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Carteret County Schools

The Carteret County Public School System ranks among the top systems in the state on academic achievement. Carteret County SAT scores for the Class of 2009 ranked 8th highest among the state's 115 public school systems, and remained above both the state and national scores. Carteret County Public School Systems had the 6th highest graduation rate in North Carolina at 82.5% for the 2008-2009 school year. The state's graduation rate for the same school year was 71.7%. These scores indicate the continued academic growth of our students and the outstanding dedication of the school system's employees. The school system employs approximately 1,155 individuals and is the largest employer in the county. The system's student enrollment for the 2009 school year is about 8,918.

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County SAT Scores 2009

Category	Verbal	Math	Total
Croatan High	528	536	1064
East Carteret High	508	500	1008
West Carteret High	531	538	1069
County Average	524	528	1052
State Average	495	511	1006
National Average	501	515	1016

Carteret Community College is a part of North Carolina's nationally acclaimed 58-campus community college system. This fully accredited community college offers vocational, technical and general education, including two-year college courses in affiliation with UNC system campuses. In addition, the college offers comprehensive workforce development training for businesses and industry.

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Duke University Marine Laboratory is an internationally renowned research and education facility located on Pivers Island near Beaufort. As part of the Nicholas School of Environment and Earth Sciences at Duke, the resident faculty represent the fields of biology, ecology, biochemistry, oceanography, coastal environmental management, and marine affairs and policy. This residential facility, complete with dorms, dining hall, and recreation facilities offers undergraduate, professional masters, and doctoral programs. The Duke Marine Lab is home to

the 135' research vessel CAPE HATTERAS, in addition to a fleet of smaller boats for research and education.

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NOAA National Ocean Service - Center for Coastal Fisheries and Habitat Research. The Center focuses research on injured coastal habitats, harmful algal blooms, and living marine resources at sites throughout the Nation based in facilities located in both North Carolina and Alaska. The Center supports NOAA's missions for sustaining health coasts, coastal and fishery management. The Center maintains facilities for laboratory and field research, including running seawater systems, SCUBA, and vessel operations.

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National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Forecast Office . Located in Newport, this weather forecast office offers state-of-the-art weather tracking and forecasting. Part of the National Weather Service, this facility includes a Doppler weather radar system with advanced weather detection capabilities.

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NC Sea Grant Extension Program . Sea Grant promotes the wise use of our coastal and marine resources through research, extension and education. Sea Grant operates a marine extension office located at the N.C. State Center of Marine Science and Technology (CMAST) and staffed with specialists in fisheries, marine business, seafood technology and water quality. Sea Grant also administers the Fishery Resource Grant Program and the Blue Crab Research Program for the state legislature.

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NC State University Center for Marine Sciences and Technology (CMAST) is a consortium of research scientists, extension specialists and other marine-related experts. Established in 1999, the Center supports educational and applied research activities for faculty throughout the University system. Knowledge generated improves the well-being and quality of lives of North Carolinians, enhances the coastal environment and fosters coastal resource management.

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NC STATE University Seafood Laboratory established in 1970 is an applied research and extension education unit of the Dept. of Food Science located at CMAST. The Lab focuses on seafood safety and technology, seafood product development and seafood marketing. Personnel work with seafood-related industries, public health professionals and consumer groups to promote seafood quality and safety issues, nutrition and utilization, innovative processing technologies and value-added fishery products.

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NC Marine Training and Education Center (NCMARTEC). Operated by Carteret Community College, NC MARTEC is the only comprehensive marine technology training center in the Mid-Atlantic Region offering training programs for marine propulsion, boat manufacturing, fiberglass technology, marine management and other related subjects.

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UNC-Chapel Hill Institute of Marine Sciences. The Institute is an internationally acclaimed interdisciplinary teaching and research laboratory with primary emphasis in the nature, use,

development, protection and enhancement of marine resources and the coastal environment. The Institute is housed in approximately 70,000 sq. ft. of newly constructed or renovated facilities on the shore of Bogue Sound.

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