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## **2017/18 Back-to-School Guide & Calendar**

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# 2017 AND 2018 FAST FACTS



**92**  
Schools &  
Programs

45 Elementary Schools  
11 Middle Schools  
12 High Schools  
17 Charters  
2 Single-Gender Academies  
5 Alternative/Evening/Adult Programs

→ 74 Title I Schools ←



**305 BUS ROUTES**  
transport 28,000 students over

**14,710**  
MILES PER DAY

**\$777.4**  
MILLION  
FY18 Operating Budget

**2,403**  
CLASS OF 2017 GRADUATES

**\$141,000,000**  
Academic and Athletic Scholarships Offered to Class of 2017

## DIVERSITY

74.4% of APS students  
are African American

Hispanic students account for  
7% of the APS student population

Asian/American Indian/  
Alaskan/Other rounds out our  
student population at 1.2%

2% of our students  
are multicultural

15.2% are Caucasian

**4,023** TOTAL  
TEACHERS  
Charter/Partner: 979  
Traditional: 3,044

**11,000**  
Chromebooks to support  
instruction/testing

**PROJECTED**  
K-12 STUDENT ENROLLMENT  
**51,927**

Charter: 8,455  
Traditional: 43,472

**76.4%**  
of students are eligible for  
free or reduced-price meals







## Welcome to the 2017/18 School Year!

*Brandon Elementary School*

### Dear Students and Families of Atlanta Public Schools,

As we move into the 2017-2018 school year, Atlanta Public Schools (APS) continues its journey of transformation into a culture with a child-centered mission and vision. More than ever, we need a deeper connection with our students, parents, caregivers ... the entire family!

Just as our teachers, principals and staff focus on preparing every single student for college and career, we need all of our APS families to continuously strive for that mission. It starts with getting students to go to school on the first day and every day of the school year.

As APS families, you play a critical part in the journey, and we have adopted a district-wide strategy to empower you to become even more

engaged in your children's education. This 2017-2018 Back-to-School Guide – which includes essential information, financial and educational data, a comprehensive listing of district school addresses and phone numbers and a 2017-2018 school calendar – is specifically designed to keep you connected with your schools and the district.

Every day is a day of instruction, an opportunity to learn. Research is clear that absences hurt achievement. One report traces students' struggles to master reading in the third grade to missed days in kindergarten. Another shows students' chances of graduating high school are severely limited by days missed in middle school. Simply put, every school day counts.

Behavior also matters on the journey. Many of our students don't come to

school with the skills to set goals, overcome obstacles, develop healthy relationships and self-monitor behavior – abilities necessary for success in school, work and life. By focusing on development of the whole child – with a focus on social emotional learning skills – our kids will not only have the smarts, but the hearts, to be better people than we can ever be.

Most importantly, the education of our children matters as they get the academics they need to remain on course and grade level to graduate with their class and on time.

For the journey, we have made school-based decision-making, flexibility and engagement a priority especially as we work within our new charter system operating model. And as we continue on this journey together, I pledge to continue to do my part to work diligently to foster a transparent, collaborative environment for our families and stakeholders.

I will continue to visit schools to hear from students, teachers, parents and the school communities directly about their experiences and what we all can do to make APS better. I look forward to being your partner in helping to fulfill the hopes and dreams of our children.

Welcome back and have a great school year!

Sincerely,

**Meria J. Carstarphen**  
Superintendent, Atlanta Public Schools

### Our Mission

With a caring culture of trust and collaboration, every student will graduate ready for college and career.

### Our Vision

A high-performing school district where students love to learn, educators inspire, families engage and the community trusts the system.

### Leadership

**Meria J. Carstarphen, Ed.D**  
Superintendent

**David Jernigan**  
Deputy Superintendent

**Lisa Bracken**  
Chief Financial Officer

**Glenn Brock**  
General Counsel

**Bill Caritj**  
Chief Accountability &  
Information Officer

**Pamela Hall**  
Chief Human Resources Officer

**Larry Hoskins**  
Chief Operating Officer

**Angela King Smith**  
Chief Engagement Officer



Price Middle School



F.A Toomer Elementary School

## APS is transforming

- As part of the district's Turnaround Strategy, we engaged with several nonprofit partners to support the work. These include:
  - The Rensselaerville Institute's School Turnaround program, a leadership development initiative designed to assist principals to achieve rapid improvement, works with 14 low-achieving schools. Rensselaerville also supports Community Sparkplug projects in the Miles, Peyton Forest and other communities to create opportunities for students to strengthen their academic skills, develop new areas of interest or create healthy habits.

- Purpose Built Schools, an arm of Purpose Built Communities and a partner organization with Charles R. Drew Charter School, operates Thomasville Heights and will begin operating Slater Elementary and Price Middle School this year and Carver High School the following year.
- The Kindezi Schools, which runs two successful charter schools in Atlanta, will begin operating Gideons Elementary School this year.
- Increasing our focus on early literacy, the district introduced the Wilson Language Phonics program to all Title I schools. Founded on the principles of the Orton-Gillingham approach to literacy, this program gives schools much-needed

support in providing a robust early literacy focus while also providing support for students who are not reading on grade level. As part of the effort, all Title I schools are receiving Orton-Gillingham training.

- In the Douglass Cluster, all elementary schools were supported by the Rollins Center to help with early literacy initiatives in grades K-3. Schools within the cluster use the Really Great Reading phonics program, and facilitators from the Rollins Center provide support to ensure a comprehensive balanced literacy program.

## Biliteracy = Brain Power!

Research shows that biliteracy builds brain power! APS continues to expand opportunities for its students to learn a world language. APS has the distinction of being the only school district in Georgia to offer world language opportunities in ALL schools. In the Dual Language Immersion program, students spend half of their day learning in Spanish. This program is currently in Bolton Academy, E. Rivers, Garden Hills, Morris Brandon, Perkerson, and Sarah Smith elementary schools.

## 2017-18 Bell Schedule

### School Start/End

Times	AM	PM
Elementary	8:00	2:30
High	8:30	3:30
Middle	9:05	4:05

**The following schools have modified instructional day start and end times:**

**Brandon Elementary Main**  
8:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

**Forrest Hill Academy**  
9:30 a.m.–4:16 p.m.

**North Atlanta High**  
8:45 a.m.–3:45 p.m.

**Sarah Smith Elementary Main**  
8:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

**Sutton Sixth Grade Academy**  
9:15 a.m.–4:05 p.m.

**Sutton Middle (7-8)**  
9:15 a.m.–4:05 p.m.

**Whiteford Early Learning Academy**  
7:45 a.m.–2:15 p.m.



## APS is caring

- The Social Emotional Learning (SEL) initiative in Atlanta Public Schools is now implemented across the district from Pre-K through 12th grade. Not only will APS continue to implement the Second Step curriculum this year, but also the high school curriculum, School-Connect, in all APS high schools. APS will also introduce its own SEL standards to all grades. Using the SEL standards, teachers will be able to align core content with social emotional learning during daily instruction.
- The district now operates school-based care centers at Dobbs and Miles elementary schools, and has partnered with Whitefoord, Inc. to establish health centers at F.A. Toomer Elementary and King Middle Schools. These centers are federally qualified community health centers and accept Georgia Better Health Care, Medicaid, PeachCare for Kids and private insurance. Fees are determined on a sliding scale based on income. These centers are staffed by highly trained and qualified physicians, nurses, dentists and staff who provide a wide range of medical and preventative care and diagnostic testing.
- A new Sheltering Arms Project at the former D.H. Stanton – recently renamed Barack and Michelle Obama Academy – opened this summer to provide families with services and early childhood education for children ages six

weeks through Pre-K. Sheltering Arms operates a similar program at Dunbar Elementary.

- APS and the Fulton County Health and Wellness Department have collaborated with Atlanta Regional Commission and Georgia Health Policy Center on the Partnership to Improve Community Health (PICH) grant from the Centers for Disease Control. PICH's role in APS is to focus on "Active Living" delivered to students through the Health and Physical Education Curriculum.
- The district has adopted Family Life and Sexual Health (FLASH), a medically accurate, age-appropriate sexuality education curriculum designed to prevent pregnancy, STDs and sexual violence. Lessons for grades 5-12 cover healthy relationships, abstinence, birth control methods, puberty, pregnancy and reproductive anatomy.

