



GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM



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A GEORGIA CHARTER SCHOOL SYSTEM

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The Gainesville City School System is a Georgia Charter School System serving 7,960 students from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12 in eight specialty charter programs open to parental and student choice. Our students represent a wide range of diverse backgrounds which adds to the richness and quality of their educational experience. The school district currently consists of five elementary schools, one middle school, one high school, and one non-traditional middle/high school. In the Fall of 2015, a Ninth Grade Center will be implemented for first time ninth graders to increase overall academic achievement and graduation success. The district has a strong legacy of outstanding achievement in academics, arts and athletics. A full range of expanded learning opportunities is offered throughout the school year and during the summer intercessions with our community partners. Various educational resources and services are provided for students to be academically successful and to be prepared for college and career pathways upon graduation. Our mission is to inspire, nurture, challenge and prepare our students as we educate them to be successful in a 21st century global society.



CHARTER SCHOOL SYSTEM OPERATIONS AND GOVERNANCE

As one of the first four Charter Systems in Georgia, the Gainesville City School System initially earned charter status from June 2008 through June 2013. In April of 2013, the district received a ten

year charter extending to June 2023. The purpose of charter systems in Georgia is to allow local school boards to utilize flexibility in promoting innovative learning environments while maintaining specific achievement and accountability measures. As part of the charter system status, the school district partners with our local School Governance Councils for recommendations on matters that impact our schools.



BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The Gainesville City School System endorses opportunities to leverage resources with neighboring districts, business and community agencies to provide services and opportunities for the citizens of Gainesville-Hall County. United Way of Hall County as well as various non-profit agencies, business and healthcare providers collaborate to offer services and programs in all schools. The Boys and Girls Club of Hall County partners with our district in providing the 21st Century Learning Center grant which offers expanded learning time and academic enrichment opportunities for students. The district has an Intergovernmental Agreement with Gainesville Parks and Recreation to share facilities and to provide recreational services for our students and families. A tax-sharing agreement with neighboring Hall County School System is used for the purpose of equity of funding and to utilize shared resources among both districts.



OUR SCHOOLS OF CHOICE

Services Offered at all Elementary Academies

- Elementary Magnet Program Academies
- Blended and Virtual Learning Options
- Georgia Standards of Excellence
- Gifted Education (M-Pact) and Talent Development
- Music, Art, Physical Education, Technology Instruction
- World Language Experience Programs (WLEX) or World Language Instruction(WLES))
- Expanded Learning Opportunities through Elachee Nature Center and United Way Partners
- Boys and Girls Club After School Programs On-Site
- LEGO Robotics

CENTENNIAL ARTS ACADEMY

- Arts Integrated Learning
- Music, Keyboards, Creative Movement and Step
- Focus on Performance Arts
- Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Team

ENOTA MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES ACADEMY

- Gardiner's Theory of Multiple Intelligences
- "Smartville" School Design
- Focus on Performance Based Learning
- Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Team

FAIR STREET INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE SCHOOL

- 2014-2015 Georgia High Progress School
- Authorized IB Program for Primary Years- Formal IB Program of Inquiry

- Global Connections and Partnerships
- Offers Daily Elementary World Language (Spanish-WLES) and WLEX in Other Languages
- Focus on Learning by Inquiry
- Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Team

GAINESVILLE EXPLORATION ACADEMY

- 2014-2015 Georgia High Progress School
- NASA Explorer School
- STEM Integration in Arts and Inquiry Learning
- Focus on Experiential and Exploratory Instruction
- Various After School Clubs
- Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Team

NEW HOLLAND KNOWLEDGE ACADEMY

- 2014-2015 Georgia High Progress School
- Core Knowledge School Design
- Focus on classical knowledge and literacy
- Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Team

GAINESVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Accelerated Learning Sequence at each grade level
- Offers High School Course Credit
- Read 180 Specialty Reading Program
- World Languages: French, Mandarin Chinese, Spanish and Latin Exploratory
- Offers Virtual and Blended Learning: Edgenuity and Classworks

- Music, Visual Arts, Choral Music, Band, Technology, Broadcast Journalism, Drama, Careers Exploration, Physical Education and Swimming Instruction for Grade 6
- Full Range of Extracurricular Clubs and Athletic Programs
- Reading Bowl, Robotics and Athletics: Football, Cross Country, Cheerleading, Volleyball, Softball, Basketball, Wrestling, Swimming, Soccer, Golf, Baseball, Tennis, Track and Field

THE ACADEMIES OF WOOD'S MILL

- Career Pathway Courses through Self- Directed Learning Experiences
- Grades 6-12
- Blended and Virtual Learning: Edgenuity Curriculum
- Flexible Course Sequence Options
- Focus on Career Apprenticeships and Service Learning
- Workforce Development Partnerships with Goodwill Industries and Kubota

GAINESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

- Career Academy Clusters and Pathways Plans
- College Preparatory, Advanced Placement, Honors Courses and Dual Enrollment
- Career Apprenticeship, Career Technology Agriculture Engineering Programs and Leadership Development
- On-Line Learning Opportunities Available
- World Languages: French, Spanish, Mandarin Chinese and Latin; other languages offered through virtual courses
- Governors Honors and National Merit Scholarship

- Career-Community Programs: *Youth Leadership Hall and Featherbone Communiversy*
- Visual Arts, Band, Choral Music and Physical Education
- Full Range of Extracurricular Clubs
- Academic Bowl, Robotics, Literary and Debate
- Internationally Awarded Drama and Musical Theater Program
- Tradition of Exemplary Athletic Programs and Performance



School Choice Procedures

January – February: Enrollment is open to parental choice for currently and newly enrolled students for the **following** school year.

