



GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

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Have you "Herd"?

Parent Support Soars at New Holland



Back to School Night at New Holland

On September 6th, New Holland celebrated the start of the school year with a "Back to School" Night with the theme "What Lifts Your School?". The event served as an opportunity for New Holland's families to learn how they can play an active role in supporting their students' learning at home. Parents met with their child's teacher to ask questions regarding their child's academic performance. In addition, the Boys and Girls Club of Lanier provided pizza and facilitated games and STEAM projects for families to enjoy after their classroom visits. All parents who attended the event received an invite to come back to New Holland to have breakfast on a day of their choice. At the end of the evening, every child selected a free book to take home and read with their families. New Holland was able to create an engaging, family-friendly atmosphere that encouraged parents to become huge supporters of their children's academics!

GHS Dragon Boat Team Paddles to Victory



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Jeremy Williams, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Board Members

John Filson, Chair
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Andy Stewart
Dr. Heather Ramsey

Important Dates

September 17

BOE Meeting
Public Safety Complex
6:00 p.m.

October 1

BOE Work Session
School Board Office
6:00 p.m.

October 8

Columbus Day Holiday



GHS team competes in annual dragon boat race

Congratulations to the Gainesville High School Dragon Boat team for an outstanding performance in the annual dragon boat race at the Hong Kong Atlanta Dragon Boat Festival on September 8th at Lake Lanier Olympic Park. The team finished first in the High School division and finished second in the different divisions category, missing first place by only a second. Overall, the team placed 29th out of 53 teams covering all divisions.

Sponsored by the GHS Chinese and French Clubs, the team consists of 21 members and is led by GHS Foreign Language teachers, Ms. Julia Zhu and Ms. Stacy Finelli. Prior to the race, the team held two, 90-minute practices to prepare for the event with coaching sessions from Jackson Hickerson, a junior at GHS. Although there were several team members who had paddled before, for some new members this was a new experience for them. Nevertheless, all team members showed that they have what it takes to paddle to a victory!

GMS Joins Annual Dragon Boat Festivities

During the week of September 12th - 16th, Lake Lanier hosted the annual ICF Dragon Boat World Championship. With competitions, music, food trucks, and lots of fellowship, students at Gainesville Middle School joined the fun and were eager to be a part of the popular event.



October 9

Teacher Planning Day

October 10

Splost Listening Session
Mundy Mill Academy
10:00 a.m.

October 15

GCSS REACH GA
Signing Ceremony
Public Safety Complex
5:30 p.m.

BOE Meeting
Public Safety Complex
6:00 p.m.

October 16

Splost Listening Session
Gainesville Middle
School
6:00 p.m.

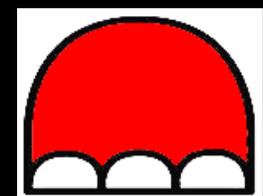
October 24

Splost Listening Session
Fair Street Neighborhood
Center
10:00 a.m.

October 30

Splost Listening Session
Gainesville High School
6:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events



EVENT CALENDAR

ELEPHANT TRACKS NEWS

They witnessed the intense competition among the dragon boat teams and met athletes from all over the world. It was an exciting field trip - full of fun and adventure for the students! To top it all off, our students were commended on how well they represented our school district as ready, respectful, responsible role models at the event!

Help us share our story

 Forward to a Friend

Georgia's Graduation Rate Increases Again



GHS Class of 2018

Georgia Department of Education recently announced that Georgia's high school graduation rate increased again in 2018, rising to 81.6 percent from 80.6 percent in 2017. This is an all-time high for Georgia's graduation rate since the state began using the adjusted cohort calculation now required by federal law. Seventy-four Georgia school districts recorded 2018 graduation rates at or above 90 percent.

"Georgia's graduation rate continues to rise because our public-school students have access to more opportunities than ever before," State School Superintendent Richard Woods said. "From Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education to dual enrollment to the fine arts, there is an unprecedented emphasis on supporting the whole child and making sure every single student understands the relevance of what they're learning. I'm confident we'll continue to see these gains as long as we're still expanding opportunities that keep students invested in their education."

GCSS Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Williams said, "The graduation rate of 87.9% for Gainesville City is a testament to the collaborative work within the district. GHS and district staff work closely together to monitor the progress of students while ensuring supports are in place for credit accrual and recovery. We will continue to target resources for our students to be successful towards graduation and life beyond high school. We celebrate continuing to stay above the state rate while serving the most economically challenged and diverse student population in our region. I'm extremely proud of our students and staff at GHS."

Georgia calculates a four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate as required

Points of Pride



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Alumni News



[Class of 2018 Achievements](#)

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Vision

Our students will think critically, act compassionately, work meaningfully, choose wisely, and live joyfully.

Mission

As *ONE GAINESVILLE*,
we will
INSPIRE,
NURTURE,
CHALLENGE &

by federal law. This rate is the number of students who graduate in four years with a regular high school diploma divided by the number of students who form the adjusted cohort for the graduating class. From the beginning of ninth grade, students who are entering that grade for the first time form a cohort that is subsequently "adjusted" by adding any students who transfer into the cohort during the next three years, and subtracting any students who transfer out.

While all states use the same calculation, each state sets its own requirements for students to earn a regular high school diploma. Georgia has some of the highest requirements in the nation for students to graduate with a regular diploma.

Gainesville City Board of Education Meeting September 17, 2018



School Board Recognitions

The Gainesville City Board of Education Meeting was held on Monday, September 17th at the Public Safety Complex. Centennial Arts Academy was the guest school that presented recognitions highlighting: Students Demonstrating English Proficiency, Tome Convention Book Trailer Competition Participant (Abigail Maldonado), and Heroes of the Herd Winners Ashley Dodd (Certified Staff) and Wendy Ledford (Classified Staff). Other recognitions included New Holland Knowledge Academy (Highest Student Attendance Award) and the GHS 125th Moment Recognition as Michel duCille (Class of 1974) with GHS senior Kimberly Phan presenting this recognition.

The Board reviewed, discussed and approved the agenda reports as submitted by district personnel. To view the agenda and reports, please click the links below.

- [Board Agenda](#)
- [4th Quarter Fiscal 2018 Donation Report](#)

PREPARE
our students

Our Schools

Gainesville High

Gainesville Middle

Centennial Arts Academy

Enota MI Academy

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Academy

Gainesville
Exploration Academy

Mundy Mill Academy

New Holland
Knowledge Academy

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School Board Meeting Video

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You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, 67587.

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for School Community Engagement

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