



## High School Overview

Number of School Districts	4	
Central City & Selected Suburban School Districts	<b>Tupelo School District</b>	<b>Lee County School District</b>
Total Enrollment	7,200	6,716
Spending per Student	\$9,658	\$8,111
Pupils Per Teacher	12.7	14.2
ACT		
% Students taking ACT	90.65%	79.0%
Average Composite Score	21.3	18.9
Number of AP Courses Taught	16	1
Number of Carnegie Units Taught	160.0	78
Number of Merit Scholarships	0	0
Semifinalists	3	0
Finalists	2	0
% of Teachers With Advanced Degrees	55.0%	42.0%
Career/Technical Program Staff	17	21
% of Students in Career/Technical Courses (Grade 10-12)	21.0%	56.0%
Vocational High Schools	1	
Private Schools	1	
Total Enrollment	250	

Sources: Mississippi Department of Education, Annual Report Card; Tupelo High School, Lee County Schools

## SUMMARY

Tupelo / Lee County boasts a nationally-recognized school system and proximity to several institutions of higher learning. In Lee County, 98% of school-age children attend public schools. Tupelo High School has been a two time recipient of the U.S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon Award, and is one of 24 schools nationwide to receive a Cum Laude chapter. ACT scores average 21.3 – higher than the state and national averages. In 2009, the Tupelo Public School District announced that all students in grades 6-12 would receive a MacBook computer through Apple's One to One program..



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