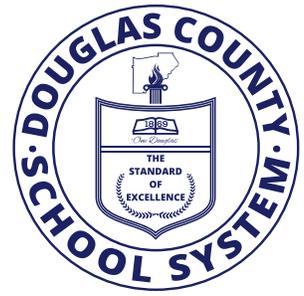


# TOGETHER, WE SHAPE THE FUTURE



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## VISION

Our Vision is to build a community of lifelong learners who become responsible individuals, independent thinkers, and productive citizens in a global society.

## MISSION

We will serve our community with excellence by:

- Helping our students reach their potential as we prepare them for college and career in a safe, supportive environment.
- Providing the highest quality instructional resources and tools.
- Recruiting, cultivating, and retaining the best teachers, staff, and administrators.
- Providing a challenging curriculum and relevant learning opportunities.
- Fostering a culture of continuous improvement.

## BELIEFS

We believe that we must:

- Understand how children and adults learn and continue learning.
- Build communities of lifelong learners.
- Cultivate the leadership potential of every employee, student, and parent in our school system.
- Be creative, energetic visionaries who respond quickly to diverse and evolving issues.
- Meet the diverse needs of all stakeholders (students, parents, employees, and community).
- Maintain efficient and effective administrative processes for instruction, operations, human resources, and sound fiscal management.

Welcome to the Douglas County School System, the 17<sup>th</sup> largest school district in Georgia.

Our 26,000 students and 3,400 employees spend their days learning and teaching in 35 outstanding schools. Our highly qualified teachers use state-of-the-art technology and resources to provide an excellent educational experience for all students.

While we emphasize excellence in academics, we are committed to providing outstanding programs in athletics and fine arts. Our commitment to these areas is evident in the abundant resources and quality facilities at our high schools.

Our students graduate ready to succeed in the most challenging universities. The 35 pathways in our Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE) program introduce students to careers and offer certification in several fields prior to graduation, giving students an advantage in college or a smooth transition straight into the workforce. In 8<sup>th</sup> grade, students may apply to attend the high school of their choice to pursue the magnet program offered at each of our five high schools.

Douglas County is a wonderful place to live, work, play, and learn. Our convenience to downtown Atlanta and the Hartsfield Jackson International Airport, our small-town feel, and our vibrant business community offer the best of all worlds. We value the support of our families and community.

Together, we shape the future.



*Trent North*

– TRENT NORTH, SUPERINTENDENT

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to see what makes Douglas County a great place to learn!



## QUICK FACTS

20 elementary schools, 8 middle schools, 5 traditional high schools, 4 non-traditional schools and programs

Approximately 26,000 students

17<sup>th</sup> largest school district in Georgia

Largest employer in Douglas County with 3,400 full-time employees

70% of DCSS employees live in Douglas County

Average number of students per instructional staff (teachers and paraprofessionals)

- 11.2 Elementary
- 13.8 Middle
- 15.7 High

Accredited by AdvancED (now known as Cognia)

69% of certified employees hold advanced degrees

DCSS students achieve at the highest levels in academics, athletics and the arts.

- *Graduation rate consistently above state average*
- *All five high schools recognized as AP (Advanced Placement) Honor Schools by State School Superintendent Richard Woods*

All five high schools offer a magnet program. In 8th grade, students may apply to attend the school offering the magnet program of their choice.

- *Alexander High School: Liberal Arts College Preparatory/AP Capstone*
- *Chapel Hill High School: Advanced Placement (AP)*
- *Douglas County High School: International Baccalaureate (IB)*
- *Lithia Springs High School: STEM*
- *New Manchester High School: Fine Arts Magnet Education (FAME)*

The 2,092 graduates in the class of 2021:

- *\$68 million in scholarships*
- *518 Board Scholars*
- *10 Georgia Scholars*

## LOCATION INFORMATION

Douglas County has it all. From wide-open rural spaces to close-knit suburban communities, we've got something for everyone.

Located just 20 miles west of Atlanta and a quick drive to the world's busiest airport, Douglas County is truly the best of all worlds. You're never far from nature with more than 2,000 acres of park land, rivers, lakes, trails, and other recreation facilities at our popular Sweetwater Creek State Park, Boundary Waters and Deer Lick Parks, Dog River Reservoir and Clinton Nature Preserve.

## COMMUNITY & BUSINESS PARTNERS

The Douglas County School System nurtures strong relationships with leading local, state, and global industries. Students benefit from internship opportunities, expert assistance with clubs and organizations, career exploration, financial donations, and more.



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