



Carver Cluster

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

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Today's Agenda and Logistics

Designed to share and engage around the **now**, **next**, and **need** of your cluster.

- Welcoming
- APS: Now, Next Need
- Cluster: Now, Next Need

Throughout the presentation, a handout is available to connect our activities with our draft cluster plan.



Welcome and thank you!

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Where do innovation & technology
intersect with teaching & learning?

Atlanta Public Schools

NOW...





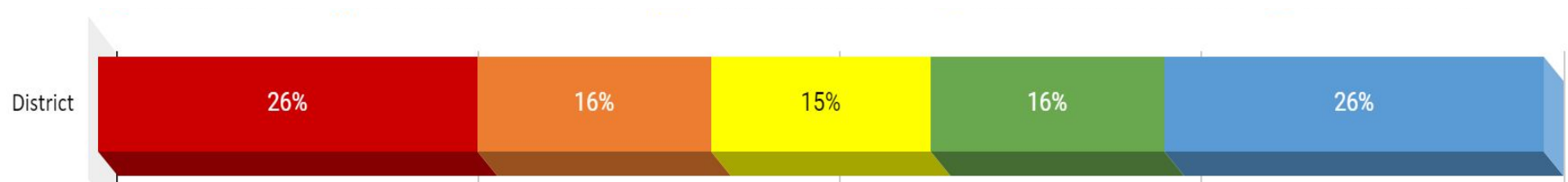
APS Academic Data

83.1%

Cohort 2021 | 4-year Graduation Rate

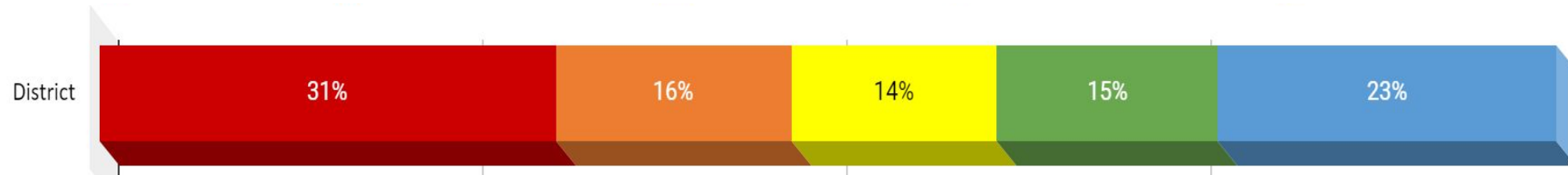
Growth Percentile | Math

Fall to Winter



Growth Percentile | Reading

Fall to Winter





What is the APS5?

Carver Cluster... Shines Bright!

- All traditional K-12 schools are No Place For Hate Schools
- Several APyeS Finalists
- Traditional K-8 schools had 61% of students meet or exceed MAP Growth Targets from Fall to Spring. The highest percentage of all APS clusters!






**Your involvement is the key
to our success...**

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Activity 1

Families & Communities

— I feel most engaged when ...
I feel least engaged when ...



About the Carver Cluster

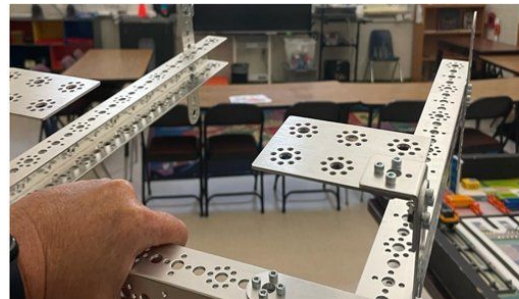
The Carver Cluster has a rich history of higher education, performing arts and community development. Residents and the schools within the community are contributing to the continuous growth of this cluster. With a strong alumni presence, committed staff and increasingly strong community involvement, our schools are striving to promote a strong academic program that promotes social emotional learning to develop well rounded students ready to compete in the 21st century.

