



Douglass Cluster

Wednesday, April 27, 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...





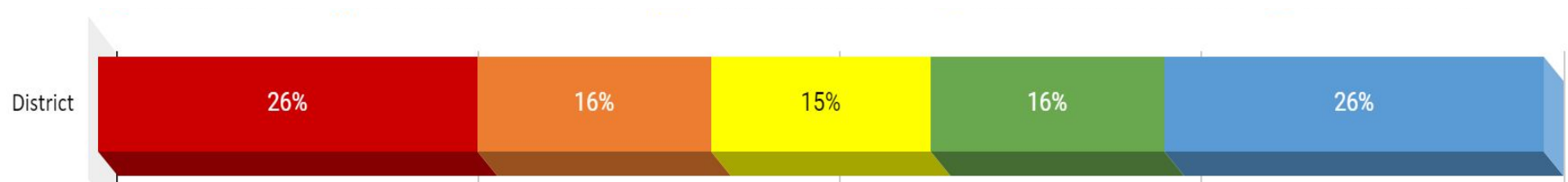
APS Academic Data

83.1%

Cohort 2021 | 4-year Graduation Rate

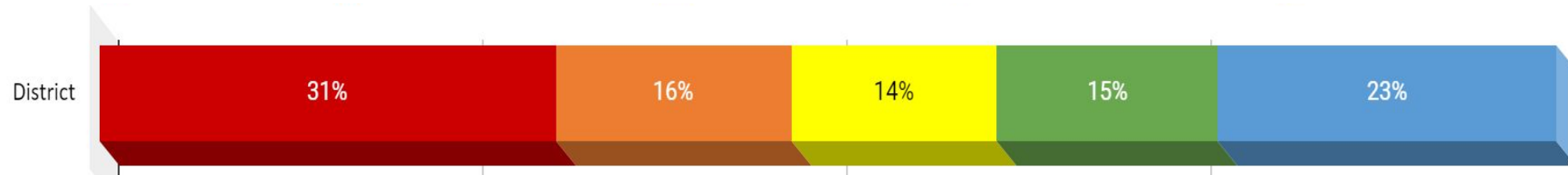
Growth Percentile | Math

Fall to Winter



Growth Percentile | Reading

Fall to Winter





What is the APS5?

Douglass Cluster... Shines Bright!

- Douglass High School 9th Grade STEAM Academy, coming Fall 2022!
- Building a seamless K-12 experience for all students and families
- Principals beginning a journey on transformational work with the University of Virginia PLE leadership program





**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 Douglass Cluster

The Douglass Cluster is committed to fostering the social, emotional and educational success for all students. Sensitive to serving families within inner city schools, the cluster is committed to providing a safe haven that is conducive to continuous rigorous learning.

