

Loudon County has a technologically prepared workforce for the 21st Century. We offer excellent public and private schools, training and retraining programs, and secondary education opportunities. There are 7 four-year colleges and universities, and 6 two-year institutions in the upper East Tennessee region.

Loudon County has 2 school districts – Lenoir City and Loudon School Districts. Both school districts have developed curriculum to prepare students for immediate entry into the work force. The school districts have worked together to develop an innovative program called “Education Edge.” This program is designed to increase academic achievement in various subjects including math, science, and English. It includes asking every student, regardless of whether he or she is college bound, to pursue a challenging academic curriculum and meet high standards. Education Edge links learning to its application in the “real world” of work through career development at each level of schooling.

### **Lenoir City School District**

The Lenoir City School System was organized in 1907, and has been a separate school system since the city was chartered. It consists of an elementary school (grades K-5), a middle school (grades 6-8), and a high school (grades 9-12). The system is governed by a five-member school board, which is elected by the general population. The citizens of Lenoir City take great pride in their school system and have made a commitment toward excellence. Lenoir City was the first municipality in the state of Tennessee to levy local sales tax for educational purposes. The new elementary facility was built in 1987 and received the School Architectural Award of Tennessee as well as the Loudon County Beautification Award. The middle school moved into a new building in 1990, which won the TSA School of the year Award. Pre-planning is now underway for the renovation and enlargement of Lenoir City High School. A primary goal is developing a facility, which will be state of the art for the twenty-first century. The Lenoir City School System has strong academic, technology, fine arts, vocational, and athletic programs.

For more information on Lenoir City Schools call the central office at (865) 986-8058.

### **Loudon County School District**

Loudon County’s School District is comprised of 10 different schools. It is the largest public school system in the county. All graduating seniors must take the Tennessee Proficiency Test in order to receive a diploma. Due to its quality learning environment, the School District has been recognized as a “Education of Excellence Community.” Currently, over 50% of the teaching staff have at least a master’s degree.

In order to prepare students adequately for today’s global marketplace, school district officials are continually evaluating and improving teaching techniques. For instance, some teachers are sent to national workshops on curriculum development. At these workshops, teachers learn how to integrate communication techniques, reading, writing, teamwork, and cooperation into the current school curriculum. Business and industry has recognized these five skills as essential in the workplace.

The school system operates on a 6-3-4 plan. Elementary schools include grades K-5, middle school 6-8, and high school 9-12. The school system utilizes block scheduling, and the elementary schools have integrated language arts classes. It is the school district’s objective to expose students to a variety of disciplines and cultures.

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