- Aspiration
- Cluster feeder schools
- Cluster data
- School highlights
- What's next?

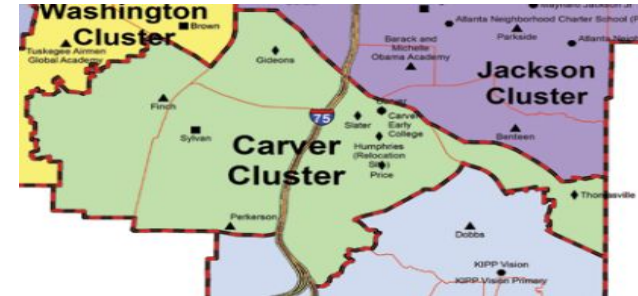
Aspiration and Existence

Mission: Through a culture of collaboration, respect and trust, the mission of the Carver Cluster is to enhance and strengthen its overall academic programs while maintaining a safe and nurturing environment that prepares student for college, career and life..

Vision: The Carver Cluster will produce high-performing, college and career ready students that are globally aware and ready to have a positive impact on society.



Schools in the Carver Cluster



Finch ES

Gideons ES

Perkerson ES

Slater ES

Thomasville ES

Sylvan Hills MS

Price MS

Carver Early
College

Carver STEAM

Enrollment Data

3,565

Cluster Total Enrollment

Category Percentages:

- Black/African American | 96.1%
- Hispanic | 2.5%
- Two or more races | 0.8%
- White | 0.4%
- SWD | 11.0%
- Gifted | 2.7%
- EL | 1.0%

School Totals:

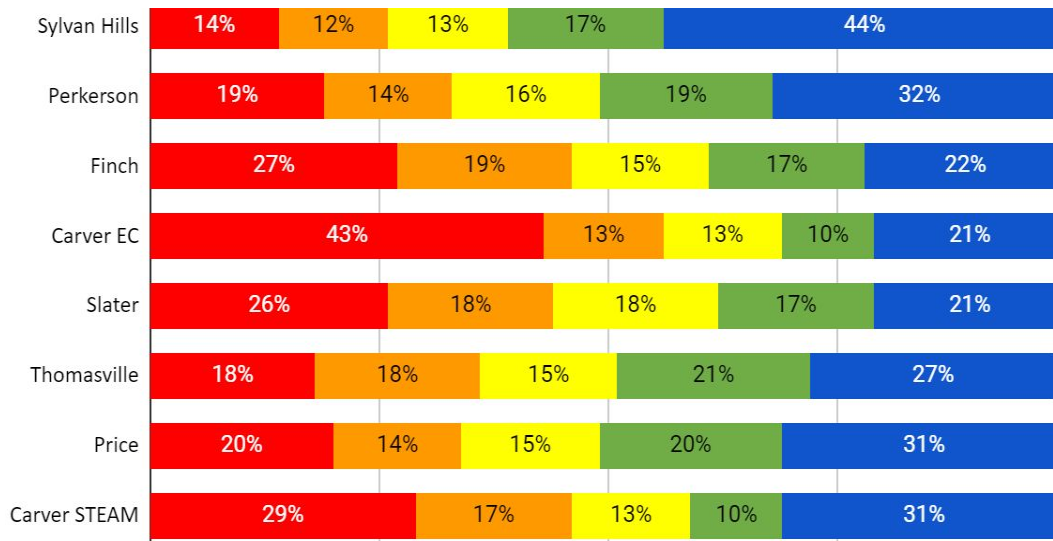
- Finch ES | 349
- Gideons | 313
- Perkerson | 365
- Slater | 496
- Thomasville Heights | 271
- Sylvan Hills | 492
- Price | 352
- Carver Early | 513
- Carver STEAM | 414