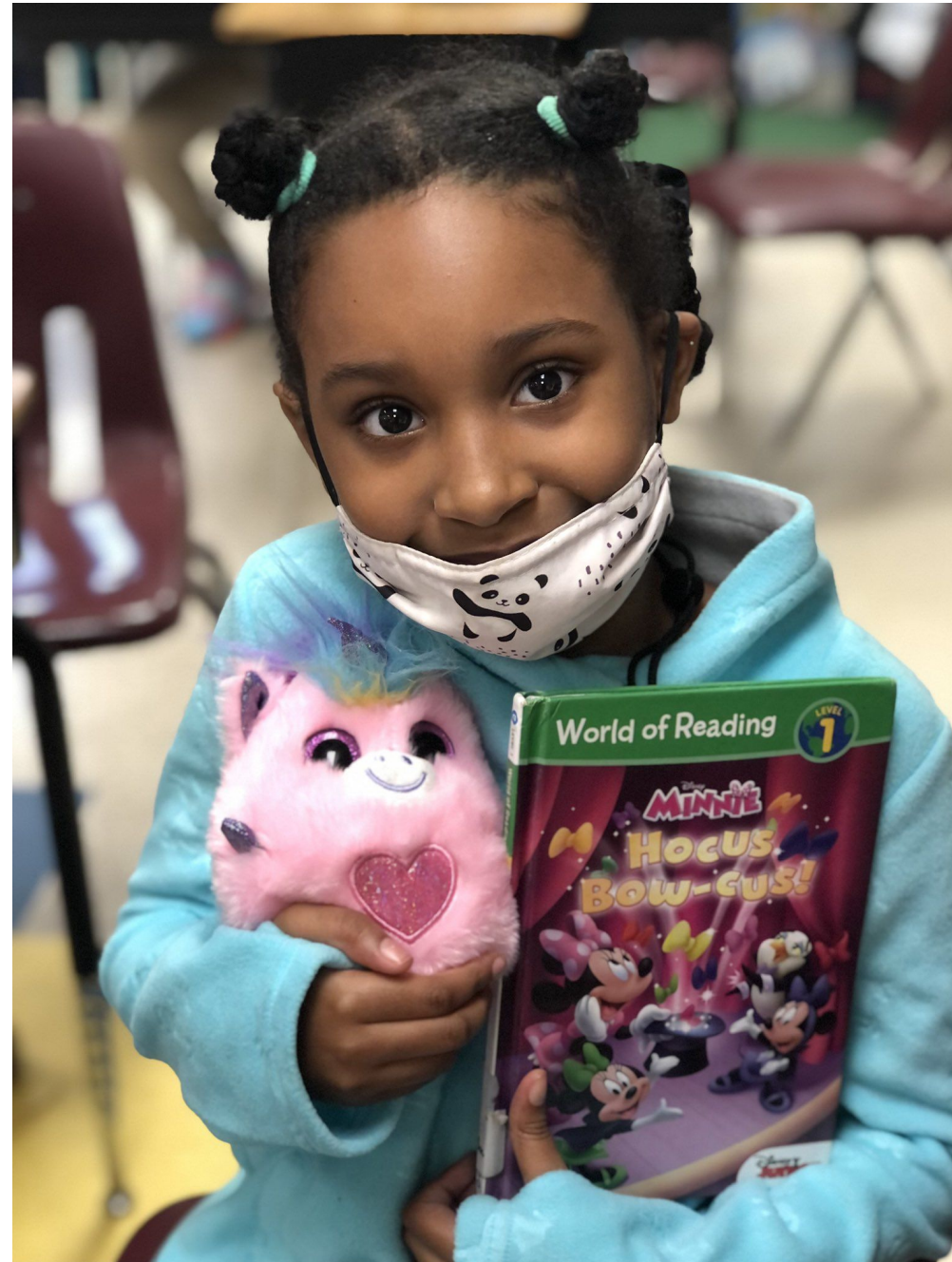
The rich historical environment has produced many successful professionals. As a progressive cluster with a clear focus, the schools have the opportunity to dramatically change the trajectory of our children with commitment and hard work. The cluster will change the world starting with our community of children.

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

Aspiration and Existence

Mission: The Douglass Cluster mission is to inspire scholars to love learning and to provide every student with the academic foundation that assures they are college and career ready.

Vision: The Douglass Cluster vision is to provide rigorous instruction and customized support to prepare all students for academic achievement, graduation, and successful career options.



Signature Program

Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM)

- Problem solving
- Discovery and exploratory project/problem-based learning
- Student-centered
- Passion to learn
- Develops curiosity, skills and knowledge



Schools in the Douglass Cluster

Boyd ES

F.L. Stanton ES

Harper-Archer ES

Scott ES

Usher-Collier ES

F.A. Toomer ES

Woodson Park Academy (KIPP)



John Lewis
Invictus
Academy

Douglass HS

Enrollment Data

5,119

Cluster Total Enrollment

Category Percentages:

- Black/African American | 92.1%
- Hispanic | 5.1%
- Two or more races | 1.3%
- SWD | 13.3%
- Gifted | 2.2%
- EL | 3.2%

School Totals:

- Boyd | 507
- F.L. Stanton | 200
- Harper-Archer | 678
- Scott | 324
- Usher-Collier | 415
- Westside Charter | 329
- Woodson Park Academy (K-8) | 792
- John Lewis Invictus Academy | 878
- Douglass | 996

