

# Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School Highlights

- ❖ King is named in honor of one of the greatest civil rights leaders, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It is the only school named after him that can boast being located minutes from the King Center and his place of birth. King middle has a hallway dedicated to King which is affectionately entitled the “Freedom Hall Art Exhibit” It was created by students and artistically portrays highlights from Dr. King’s life.
- ❖ King has made steady incremental testing gains annually since 2005. King was recognized by the State Superintendent for their improvement in Writing Scores and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science (2009). These achievements are to be noted even with King having had four different principals (three principals and one-interim-2008), a merger with Walden (2008), and two rezoning phases (2004/2005 & 2009/2010).
- ❖ King made Adequate Yearly Progress for the following years: 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, and 2010-2011 (2009-2010- increased academically in ELA and Math, but did not make the necessary standard for math).
- ❖ King was not involved or implicated in the CRCT Cheating Scandal.
- ❖ King is technology rich and represents the 21<sup>st</sup> Century classroom with promethean boards in 98% of all classrooms, two windows labs, a mobile Mac-lab, computers in all classrooms, and additional instructional technology.
- ❖ Featured on local television highlighting the recording studio and the swimming pool. Additionally, featured on CNN for continuing Dr. King’s legacy of peace.
- ❖ The facility for King is designed in eight pods to house small learning communities which facilitates the team and family atmosphere for a true middle school concept.
- ❖ King has an Olympic size swimming pool.
- ❖ King has an indoor amphitheater that will accommodate the entire school body.
- ❖ Carpeted Classrooms to accommodate students that are deaf and hard of hearing and an area for students with severe disabilities that allow them opportunity to participate and interact with the general school population.
- ❖ A clinic supervised by Georgia State School of Nursing.
- ❖ A rich mentoring program with Big Brothers/Big Sisters.
- ❖ Conveniently located behind a public library which provides students with additional resources. The school is a partner with the Georgia Hill Library.
- ❖ Home of the first middle school Leadership Academy. The M. L. King, Jr. Middle School Leadership Academy: Inroad to Success was recognized at The Georgia State Capitol by Senator Emanuel Jones. Senator Jones recognized this initiative for outstanding commitment and effort in promoting peace through youth empowerment, family strengthening, and the development of healthy communities. The Academy: Inroad to Success is a shared partnership with the Administration for Children and Families of the United States Health and Human Services, The Global Peace Festival Foundation, and Morehouse College.
- ❖ Home of a Mr. Holland’s Opus Foundation recipient. Ms. Audrey Reese, string teacher at M. L. King Middle School was one of five teachers selected nationally to be honored by the Mr. Holland’s Opus Foundation.
- ❖ King Middle School was the first middle school in APS to initiate the after school program with the After School All Stars and we continue to serve students with this dynamic program with a focus on student achievement and provide engaging and enhancing programs and activities for students.
- ❖ “FUEL UP TO PLAY 60” GRANT RECIPIENT (“Play Up”)- Mrs. Rushin, King’s 2011-2012 Wellness Ambassador and Physical Education and Swim Coach, was awarded a Play Up grant. This grant is sponsored by SUDIA and America’s Dairy Farmers.
- ❖ Recipients of the 2011 Georgia Progressive Reading Grant