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STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Student Characteristics:

Number enrolled: **4198**

With Individualized Education Programs (IEP)/Special Education: **667**

In Gifted Program: **269**

In limited-English proficiency programs: **36**

Student Racial/Ethnic Background:

White: **2381**

Black: **1484**

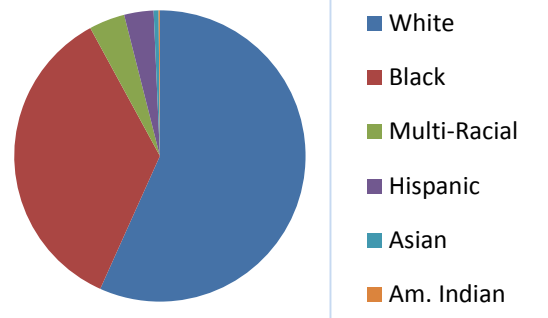
Multi-Racial: **167**

Hispanic: **137**

Asian/Pacific Islander: **23**

American Indian/Alaskan Native: **6**

Student Race/Ethnicity



SCHOOLS

Enrollment by School:

Upson-Lee Pre-Kindergarten: **155**

Upson-Lee South Elementary: **1292**

Upson-Lee North Elementary: **624**

Upson-Lee Middle School: **1063**

Upson-Lee High School: **1300**



Characteristics:

Upson-Lee Pre-Kindergarten: 4 yr. PK program

Upson-Lee South Elementary: Grades K-3 Grade Center

Upson-Lee North Elementary: Grades 4-5 Grade Center

Upson-Lee Middle School: Grades 6-8

Upson-Lee High School: Grades 9-12; includes a Ninth Grade Academy for 1st year freshmen

Upson-Lee Learning Academy: Grades 9-12; non-traditional high school operates from 3:30 – 9:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday; computer-based, self-paced environment

Upson-Lee Alternative School: Grades 6-12; students are assigned to attend the alternative school either through disciplinary tribunal placement or by special education placement committee



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SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION

District Administration:

Dr. Maggie V. Shook was named superintendent of Thomaston-Upson Schools in 2007. Over the past nine years, Dr. Shook has created a culture of achievement for all students in grades PK-12 by developing a shared vision and mission, establishing specific goals, and setting high expectations for students and staff. Dr. Shook believes that personal responsibility is fundamental to effective leadership and is committed to providing both teachers and students with the educational resources and opportunities necessary to build a world-class public school system within Thomaston and Upson County, Georgia.

District Governance:

The Thomaston-Upson Board of Education consists of seven members elected by voting district.

District Accreditation:

- Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), a division of AdvancED; The Thomaston-Upson School System is district accredited through 2020.
- Accredited *with Quality* by the Georgia Accrediting Commission (GAC)



TESTING & ACCOUNTABILITY

2015 Graduation Rate:

| Upson-Lee High School | Georgia State Average |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 85.1% | 78.8% |

2015 College & Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI):

| Thomaston-Upson Schools | Georgia State Average |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 75.4 | 75.5 |

Of the eight school systems in the Griffin RESA, Thomaston-Upson posted the 2nd highest CCRPI scores. Fayette County was the only school system that scored higher than Thomaston-Upson's 75.4, posting a score of 81.9. Griffin RESA school district scores in descending order are:

| | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Fayette | 81.9 |
| Thomaston-Upson | 75.4 |
| Henry | 72.9 |
| Pike | 70.7 |
| Newton | 70.3 |
| Butts | 69.6 |
| Spalding | 67.5 |
| Lamar | 66.7 |

2015 CCRPI School-Level Results:

| Upson-Lee High School | Georgia State Average |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 77 | 75.8 |



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Upson-Lee Middle School

77.8

Georgia State Average

71.2

Upson-Lee North Elementary

74.5

Georgia State Average

76

POINTS OF PRIDE

- The Thomaston-Upson School System has great community support. Voters have passed 4 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) for education: in 2002, 2006, 2009, and most recently in 2015. SPLOST has allowed our school system to
 - eliminate all bond indebtedness
 - equip our schools with state of the art technology,
 - Google classrooms at all schools
 - 1:1 computing initiative
 - improve school safety with controlled access equipment and surveillance cameras at all schools
 - build a new transportation and maintenance facility that is EPA compliant
 - build a 900-seat, state of the art fine arts center
 - and provide ongoing renovation and maintenance projects, such a roofing, paving, HVAC, and athletic field improvements
- The Upson-Lee Fine Arts Center opened in May of 2013 and includes a 900-seat auditorium with a full production stage, fly loft, catwalk, lower level and balcony seating, gallery-style front lobby, green lobby, dressing rooms, and storage.
 - This facility was built/paid in full with SPLOST pennies for education.
 - During the 2015-16 school year, the Upson-Lee Fine Arts Center will host over 100 student events and 66 rental events.
- T-U faculty, staff, and students are active in the community and participate in charitable/service learning opportunities annually.
 - Over 6,000 non-perishable food items donated to the Empty Stocking Fund in 2015
 - T-U Schools' Relay for Life Teams donated \$6,572 in 2015.
 - In 2015-16, students and staff also provided donations to the Upson County Cancer Car, SUPPORT, Toys for Tots, St. Jude Research Hospital, Bowen Story Fund to Cure Childhood Cancer, Upson County Foster Families, and more.
- The Thomaston-Upson Board of Education achieved Exemplary Board status in 2015, as awarded by the Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA). Out of 181 school districts in the state, the T-U School Board is currently one of only 36 Exemplary Boards.
- Superintendent Dr. Maggie Shook was the winner of the Georgia School Superintendents Association's 2014 Bill Barr Leadership Award, a coveted award in public education that is given to only one Georgia superintendent each year.



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- The Thomaston-Upson School System has an active Partners In Education program with over 50 local business and industry partners.
 - West Central Georgia Bank holds the record for the longest partnership. Now in its 23rd year, the West Central Georgia Bank GOAL Card program for all "A" students was implemented in 1992 in support of the new Thomaston-Upson School System and in support of academic achievement for all Upson-Lee High School students.
 - Dart Industries' