal

“Destiny is not a matter of chance; it is a matter of choice.”

William Jennings Bryan

At Heritage High School, we are focused on creating a respectful learning environment that allows students to take on academic challenges that will prepare them for their next step in life. Heritage graduates leave with the skills necessary to succeed and to be contributing members of a global society.



**Shameka Gerald, Principal
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Parent Resources

National Dropout Prevention Center/Network

http://www.dropoutprevention.org/effstrat/family_engagement/overview.htm

National Dropout Prevention Network for Students with Disabilities

http://www.ndpc-sd.org/resources/for_parents.php

Parents Teachers Association

www.pta.org

United States Department of Education

<http://www.ed.gov/parents/landing.jhtml>

Virginia Department of Education

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Parents_index.html

Newport News Public Schools

<http://sbo.nn.k12.va.us/>

United Way

www.uwvp.org



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College, Career & Citizen Ready



Heritage High School

**Graduation
Coaches**



Smart, safe schools!

Role & Responsibilities Of the Graduation Coach

- ✓ Provide educational support and community assistance to at risk high school students
- ✓ Identify and resolve barriers to graduation
- ✓ Give support to parents and students to help the student successfully complete middle and high school with the rewards of a diploma and graduation
- ✓ Develop and implement individual intervention strategies to increase the likelihood that students will stay in school and graduate
- ✓ Work with administrators and faculty to ensure students will meet the graduation requirements in a timely manner.

Message from the Graduation Coaches

“A diploma is the key to opening the door to future opportunities. We expect each of our students to strive for excellence and we will do all that we can to help them reach their goals.”



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MISSION:

Graduates who are college, career and citizen ready.

VISION:

Newport News Public Schools is a community of life-long learners that demonstrates the knowledge, skills, and values required for productive global citizenship.

Who Is At-Risk?

At-risk students are often those who:

- ✓ Are credit deficient
- ✓ Have failed one or more state assessments
- ✓ Display poor/irregular attendance
- ✓ Display frequent discipline/behavior challenges
- ✓ Are transient
- ✓ Struggle in reading and mathematics
- ✓ Are disengaged from school

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