## APS is committed

- APS and Achieve Atlanta – an organization spearheaded by the Joseph B. Whitehead Foundation and the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta – address students' academic, social and financial needs to and through college by augmenting our college advisory program to help with school selection and admissions, and with last-dollar assistance for students with unmet financial needs for college. About 800

APS graduating seniors last year earned scholarships worth up to \$20,000 each.

- The Office of Literacy provides multiple opportunities to enhance student learning and experiences through student extracurricular pursuits. These opportunities include the APS Spelling Bee, Literacy Symposium, and the Literary Festival. The Office of Literacy has implemented, maintained, and monitored more than \$2.7 million in funding to directly enhance early literacy within the district. Through the Striving Readers Grant, Kellogg Grant, Partnership with the Rollins Center, City of Atlanta, and the Mayor's Summer Reading Council, the district strives to supplement early literacy needs.
- The Office of Gifted and Talented Education serves more than 5,000 gifted students in grades K-12 through a variety of enrichment opportunities such as: Middle School Academic Bowl, Georgia Academic Decathlon, Chess in the Community, STEAM Carnival, and the iSTEM Experience with Georgia Southern University. The office also hosts Xanadu, a summer enrichment program for gifted and high-achieving students. This one-month program provides students with exciting academic opportunities in a unique learning environment. The program serves students from kindergarten through 12th grade.



Hollis Innovation Academy

## 2017-18 Meal Prices

### Breakfast

	Full	Reduced
Elementary	\$0.75	\$0.30
Secondary	\$0.75	\$0.30
Non-APS Students/Adults	\$1.50	

### Lunch

	Full	Reduced
Elementary	\$2.25	\$0.40
Secondary	\$2.50	\$0.40
Non-APS Students/Adults	\$4.00	

## Middle School Wellness

APS Middle Schools developed School Wellness Plans (SWP) that support Nutrition Education & Promotion and Physical Activity Education by making improvements in the health programming, policies, and environment to promote student adoption of healthy choices as measured by tracking data and the local SWP.



Garden Hills Elementary School

## APS is connecting

- Since its inception in November 2015, the APS Office of Partnerships and Development has brought in more than \$37 million in grants and established 260 partnerships, including nearly two dozen with Fortune 500 companies. Recent grants include:
  - \$1.6 million from the Walton Family Foundation to evaluate the APS Turnaround Strategy and create data dashboards for the public
  - A three-year, multimillion-dollar literacy initiative with Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl Inc. and the College Football Playoff Foundation
  - A grant from Puma – coinciding with launch of a shoe in honor of APS alumnus Walt “Clyde” Frazier – to support the district’s Whole Child Fund to educate “the whole child” with experiential learning opportunities
- Atlanta Public Schools has adopted a Family Engagement Strategy designed to support families in understanding the strengths and needs of their children, and in fostering students’ lifelong relationship with learning. Additionally, it helps empower families as advocates by valuing their voices in decision-making about their children and their schools.

## APS is inspiring

- A true sign of progress in APS is the fact that 52 of our schools “beat the odds” in 2016 performing better than statistically expected on the state’s College and Career Ready Performance Index, or CCRPI, and the state removed nine APS schools from “priority” or “focus” state-monitoring lists.
- Several schools earned prestigious honors over the past year. Morningside Elementary is a new National Blue Ribbon School as well as a Green Ribbon School. M. Agnes Jones Elementary became the first STEM-certified (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) school in APS, and Drew Charter Elementary Academy is the second STEAM-certified (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) school in the state of Georgia and the first STEAM-certified charter school in Georgia. Garden Hills Elementary earned the state’s Family Friendly Partnership School Award.



Booker T. Washington High School



Young Middle School

## Investing in Our Teachers

In partnership with Georgia State University, Atlanta Public Schools has been awarded a multimillion-dollar federal grant for professional learning and teacher development to support English Learners.

## Investing in Arts Education

With a renewed focus on the arts, the Cultural Experience Project, a more than decade-long partnership between APS and the Mayor’s Office of Cultural Affairs, strives to give every student an opportunity to experience the wealth of Atlanta’s cultural venues at no cost to the student.

## Investing in Experiences

International exchange opportunities broaden the mind and help students create a global perspective. Toulouse, France, is the sister city of Atlanta, and this partnership provides international student exchange opportunities for high school students in Career Technical Agricultural Education (CTAE) fields.



D.M. Therrell High School





Boyd Elementary School



B.E.S.T. Academy



Hollis Innovation Academy

# School Reorganizations, Renovations & Relocations for 2017-2018

APS will continue to use and transform facilities into the most efficient, modern, safe and healthy learning environments that promote student attendance and academic success. The following list indicates new, permanent or temporary locations for schools involved with new operating models and major construction projects.

## School Reorganizations

### ■ B.E.S.T. Academy

- B.E.S.T. Academy students will be relocated to the Coretta Scott King Young Women's Leadership Academy campus, where the schools will continue to operate as single-gender schools.

### ■ Barack & Michelle Obama Academy

- D.H. Stanton Elementary has been re-named Barack and Michelle Obama Academy and will remain an elementary school.

### ■ Harper-Archer Middle School

- Harper-Archer will house only 7th and 8th grade students this year, and a new middle school is launching for the Douglass Cluster.

### ■ Michael R. Hollis Innovation Academy

- Administrative functions housed at the Hollis Innovation Academy building will be relocated: Raising Expectations to the former Bethune campus; The Parent Center to the former B.E.S.T. Academy facility; Truancy to the Brewer Building; Special Education to the Campbell Building and Pre-K Administration to the former Whitefoord Elementary School.

### ■ John Lewis Invictus Academy

- A new middle school for the Douglass Cluster will begin in the former B.E.S.T. Academy facility with only 6th grade students this year.

### ■ Miles Elementary School

- With the relocation of many K-2 students from the former Adamsville Primary, Miles will become a full K-5 elementary program.

### ■ F.A. Toomer Elementary School

- Following the transfer of students from Whitefoord Elementary, a new student clinic will open, operated by Whitefoord, Inc. Pre-K classes will be relocated to Whitefoord.

### ■ West End Academy

- West End Academy will be relocated to the Crim High School campus.

### ■ Whitefoord Elementary School

- Whitefoord Elementary will close. Students formerly zoned for the K-5 school will now either attend F.A. Toomer Elementary or Burgess-Peterson Academy. APS Pre-K Administration will be relocated to Whitefoord and an early learning center will be opened there. The Whitefoord, Inc. Clinic will remain in operation.

## Renovations

- HVAC projects were completed over the summer months at Cleveland Avenue Elementary, Finch Elementary and Morningside Elementary.



Bunche Middle School

## Woodruff Arts Field Trips

The Woodruff Arts Center has partnered with Atlanta Public Schools to provide numerous field trips that allow students to visit the Arts Center three times throughout the school year, once each to the Alliance Theatre, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and the High Museum of Art. Additionally, the program is tied to an exciting University of Arkansas research study regarding the social and emotional benefits of student engagement with community art, which will be disseminated nationally and could prove a beacon both for APS and the Woodruff Arts Center.

## Artists-In-Residence at APS

To develop and grow arts-rich schools, APS will support four artist-in-residency programs with a focus on literacy and STEAM. APS will also support 12 additional residency programs in schools to support art inclusion into the curriculum.



Maynard H. Jackson High School

# APS Cluster Model

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 twelve.

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.

