

Information for Families



High School Basics



Students enrolled in one of our five high schools have a wide variety of courses from which they may choose as they work to earn a high school diploma.

Columbia County is proud to announce the beginning of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program at Lakeside High School. This academically rigorous program encourages both personal and academic achievement, challenging students to excel in their studies and in their personal development. Requiring three years for full certification, Lakeside is ready to push the boundaries for the students who flourish with high academic expectations. Studies in Language and Literature, Language Acquisition, Individuals and Societies, Sciences, Mathematics and the Arts are components of the IB curriculum. Students are assessed on Theory of Knowledge and complete The Extended Essay. Students also complete Creativity Action and Service, learning to give back to the community and the world. Widely recognized for its academic excellence, the IB Program emphasizes creative and critical thinking with a global approach. Widely recognized for its academic excellence, the IB Program emphasizes creative and critical thinking with a global approach. IB teachers, who are extensively trained, use an inquiry-based model rather than traditional lectures or teacher-led instruction.

Our other four high schools have established their own instructional focus areas, too. They include the Greenbrier Academy of Advanced Placement and Professional Studies, the Evans Academy of STEM and Advanced CTAE Studies, the Grovetown Academy of Advanced Academics, and the Harlem Academy of Career Sciences.

In keeping with our focus on College and Career Ready Performance, the district also offers educational experiences beyond the classroom by promoting Work-based Learning (WBL) and Gifted Internships and requiring a Capstone Project for all student enrolled in 12th Grade English. The Capstone Project is a multifaceted, year-long assignment that serves as a culminating academic and career-oriented experience that includes a research paper, product, electronic portfolio, and presentation to panel of judges.

In addition to the wealth of courses offered in our schools, students have the opportunity to participate in the Move-On-When-Ready (MOWR), a dual-enrollment program that allows eligible high school students to take courses from an approved Georgia public or private post-secondary institution while still enrolled as a high school student. Students earn dual credit for approved high school and post-secondary courses. This program is available for eligible students as early as ninth grade. Those who are interested in more information about MOWR should contact their high school counselor.

The purpose of the Columbia County School District is to empower and inspire ALL learners to excel in a global society.



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Outstanding Programs & Features

- STEM Projects and Competitions
- Academic Bowls
- Model United Nations
- Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT)
- National Honor Society (NHS), National Beta Club
- FitnessGram
- Junior-Senior 7th Period Option
- Move-On-When-Ready (MOWR)
- Student Government
- High School Sports and Activities: Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Competition Cheerleading, Dance Team, Drill Team, Step Team, Cross-Country, Track, Tennis, Soccer, Lacrosse, Golf, Softball, Marching Band, Flag Corps, Volleyball, Wrestling



Greenbrier High Choral Concert

Competitions and Awards

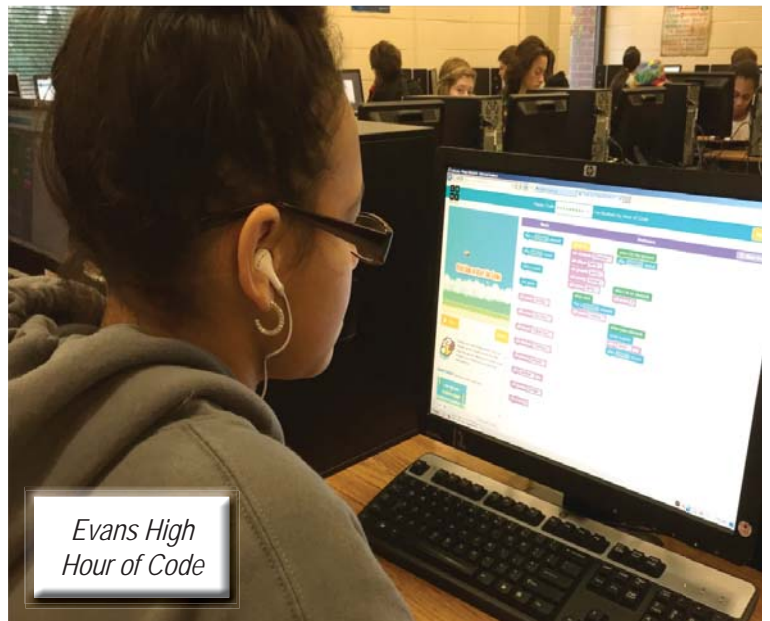
- District and State Honor Chorus
- District and State Honor Band
- Model United Nations
- SkillsUSA
- National Merit Scholars
- Georgia Scholars
- Presidential Scholars
- High Schools of Excellence
- Advanced Placement Honors

Community Service Projects

- Golden Harvest Food Bank
- Soup Kitchen
- Adopt-a-Highway
- Red Cross Blood Drive
- Heart Association Walks
- Cancer Awareness Walks
- 5K Runs



Harlem High Blood Drive



Evans High Hour of Code

Opportunities for Parental Involvement

- Parent Teacher School Organization (PTSO)
- School Council
- Parent Volunteers
- Capstone Project Judges
- Booster Clubs (Athletics, Band, Chorus, Drama)
- STEM Initiatives

Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE)

This billboard highlights the Cybersecurity pathway offered at Greenbrier, Evans and Lakeside High Schools.



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Award Winning
Culinary Arts Team

Grovetown
High School

