



Biloxi High School was singled out in 2007 for national honors as a Blue Ribbon School, honoring its high academic standards as verified by national test scores.



In 2007, Biloxi High School Principal Pamela Manners was named one of the best of the best of the nation's high school principals by the U.S. Department of Education.



Education

The Biloxi Public School District is one of only about a dozen statewide to receive the highest academic accreditation by the Mississippi Department of Education. Indicators tied to the No Child Left Behind Act reveal that Biloxi students are performing “above” or “well above” the national average at each elementary school. Scores on the state’s required Subject Area Tests (Algebra I, Biology I, English II and U.S. History) in grades 8-11 validate that not only are students passing the standardized tests at a very high rate, but with some of the highest test scores in Mississippi.

Extensive extracurricular activities and state-of-the-art educational and athletic facilities enhance students’ opportunities for a well-rounded educational experience. In addition to traditional college preparatory classes, Biloxi High School annually offers more than 100 courses in business, performing arts, foreign languages, technology, and vocational skills. Advanced placement courses also are available to challenge qualifying students.

Biloxi Public School District Information, FY2006

www.biloxischools.net

Total number of students	4,515
Student/teacher ratio	1:10
Computer/student ratio	1:3
Average teacher salary	\$47,204
Expenditure per student	\$12,802
Mean ACT score	20.6
'06 graduates entering college	71%

Parochial Schools

- Cedar Lake Christian Academy teaches grades K-8 (www.cedarlake.net).
- The Catholic Diocese of Biloxi offers a PK3-12 curriculum.
- Nativity BVM (www.nativity.org) and Our Lady of Fatima (www.olfbiloxi.org) offer a PK3 – 6 grade curriculum.

St. Patrick High School

www.stpatrickhighschool.com

Opened for the fall semester of 2007, St. Patrick High School offers a 7-12 grade curriculum, merging the student bodies of St. John High in Gulfport and Mercy Cross High in Biloxi. This new facility is located on a 50-acre parcel on Mississippi Highway 67 near Tradition, a 4600-acre planned community just north of Biloxi.

Higher Education

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College

www.mgccc.edu

In 2007, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College was ranked one of the top 100 community colleges in the U.S. for the fifth straight year. The Jefferson Davis Campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (MGCCC) gives Biloxi residents the convenience of close-to-home education with an emphasis on quality and variety. With tuition fees among the lowest in the state, MGCCC is one of the largest community colleges in Mississippi, serving more than 28,000 students in 2006. It offers academic, vocation-technical and workforce development programs, fine arts activities and an award-winning athletic program.

Mississippi State University Coastal Research and Extension Center

www.msu.edu

MSU has a significant presence in Biloxi, with the opening of its 24,000 square foot Coastal Research and Extension Center in North Biloxi. The \$3.75 million 30-acre complex, located on Popp's Ferry Road north of the Bay, opened in 2004 and includes a distance learning center, biological and chemical labs and conference rooms. The Center coordinates the educational programs and research activities of 14 sites in South Mississippi, with research focusing in six general areas: coastal and offshore aquaculture; the coastal environment; commercial fisheries; ornamental horticulture and vegetables; natural resource economics; and seafood processing and safety.

Tulane University School of Continuing Studies, Mississippi Coast

www.uc.tulane.edu

Consistently ranked among the top 50 universities in the country, Tulane University opened its newest campus in 2002 in Biloxi's Edgewater Mall. Emphasizing a flexible approach to higher education designed to meet the needs of employed adults, the Biloxi Campus offers courses toward associate's, bachelor's and master's degree programs and a variety of higher educational certificates.

University of Southern Mississippi, Gulf Coast Campus

www.usm.edu

Currently, the University of Southern Mississippi offers a diverse variety of two- and four-year degree programs at its main campus in Hattiesburg and at a temporary location in Gulfport while hurricane damage to its 65-acre Gulf Coast Campus in Long Beach is being repaired. In response to population growth projections, USM will expand course offerings and services to Gulf Coast students with construction of a new campus near Cross Creek in west Harrison County. In a unique program, USM's School of Nursing is working with Biloxi Regional Medical Center to provide its nurses the opportunity to work toward bachelor's or master's degrees without leaving their workplace.

Virginia College Gulf Coast

www.vc.edu

Offering a variety of courses resulting in both diplomas and associate degrees, Virginia College in Biloxi is a technical college that offers classes in office management, health and medical services, criminal justice, casino resort management and the paralegal field.

William Carey University

www.wmcarey.edu

Offering bachelor's degrees in a variety of academic fields, William Carey also offers courses towards master's degrees in business, education, psychology and nursing, as well as a specialist degree in elementary education. With its main campus in Hattiesburg, William Carey is in the process of relocating its Gulf Coast campus from U.S. Highway 90 in Gulfport to a 50-acre site at Tradition, a planned community just north of Biloxi. The new and expanded Gulf Coast campus, scheduled to open by fall 2009, initially will serve 750 students and enrollment is anticipated to grow to 3,000 by 2020.