## Cluster & Academic Leaders

**David Jernigan**

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**Dr. Danielle S. Battle**

Associate Superintendent of Schools (K-8)  
Clusters: Mays, South Atlanta

**Gayle Burnett**

Executive Director of Office of Innovation  
All charter schools

**Yolonda Brown**

Associate Superintendent of Schools (K-8)  
Clusters: Carver, Grady, Washington

**Dr. Emily Massey**

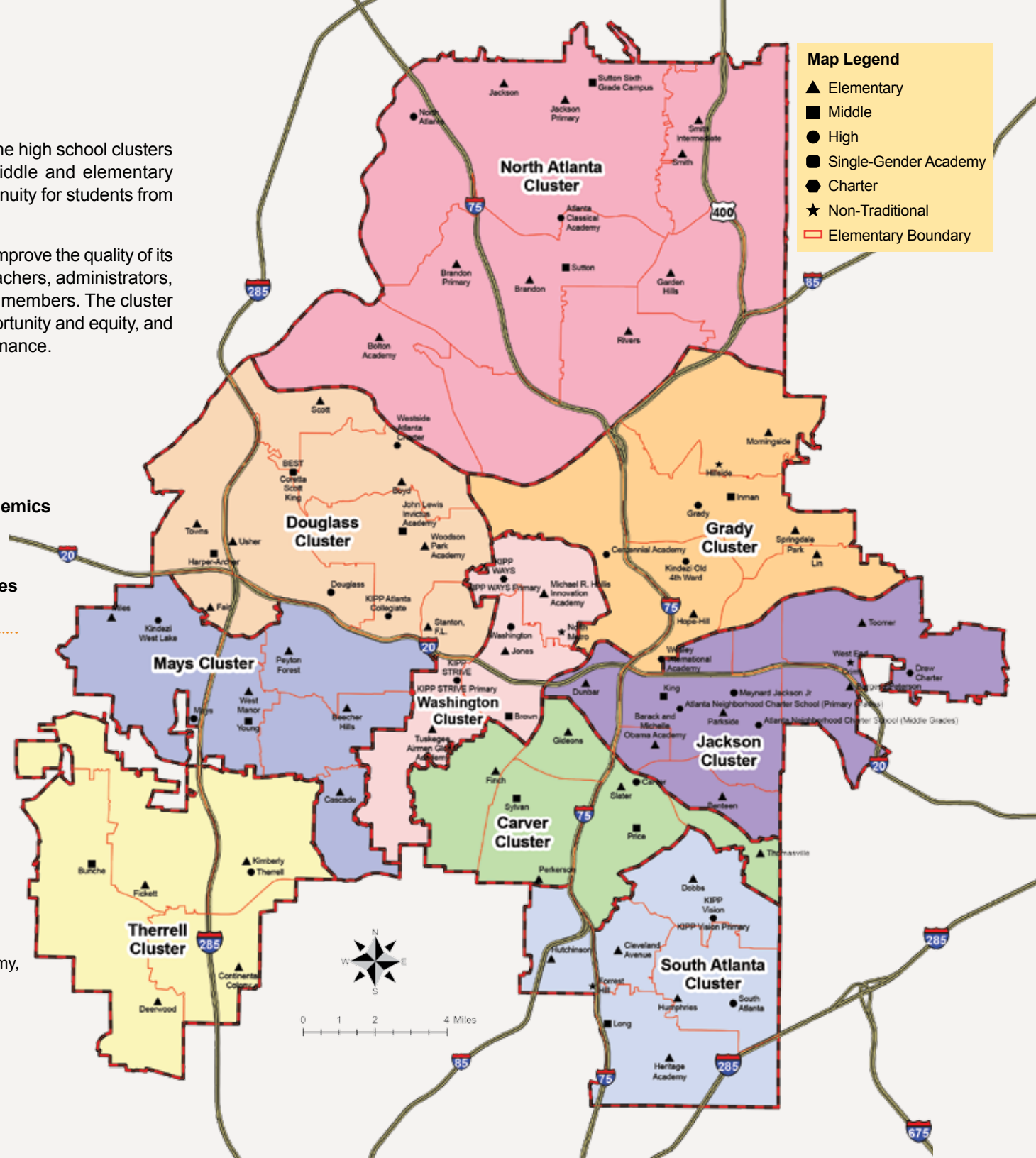
Associate Superintendent of Schools (K-8)  
Clusters: Douglass, Jackson

**Dr. Dan Sims**

Associate Superintendent of Schools  
All high schools including B.E.S.T. and CSK  
Special programs including Crim, Forrest Hill Academy,  
West End Academy

**Tommy Usher**

Associate Superintendent of Schools (K-8)  
Clusters: North Atlanta, Therrell





# Charter System Operating Model and APS Cluster Planning

As of July 1, 2016, Atlanta Public Schools 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 inquiring, knowledgeable and caring 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:* Douglass, South Atlanta, Washington and B.E.S.T. Academy and Coretta Scott King YWLA.

## College and 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 Traditional School Cluster Feeder Patterns

High	Middle	Elementary
Carver, Carver Early College	Price Sylvan Hills	Gideons Finch Perkerson Slater Thomasville Heights
Douglass	Harper-Archer John Lewis Invictus Academy	Boyd Fain Scott F.L. Stanton Towns Usher-Collier Heights Woodson Park
Grady	Inman	Hope-Hill Mary Lin Morningside 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 M. Agnes Jones Tuskegee Airmen Global Academy



Parkside Elementary School



Young Middle School



Mary Lin Elementary School

## Financial Snapshot

School district budgets are not just about dollars and cents. They are about how well the district allocates its limited resources to the benefit of student achievement and outcomes. Therefore, a budget cannot just outline revenues and expenditures, it has to set out the direction for the district. In the case of APS, budgets are about increasing instructional quality and efficiency while assuring the district reaches the mission to graduate every child so they are prepared for college and career.

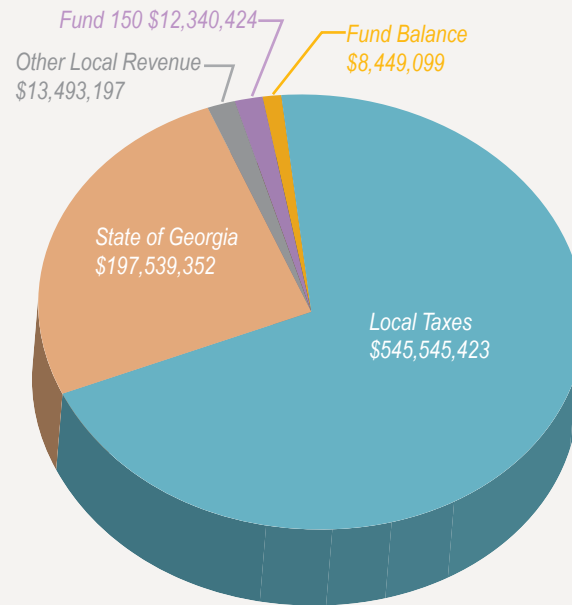
The district started early with a deliberate process that began soon after the first day of the 2016-2017 school year. The Board of Education laid out strategic priorities and budget parameters early in a responsible, transparent and efficient process. As a result, the budgets for the 2017-2018 school year – which reach about \$1 billion – are designed to emphasize the delivery of high-quality education to the children of Atlanta.

The FY18 General Fund Budget is \$777.4 million, which is about \$14 million more than in FY17. The new budget reflects lower costs in administration by finding efficiencies and redundancies within the Central Office budgets. Principals will have more flexibility and autonomy when APS participates in a pilot program called Fund 150 that allows them to combine federal Title I dollars with their general fund school allotment.

The district can also highlight nearly \$70 million in strategic priorities for the upcoming school year:

- \$35.8 million to fund the system's Turnaround Strategy
- \$10.8 million for school-based flexible spending
- \$10.5 million for signature programming
- \$6.2 million for whole-child development programs and initiatives including athletics, arts and social emotional learning
- \$580,000 for the district's new Family Engagement Strategy

The district's FY18 budgets also include \$59.2 million for special revenue, \$126.0 million for capital projects and SPLOST funds, \$31.9 million for school nutrition and \$5.5 million for student activities.