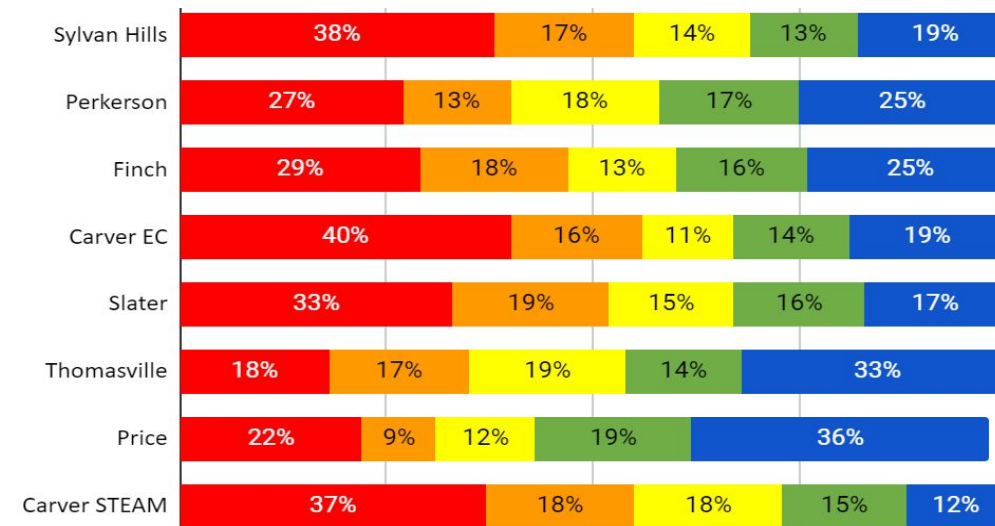
Academic Data

90.4% + 76.3%
Carver Early Carver STEAM
 Cohort 2021 | 4-year Graduation Rate

MAP Growth Percentile | Math Fall to Winter



MAP Growth Percentile | Reading Fall to Winter



■ Low Percentile <21
 ■ Low-Average Percentile 21-40
 ■ Average Percentile 41-60
 ■ High-Average Percentile 61-80
 ■ High Percentile >80

Culture Data

86.4%

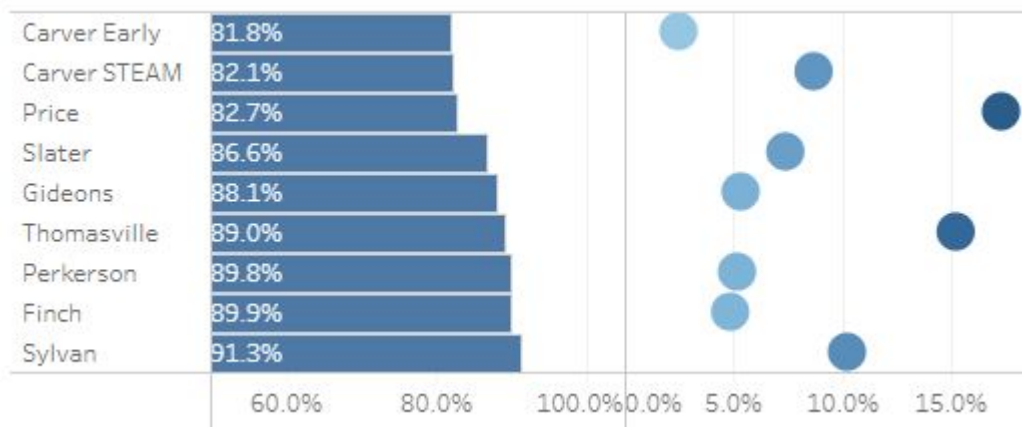
Average Daily Attendance

87.4%

with Zero Behavior Incidents

Comparison | Across Schools & Difference from Last Year

District ADA Attendance Comparison SY2021-2022



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Cluster Schools The Highlights

