

# NMHS facts

2021-2022 School Year

## New Manchester High School

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Douglasville, GA 30135  
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School website: [nmhs.dcssga.org](http://nmhs.dcssga.org)

**Principal** Tekmekia Gilchrist

**Student Enrollment** 1,618

**Total Staff** 153

**Certified Staff** 106

**Certified Staff with  
Advanced Degrees** 71%

*Numbers for enrollment and staffing are from  
October, 2021.*

### Mission

To provide meaningful learning experiences that develop the character, academic ability, and talent of all students in order to prepare them for college and careers.

### #JaguarSTRONG

Where Scholarship, Talent, Respect, Opportunity, Noble intentions, and Gratitude are our focus.

Freshmen will StartSTRONG,  
Sophomores will BeSTRONG,  
Juniors will StaySTRONG, and  
Seniors will FinishSTRONG.



### Message from the Principal

It is with great honor and excitement that I introduce myself as the Principal of New Manchester High School. My passion for education and supporting the success of all students has been shaped over the past 15 years as a teacher, mentor, teacher leader, assistant principal, and principal. In each of my roles, I have sought to ensure the success of each student and the school, by providing the best instructional and extracurricular opportunities possible.

We are deeply committed to making a positive impact in the lives of our students. We set high academic expectations for all students and provide support systems to ensure they are met. By addressing school culture, setting high teacher performance standards, and engaging the community, it is our goal that all graduates will be college or career ready.

We are glad that you chose NMHS for your student's education. We will do our best to provide a great academic and social experience.



– TEKMEKIA GILCHRIST, PRINCIPAL



### Community

New Manchester High School was founded in 2011 and is the most recent high school built in Douglas County. It is located in the southeast part of the county, one mile from the border of Fulton County, near Boundary Waters Park. Because New Manchester was established as a magnet school for fine arts, the school has ample resources for the arts including a large performance theater.

### Curriculum

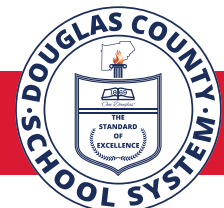
Classes at New Manchester are arranged on a 4 x 4 block schedule, with students completing four classes each semester. Class periods are approximately 90 minutes. Students may choose from a wide variety of classes, including advanced academics; Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE); and fine arts.

### Advanced Placement Courses

Biology  
Calculus  
Chemistry  
Economics  
English Literature  
Environmental Science  
French  
Human Geography  
Language & Composition  
Physics  
Psychology  
Spanish  
Statistics  
Studio Art  
US History  
World History

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## Career Pathways

Audio Video Technology and Film  
Business and Technology  
Entrepreneurship  
Early Childhood Care and Education  
Food & Nutrition  
Healthcare Services  
Law Enforcement/Criminal Investigations  
Marketing & Management  
Sports and Entertainment Marketing  
Web and Digital Design

## World Languages

French  
Spanish

## Athletics

Baseball	Football	Swimming
Basketball	Flag Football	Tennis
Cheerleading	Golf	Track and Field
Cross Country	Soccer	Volleyball
Fencing	Softball	Wrestling

## Student Organizations

Anime Comic Book Club  
Art Club  
AVID Club  
BETA Club  
Chess Club  
Coding Club G4C  
Culture 360  
Debate Team  
Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA)  
Drama Club  
E Sports  
Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)  
Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)  
Fencing  
French National Honor Society  
Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)  
Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)  
Interact Club  
International Club  
Key Club  
Marching Band  
Math Club  
National Art Honor Society  
National Honor Society  
Odette's Legacy  
Science Club  
Spanish Honor Society  
Step Team  
Student Ambassadors  
Student Government Association (SGA)  
TOME Society  
Yearbook

# FAME - Fine Arts Magnet Education Program



New Manchester is home of the Fine Arts Magnet Education (FAME) program, which offers concentrations in Dance, Drama, Vocal Music, Instrumental Music, and Visual Art. Because New Manchester was established as the magnet school for fine arts in Douglas County when it opened in 2011, the school has ample resources for the fine arts student, including a fully equipped dance studio, acoustically designed vocal and instrumental music studios, and a state-of-the-art theater.

