

Atlanta Public Schools is organized into nine high school clusters that consist of a high school fed by middle and elementary schools. The cluster model ensures continuity for students from kindergarten through grade 12.

Each cluster is led by a cluster planning team to improve the quality of its neighborhood schools. These teams include teachers, administrators, support staff, students, parents and community members. The cluster model allows APS to provide more support, opportunity and equity, and creates strategies that increase student performance.

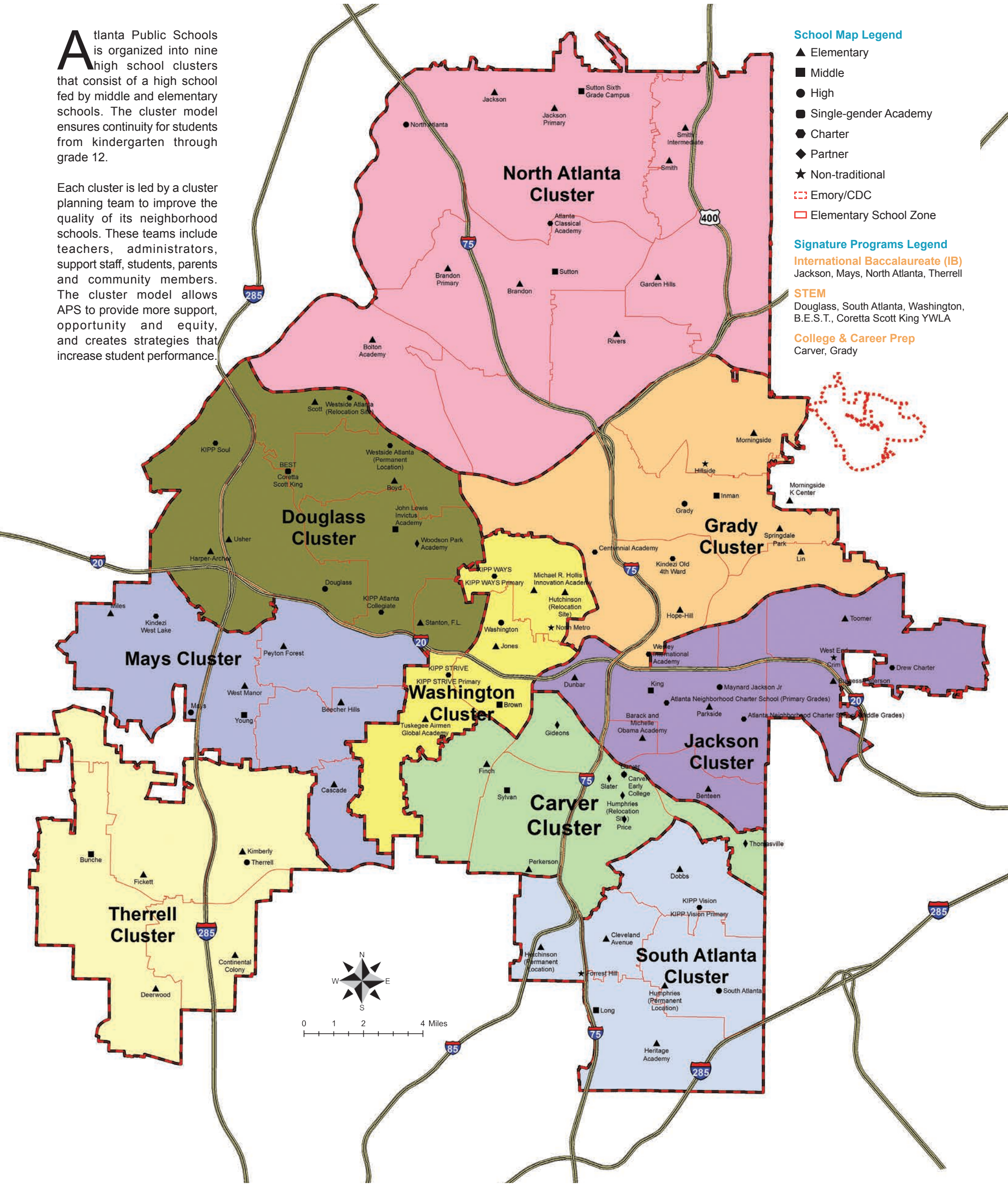
- School Map Legend**

 - ▲ Elementary
 - Middle
 - High
 - Single-gender Academy
 - Charter
 - ◆ Partner
 - ★ Non-traditional
 - Emory/CDC
 - Elementary School Zone
- Signature Programs Legend**

International Baccalaureate (IB)
Jackson, Mays, North Atlanta, Therrell

STEM
Douglass, South Atlanta, Washington, B.E.S.T., Coretta Scott King YWLA

College & Career Prep
Carver, Grady



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Charter System Operating Model and APS Cluster Planning

As of July 1, 2016, APS officially became a Charter System. This new contract, or “charter,” with the state allows more decisions to be made at the school level by principals, educators, parents and community members, all of whom are closer to students and their school needs. This freedom and flexibility from many state education laws and regulations comes with increased accountability for student achievement.

Aligned with its Charter System operating model, APS engaged the community in a planning process that led to the creation of Cluster Plans that highlight instructional programming across schools within a cluster, Pre-K through high school, and define the future direction for each cluster. This allows our schools and clusters the flexibility and autonomy to use what they know works best for their students while adhering to district and state guidelines.

One focus of the Cluster Plans is the identification and implementation of a signature program. This signature program focuses on the vertical and horizontal alignment of academic programs for schools and neighborhoods. These programs will provide rigor, structure, focus and

accountability across the cluster. The programs chosen include:

International Baccalaureate (IB)

- IB programs aim to develop inquisitive, knowledgeable and compassionate young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.
- **Participating clusters:** Jackson, Mays, North Atlanta and Therrell.

STEM

- This integrated curriculum coordinates the teaching of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics through problem solving, discovery and exploratory project/problem-based learning.
- **Participating clusters and schools:** Douglass, South Atlanta, Washington, B.E.S.T. Academy and Coretta Scott King Young Women’s Leadership Academy.

College & Career Prep

- This College and Career Preparatory curriculum is based on the essential skills, knowledge and dispositions that children need to succeed as citizens and workers in today’s world.
- **Participating clusters:** Carver and Grady.

The district’s new operating model led to the creation of GO Teams – school-based governance bodies comprised of parents, educators and community members – to assist with decision-making at the school and cluster levels.

APS Neighborhood Schools Cluster Feeder Patterns

High	Middle	Elementary
Carver, Carver Early College	Price Sylvan Hills	Gideons Finch Perkerson Slater Thomasville Heights
Douglass	John Lewis Invictus Academy	Boyd Harper-Archer Scott F.L. Stanton Usher-Collier Heights KIPP Woodson Park Academy
Grady	Inman	Hope-Hill Mary Lin Morningside/Morningside K-Center Springdale Park
Jackson	King	Benteen Burgess-Peterson Academy Dunbar Barack & Michelle Obama Academy Parkside F.A. Toomer
Mays	Young	Beecher Hills Cascade Miles Peyton Forest West Manor
N. Atlanta	Sutton	Bolton Academy Brandon/Brandon Primary Garden Hills Jackson/Jackson Primary E. Rivers Smith/Smith Primary
S. Atlanta	Long	Cleveland Avenue Dobbs Heritage Academy Humphries Hutchinson
Therrell	Bunche	Continental Colony Deerwood Academy Fickett Kimberly
Washington	Brown Hollis Innovation Academy	Hollis Innovation Academy M. Agnes Jones Tuskegee Airmen Global Academy