

# Columbia County School District

Serving Appling, Evans, Grovetown, Harlem and Martinez in Georgia



**Empowering and Inspiring ALL Learners to Excel in a Global Society**

Thirty-two Schools  
 Elementary.....18  
 Middle.....8  
 High.....5  
 Alternative.....1

Enrollment\*.....27,117  
 Asian.....1071  
 Black.....5495  
 Hispanic.....2757  
 Multiracial.....1742  
 White.....15,916  
 Other.....136

\*10-3-17 FTE Count

Students from Military Families  
 4457

Poverty Rate: 32.92%

Title I Schools: 11

17th Largest School District in Georgia

Accredited by AdvancED

## Graduation Rates

|              | 2013 | 2014 | 2015   | 2016   | 2017   |
|--------------|------|------|--------|--------|--------|
| Evans        | 75.7 | 84.9 | 86.19  | 85.921 | 87.174 |
| Greenbrier   | 89.2 | 93.4 | 96.804 | 96.890 | 98.701 |
| Grovetown    | 72.4 | 76.9 | 81.654 | 85.422 | 89.176 |
| Harlem       | 83.3 | 85.1 | 84.354 | 89.773 | 89.063 |
| Lakeside     | 79.4 | 83.5 | 88.325 | 89.351 | 86.595 |
| Columbia Co. | 79.5 | 84.5 | 87.639 | 89.032 | 89.502 |
| Georgia      | 71.8 | 72.5 | 78.8   | 79.2   | 80.6   |

## SAT Scores- 12th highest in Georgia!

|                                | 2017 | Target |
|--------------------------------|------|--------|
| Mathematics                    | 540  | 800    |
| Evidence-based Reading/Writing | 558  | 800    |
| District Total                 | 1098 | 1600   |
| State                          | 1050 | 1600   |
| Nation                         | 1070 | 1600   |

## ACT Scores - Columbia County tied for 6th highest in Georgia!

|             | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | Target |
|-------------|------|------|------|--------|
| English     | 22.3 | 22.4 | 22.2 | 36     |
| Mathematics | 22.1 | 22.6 | 22.5 | 36     |
| Reading     | 23.0 | 23.8 | 23.5 | 36     |
| Science     | 22.3 | 22.7 | 23.0 | 36     |
| Composite   | 22.5 | 23.0 | 22.9 | 36     |

## Advanced Placement Honors

|                             | EHS | GHS | GTHS | HHS | LHS | Total |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-------|
| AP Access and Support       |     |     | ✓    |     |     |       |
| AP Merit                    |     | ✓   | ✓    |     | ✓   |       |
| AP STEM                     | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    |     | ✓   |       |
| AP STEM Achievement         | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    |     | ✓   |       |
| AP Challenge                |     |     |      | ✓   |     |       |
| AP Humanities               |     | ✓   |      |     | ✓   |       |
| AP Scholar                  | 29  | 51  | 49   | 10  | 66  | 205   |
| AP Scholar with Honor       | 21  | 20  | 13   | 3   | 26  | 83    |
| AP Scholar with Distinction | 19  | 48  | 17   | 2   | 43  | 129   |
| National AP Scholar         | 1   | 4   | 0    | 0   | 8   | 13    |
| Total                       | 70  | 123 | 79   | 15  | 143 | 430   |

## College and Career Readiness Performance Index Scores

| Scores ranked in top 25 in Georgia! | 2012<br>2013 | 2013<br>2014 | 2014<br>2015 | 2015<br>2016 | 2016<br>2017 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| District Elementary Score           | 85.1         | 81.0         | 84.0         | 82.3         | 77.3         |
| State Elementary Score              | 78.5         | 73.5         | 76.0         | 71.7         | 72.9         |
| District Middle School Score        | 84.4         | 83.7         | 80.3         | 78.6         | 77.9         |
| District Middle School Score        | 75.0         | 74.1         | 71.2         | 71.5         | 73.0         |
| District High School Score          | 84.5         | 80.8         | 84.3         | 88.5         | 88.1         |
| State High School Score             | 72.0         | 68.7         | 75.8         | 73.6         | 77.0         |
| District Score                      | 85.3         | 82.5         | 83.2         | 83.3         | 81.7         |
| Georgia Score                       | 75.8         | 71.9         | 75.5         | 73.6         | 75.0         |



- Columbia County School District proudly began the International Baccalaureate Program in August, 2017 at Lakeside High School;
- Work-based Learning is on the rise. In 2016-2017, twenty students participated in the program, working 10,666 hours and earning a total of \$92,550;
- Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) courses are offered in 28 pathways within five high schools;
- In 2016-2017, enrollment for CTAE pathways was 5,951 with 891 pathway completers;
- Five hundred ninety-seven students passed the CTAE End of Pathway assessment and earned a state or national certification;
- The Cyber Security Pathway is offered at Evans, Grovetown, Greenbrier, and Lakeside High Schools;
- The Greenbrier High School CyberPatriot teams won first, second and third place at the 2016-2017 state competition;
- Harlem High School Engineering students competed in the Greenpower Challenge in Indianapolis and placed first in their class in the Formula 24 Advanced Class and second place overall;
- A full spectrum of Special Education and Gifted services are offered;
- Six hundred four teachers have earned the gifted endorsement and 39 teachers are currently enrolled in gifted endorsement classes;
- ESOL students across the district are now being served in their home schools;
- The millage rate was maintained at 18.3 for the current fiscal year;

- A wide range of Advanced Placement (AP) courses for college credit are offered;
- Wi-Fi is available in all schools;
- Wireless infrastructure has been upgraded to newest available standard (9802.11 AC) access/antenna, providing one antenna per classroom/portable;
- The connection speed between schools was upgraded to 40 Gbps with a 3.2 GBS to the internet, allowing faster response times, greater availability, and better overall access;
- The district has achieved a 1.84 student per technology device ratio;
- Lakeside Middle School earned the district's first STEM certification, being one of only 13 in Georgia;
- Over the past four years, we have increased our graduation rate of 89.5% by 5%;
- District average daily attendance has been approximately 96%;
- Employee Satisfaction Rate:  
97.9% for employees entering the district  
92.5% for employees exiting the district;
- New buildings opened at Harlem Middle and Grovetown Elementary this year;;
- A new building for North Harlem Elementary is under construction;
- School Climate Star Ratings:
  - ★★★★★ 15 schools
  - ★★★★ 14 schools
  - ★★★ 2 schools
- Financial Efficiency Star Rating: 4.5 out of 5.0