The rigorous FAME program trains and prepares students for post-secondary collegiate or professional options. FAME has a variety of community partners including: The Alliance Theatre, The Atlanta Ballet, Centre for Dance Education, and Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre.

In addition to a faculty of seven full-time teaching artists, FAME engages a host of adjunct teaching artists in the fields of sound design, lighting design, dance, instrumental music, and vocals.

FAME's nationally recognized a cappella group, InToneNation, has won numerous vocal competitions in recent years including the 2018 ICHSA National a Cappella championship.

## Magnet Program Admission Process

Students in the district for New Manchester as well as students outside the attendance zone may apply for the FAME program during fall of their 8th grade year. Current 9th through 11th graders may also apply for the program. In the application process, New Manchester considers audition and interview scores, grades, teacher recommendations, and records of attendance and discipline. Each FAME concentration includes additional application requirements:

Band: Audition and interview  
Chorus: Audition  
Dance: Audition and interview  
Drama/Acting and Musical Theatre: Audition and interview  
Drama/Technical Theatre: Submit and discuss an art, craft, sewing or carpentry project  
Visual Art: Portfolio of 10 visual art pieces and interview

## Magnet Program Application Timeline

Informational Meetings:

October 26, 2021, 7:00 p.m. (In Person)  
November 9, 2021, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual)  
November 30, 2021, 7:00 p.m. (In Person)

Apply online: <https://forms.gle/C8ZNqvT37xdU7JSS7>

Applications Due: Monday, December 13, 2021

Interviews: Conducted November 29, 2021 through January 28, 2022

Student Notifications Mailed: Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Commitment Letters Due: February 11, 2022

## Magnet Program Contact

Trey Giddens, FAME Coordinator, email: [trey.giddens@dcssga.org](mailto:trey.giddens@dcssga.org)

## Recent Achievements

### VISUAL ARTS

- 2nd Place Winner at the Atlanta High School Art Exhibition, 2018
- POSSE Scholars attending University of Boston and Bard College
- Finalist in the Atlanta High School Art Exhibition, 2015-2018
- SCAD Rising Star Scholarship Recipients, 2015-2017
- Finalist in the Congressional Art Exhibit 2015 and 2017
- 2 Merit Scholarships for SAIC as well as MICA
- Solo Exhibitionist and Premier Artist at the High Museum, 2016

### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

- Over \$150,000 in Instrumental Music Scholarships
- FAME graduates now members of Atlanta Symphony Orchestra
- All-State Representatives
- Metropolitan Atlanta Youth Wind Ensemble
- District Honor Band and County Honor Band
- Superior Ratings at Marching Festivals and Competitions
- Superior Ratings at Large Group Performance Evaluation

### CHORUS

- Superior ratings L.G.P.E Class "A" 2012-2019
- Grand Champions Music in The Parks '15, '18
- Platinum rating PCB '16 (choir/ a Capella)
- All-State students 2012-2019
- Over \$260,000 in vocal scholarships
- International Championship of HS a Capella , National Champions 2019-20
- Multiple Governor's Honors Program participants
- Hope Jingle/Ga. Lottery competition winners
- Disney D'Capella competition winners
- 2019 Smokey Mt. Music Festival 1st Place/Grand Champions (choir/ a Capella)

### DANCE

- Sustained partnership - Rialto Theater Arts in Education Outreach Program
- Sustained partnership - Alabama State University's dance department
- Workshops - Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Step Afrika, Anthony Burrell Center for Dance
- FAME dancers featured in Coming to America 2 and other film projects with national choreographers
- Placed 1st in performance at KSU's National H.S. Dance Conference two consecutive years
- Performed for the NAACP

### DRAMA

- Georgia Governor's Honors Program State finalist ('19-'20)
- National YoungArts Foundation Merit Scholarship finalist ('20)
- August Wilson Monologue Competition finalist ('20)
- FAME graduates on scholarship at top ten arts universities: New York University, Carnegie Mellon University