William M. Finch Elementary School

HIGHLIGHTS

- William Finch Elementary School is home to Atlanta Public Schools' **Elementary TOTY**, Ms. Rekina LeCount, **Putting Students First Award Recipient**, Mrs. Dorothy (Antoinette) Thompson, **Change Agent Award Recipient**, Mrs. Brothers-Bembry, and Assistant Principal and Principal of the Year!
- **No Place for Hate** School (2021-2022)
- Scholars participated and/or placed in the following fairs and competitions:
 - ❖ 1st, 2nd and 3rd place **Digital Tech** Fair Winners
 - ❖ 4th and 5th grade **District Science Fair** Winners
 - ❖ **Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl**
 - ❖ District **Spelling Bee**
- Established partnerships include **Kroger**, **Communities in Schools**, **Cathedral of Faith**, & **The Dorcas House** who continually support the academic and social wellbeing of scholars.
- Recipient of **\$5000 Shape Grant**, which focuses on Student and Staff wellness.



Kindezi at Gideons Elementary

One Family! One Mission!

Our mission is to provide every child—regardless of background, need, or identity—a holistic genius-awakening education, built on family-sized classrooms, conscious diversity, and scholarly excellence.

2021-2022 School Highlights

- Gideons currently has 30+ community partnerships to support the school vision; Hosted Annual Partners Appreciation Luncheon in March.
- Our Pre-K geniuses became published authors. *"How we go and How we come!"*
- Out-Teach partnership is scheduled to complete our first outdoor classroom in May 2022.
- Gideons has seen highest enrollment since establishing the partnership with Kindezi during the 2017 school year.
- SY21-22 focused on staff and genius well being with conquering coping skills and trauma informed trainings.
- This year with the help of partnerships, Kindezi was able to provide approximately 250 free laptop devices for families. These devices were earned through attending SEL and FE workshops.

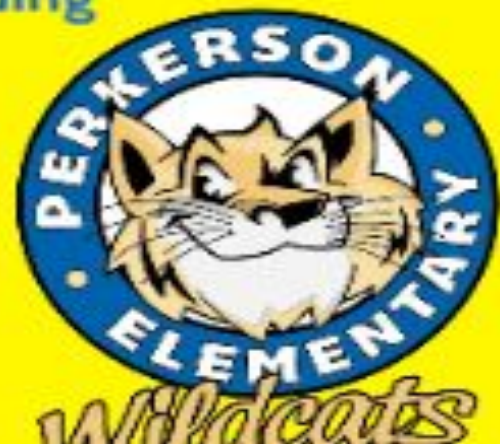


Perkerson Elementary School

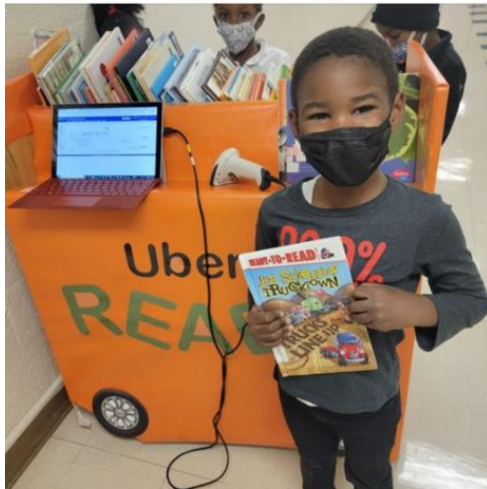
We Believe, We Can, We Will



- Withenite Law Firm Partnership for over \$5,000
- No Place For Hate School 2021- 2022
- Perkerson Scholars invited to perform for the APS Board of Education
- Multiple grade levels met projected growth according to the M.A.P. Assessment
- Increased proficiency by 2% in Reading and 3% in Math
- Increased Parental Involvement