March - August: Newly enrolled students are guaranteed placement in the transportation zone of their residence; choice of schools outside of the transportation zone may be requested.

August- May: Requests for transfers of enrolled students for the **current** year are considered upon request.



GAINESVILLE CITY DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS 2014-2015

- 2015 National Legends in Literacy Team Award
- 2014 GSBA Board of Distinction – Gainesville City Board of Education
- 2014 AASA National Learning Supports for Student Leadership Award
- 2014 Georgia Reward Schools: Fair Street IB World School, Gainesville Exploration Academy, New Holland Knowledge Academy

- AP STEM , AP STEM Achievement and AP Humanities Honor School - Gainesville High School
- Georgia Family Friendly Partnership School – Enota Multiple Intelligences Academy
- 2015 & 2014 Elementary Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl State Champions

ACADEMICS

- 94% of students in grades 3-8 were proficient in Reading on the CRCT
- End of Course Test takers in Analytic Geometry had growth scores ranked in the top 15 districts in the state of Georgia
- End of Course Test takers in Biology had growth scores ranked in the top 15 districts in the state of Georgia
- Graduating Seniors received more than \$500,000 in scholarships, not including HOPE scholarships
- 30% of graduates were designated as Honor Graduates with grade point averages of 3.5 or higher



COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF LEARNING SUPPORTS

Since 2009, Gainesville City School System has utilized the Comprehensive System of Learning Supports (CSLS) as an intervention framework designed to address and prevent student barriers to teaching and learning, and promotes healthy development for all students. The framework, created by Dr. Linda Taylor and Dr. Howard Adelman from the UCLA School of Mental Health, reworks operational infrastructure at the school and district level in such a way as to address the instructional, operational, and learning support needs of all students.

Through the use of a CSLS, Gainesville City School System has experienced the following positive outcomes:

- Earlier identification of barriers that impact teaching and learning
- Positive impact on school climate
- Increase in student attendance
- Decrease in student suspensions, discipline, and bus referrals
- Improved collaboration with community partners to address student and family needs

The school district’s work using the framework has been recognized on a national level and has been used to assist numerous school districts across the nation in implementing the framework within their systems.



FINANCIAL

Fiscal Year	Total Budget	Local Funds	State Allocation	Federal Allocation	Bond Debt
FY15	\$73,467,386	\$24,514,485	\$35,982,620	\$8,719,108	\$4,251,173
FY14	\$68,192,143	\$22,614,639	\$32,382,035	\$8,980,791	\$4,214,678
FY13	\$65,036,184	\$21,699,366	\$30,311,579	\$8,205,137	\$4,820,102
FY12	\$64,083,521	\$21,955,085	\$28,601,969	\$8,371,889	\$5,154,578
FY11	\$63,278,220	\$22,461,681	\$25,740,411	\$9,102,423	\$5,973,705
FY10	\$63,357,729	\$25,502,365	\$27,881,412	\$9,973,952	-



School Board Members

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

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Centennial Arts Academy 852 Century Place Gainesville, Georgia 30501	770-287-2044	770-287-2047
Enota Multiple Intelligences Academy 1340 Enota Avenue Gainesville, Georgia 30501	770-532-7711	770-287-2011
Fair Street IB World School 695 Fair Street Gainesville, Georgia 30501	770-536-5295	770-287-2016
Gainesville Exploration Academy 1145 McEver Road Extension Gainesville, Georgia 30501	770-287-1223	770-535-3798
New Holland Knowledge Academy 170 Barn Street Gainesville, Georgia 30501	770-287-1095	770-718-9935
Gainesville Middle School 1581 Community Way Gainesville, Georgia 30501	770-534-4237	770-287-2022
Gainesville High School 830 Century Place Gainesville, Georgia 30501	770-536-4441	770-287-2031
The Academy at Wood's Mill 715 Wood's Mill Road Gainesville, Georgia 30501	770-287-2021	770-287-8329
The International Center 715 Wood's Mill Road Gainesville, Georgia 30501	770-536-0081	770-536-6771
Maintenance & Bus Shop 816 Wood's Mill Road Gainesville, Georgia 30501	770-536-8312	770-287-2008
School Board Office 508 Oak Street Gainesville, Georgia 30501	770-536-5275	770-287-2019

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