To view the complete APS FY18 budget data, visit [www.atlantapublicschools.us/budget](http://www.atlantapublicschools.us/budget)

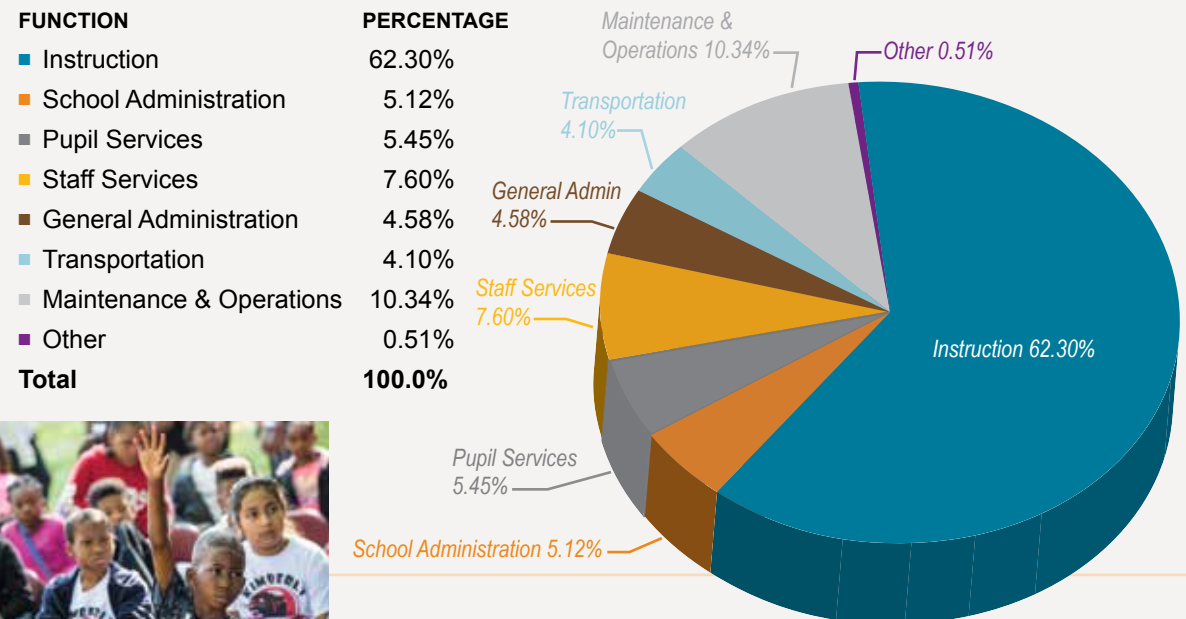
## Fiscal Year 2018 General Fund Budget

RESOURCES	FY 2018 BUDGET
Local Taxes	\$ 545,545,423
State of Georgia	\$ 197,539,352
Other Local Revenue	\$ 13,493,197
Fund 150	\$ 12,340,424
Fund Balance	\$ 8,449,099
<b>Total Available Resources</b>	<b>\$ 777,367,495</b>



North Atlanta High School

## Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriations by Function



Kimberly Elementary School





Maynard H. Jackson High School



D.M. Therrell High School



Maynard H. Jackson High School



Henry W. Grady High School



North Atlanta High School

## Athletics

In addition to its strong academic focus, APS offers an athletics program that gives students opportunities to participate in activities that enhance their physical, academic and social growth. The district is a member of the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) and offers more than 20 sports for students in our middle and high schools.

Offerings may vary depending on student interest. The middle school athletic program is for students in seventh and eighth grades.

In elementary schools, a variety of introductory sports offerings are available as part of extracurricular programs.

Learn more at [www.atlantapublicschools.us/Athletics](http://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Athletics) or call 404-802-5580.

### High School Sports Offerings

Baseball  
Basketball  
Cheerleading  
Cross Country  
Fencing  
Football  
Golf  
Lacrosse  
Riflery  
Soccer  
Softball  
Swimming  
Tennis  
Track and Field  
Volleyball  
Wrestling

### Middle School Sports Offerings

Basketball  
Cheerleading  
Football  
Soccer  
Softball  
Track and Field



Benjamin E. Mays High School

## Student Health & Wellness

To assist with student health and wellness, numerous grants address childhood obesity at the elementary and middle school level:

- HealthMPowers provides professional learning and support of a coordinated health and wellness initiative in middle schools through a SNAP grant. Students serve as Student Health Advocates promoting physical activity and healthy eating among their peers while learning and applying skills relevant to life and career preparation.
- Falcons Fuel Up to Play 60, an NFL Hometown Grant Program, focuses on increasing physical activity at the elementary level.

These and other partnerships have helped students acquire knowledge and develop skills enabling them to make responsible choices while promoting a lifetime of physical activity, health and well-being.

- First Tee Golf Program, a Georgia Power/Southern Company partnership, provides golf equipment and professional learning to promote golf as a lifelong physical activity.
- Fencing In the Schools – supported by Communities In School, Graduation Generation, and DICK'S Sporting Goods – provides fencing training and presentations on life lessons delivered by visiting Olympians.
- Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Power and Potential (GCAPP), provides education, prevention and actions to improve the overall health and well-being of our students.
- Marathon Kids and Target provide support for student running clubs to improve fitness levels.





## Jackson Cluster

### Cluster Schools

*Elementary:* Benteen, Burgess-Peterson Academy, Dunbar, Barack & Michelle Obama Academy, Parkside, F.A. Toomer

*Middle:* King

*High:* Maynard H. Jackson

### Signature Theme – International Baccalaureate (IB)

IB programs aim to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. The Jackson Cluster uses the Primary Years Program in its elementary schools, the Middle Years Program from grades 6 to 10 and the Career-Related Program in grades 11 and 12.

*Featured School: Maynard H. Jackson High School*



# AUGUST 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>Back-to-School Safety Month: Walk, Bike &amp; Ride to School Safely</div>	<div>Aug. 14-18 Georgia Milestones EOC Tests Mid-Month/Retest/Test-Out</div>	<div>1</div> <div>DAY 1 BE THERE. #APSFIRSTDAY</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>
<div>6</div>	<div>7</div> <div>Board Meeting, 2:30 pm, Community Meeting, 6 pm</div>	<div>8</div>	<div>9</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div>	<div>12</div>
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## Douglass Cluster

### **Cluster Schools**

*Elementary:* Boyd, Fain, F.L. Stanton, Scott, Towns, Usher-Collier Heights, Woodson Park Academy

*Middle:* Harper-Archer, John Lewis Invictus Academy

*High:* Frederick Douglass

### **Signature Theme – STEM**

This integrated curriculum coordinates the teaching of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics through problem solving, discovery, and exploratory project/problem-based learning. This student-centered approach taps into the natural passion to learn and is a powerful method for developing the curiosity, skills and knowledge in college and career.


*Featured School: Boyd Elementary School*



# SEPTEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hispanic Heritage Month</li> <li>Library Card Sign-up Month</li> </ul>	<b>Aug. 7 – Sept. 8</b> Universal Screener Fall Window (STAR PreK-8; Select Groups Only for 9-10)	<b>Sept. 11-15</b> Georgia Milestones EOC Tests Mid-Month/Retest Test-Out Administration	<b>Sept. 11, 2017 – Mar. 16, 2018</b> Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA) Administration	<b>Sept. 1, 2017 – May 4, 2018</b> Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Development Skills (GKIDS)	1	2
	<b>Aug. 7 – Sept. 15</b> Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Development Skills Readiness Check					
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	<b>LABOR DAY HOLIDAY</b> Schools Closed Federal Holiday	Progress Reports Available				ACT
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Board Meeting, 2:30 pm Community Meeting, 6 pm					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Banned Books Week Sept. 24-30						

Student testing dates are subject to change based upon the state testing calendar published by the Georgia Department of Education. Visit [www.atlantapublicschools.us/testing](http://www.atlantapublicschools.us/testing) for up-to-date information.

A photograph of two children sitting on a grassy field, writing on papers. The child in the foreground is a boy with brown hair, wearing a dark grey shirt, leaning over and writing with a black pen. The child in the background is a girl with long blonde hair, wearing a pink and white polka-dot shirt and blue jeans, also writing. They are outdoors on a sunny day with trees and a playground in the background.

## Grady Cluster

### **Cluster Schools**

*Elementary:* Hope-Hill, Mary Lin, Morningside, Springdale Park

*Middle:* Inman

*High:* Henry W. Grady

### **Signature Theme – College and Career Preparatory**

This College and Career Preparatory curriculum, using the Partnership for 21st-Century Learning (P21) framework, is based on the essential skills, knowledge and dispositions that children need to succeed as citizens and workers in today's world.

