



Factory Shoals Middle School

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Why Factory Shoals Middle School?

"I believe this is the best middle school in Douglas County. The principal is very concerned about his students and staff, giving them everything they need to be successful. The team supports his vision of making sure the environment is conducive to learning."

—Factory Shoals Parent

"Factory Shoals Middle School has inspired both of my daughters to learn, achieve and cooperate. The administration, teachers, coaches and staff have created a village full of heart that fosters an atmosphere of forward thinking for our children."

—Factory Shoals Parent

Achievements

- ◇ Earned the highest CCRPI score in school history
- ◇ Perfect score of 740 on the Georgia Milestones 7th Grade math assessment
- ◇ Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) by the American School Counselor Association
- ◇ National Beta Club School of Merit
- ◇ National Beta Club Math Champions
- ◇ REACH Scholar Recipient
- ◇ Two Ben Carson Scholar Recipients
- ◇ Girls Empowering Movement Program Participant (sponsored by the Atlanta Falcons Foundation)



Inside the Classroom

Serving approximately 780 students in grades six through eight with a professional staff of 90 educators, Factory Shoals Middle School is the premier school for all students. Building positive relationships with students in a safe and nurturing environment is the main goal of our educators.

With a rich tradition of academic excellence, teachers utilize the Learning Focused Schools instructional framework that allows for student choice, collaboration and hands-on activities that will engage students and encourage them to utilize their higher order thinking skills. In addition, technology is utilized in every classroom. Teachers and students have access to an Interactive Promethean Board, document cameras and laptops in every classroom. Instructional technology includes Classworks, USA Test Prep, and other educational programs to engage our 21st century thinkers and learners.

Factory Shoals operates on a six period day, which allows students a 70-minute block for each academic class. In addition, students take two 45-minute connections classes. Connections classes include: Spanish, French, Chorus, Band, Visual Arts, Business Management, Careers, Reading Enrichment, and Physical Education.

A Factory Shoals Middle School education allows students to be curious, critical, creative and passionate about their community. With research based instructional strategies, our educators cultivate student potential through academic excellence and rigor.

Our Mission

The mission of Factory Shoals Middle School is to provide a quality education for all students in a safe, supportive and challenging learning environment.

Our Vision

The vision of Factory Shoals Middle School is to prepare and motivate our students for a rapidly changing world by instilling in them critical thinking skills, a global perspective, and a respect for core values of honesty, loyalty, perseverance and compassion.

Principal's Message

Our amazing teachers work hard to create an exceptional learning environment for our students. As a result, our school has been recognized at the state and national levels as being an example of not just excellent teaching and learning, but also high levels of student achievement and growth. At Factory Shoals Middle School our students do their Best, have the Best, because they deserve the Best! Thank you "Knight" family for your support!

- Principal Dr. Raymond Leonard

Student Enrollment: 780

Total Staff: 91

Certified Staff: 56

**Certified Staff with
Advanced Degrees:** 66%

Numbers for enrollment and staffing current as of 10/21

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



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Beyond the Core

Factory Shoals Middle School prides itself on offering an array of extracurricular clubs and activities for students to expand and enrich their educational experiences outside of the classroom. Research suggests that students who are involved in extracurricular activities have better attendance, higher levels of achievement, and aspirations to higher levels of education. In addition, many students participate in the 21st CCLC After School Program, which promotes academic excellence.

With a tradition of winning and being crowned champions, Factory Shoals students are eligible to try-out and participate in any of ten competitive athletic teams in grades six through eight. Our athletic programs help participants become student athletes through skill building, self-discipline and teamwork. Each year clubs and activities are offered to each student. In combination, these activities afford every learner opportunities for social interaction, exploration and connection to positive relationships. Factory Shoals is dedicated to providing all students with enrichment opportunities beyond the classroom.

