

Dear Newcomer:

The Houston County Board of Education welcomes you to Middle Georgia and specifically to Houston County. Our school system provides quality educational services for approximately 28,150 students in environments that are conducive to quality learning.

Houston County schools provide services on 38 campuses located throughout the county. Many of our schools, administrators and students have obtained state and national recognition for their achievements. Student performance exceeds many state and national levels; however, we continue to strive for excellence in all areas, at all levels.

We welcome you and your family to Houston County and look forward to meeting you and your students. If you need any assistance, please feel free to call on the Houston County Board of Education.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Scott,
Ph.D.

Superintendent
of Schools



**OUR VISION IS THAT OUR SYSTEM
WILL BE WORLD CLASS.
OUR MISSION IS TO PRODUCE
HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS.**

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- ★ The national AdvancEd Accreditation Commission granted **district accreditation** with all 38 schools accredited.
- ★ All 38 schools also meet Georgia Department of Education standards.
- ★ 23 schools have been awarded **Georgia Schools of Excellence** a total of 39 times.
- ★ The Georgia School Boards Association awarded the Board **Distinguished School Board**.
- ★ 15 schools received the **School Bell Award** from the Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals a total of 19 times.
- ★ All five high schools have been named Advanced Placement STEM Schools.
- ★ The district has won a national technology award six times, to include 1st place in 2007 for large systems, from the Center for Digital Education and National School Boards Association.



DIGITAL
SCHOOL DISTRICTS SURVEY
2014-2015 WINNER

THE HOUSTON COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Our schools provide students with a high-quality education. Talented teachers, an academic focus, and diverse extracurricular activities help to ensure that our students have the skills they need to succeed.

THE NUMBERS

- ★ ~ 28,150 students attend 38 schools
- ★ 23 elementary schools (grades Pre-K–5), eight middle schools (grades 6-8), six high schools (grades 9-12), and one alternative school
- ★ 3,856 fulltime employees; 2,203 are certified with 2,058 serving as teachers
- ★ Of our 2,203 certified staff members:
 - ★ 643 have a bachelor's degree
 - ★ 873 a master's degree
 - ★ 581 a specialist degree
 - ★ 102 a doctorate
- ★ Total number of teachers divided into enrollment produces a 1 to 14 ratio



MODERN FACILITIES

- ★ Voters approved an e-SPLOST in 2011
- ★ Technology, security and safety upgrades planned for all schools
- ★ C.B. Watson Primary opened 2013
- ★ Langston Road Elementary opened 2014



WEB INTERACTION WWW.HCBE.NET

- ★ Parents have up-to-date web access to children's grades and attendance
- ★ Parents may pay for school meals online
- ★ Interactive website lists school zones and bus schedules for a specific address



QUALIFIED EDUCATORS

- ★ 100% of Houston County teachers are Highly Qualified according to the Georgia Department of Education
- ★ 100% of Houston County paraprofessionals are Highly Qualified

RANGE OF OFFERINGS

- ★ Pre-K program and full-day Kindergarten program
- ★ After-school childcare services for elementary children
- ★ Comprehensive curriculum, including special needs, CTAE and gifted programs
- ★ Youth Apprenticeship Program links schools and businesses to prepare students for future high-tech employment

DIVERSE ACTIVITIES

- ★ Sports: baseball, basketball, cheerleading, football, golf, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track, volleyball and wrestling
- ★ Clubs & Activities examples: academic club, band, chess club, dance, debate team, DECA, drama, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, Gang Resistance Education and Training, Junior Civitan Club, language clubs, National Honor Society, prayer club, science club and student council



PRIMARY BELIEFS

- ★ Safety is our number one priority.
- ★ Failure is not an option. We do expect that all children can learn.
- ★ We will not be satisfied until all of our schools meet or exceed the highest academic standards.
- ★ We are committed to determining what each child needs to fulfill his or her potential.
- ★ We take responsibility for learning, for both our students and ourselves.
- ★ We are not afraid of change and will embrace change that is research-based and proven to be effective.



Kathy Gibbs
2014 - 2015 Houston County School System Teacher of the Year

"In our classroom, students know that they are valued as individuals just as much as their learning is valued. My deepest desire as a teacher is to see my students become independent, critical thinkers in life and to see their success."