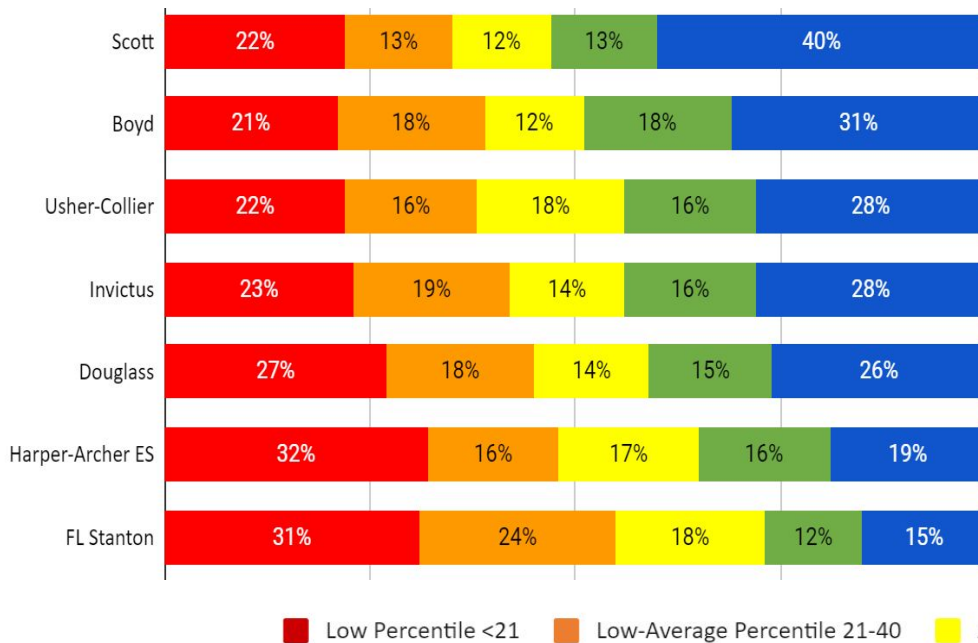


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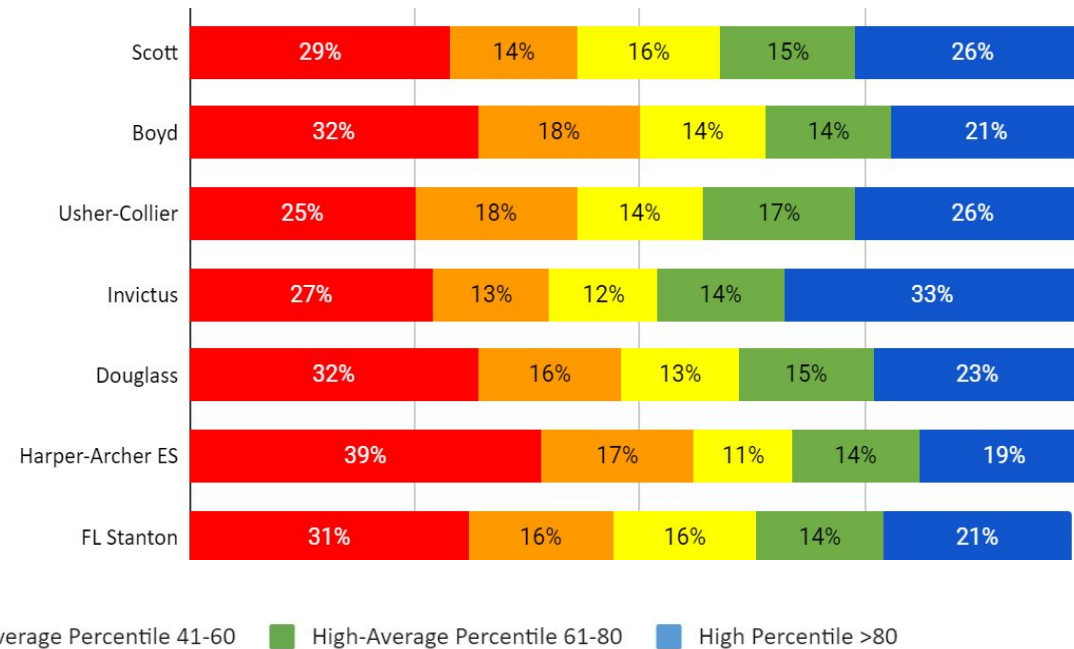
Academic Data

