



Education

Schools

There are 74 schools in Allerdale, three of which were judged to be outstanding in the 2005/06 annual report by Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted):

- Eaglesfield Paddle Primary School, Cockermouth
- Grasslot Infant School, Maryport
- St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Workington.

In November 2006, Ofsted inspectors also classed one of the borough's secondary schools, Nelson Thomlinson School, Wigton, as an outstanding school: "It does everything in its power to maximise the life chances of its students by providing the highest quality teaching."

Allerdale's secondary schools are also specialist schools: Cockermouth School and Nelson Thomlinson at Wigton specialise in maths and computing;

Useful websites

Allerdale Borough Council
www.allerdale.gov.uk/education

Cumbria Schools
www.cumbria.gov.uk/schooldata

Children's Information Service
www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/surestart



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Keswick School and Stainburn School in Workington are specialist science schools; Beacon Hill Community College in Aspatria is technology; Netherhall School, Maryport is a sports school and St Joseph's Catholic High School, Workington, is a specialist business and enterprise school. Such schools aim to increase opportunities for students and widen collaboration with industrial and commercial partners.

The borough has two independent schools: Keswick School and St Ursula's at Wigton.

Figures released in February 2007 by the Department for Education and Skills

show that secondary schools in Cumbria are higher than the national averages for all three Key Stage 3 subjects of English, maths and science.

In 2005, 57.1% of pupils in Cumbria achieved five or more GCSEs grades A*-C, slightly higher than the national average for England.

In autumn 2005 Cumbria County Council launched a review of all of the schools in the county. The review will last two years, and will look at all nursery, primary, secondary and special schools, as well as other services for children such as Pupil Referral Units and extended schools to ensure that the county has

the correct number and type of schools for the future and that they are the right size and in the right locations.

Cumbria has above average levels (both North West and England and Wales) of apprentices.

There are many services and initiatives available for families of young children in Allerdale. These include registered childminders, day nurseries, parent and toddler groups, pre-school groups, nursery education, out-of-school clubs, holiday playschemes and children's activities. Contact Cumbria's Children's Information Service for details.



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