*Featured School: Mary Lin Elementary School*



# OCTOBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Board Meeting, 2:30 pm Community Meeting, 6 pm  National Custodian Appreciation Day  Georgia Pre-K Week, Oct. 2-6	3	4	5	6	7 SAT
8 Teen Read Week Oct. 8-14	9  <b>COLUMBUS DAY &amp; TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY</b> No School for Students	10  <b>TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY</b> No School for Students	11  <b>FALL BREAK BEGINS</b> No School for Students	12	13  <b>FALL BREAK ENDS</b>	14
15 Safe Schools Week, Oct. 15-21  National Teen Driver Safety Week, Oct. 15-21  Character Counts! Week Oct. 15-21	16  Mid-Semester Report Cards Available  National School Bus Safety Week, Oct. 16-20	17	18	19	20	21
22	23  Red Ribbon Week Oct. 23-31	24	25  PSAT (Grades 10 and 11)	26	27	28  ACT
29	30	31	<b>National Bully Prevention Month</b>  <b>National Farm to School Month</b>		<b>Oct. 16-20</b> Georgia Milestones EOC Tests Mid-Month/Retest Online Administration	
					<b>Sept. 1, 2017 – May 4, 2018</b> Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Development Skills (GKIDS)  <b>Sept. 11, 2017 – Mar. 16, 2018</b> Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA) Administration	

A photograph of three Black female students in a classroom. They are gathered around a table, looking intently at a project or document. The student on the left is wearing a grey hoodie with yellow drawstrings. The student in the middle is wearing glasses and a black hoodie. The student on the right is wearing a blue and white plaid shirt. In the background, there is a whiteboard and a large screen displaying a diagram.

## Carver Cluster

### **Cluster Schools**

*Elementary:* Finch, Gideons, Perkerson, Slater, Thomasville Heights

*Middle:* Price, Sylvan Hills

*High:* Carver, Carver Early College

### **Signature Theme – College and Career Preparatory**

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.

*Featured School: Price Middle School*



# NOVEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply to College Month</li> <li>Celebrate School Psychologists Month</li> <li>Family Engagement Month</li> </ul>	Sept. 11, 2017 – Mar. 16, 2018 Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA) Administration  Sept. 1, 2017 – May 4, 2018 Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Development Skills (GKIDS)	Nov. 6-17 Accuplacer Assessment for Atlanta College & Career Academy  Nov. 8-14 Georgia Milestones EOC Tests Mid-Month/Retest Online Administration	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 SAT
Daylight Saving Time Ends	Board Meeting, 2:30 pm Community Meeting, 6 pm	<b>ELECTION DAY &amp; TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY</b> No School for Students	Progress Reports Available			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	APS College & Career Motivation Week, Nov. 13-17  American Education Week Nov. 13-17		National Education Support for Professionals Day	National Parent Involvement Day		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	<b>THANKSGIVING BREAK BEGINS</b> No School for Students Nov. 20-24			Thanksgiving Day Federal Holiday	<b>THANKSGIVING BREAK ENDS</b>	
26	27	28	29	30	Nov. 27 – Dec. 8 Iowa Test of Basic Skills for Gifted Placement	Nov. 27, 2017 – Jan. 12, 2018 Universal Screener Winter Window (STAR K-10 for Identified Groups Only)

A photograph of a dance studio. A female teacher with dark hair in a bun and large hoop earrings, wearing a dark blue t-shirt and black pants, is leading a group of young students. The students are also in a line, wearing various casual clothing like hoodies and t-shirts. They are all performing a dance move with their arms extended forward. The background shows a wooden floor, a ballet barre, and some whiteboards hanging on the wall.

## Mays Cluster

### **Cluster Schools**

*Elementary:* Beecher Hills, Cascade, Miles, Peyton Forest, West Manor

*Middle:* Young

*High:* Benjamin E. Mays

### **Signature Theme – International Baccalaureate (IB)**

IB programs aim to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. The Mays Cluster uses the Primary Years Program in its elementary schools, the Middle Years Program from grades 6 to 10 and the Career-Related Program in grades 11 and 12.

*Featured School: Young Middle School*



# DECEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
						SAT
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Board Meeting, 2:30 pm Community Meeting, 6 pm  National Inclusive Schools Week, Dec. 4-8					ACT
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
					End of Semester Report Cards Available	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	SEMESTER BREAK BEGINS No School for Students Dec. 25, 2017 – Jan. 4, 2018  Christmas Day Federal Holiday					
31			Sept. 1, 2017 – May 4, 2018 Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Development Skills (GKIDS)  Sept. 11, 2017 – Mar. 16, 2018 Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA) Administration	Nov. 27 – Dec. 8 Iowa Test of Basic Skills for Gifted Placement	Nov. 27, 2017 – Jan. 12, 2018 Universal Screener Winter Window (STAR K-10 for Identified Groups Only)	Dec. 5-15 Georgia Milestones EOC Tests Winter Administration

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A photograph of two young Black children, a boy and a girl, hugging a large tree trunk. The boy is on the left, wearing a dark blue shirt, and the girl is on the right, wearing a green shirt. Both are smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred green landscape with other trees and foliage.

## Washington Cluster

### **Cluster Schools**

*Elementary:* M. Agnes Jones, Tuskegee Airmen Global Academy, Hollis Innovation Academy

*Middle:* Brown

*High:* Booker T. Washington

### **Signature Theme – STEM**

This integrated curriculum coordinates the teaching of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics through problem solving, discovery, and exploratory project/problem-based learning. This student-centered approach taps into the natural passion to learn and is a powerful method for developing the curiosity, skills and knowledge in college and career.

*Featured School: Hollis Innovation Academy*



# JANUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Gifted Education Month in Georgia</b>	1 New Year's Day Federal Holiday	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8 SEMESTER 2 BEGINS Classes Resume Board Meeting, 2:30 pm Community Meeting, 6 pm	9	10	11 SEMESTER BREAK ENDS	12 TEACHER PLANNING DAY No School for Students
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY Federal Holiday Schools Closed	23 Georgia Milestones EOC Mid-Month/Retest Administration	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	APS Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl	
		Sept. 11, 2017 – Mar. 16, 2018 Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA) Administration  Sept. 1, 2017 – May 4, 2018 Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Development Skills (GKIDS)		Nov. 27, 2017 – Jan. 12, 2018 Universal Screener Winter Window (STAR K-10 for Identified Groups Only)		Jan. 16 – Mar. 2 ACCESS for ELLs/Alternate ACCESS for ELLs  Jan. 23 – Mar. 3 NAEP

A group of five African American children, three girls and two boys, are smiling and posing for a photo. They are all wearing blue school uniforms with white collars. The child on the far left has colorful beaded headbands. The child in the center is making a playful, slightly pouting face. The child on the far right has a red bow in her hair. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

## South Atlanta Cluster

### Cluster Schools

*Elementary:* Cleveland Avenue, Dobbs, Heritage Academy, Humphries, Hutchinson

*Middle:* Long

*High:* South Atlanta

### Signature Theme – STEM

This integrated curriculum coordinates the teaching of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics through problem solving, discovery, and exploratory project/problem-based learning. This student-centered approach taps into the natural passion to learn and is a powerful method for developing the curiosity, skills and knowledge in college and career.

*Featured School: Humphries Elementary School*



# FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Black History Month</li> <li>National Teen Dating Violence Awareness &amp; Prevention Month</li> </ul>				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Board Meeting, 2:30 pm Community Meeting, 6 pm National School Counseling Week, Feb. 5-9	Progress Reports Available	National Signing Day				ACT
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY No School for Students	WINTER BREAK BEGINS No School for Students Feb. 20-23				WINTER BREAK ENDS	
25	26	27	28	Feb. 5-9 ACCUPLACER Assessment for Atlanta College and Career Academy Retest Feb. 12-16 Georgia Milestones EOC Mid-Month/Retest Administration	Sept. 11, 2017 – Mar. 16, 2018 Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA) Administration Sept. 1, 2017 – May 4, 2018 Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Development Skills (GKIDS)	Jan. 16, 2017 – Mar. 2, 2018 ACCESS for ELLs/Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Jan. 23, 2017 – Mar. 3, 2018 NAEP

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## North Atlanta Cluster

### Cluster Schools

*Elementary:* Bolton Academy, Brandon, Brandon Primary, Garden Hills, W.T. Jackson, W.T. Jackson Primary, E. Rivers, Sarah Smith Intermediate, Sarah Smith Primary

*Middle:* Sutton Middle, Sutton 6th Grade Academy

*High:* North Atlanta

### Signature Theme – International Baccalaureate (IB)

IB programs aim to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. The North Atlanta Cluster uses the Primary Years Program in its elementary schools, the Middle Years Program from grades 6 to 10 and the Career-Related Program in grades 11 and 12.

*Featured School: North Atlanta High School*



# MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women's History Month</li> <li>Music in Our Schools Month</li> <li>Music Therapy Awareness Month</li> <li>Youth Art Month</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mar. 12-16</b> Georgia Milestones EOC Mid-Month Retest/Test-Out Administration</p> <p><b>Mar. 20-26</b> Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) End-of-Pathway Assessments</p>	<p><b>Sept. 1, 2017 – May 4, 2018</b> Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Development Skills (GKIDS)</p> <p><b>Sept. 11, 2017 – Mar. 16, 2018</b> Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA) Administration</p>	<p><b>Jan. 16 – Mar. 2</b> ACCESS for ELLs/Alternate ACCESS for ELLs</p> <p><b>Jan. 23 – Mar. 3</b> NAEP</p>	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<p>National School Social Work Week, Mar. 4-10</p> <p>Teen Tech Week Mar. 4-10</p>	<p>Board Meeting, 2:30 pm Community Meeting, 6 pm</p> <p>National School Breakfast Week, Mar. 5-9</p>					
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	<p>School Board Appreciation Week, Mar. 12-16</p>					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	<p><b>TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY</b> No School for Students</p>					
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
					<p>Mid-semester Report Cards Available</p>	



## Therrell Cluster

### **Cluster Schools**

*Elementary:* Continental Colony, Deerwood Academy, Fickett, Kimberly

*Middle:* Bunche

*High:* D.M. Therrell

### **Signature Theme – International Baccalaureate (IB)**

IB programs aim to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. The Therrell Cluster uses the Primary Years Program in its elementary schools, the Middle Years Program from grades 6 to 10 and the Career-Related Program in grades 11 and 12.

*Featured School: D.M. Therrell High School*



# APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	<b>SPRING BREAK BEGINS</b> Schools Closed Apr. 2-6				<b>SPRING BREAK ENDS</b>	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
National Library Week Apr. 8-14	Board Meeting, 2:30 pm Community Meeting, 6 pm	National Library Workers Day		D.E.A.R. / Drop Everything & Read Day		ACT
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
					Progress Reports Available	
29	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Mathematics Awareness &amp; Education Month</b></li> <li>■ <b>Month of the Military Child</b></li> <li>■ <b>School Library Month</b></li> </ul>				
		<b>Apr. 10-13</b> Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) End-of-Pathway Assessments Retest	<b>Apr. 9 – May 18</b> Universal Screener Spring Window (STAR PreK-8; Select Groups Only for 9-10)	<b>Apr. 23 – May 9</b> Georgia Milestones EOC Tests	<b>Apr. 25 – May 9</b> Georgia Milestones EOG Tests, Grades 3 Through 8	<b>Sept. 1, 2017 – May 4, 2018</b> Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Development Skills (GKIDS)

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## Charter Schools

### APS Charter Schools

Atlanta Classical Academy, Atlanta Neighborhood Charter Primary, Atlanta Neighborhood Charter Middle, Drew Charter Elementary, Drew Junior and Senior Academies, Centennial Academy, The Kindezi School Old Fourth Ward (OFW), The Kindezi School Westlake, KIPP Atlanta Collegiate High School, KIPP STRIVE Academy, KIPP STRIVE Primary, KIPP Vision Academy, KIPP Vision Primary, KIPP West Atlanta Young Scholars (WAYS) Academy, KIPP West Atlanta Young Scholars (WAYS) Primary, Wesley International Academy, Westside Atlanta Charter School

Charter schools are public schools governed by nonprofit boards and operating through a performance-based contract with the district. The Atlanta Board of Education approved the district's first charter school in 1999. There are currently 17 charter schools operating in the district.

*Featured School: Charles R. Drew Charter School*



# MAY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>May 1-12</b> IB Testing Dates  <b>May 1-12</b> Advanced Placement (AP Exams)	<b>Apr. 23 – May 9</b> Georgia Milestones EOC Tests  <b>Apr. 25 – May 9</b> Georgia Milestones EOG Tests, Grades 3 Through 8	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Board Meeting, 2:30 pm Community Meeting, 6 pm  National Teacher Appreciation Week, May 7-11	National Teacher Appreciation Day	National School Nurse Day			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Board Meeting Recognizing Student Achievement, 6 pm					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	  <b>APS COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES WEEK</b> May 21-25					
					<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</b> for Students	
27	28	29	30	31	<b>Apr. 9 – May 18</b> Universal Screener Spring Window (STAR PreK-8; Select Groups Only for 9-10)	<b>Sept. 1, 2017 – May 4, 2018</b> Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Development Skills (GKIDS)
	<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> Federal Holiday	Teacher Post-Planning Day				

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## Non-Traditional & Evening Programs Citywide

### Schools & Programs

Adult Education, Crim Evening School, Forrest Hill Academy, West End Academy, Alonzo A. Crim High

Atlanta Public Schools operates several alternative programs designed to fit the needs of the district's non-traditional students:

- Alonzo Crim High School was designed as an open campus for students ages 16 and older, who have not found success in a traditional high school setting but wishes to earn a high school diploma. They receive personalized attention and concentrated study as they complete traditional graduation requirements.
- Forrest Hill Academy is an alternative program designed to take students with educational challenges and help them transition back into their home schools so they can graduate.
- West End Academy is a non-traditional program that also addresses needs of at-risk students, who may not be succeeding in the traditional school environment. The academy provides access to individualized on-line curricula, mentors and special opportunities to participate in job shadowing, internships and service-learning projects.

*Featured School: Alonzo A. Crim High School*



# JUNE 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>June 18-20</b> Georgia Milestones EOG Retest, Grades 3, 5, and 8  <b>June 25-28</b> Georgia Milestones EOC Summer/Retest Administration and Test-Out Administration					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Board Meeting, 2:30 pm Community Meeting, 6 pm				Report Cards Available	SAT
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
						ACT
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



## Single-Gender Citywide Schools

### **B.E.S.T. Academy**

B.E.S.T. Academy strives to shape its students into well-rounded young men who are prepared to meet demands that are inevitable in an ever-changing global society. As a single-gender middle and high school, B.E.S.T. prepares students for opportunities in Business, Engineering, Science and Technology.

### **Coretta Scott King Young Women's Leadership Academy**

The Coretta Scott King Young Women's Leadership Academy (CSKYWLA) is a college-preparatory school for Atlanta's young women in middle and high school. Groomed for global leadership, students benefit from a strong academic program and creative learning opportunities that extend beyond the classroom.

### **Signature Theme – STEM**

This integrated curriculum coordinates the teaching of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics through problem solving, discovery, and exploratory project/problem-based learning. This student-centered approach taps into the natural passion to learn and is a powerful method for developing the curiosity, skills and knowledge in college and career.



# JULY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	<div> <div> </div> <div> <p>Teacher Preplanning Days July 26-31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have a great summer break. See you next school year!</li> <li>Day One APS 2018: August 1</li> </ul> </div> </div>			

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  - See lunch balances
  - Access bus information



## District & School Websites

Be sure to frequently visit our district and school websites for important district information, updates, events, and easily access faculty and staff information. All school websites can be accessed from the "Schools" drop-down list on the district home page. You can also go directly to school sites by typing [www.atlantapublicschools.us/schoolname](http://www.atlantapublicschools.us/schoolname)

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## Parent & Student Resources

**In addition to providing a rigorous educational foundation for our students, we provide services to support parents and caregivers.**

### **Behavior & Psychological Services / 802-2675**

Conducts behavioral analysis and provides evaluations of the intellectual, academic and social emotional status of students while promoting psychologically healthy learning environments.

### **Campus Portal for Parents (Infinite Campus)**



Allows you to stay updated on your child's performance. You can quickly view grades, class schedules and attendance records. You can even update your contact information by accessing this easy to use and secure online tool. Visit <https://ic.apsk12.org/portal> after receiving your login credentials to create a username and password from your child's school.

### **ESOL (English as a Second Language) & World Languages / 802-7580**

Provides support for ESOL, World Language, and Dual Language Immersion programs. Supports limited-English parents and facilitates school-home communication through translation/interpretation services.

### **Early Learning Center at Whitefoord / 802-6900**

35 Whitefoord Ave., SE 30317

The Whitefoord Early Learning Academy will serve 3- and 4-year-old students in a cohesive and collaborative partnership between F.A. Toomer Elementary/APS and Whitefoord, Inc. The 3-year-old program fee is based on a sliding scale; 4-year-olds attend for free. The Academy will leverage the strengths of both partner organizations to provide a high-quality learning experience with a strong literacy and whole-child focus.