Cohort 2021 | 4-year Graduation Rate

MAP Growth Percentile | Math Fall to Winter



MAP Growth Percentile | Reading Fall to Winter



Culture Data

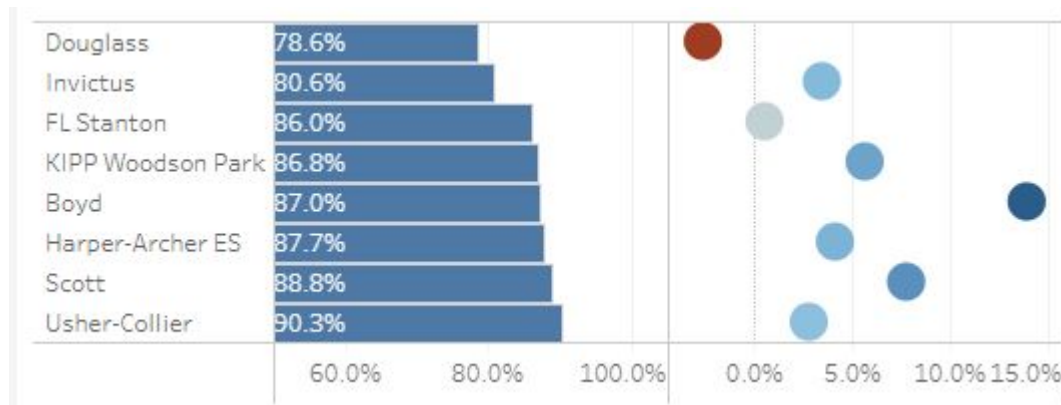
84.3%

Average Daily Attendance

81.3%

with Zero Behavior Incidents

Comparison | Across Schools & Difference from Last Year



Cluster Schools

The Highlights



William M. Boyd Elementary

Co-Teaching with paraprofessionals/SPED teachers occur daily in reading and math instruction

Giselle Walker and Jamecia Davis won GOLD for the District Science Fair

Serenity Harvey honored as one of the Top District Winners for the Beanstack Reading competition

Remodeled a multipurpose room for dance/band instruction for 4th and 5th grade students

Offer Spanish instruction for grades K-5

Received Partnerships with PawKids to provide clothing and food to students

Received Partnerships with Christ Covenant Church to create a clothing closet and food pantry

Dr. Miranda Dozier, First Grade Teacher, Boyd Elementary School

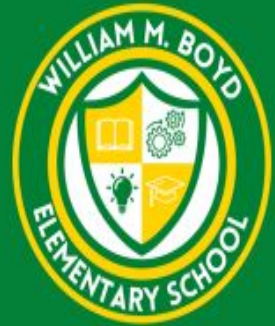
- She has had over 18 projects funded on Donors Choose
- She has raised over \$20,000 for her projects
- recipient of a wrapped book vending machine to expand student's personal libraries

Quinnta Armour won 1st place for Animation for the District Tech Fair

Tevin Cameron won 3rd place for Video Production for the District Tech Fair

Cedric Brown won 3rd place for Productivity Design for the District Tech Fair

Ashanti Scandrett 3rd place for Mobile Apps for the District Tech Fair



ENGAGE. CHALLENGE. INSPIRE. ACHIEVE.