Slater Elementary School

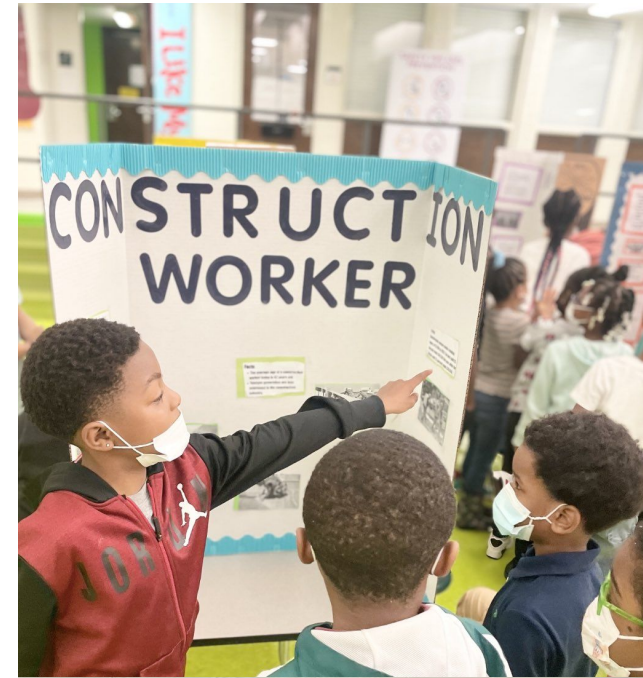


- **Project-Based Learning** methods promote deep learning and bolster our scholars' **21st Century skillsets**.
- **Environmental Science and Robotics** class offerings are innovative, student-focused and real-world relevant.
- First **all-girls robotics team** has been hard at work building a chassis for their ROBOT!
- **Trauma-Informed Care** training for ALL staff so we are intentionally responsive to **students' SEL needs**.
- Deep focus on the **development and well-being of staff** to address burnout caused by pandemic.
- Launched an **Urban Garden Club** and the “**What’s Cookin’ Cafe**”.
- Partnered with **KidsDoc on Wheels** to provide free pediatric services and host series of vaccine and testing events for entire Slater and neighborhood communities.
- Partnered with **Boys & Girls Club** to provide free after-school care and enrichment.

Thomasville Heights Elementary



- **THES Urban Farm** continues to produce hundreds of lbs of produce and farm shares that help feed scholars' families and community.
- 176 students received **3000+ hours of hands-in agriculture based instruction** this school year alone.
- Through **partnership with CARE**, facilitated distribution of \$500 cash cards to help ease the financial burden of relocation for Forest Cove families.
- For College & Career week, **5th graders researched college and careers** of their choice and presented findings to lower grade peers.
- **SensationalSIX Robotics Team** competed in the Super Regionals earlier this year.
- **\$15K Grant** from the UPS Foundation to support literacy initiatives



Sylvan Hills MS



Data

- 73% of Students met or exceeded MAP RIT Growth Goal in Mathematics
- 52% of Students met or exceeded MAP RIT Growth Goal in Reading



Curriculum + Instruction

- ST Math Grant recipient
- APS Teacher of the Year
- Amazon Future Engineer Project STEM Grant



Signature Programming

- Currently offering 2 HS credit courses, Algebra I and Spanish I
- District-wide recognition for CCMW Selfie Museum and College Experience

Personalized Learning

- Cohort 8 - Verizon Innovative Learning Schools
- Bi-Monthly Student Data Digs & Student Data Tracker



Whole Child + Intervention

- \$10,000 REACH Scholarship Awarded to 8th grade student
- \$10,000 grant from Chick-fil-A
- 8th Grader placed 1st in APSTIC and 2nd in GASTC in Digital Photography
- No Place for Hate School 2021-22



Price Middle School



- **Great strides in Literacy** thanks to Reading Plus, Lexia, and our Schenck School partnership; **63% of students met their MAP Growth goal in Reading.**
- Introduced new **Urban Farming Program** where students cultivate, grow, harvest, and use crops to feed themselves and their community.
- **100Cameras x Framebridge partnership** allowed for students to learn about digital storytelling, cameras, and revealing emotions through photography.
- **Passport to Change** program provided students with the opportunity to explore careers in the aeronautics industry.
- **Price Chess Team** continues to excel, again qualifying in the State championship and will compete in the National Competition in TX later this month.
- Partnership with the **Trust for Public Land's Schoolyard Development Project**, students were able to provide designs and ideas for the schoolyard through PBL.