### FAME Courses

FAME Drawing I, II, III, IIII  
FAME Painting I, II  
FAME Ceramics I, II, III  
FAME Photo I, II, III  
FAME Sculpture I, II

FAME AP Studio Art: Drawing  
FAME AP Studio: 2D Design  
FAME AP Studio: 3D Design  
FAME Art History and Criticism I  
FAME Ballet I, II, III, IV  
FAME Jazz I, II, III, IV  
FAME Modern Dance I, II, III, IV  
FAME Dance Composition  
FAME Theatre Arts/Fundamentals I, II, III, IV  
FAME Musical Theater I, II, III, IV  
FAME Technical Theatre I, II, III, IV  
FAME Theatre Technology I, II, III, IV  
FAME Advanced Drama I, II, III, IV  
FAME Acting I, II, III, IV  
FAME Theater Arts Literature I, II  
FAME Theatre Marketing  
FAME Music Theory and Comp I  
FAME Music History  
FAME Keyboarding I, II, III  
FAME Intermediate Band I, II, III, IV  
FAME Advanced Band I, II, III, IV  
FAME Mastery Band I, II, III, IV  
FAME Intermediate Choral Ensemble I, II, III, IV  
FAME Advanced Choral Ensemble I, II, III, IV  
FAME Advanced Instrumental Ensemble I, II, III, IV  
FAME Beginning Keyboard Techniques  
FAME Intermediate Keyboarding I  
FAME Advanced Keyboarding I  
FAME Intermediate Chorus I, II, III, IV  
FAME Mastery Chorus I, II, III, IV



(top left) FAME Musical Cinderella; (above) FAME Chorus Spring Concert

## Graduation Rates\*

The graduation rate is defined as the percentage of students who graduate from secondary school with a regular diploma in the standard number of years.

### Graduation Rates 2020-2021

New Manchester High School 86.9%  
Douglas County 87.7%  
Georgia 83.7%

## Dual Enrollment

Through Dual Enrollment, students in grades 9-12 who qualify to participate may enroll on a part-time or full-time basis to take college courses. Students receive high school and college credit simultaneously when attending and passing approved college classes.

# of NMHS Students

Chattahoochee Technical College	2
University of West Georgia	7
West GA Technical College	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>

To access state-mandated test scores including the GA Milestones Assessment System (GMAS), please scan the QR code.



**NMHS Class of 2021**  
**earned over**  
**\$2.3 million**  
**in scholarships.**

**Approximately 135 students**  
**qualified for HOPE and Zell**  
**Miller Scholarships.**

## NMHS Highlights

- Gates Millennium Scholarship Winner, 2016
- Industry Certifications in Business 2016 and Marketing 2017
- Establishment at NMHS of AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Program, 2017-2018
- Debate Team, Third Place in Atlanta Urban Debate John Lewis Invitational Tournament, 2017-2018
- Debate Team Student, 2nd Place, Atlanta Urban Debate League Fall 2020 Speech Bowl
- DECA, Top Three in State Competition, 2020
- FBLA, 2nd Place, Region Chapter Sweepstakes, 2021
- Football, Region Champs, 2nd Round Playoffs, 2020
- Girls Basketball Sweet 16, Second Round of State Playoffs
- Girls Track Team, Third Place in State Championship, 2018
- Step Team, 1st Place Step Competition, Women's Division, 2020
- Boys Basketball Region Champs, 2021
- Wrestling Region Champs, 2021
- 1st Place Winner District Science and Engineering Fair, 2021
- 1st Place Winner Regional Science and Engineering Fair, 2021
- Seven Posse Foundation Scholarship Winners, 2016-2019
- Five Associate Degree recipients, 2017-2021
- Three Congressional Appointments to Military Academies, 2016-2018
- One QuestBridge Scholarship Winner, 2018



Student athletes served as tour guides during Back to School Bash 2021.