Frank Lebby Stanton Elementary School

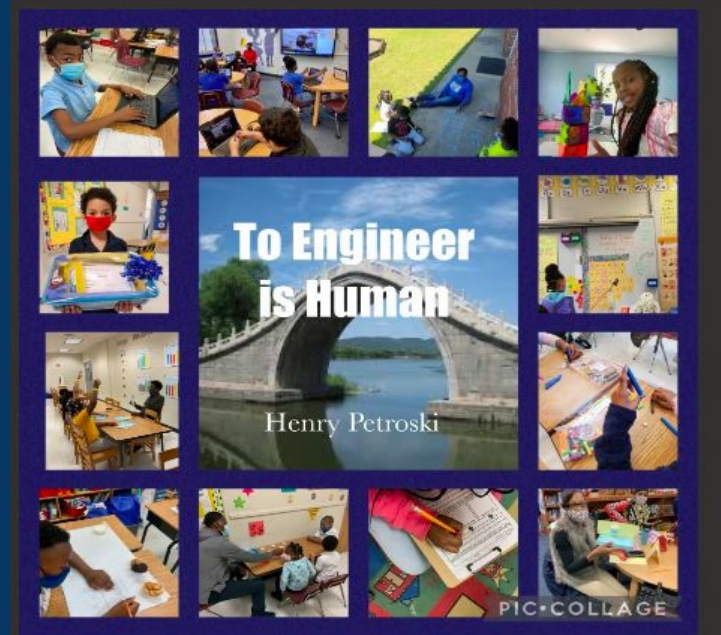
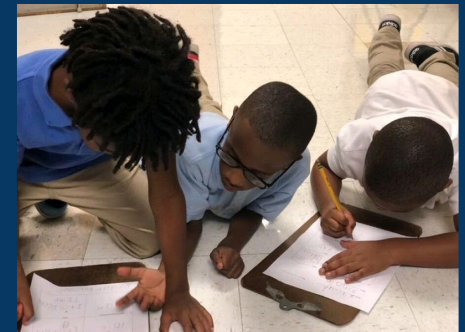
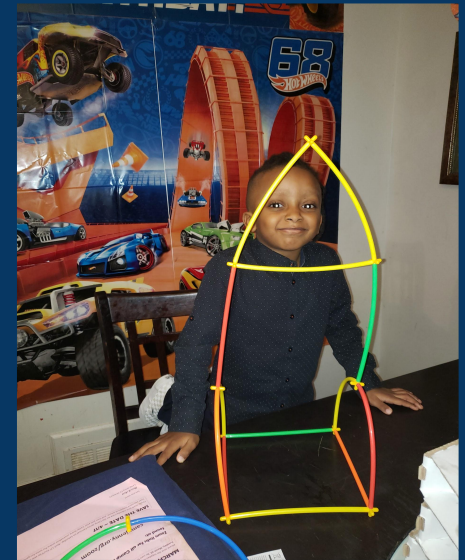
Building Engineers for the Future

About Us

- APS 5 - North Star
- Problem - based Learning
- Cognia STEM Certification (April 2022)
- Collective Leadership
- Voice/Choice Learning Opportunities
- Authentic Family Engagement

New Partnerships

- APD Police Athletic League (APD)
- Everybody Wins! Atlanta
- GA Tech Computing
- LOVE ATLANTA
- PRUMC



Harper-Archer Elementary School

Dr. Dione Simon, Principal

Our 4th graders were featured in the New York Times for Kids "Speak Your Minds" section.

One of our educators, George Parker, was recognized as a Clorox Year of the Teacher Honoree.

The HAES Family Engagement Leadership Team (FELT) received the APSyeS **Excellence in Family Engagement School Based Award!**

We are a Donors Choose site boasting 2 in-house ambassadors, 37 teachers with over 100 projects funded totaling \$41,675

The only elementary school with the After-school All-stars Atlanta program sponsored through Georgia State University College of Education.

The HAES Karate Kids won 1st place in the Empower MMA Spring Lotus Flower Tournament.

The Chess Blazers won 1st and 2nd place in the Metro Atlanta Chess Partners Tournament.

PNC Bank awarded our PreK classes with hands-on STEM lessons and gifts.

APS Office of Early Learning and United Way awarded HAES with a school transition mini-grant to sponsor Kindercamp from rising Kindergarteners.