Carver Early College

- **103** scholars participating in the Early College Model for the Fall of 2022 (45% increase in participation from 2021) This includes enrollment at the 4 partner schools (Georgia State University, Atlanta Technical College, Atlanta Metropolitan College and Georgia Military College)
- Graduation Rate of **90.1%** for the 2021 school year
- Class of 2022 seniors have already been awarded nearly **7.5 million dollars in scholarships** to colleges!
- **Class of 2022 had 12 Gifted Interns who presented Capstone Projects at the district on April 21st**
- Robotics Team received the **Industrial Design Award** at the Peachtree District State Qualifier in Albany on March 31
- Recipient of the ALPLA Grant in the amount of \$5000 for the Robotics Team



Carver STEAM



- Only Atlanta school offering **P-TECH**, a **free multi-year program from IBM** that equips students with an associate degree from Atlanta Technical College and jobs and internships with big local companies, like IBM.
- **Increased graduation rate by 10.6 percentage points** in the three years since APS partnered with Purpose Built Schools Atlanta to run Carver STEAM in 2018. ***This is also the largest improvement in graduation rate of any other high school in the district over this three-year period.***
- Class of 2022 seniors have already been awarded nearly **\$4M in scholarships** to colleges!
- **Carver SGA** recently hosted a breakfast with the Board, where they reintroduced their goals for the year and beyond!



Activity 2

Schools

I feel most proud of ...
I feel least proud of ...

Looking Ahead

3 Areas of Focus | Students, Schools, Families & Communities

It would be an open conversation where the scholar can express themselves and what they feel they need in order to be successful.

What's Next for the Carver Cluster?

Students

- Provide a rigorous and culturally relevant curriculum for all students
- Focus on student mental, physical and social well-being
- Focus on individual student needs
- Provide authentic learning through real world experiences



Co creation and collaboration between teachers, students, and parents

What's Next for the Carver Cluster?

Schools

- Address the social emotional wellbeing of students and staff
- Create clear alignment of K-12 with a signature program
- Provide instruction tailored and relevant to each student's needs
- Recruit and retain highly qualified and experienced teachers
- Increase higher-level course offerings



It is important we give everyone a voice

What's Next for the Carver Cluster?

Families & Communities

- Families and community members know what is expected
- Establish a Carver Cluster identity
- Families and community members feel welcomed at school and in decision making
- Increase collaboration between Traditional and Partner school communities





Signature Program

What's Next for the Carver Cluster?

- May 2022 – Carver CAT will recommend a signature program
- May 2022 – Begin Action Planning: determine needs, alignment, timeline and budget, program elements
- May-August 2022 – Training for Leadership Teams
- August-December 2022 – Determine additional needs and resources, confirm program elements & curricula and provide staff training in preparation for Spring semester implementation.

Activity 3

Students

To support my/our
student(s), I commit to ...



THANK YOU

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What's Next?



STUDENTS

- Provide a rigorous and culturally relevant curriculum for all students
- Focus on student mental, physical and social well-being
- Focus on individual student needs
- Provide authentic learning through real world experiences

Ensure that students are always involved in the conversation in an effort to capture their voice and perspective



SCHOOLS

- Address the social emotional wellbeing of students and staff
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Impactful support should not assume anything about family dynamics; it should be centered around the students' needs



FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

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Consistent communication to staff, families, and other stakeholders including celebrating schools

Carver Cluster

What's Needed?
Provide Your Input

STUDENTS

SCHOOLS

FAMILIES