### **Family Engagement / 802-2807**

Family engagement promotes genuine connectivity between parents, caretakers, schools and the community to facilitate improved student learning and academic achievement.

### **Health Services / 802-2674**

Provides quality nurse-coordinated school health services and promotion of health education for students and a healthy school environment.

### **Homeless Education Services / 802-2245**

Eliminates barriers to school enrollment, attendance and academic success for homeless students and unaccompanied youth.

### **Innovation (Charter Schools) / 802-2857**

Oversees charter schools' performance-based contracts with the district. The Atlanta Board of Education approved the district's first charter school in 1999; there are currently 17 charter schools operating in the district.

### **Parent Center / 802-3763**

*New Location: John Lewis Invictus Academy  
1890 Donald Lee Hollowell Pkwy., NW 30318*

The Parents as Partners Academic Center (PAPAC) offers targeted services for parents and caregivers to improve student achievement. PAPAC also houses a library and technology center with Internet, a fax machine, copier and printing stations.

### **Professional School Counseling / 802-2645**

APS counselors collaborate and consult with parents, community members and other educators to improve student achievement by customizing educational experiences to assist students in becoming good citizens and to be college and career ready upon graduation.

### **Records Center / 802-2150**

Maintains and transmits transcripts of inactive permanent record files for former students.

### **Response to Intervention/Student Support Teams/Section 504 / 802-2665**

Facilitates the state-mandated systematic intervention process through school-based interdisciplinary teams dedicated to assisting students experiencing challenges that impact academic progress.

### **Special Education / 802-1699**

Offers a broad continuum of services designed to meet the individual needs of students with disabilities from three through 21 years of age.

### **Social Work Services / 802-2247**

Provides appropriate interventions to assist children at risk of academic failure with an emphasis on child welfare, attendance and truancy. Facilitates student and family assessments to address and eliminate environmental barriers to student success.

### **Student Assignment & Records / 802-2233**

Provides guidance to parents on the general administrative transfer process for grades K-12 and APS student policies. Identifies placement for students with discipline and attendance issues.

### **Truancy Intervention Center / 802-3648**

Works with local law enforcement to provide an effective deterrent to truancy in an effort to improve daily school attendance and identification of school-aged children not enrolled in school.

# School Contacts

All schools are within Atlanta city limits. All phone numbers begin with the 404 area code unless otherwise noted.

## Elementary

<b>Beecher Hills</b>	2257 Bolling Brook Dr., SW 30311	802-8300
<b>Benteen</b>	200 Cassanova St., SE 30315	802-7300
<b>Bolton Academy</b>	2268 Adams Dr., NW 30318	802-8350
<b>Boyd</b>	1891 Johnson Rd., NW 30318	802-8150
<b>Morris Brandon</b>	2741 Howell Mill Rd., NW 30327	802-7250
<b>Morris Brandon Primary</b>	2845 Margaret Mitchell Dr., NW 30327	802-7280
<b>Burgess-Peterson Academy</b>	480 Clifton St., SE 30316	802-3400
<b>Cascade</b>	2326 Venetian Dr., SW 30311	802-8100
<b>Cleveland Avenue</b>	2672 Old Hapeville Rd., SW 30315	802-8400
<b>Continental Colony</b>	3181 Hogan Rd., SW 30331	802-8000
<b>Deerwood Academy</b>	3070 Fairburn Rd., SW 30331	802-3300
<b>Dobbs</b>	2025 Jonesboro Rd., SE 30315	802-8050
<b>Dunbar</b>	500 Whitehall Terr., SW 30312	802-7950
<b>Fain</b>	101 Hemphill School Rd., NW 30331	802-8600
<b>Fickett</b>	3935 Rux Rd., SW 30331	802-7850
<b>Finch</b>	1114 Avon Ave., SW 30310	802-4000
<b>Garden Hills</b>	285 Sheridan Dr., NE 30305	802-7800
<b>Gideons</b>	897 Welch St., SW 30310	802-7700
<b>Heritage Academy</b>	3500 Villa Cir., SE 30354	802-8650
<b>Hope-Hill</b>	112 Blvd., NE 30312	802-7450
<b>Hollis Innovation Academy (K-6)</b>	225 James P. Brawley Dr., NW 30314	802-8200
<b>Humphries</b>	3029 Humphries Dr., SE 30354	802-8750
<b>Hutchinson</b>	650 Cleveland Ave., SW 30315	802-7650
<b>W.T. Jackson</b>	1325 Mount Paran Rd., NW 30327	802-8800
<b>W.T. Jackson Primary</b>	4191 Northside Dr., NW 30342	802-8810
<b>M. Agnes Jones</b>	1040 Fair St., SW 30314	802-3900
<b>Kimberly</b>	3090 McMurray Dr., SW 30311	802-7600
<b>Mary Lin</b>	586 Candler Park Dr., NE 30307	802-8850
<b>Miles</b>	4215 Bakers Ferry Rd., SW 30331	802-8900
<b>Morningside</b>	1053 E. Rock Springs Rd., NE 30306	802-8950
<b>Barack &amp; Michelle Obama Academy</b>	970 Martin St., SE 30315	802-4200
<b>Parkside</b>	685 Mercer St., SE 30312	802-4100
<b>Perkerson</b>	2040 Brewer Blvd., SW 30310	802-3950
<b>Peyton Forest</b>	301 Peyton Rd., SW 30311	802-7100
<b>E. Rivers</b>	8 Peachtree Battle Ave., NW 30305	802-7050
<b>Scott</b>	1752 Hollywood Rd., NW 30318	802-7000



*Peyton Forest Elementary School*



*Henry W. Grady High School*

<b>Slater</b>	1320 Pryor Rd., SW 30315	802-4050
<b>Sarah Smith Intermediate</b>	4141 Wieuca Rd., NE 30342	802-3880
<b>Sarah Smith Primary</b>	370 Old Ivy Rd., NE 30342	802-3850
<b>Springdale Park</b>	1246 Ponce De Leon Ave., NE 30306	802-6050
<b>F.L. Stanton</b>	1625 M.L. King Jr. Dr., SW 30314	802-7500
<b>Thomasville Heights</b>	1820 Henry Thomas Dr., SE 30315	802-5750
<b>F.A. Toomer</b>	65 Rogers St., NE 30317	802-3450
<b>Towns</b>	760 Bolton Rd., NW 30331	802-7400
<b>Tuskegee Airmen Global Academy</b>	1654 S. Alvarado Ter., SW 30311	802-8450
<b>Usher-Collier Heights</b>	631 Harwell Rd., NW 30318	802-5700
<b>West Manor</b>	570 Lynhurst Dr., SW 30311	802-3350
<b>Woodson Park Academy</b>	20 Evelyn Way, NW 30318	802-7750

## Middle

<b>Brown</b>	765 Peeples St., SW 30310	802-6800
<b>Bunche</b>	1925 Niskey Lake Rd., SW 30331	802-6700
<b>Harper-Archer (7-8)</b>	3399 Collier Dr., NW 30331	802-6500
<b>Inman</b>	774 Virginia Ave., NE 30306	802-3200
<b>King</b>	545 Hill St., SE 30312	802-5400
<b>John Lewis Invictus Academy (6)</b>	1890 Donald Lee Hollowell Pkwy., NW 30318	802-6100
<b>Long</b>	3200 Latona Dr., SW 30354	802-4800
<b>Price</b>	1670 Benjamin W. Bickers Dr., SW 30315	802-6300
<b>Sutton</b>	2875 Northside Dr., NW 30305	802-5600
<b>Sutton 6th Grade Academy</b>	4360 Powers Ferry Rd., NW 30327	802-5600
<b>Sylvan Hills</b>	1461 Sylvan Rd., SW 30310	802-6200
<b>Young</b>	3116 Benjamin E. Mays Dr., SW 30311	802-5900



