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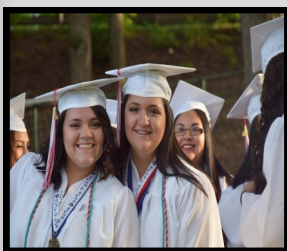
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Our School District

- ◆ Three programs have been introduced or expanded in our Comprehensive System of Learning Supports: Response to Intervention (RTI), Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS), and Attendance, Behavior, and Classroom Success (ABC). These data based programs identify and help individual students who are struggling with academics, social issues, and personal behaviors. These three support programs will continue to increase the number of students who graduate with the tools to succeed in life.
- ◆ A Ninth Grade Center was implemented in 2015. Transitional Classes have been implemented for incoming ninth graders.
- ◆ A new Leadership Academy was created for aspiring leaders to enhance their leadership skills and enable them to assume greater leadership roles in the school system. Five members of the first graduating class of the program now hold leadership positions in the system.
- ◆ A successful ESPLOST campaign now enables us to construct much-needed classroom space to relieve overcrowding. Construction is underway for the new facility in the Mundy Mill subdivision and the new 30 classroom wing at Centennial, and planning is underway for the replacement facility for Enota to begin June 2017 with a completion date of July 2018.
- ◆ New financial strategies have added \$5.5 million to the district's fund balance. Strategic budgeting has allowed the district to provide additional teacher support directly to the classroom while also providing a one-time 3% base salary grant for all employees.
- ◆ When compared to other districts in the area, GCSS has the highest percentage of schools with 4 and 5 Climate Star ratings. Climate Star ratings are calculated by the Georgia DOE based on student discipline and attendance, and parent, student, and staff satisfaction.
- ◆ Although the district experienced a decrease in its 4-year graduation rate, the 5-year graduation rate rose over 10 points from 2015 to 2016. While we of course hope that all students can graduate in 4 years, given our significant number of English Learners and students living in poverty, this increase supports our community as we pursue graduation for all students.

GCSS Elementary Schools

- ◆ On the 2016 Milestones, the district increased the percentage of third graders reading on grade level by 10%, compared to the state, which only increased by 3%.
- ◆ Centennial Arts Academy exceeded the state pass rate in all content areas in fourth grade on the Milestones.
- ◆ Enota MI Academy had the highest gains in the district on the Scholastic Reading Inventory.
- ◆ Fair Street International Academy had an annual average daily attendance rate of 96.55%, which is above our district average of 96.11.
- ◆ Gainesville Exploration Academy's consistent focus on PBIS resulted in the school having only 3% of the district's discipline referrals and the school was awarded the bronze award for Greatest Gains by the Governor's Office of Student Achievement.
- ◆ New Holland Knowledge Academy increased their pass rate in all content areas in third grade on the Milestone assessment.



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125th Anniversary



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Gainesville Middle School

- ◆ Gainesville Middle School increased performance for Special Education students, English Learners, African American students and Hispanic students on the eighth grade ELA Milestones.
- ◆ Eighth grade Math and ELA exceeded the state average on the 2016 Milestones.
- ◆ At the middle school, more students have the opportunity to take an expanded number of high school courses for credit.
- ◆ 99.94% of our middle school students completed career interest inventories in 2016.
- ◆ Two GMS teachers, Rebecca Oliver and Deena Hicks, were selected to present at the 2016 Georgia Educational Technology Conference.
- ◆ 2016 Jackson EMC Bright Ideas Grant Award recipients—Sharla Gladden and Jim Bradley

Gainesville High School

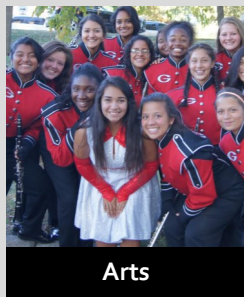
- ◆ At the high school, dual enrollment, move-on-when-ready, and internships in local industries all enable students to take and receive college course credit or work-based learning experiences that prepare them for entry into the workforce after graduation. Over the past two years, eight additional CTAE course opportunities have been established. Students taking dual enrollment courses now have access to transportation to both Lanier Technical College and University of North Georgia. For the first time, Lanier Technical College is teaching an onsite dual enrollment English course.
- ◆ Advanced Placement offerings have been expanded to accommodate the demand from a broader base of students. During the 2016-2017 school year the high school is experiencing an all time high of 824 enrollments in Advanced Placement Courses. Based on the number of students and their scores in AP classes, GHS received the AP STEM Recognition, AP STEM Achievement, AP Humanities, and AP Access and Support Awards by the Georgia Department of Education. We are especially proud of the addition of the AP Capstone Diploma program during the 2016-2017 school year, as we are one of only 20 schools in Georgia to offer this option.
- ◆ Over half of the students taking AP Calculus in the 2015-2016 school year earned a score of 4 or 5 and 27 of the 30 students have the potential to receive college credit.
- ◆ Currently, 85% of our rising tenth graders are on track to graduate.
- ◆ Every subgroup exceeded the state average during at least one of the administrations of the 2015-2016 Algebra End of Course Milestone.
- ◆ GHS AP Human Geography Teacher, Sandy Rivera was selected as 2016 American Geographical Society Teacher Fellow.