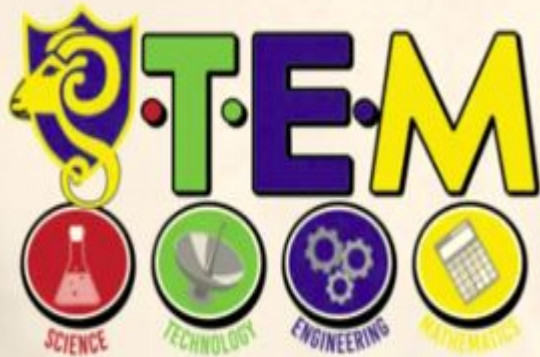
HAES partner, Deloitte, is facilitating financial literacy sessions with 3rd & 4th graders, sponsoring and serving as advisors for mini-Lego league with 3rd graders, and hosting Digital Days of Summer with 2nd and 3rd graders.



Scott Elementary School Home of the Mighty Rams

Preparing Students for College and Careers

Where Excellence is Expected of Everyone, Everyday

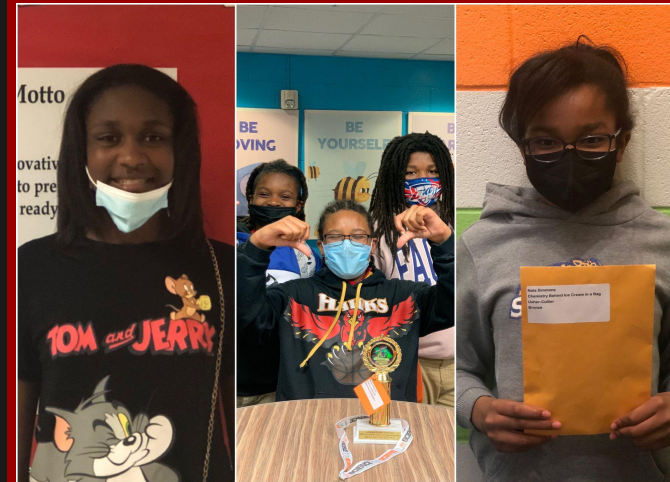


- Top Performing School in Growth in Reading and Math on NWEA Map
- Pilot School for Personalized Learning
- Internationally Certified in STEM education
- Featured on multiple national media outlets : NPR, AJC, Channels 11, 2, and CW 69
- Established Community Garden
- Upcoming Site for Atlanta school yards Park

Usher-Collier



- Mrs. June Nero-Jackson named APS Rookie Media Specialist of the Year
- Dr. Bonita Simmons named an Atlanta Hawks & Clorox Year of the Teacher Honoree
- Usher-Collier is the first school in the Douglass Cluster to become Cognia STEM certified.
- 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade teachers are Personalized Learning Fellows
- Usher-Collier Scholar, Dylan Jackson won the Silver Medal in the District One Fair. Nala Simmons & Saadia Barrie won Bronze.
- Usher-Collier hosts Hands on Atlanta Saturday Discovery School
- Usher-Collier has incorporated a Coding Lab, exploring Ozobots, Botley Bots, Spheros & Little Bits.
- We are participants in the Amazon Boot Up, a three-year coding program where a cohort of teachers are trained to teach students in grades 3, 4, & 5 to code using a program called Scratch
- Usher-Collier Cub Scouts of Pack 63 had the *greatest* attendance of scouts and parents during the overnight camping trip
- Usher-Collier readers continue to exceed the “reading minutes” goal set in Beanstack



Woodson Park Academy (K-8)

PARTNERSHIPS & COMMUNITY

- PAWKids
- Buckhead Church: letter writing, sanitization, mentors back!
- Grove Park Foundation
- Dr. Danielle Thompson (The Formative Reading Teacher Group)
- HillRAP (RAP: Reading Intervention Program)



SCHOLARS & JOY

- 1st year in new building!
- KIPP Metro West Athletics
- March Mathness
- Black History Wax Museum
- Kindergarten W.O.W. Ceremony
- KWPA's Got Talent
- Career Day
- Spirit Weeks
- MyOn/AR Challenges & Mobile Library



TEACHING & LEARNING

- Year of the Teacher Award Winner: Ms. Grant!
- STEAM: 2nd one & a lab to come in SY22-23!
- 100% of K-4 Teachers & Leaders completing LETRS Units 1-3
- Adoption of Eureka Math Squared & Envision Math
- ADA up by 6% to 86.8%

SCHOLARS & FAMILIES

- 91% of our families and 80% of our scholars say that they love their school
- 82% of our scholars say that school is fun and joyful

"KWPA's rigorous curriculum will more than prepare them for high school & college. The kids feel safe, known, and valued."

