

NICHOLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS RECEIVES FULL STATE APPROVAL

West Virginia Law and State Board of Education Policy require all counties and schools in West Virginia to be accredited. Accreditation of each school and county is based on a review by the West Virginia Office of Performance Audits (OEPA). Superintendent, Beverly Kingery, was recently notified that Nicholas County has received full approval and that all sixteen schools received distinction or full accreditation rating.

County range from full approval, conditional approval, temporary approval, to nonapproval. School ratings are exemplary, distinction, full, conditional, temporary or low performing. Ratings are based on scoring system combining required score on student state achievement, writing proficiency, attendance, technology proficiency, highly qualified teachers, ACT scores, graduation rate, vocational job placement rate, percent of students requiring college remediation, growth improvement of subgroups of students on state achievement testing, the number of advanced placement courses offered and student exam passage rate, and dual credit high school offerings.

Six Nicholas County Schools received distinction rating – Beaver, Birch River, Glade Creek, Mt. Lookout, Panther Creek, and Richwood Middle. All other schools received full accreditation.

Mrs. Kingery stated that in a county such as Nicholas operating a large number of schools that it is rewarding to have all sixteen schools meet required standards. She credits this recognition to the employees of Nicholas County Schools.