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District Awards and Achievements

- ◆ 2016 Georgia School Boards Association Exemplary Board —Gainesville City Board of Education
- ◆ 2016 Georgia Department of Education Golden Radish Award—Bronze Level—Gainesville City School System School Nutrition Program
- ◆ 2016 USDA Southeast Regional Best Practices Award in Food Safety and Social Media — Gainesville City School System School Nutrition Program
- ◆ 2016 Boys and Girls Club of Hall County Helping Hands Award—Gainesville City School System
- ◆ 2016 Georgia High Flying School Award (Honorable Mention) - Gainesville Exploration Academy
- ◆ 2016 Georgia Teacher of the Year Finalist—Heather McConnell

Academic, Arts and Athletic Achievements

- ◆ 2016 Region 8 AAAAAA One Act Play Champions—Gainesville High School One Act Play Cast
- ◆ 2016 State AAAAAA Sweet Sixteen Volleyball Playoffs—Gainesville High School Varsity Volleyball Team
- ◆ 2016 NJROTC Regional Drill Meet First Place Finish - Gainesville High School NJROTC
- ◆ 2016 Hall County Middle School Cross Country Champions—Gainesville Middle School Boys Cross Country Team
- ◆ 2016 Hall County Middle School Cross Country Runner-Up— Gainesville Middle School Girls Cross Country Team
- ◆ 2016 Georgia First Lego League Gracious Professionalism Award & 2016 Highest Performance Score in Robotic Challenge - Gainesville Middle School Robotic Teams
- ◆ 2016 Georgia First Lego League Strategy and Innovation Award—Centennial Arts Academy Robotics Team
- ◆ 2016 Georgia First Lego League Strategy and Innovation Award (Technical Design) & 2016 Georgia First Lego League Super Regionals Third Place Finish - Gainesville Exploration Academy
- ◆ 2016 FCCLA State STAR Events (Gold & Silver Medals) & Region Winner—Gainesville High School FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America)
- ◆ 2016 Northern Divisional of Georgia Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Champion —Gainesville High School Reading Bowl Team



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Athletics



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Academic, Arts and Athletic Achievements

- ◆ 2016 Tome16 Reading Bowl First Place Winner—Gainesville Middle School Tome Society
- ◆ 2016 Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Regional Competition First Place Winner & 2016 HRRB Divisional Competition Third Place Finish —Centennial Arts Academy
- ◆ 2015-2016 Region 8 AAAAA Academic Team Champion—Gainesville High School Academic Team
- ◆ 2015–2016 Region 8 AAAAA Champions—Gainesville High School Girls Soccer, Gainesville High School Girls Tennis, Gainesville High School Baseball, Gainesville High School Boys Golf, Gainesville High School Volleyball
- ◆ 2015–2016 Region 8 AAAAA Runner-Up—Gainesville High School Boys Tennis, Gainesville High School Girls Golf, Gainesville High School Boys Cross Country, Gainesville High School Boys Soccer, Gainesville High School Football
- ◆ 2015–2016 Hall County Middle School Champions—Gainesville Middle School Boys & Girls Track and Field, Gainesville Middle School Baseball, Gainesville Middle School Volleyball, Gainesville Middle School Football, Gainesville Middle School Boys Cross Country, Gainesville Middle School Girls Soccer
- ◆ 2015-2016 Hall County Wrestling Champions—Gainesville High School Wrestling Team
- ◆ 2015-2016 State AAAAA Pole Vault State Qualifiers—Gainesville High School Track & Field
- ◆ 2015–2016 State AAAAA Playoff Competition —Gainesville High School Baseball (Semifinalist), Gainesville High School Boys & Girls Golf, Gainesville High School Tennis, Gainesville High School Volleyball, Gainesville High School Football
- ◆ Gainesville Middle School 6th, 7th, 8th Grade Bands awarded Superior Ratings at High Note Musical Festival for 17 consecutive years
- ◆ Gainesville High School Big Red Machine Marching Band awarded Superior Ratings in Regional Band competitions