

# 2012–13 GCPS Fast Facts

## A GROWING SYSTEM

- 2012–13 Projected Enrollment: 164,694
- The nation's 14th largest district, GCPS expects close to 700 new students for 2012–13.
- 132 GCPS schools:
  - 77 elementary schools
  - 26 middle schools
  - 19 high schools, including Phoenix HS (*open campus*)
  - Buice School (*special education school, with special needs pre-K, and early childhood programs*)
  - GIVE Center East (*alternative school*)
  - GIVE Center West (*alternative school*)
  - Gwinnett County Online Campus (*charter school*)
  - Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology (*charter school*)
  - Hooper Renwick School (*special education school*)
  - Maxwell HS of Technology (*charter school*)
  - Monarch School (*special education school, with special needs pre-K, ADAPT, and early childhood programs*)
  - New Life Academy of Excellence (*charter school*)
  - Oakland Meadow School (*special education school*)

## FINANCIALLY SOUND

- FY2013 Budget— \$1.73 billion
- On average, the cost of educating one child in Gwinnett County is \$7,392 per year. The direct costs of instruction account for 71.6% of that amount. Putting it in perspective, of the state's 10 largest school systems, GCPS had the 6th lowest per-pupil expenditure in FY11 (below the state average of \$8,593.97 per student), yet GCPS' average SAT score was 5th highest among the 10 systems and 80 points above the state average, with 54% of students qualifying for free or reduced lunch.
- GCPS has received the highest possible bond rating (AAA) from the nation's two leading rating agencies, evidence of the district's stellar financial stewardship. Gwinnett remains the only large system in the nation with a AAA rating, and one of only four districts nationwide to hold the top rating from both Moody's Investment Services and Standard & Poor's.
- GCPS is the largest employer in Gwinnett County, employing more than 22,000 staff members, including full- and part-time positions and the pool of substitutes.
- GCPS takes pride in its veteran professional educators. In FY2013, the average GCPS teacher will hold a master's degree or higher advanced degree and have 14 years of teaching experience.

## PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE

The vast majority of 2012 graduates (86%) plan to attend college or postsecondary school. Seniors were offered more than \$101 million in scholarships, not including the HOPE, Gates Millennium, or QuestBridge scholarships, and students were offered 13 appointments to U.S. military service academies.

## AN HONORED SCHOOL SYSTEM

Over the years, GCPS, systemwide programs, local schools, leaders, educators, and support staff have earned honors too numerous to list, not to mention the thousands of awards, championships, and recognitions earned by GCPS students. Here are just a few recent school and system honors... national and state awards for Advanced Placement, music programs, digital instruction, JROTC, school nutrition, energy efficiency, and PTA leadership and participation; national certification in counseling for several schools; industry certification for school-based marketing programs; 104 schools (82.5%) making AYP for 2011; renewal of the district's certification; 35 schools honored for improving and promoting excellence in academic achievement, under the state's accountability system; 33 Distinguished Title I schools; a 2011–12 Georgia Schools of Excellence; 19 AP Honor schools; top middle schools in writing; many student and team achievements at state, national, even international, competitions, including awards in language arts, writing, reading, science, engineering, robotics, mathematics, debate, history, geography, international affairs, finance, and languages, as well as recognition in visual arts, music, dance, technical and business knowledge and skills, marketing, healthcare, music production, and web design; 11 state championships in athletics and adapted sports, plus the Director's Cup and a national championship in baseball; state and national attention for student leaders; hundreds of prestigious scholarships and awards for graduates, including 11 Gates Millennium Scholars, three QuestBridge Scholars, more than 20 National Merit Scholars, 15 National Achievement Scholars, 30 National Hispanic Scholarship Foundation Scholars, and 13 appointments to national military service academies; metro and national kudos as a top employer; staff, community, and corporate support for the GCPS Foundation Fund; and numerous grants for programs and local schools.

### Recent staff honors include...

Award-winning administrators; more than 250 nationally Board Certified teachers, 60-plus nationally certified counselors, and more than 90 state Master Teachers; top teachers in Georgia and the U.S. in core academics, languages, and fine arts; staff honored for statewide leadership and professional contributions; national and state honors in counseling; state title-winning coaches for both academic and athletic teams; state and national award-winning publications and videos, including Emmy and Telly awards; and the list goes on...