Westside Atlanta Charter (K-8)



WESTSIDE
ATLANTA CHARTER SCHOOL

Mission

Westside fosters a diverse, tight-knit community of lifelong learners, giving each child an excellent academic experience that builds curiosity, critical thinking, and character.

About Us

- Project Based Learning (PBL) integrated lessons
- Social Emotional Learning is embedded strategies
- CREATE partnership school, first school outside of the Jackson Cluster
- Monthly Critical Conversations with students, staff, and families
- Encore, after school program, offers tutorial and enrichment opportunities to over ½ of the Westside school community
- Westside University, summer learning, offers “course-like” programming to all students, free of charge



Celebrations in 2021-2022

- 2nd Overall Georgia State Science Fair Winner
- Inducted 37 members into Junior Beta Club
- Developed a Farm to School Nutrition Program, inclusive of school gardens
- Integration of certified therapy on campus
- Girl's Basketball Team won 2021 Championship

John Lewis Invictus Academy

Mr. Ramon Garner, Principal
P.R.I.D.E. Updates



Student Incentive Block Parties

Students met their **discipline** goals,
& earned block parties as a reward.

Highest Reading & Math Fall–Winter MAP Growth Scores

JLIA Reading % Growth Target Met/Exceeded: 57%
(#1 Highest Traditional Middle School in the district!!)

Growth Target Category Percentage (Reading)

Click on a school below to see grade-level performance

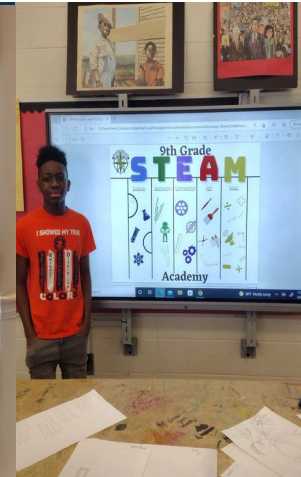
School	Growth Timeframe	Exams	50%	5%	40%
DISTRICT	Fall to Winter	6,692			
★ School	Growth Timeframe	Exams			
Invictus	Fall to Winter	589	43%	6%	51%
Howard	Fall to Winter	1,059	44%	6%	49%
BEST MS/HS	Fall to Winter	60	45%	10%	45%
H Russell	Fall to Winter	253	49%	4%	46%
Hollis	Fall to Winter	150	49%		49%
CSK	Fall to Winter	120	49%	8%	52%
Bunche	Fall to Winter	629	49%		47%
Young	Fall to Winter	610	50%	4%	46%
Sutton	Fall to Winter	1,405	50%	7%	43%
AVA - Direct	Fall to Winter	86	51%	8%	44%
King	Fall to Winter	667	55%	8%	40%
Long	Fall to Winter	568	56%	4%	40%
Sylvan	Fall to Winter	412	60%	8%	30%
Hank Aaron	Fall to Winter	25	60%	8%	32%
AVA	Fall to Winter	15	73%		27%

JLIA Math % Growth Target Met/Exceeded: 54%
(#4 highest Traditional Middle School in the district!!)