## High

<b>Carver</b>	
55 McDonough Blvd., SE 30315	802-4400
<b>Carver Early College</b>	
55 McDonough Blvd., SE 30315	802-4405
<b>Alonzo A. Crim</b>	
256 Clifton St., SE 30317	802-5800
<b>Frederick Douglass</b>	
225 Hamilton E. Holmes Dr., NW 30318	802-3100
<b>Henry W. Grady</b>	
929 Charles Allen Dr., NE 30309	802-3001
<b>Maynard H. Jackson</b>	
801 Glenwood Ave., SE 30316	802-5200
<b>Benjamin E. Mays</b>	
3450 Benjamin E. Mays Dr., SW 30331	802-5100
<b>North Atlanta</b>	
4111 Northside Pkwy., NW 30327	802-4700
<b>South Atlanta</b>	
800 Hutchens Rd., SE 30354	802-5000
<b>D.M. Therrell</b>	
3099 Panther Tr., SW 30311	802-5300
<b>Booker T. Washington</b>	
45 Whitehouse Dr., NW 30314	802-4600

## Single-Gender

<b>B.E.S.T. Academy (6–12)</b>	
1190 Northwest Dr., NW 30318 <i>(Back of Campus)</i>	802-4950
<b>Coretta Scott King Young Women's Leadership Academy (6–12)</b>	
1190 Northwest Dr., NW 30318 <i>(Front of Campus)</i>	802-4900

## Non-Traditional & Evening Programs

<b>Adult Education Program</b>	
1757 Mary Dell Dr., SE 30316	802-3560
<b>Crim Evening School</b>	
256 Clifton St., SE 30317	802-5800
<b>Forrest Hill Academy</b>	
2930 Forrest Hills Dr., SW 30315	802-6950
<b>Hillside Conant</b>	
690 Courtenay Dr., NE 30306	875-4551
<b>North Metro</b>	
601 Beckwith St., SW 30314	802-6070
<b>West End Academy</b>	
256 Clifton St., SE 30317	802-2900

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## Charter

<b>Atlanta Classical Academy (K–10)</b>	
3260 Northside Dr., NW 30305	369-3500
<b>Atlanta Neighborhood Charter (K–5)</b>	
688 Grant St., SE 30315	624-6226
<b>Atlanta Neighborhood Charter (6–8)</b>	
820 Essie Ave., SE 30316	678-904-0051
<b>Drew Charter (K–5)</b>	
301 East Lake Blvd., SE 30317	687-0001
<b>Drew Charter (6–12)</b>	
300 East Lake Blvd., SE 30317	470-355-1200
<b>Centennial Academy (K–8)</b>	
531 Luckie St., NW 30313	802-8550
<b>Kindezi Westlake (K–8)</b>	
286 Wilson Mill Rd., SW 30331	802-8260
<b>Kindezi Old Fourth Ward (OFW) (K–6)</b>	
386 Pine St., NE 30308	719-4005
<b>KIPP Atlanta Collegiate High School (9–12)</b>	
98 Anderson Ave., NW 30314	574-5126
<b>KIPP STRIVE Academy (5–8)</b>	
1444 Lucile, Ave., SW 30310	753-1530
<b>KIPP STRIVE Primary (K–4)</b>	
1448 Lucile, Ave., SW 30310	585-4192
<b>KIPP Vision Academy (5–8)</b>	
660 McWilliams Rd., SE 30315	537-5252
<b>KIPP Vision Primary (K–4)</b>	
660 McWilliams Rd., SE 30315	537-5252
<b>KIPP West Atlanta Young Scholars (WAYS) Academy (5–8)</b>	
350 Temple St., NW 30314	475-1941
<b>KIPP West Atlanta Young Scholars (WAYS) Primary (K–3)</b>	
350 Temple St., NW 30314	475-1941
<b>Wesley International Academy (K–8)</b>	
211 Memorial Dr., SE 30312	678-904-9137
<b>Westside Atlanta Charter School (K–5)</b>	
1903 Drew Dr., NW 30318	228-9678



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## Frequently Called Numbers

<b>APS Operator</b>	<b>Pre-Kindergarten Program</b>
802-3500	(Pre-K)
<b>Adult Education (GED)</b>	802-3640
802-3560	<b>Records Center</b>
<b>Athletics Department</b>	802-2150
802-5575	<b>Residency Fraud Hotline</b>
<b>Atlanta Virtual Academy</b>	802-3540
802-2784	<b>Security</b>
<b>Board of Education</b>	802-2522
802-2255	<b>School Detectives</b>
<b>Counseling (K-12)</b>	802-2000
802-2645	<b>School Nutrition</b>
<b>Curriculum &amp; Instruction</b>	802-1599
802-2700	<b>Social Work Services</b>
<b>Early Learning Center at Whitefoord</b>	802-2247
802-6900	<b>Special Needs Transportation</b>
<b>English Language Center (ESOL)</b>	802-5511
802-7580	<b>Speech Testing</b>
<b>Evening (Night) School</b>	Ages 3 to 5, call 802-2615; all others, call 802-2661 or 2617
802-5800	<b>Student Services</b>
<b>Gifted &amp; Talented Program</b>	802-1699
802-7585	<b>Superintendent's Office</b>
<b>Homebound Services</b>	802-2820
802-2683	<b>Teaching &amp; Learning</b>
<b>Learning Disabilities &amp; Special Education</b>	802-2780
802-1699	<b>Technology Support</b>
<b>Meal Pay</b>	802-1000
802-2540	<b>Transportation</b>
<b>Nutrition &amp; Food Service</b>	802-5500
802-1599	<b>Truancy Center</b>
<b>Office of Innovation (Charter Schools)</b>	802-3648
802-2857	<b>Zoning</b>
<b>Parents as Partners Academic Center (PAPAC)</b>	802-2233
802-3673	



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**ELEMENTARY:** Benteen, Dobb, Hope-Hill, Mary Lin, Barack & Michelle Obama Academy, Parkside, Slater, Thomasville Heights, Wesley International Academy, Atlanta Neighborhood Charter, KIPP Vision Primary, The Kindezi School (OFW) | **MIDDLE:** King, Price, Atlanta Neighborhood Charter, KIPP Vision School (OFW) | **HIGH:** Carver, Carver Early College, Carver Technology, Grady, M.H. Jackson Academy, Wesley International Academy, The Kindezi School (OFW)



**BYRON D. AMOS | DISTRICT 2**

**ELEMENTARY:** Dunbar, Finch, M.R. Hollis Innovation Academy, M.A. Jones Centennial Academy Charter, KIPP STRIVE Academy, KIPP STRIVE Primary, KIPP WAYS Academy, KIPP WAYS Primary | **MIDDLE:** Brown, KIPP STRIVE Academy, KIPP WAYS Academy | **HIGH:** Douglass, Washington, KIPP Atlanta Collegiate, North Metro



**MATT WESTMORELAND | DISTRICT 3**

**ELEMENTARY:** Burgess-Peterson Academy, Morningside, Springdale Park, F.A. Toomer, Drew Charter | **MIDDLE:** Inman, Drew Charter | **HIGH:** Crim, Drew Charter, Adult Education | **RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM (2-12):** Hillside Conant



**NANCY M. MEISTER, VICE CHAIR | DISTRICT 4**

**ELEMENTARY:** Brandon, Brandon Primary, Garden Hills, Jackson, Jackson Primary, E. Rivers, Smith, Smith Primary, Atlanta Classical Academy | **MIDDLE:** Sutton, Sutton (6th Grade), Atlanta Classical Academy | **HIGH:** North Atlanta



**STEVEN D. LEE | DISTRICT 5**

**ELEMENTARY:** Beecher Hills, Bolton Academy, Boyd, Fain, Miles, Peyton Forest, Scott, Towns, Tuskegee Almen Global Academy, Usher-Collier Heights, West Manor, Woodson Park Academy, The Kindezi School (Westlake), Westside Atlanta Charter | **MIDDLE:** Harper-Archer, John Lewis Invictus Academy, Young | **HIGH:** Mays, West End Academy | **SINGLE-GENDER (6-12):** B.E.S.T. Academy, Coretta Scott King Young Women's Leadership Academy



**ESHE P. COLLINS | DISTRICT 6**

**ELEMENTARY:** Cascade, Cleveland Avenue, Continental Colony, Deerwood Academy, Fickett, Gideons, Heritage Academy, Humphries, Hutchinson, Kimberly, Perkerson | **MIDDLE:** Bunche, Long, Forrest Hill Academy, Sylvan Hills | **HIGH:** South Atlanta, Therrell, Forrest Hill Academy



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