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Ashe County High School has released its 2011-12 basketball schedule.

The men's and women's basketball teams will open their respective seasons at home against East Surry. The Mountain Valley 1A/2A Conference opener will be a week later on November 29 against Wilkes Centtral in West Jefferson. The first road game will be played Friday, December 2 at Forbush.

The Huskies will play the Watauga High twice this season. The Huskies travel to Boone on Wednesday, December 14; the Pioneers travel to West Jefferson on Wednesday, Jaunary 11. The MVC tournament will be played February 13-17 at Wilkes Central.

The Ashe County men's team is led by former WHS coach and Athletics Director Marc Payne. He was named the Athletics Director of the Year by the North Carolina Athletics Directors Association in early May. Payne is entering his 38th year as head coach, and his tenth with the Huskies. Ashe County, which lost in the opening round of the state playoffs last season, was 17-10.

The Ashe County women, led by Laura Foster entering her 12th season, ended the 2010-11 season on a sour note. The Huskies (22-4), who complied their seventh consecutive 20-win season, lost to Wilkes Central in the MVC tournament championship game before they were eliminated by East Burke in the opening round of the Class 2A state playoffs.

ASHE COUNTY BASKETBALL

2011-12 JV/Varsity Schedule

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Saturday November 12 Varsity Girls (Scrimmage) @ D-Rex Ramboree

Saturday November 12 Varsity Boys (Scrimmage @ NW Guilford Jamboree 9-5 pm

Friday November 20 JV/V Boys (Scrimmage) @ St Stephens6:00pm

Tuesday November 22 EAST SURRY

Fri/Sat November 25/26 Miller Insurance/Dr. Pepper JV Tournament

(Ashe, Watauga, Avery, Hampton)

Tuesday November 29 * WILKES CENTRAL

Friday December 2 @ * Forbush
Tuesday December 6 @ * Starmount

Wednesday December 7 AVERY Friday December 9 @* East

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Wednesday December 14 @ Watauga
Friday December 16 * ALLEGHANY

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Tuesday December 20 * ELKIN Wednesday December 21 @ Avery

Wed/Thurs December 28/29 COLVARD OIL HOLIDAY CLASSIC (Ashe - Girls and Boys, Hibriten – Girls and Boys, Australia – Girls and Boys, Northside Christian - Boys, Girls - TBA)

Tuesday	January 3	@* North Wilkes
Friday	January 6	* WEST WILKES
Wednesday	January 11	WATAUGA
Friday	January 13	@ * Wilkes Central
Friday	January 20	* STARMOUNT
Tuesday	January 24	* EAST WILKES
Wednesday	January 25	* FORBUSH
Friday	January 27	@* Alleghany
Tuesday	January 31	@* Elkin
Friday	February 3	* NORTH WILKES
Friday	February 10	@* West Wilkes

^{*}Denotes MVAC Game

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Feb 13-17 Mountain Valley 1A/2A Tournament @ Wilkes Central

Feb 20-24 NCHSAA Sectionals

Feb 27- Mar 3 NCHSAA Regionals

March 10 NCHSAA 2A State Championship