Growth Target Category Percentage (Math)

Click on a school below to see grade-level performance

School	Growth Timeframe	Exams	40%	7%	47%
DISTRICT	Fall to Winter	6,755			
★ School	Growth Timeframe	Exams			
Sylvan	Fall to Winter	418	29%	4%	64%
AVA	Fall to Winter	15	33%	13%	53%
Young	Fall to Winter	592	36%	7%	57%
Howard	Fall to Winter	1,073	42%	7%	50%
Hank Aaron	Fall to Winter	27	44%	7%	49%
Invictus	Fall to Winter	553	46%	8%	46%
Bunche	Fall to Winter	691	47%	5%	48%
CSK	Fall to Winter	119	47%	5%	48%
H Russell	Fall to Winter	259	47%	7%	46%
BEST MS/HS	Fall to Winter	61	49%	8%	44%
Hollis	Fall to Winter	154	49%	11%	40%
Sutton	Fall to Winter	1,402	50%	7%	43%
AVA - Direct	Fall to Winter	98	52%	4%	41%
King	Fall to Winter	679	54%	7%	39%
Long	Fall to Winter	569	59%	4%	36%



L G P E

Overall Rating:
Superior

G M E A

Honor Choir

Cluster

STEAM Logo
Winner

A P S

College & Career
Poster Contest



Douglass HS

MISSION:

Together we will develop a culture of excellence that fosters the development of each student's potential to create pathways of success in a competitive 21st century society.

VISION:

A high-performing environment that serves as a beacon to guide and help scholars engineer their future as innovative, civically engaged citizens.



HIGHLIGHTS

- 15 scholars graduating early in 2022
- 1st place recipients of the inaugural Atlanta Urban League Mock City Council Meeting
- 36 scholars inducted into the National Honors Society
- JROTC Cadets received Honor Unit of Distinction for JPA
- Student recipient of the 2022 Positive Athlete Regional winner for LEAD Center of Youth
- Student selected as a District Level Winner in the Georgia Young Authors Writing contest
- Partnership with Capital Records Bonus Tracks
- Launch of the FDHS 9th Grade STEAM Academy in 2022-2023

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 Douglass Cluster?

Students

- We educate the whole child, providing experiences and support beyond the norm
- We customize and tailor academic support for each of our scholars
- We remove barriers to education



Co creation and collaboration between teachers, students, and parents

What's Next for the Douglass Cluster?

Schools

- We provide love, care, and hope to our scholars
- We offer quality STEM programming
- We emphasize an arts rich environment
- We focus on high expectations and strong instruction

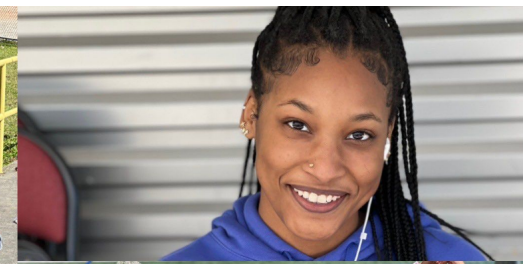


It is important we give everyone a voice

What's Next for the Douglass Cluster?

Families & Communities

- We partner with and support our families
- We strive to create welcoming community schools by providing services and hope to our community
- We build on the legacy we have created
- We will value early learning



Activity 3

Students

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



THANK YOU

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Douglass Cluster

What's Needed?

STUDENTS

We educate the whole child, providing experiences and support beyond the norm

- Increase opportunities and exposure to experiences beyond the classroom

We customize and tailor academic support for each of our scholars

- Implement Tier 1 instruction as the focal point of every classroom
- Strengthen reading, literacy, and math through targeted instruction

We remove barriers to education

- Provide wraparound services and trauma-informed care
- School-based care teams, care closets, wraparound service providers, zen rooms

SCHOOLS

We provide love, care, and hope to our scholars

- Continue to strengthen relationships between staff and students (mentoring, staff culture, support)

We offer quality STEM programming

- Ensure every school is certified in STEM

We emphasize an arts rich environment

- Expand experiences, classes, partnerships

We focus on high expectations and strong instruction

- Provide professional development aligned to content (cluster PL and school offerings)

FAMILIES

We partner with and support our families

- Recognize and fulfill the needs of our families
- Collaborate as partners in a students' education

We strive to create welcoming community schools by providing services and hope to our community

- Ensure parent feel comfortable coming to and engaging with the school

We build on the legacy we have created

- Partner with the strong alumni and community of the Douglass Cluster.

We will value early learning

- Promote pre-K at every school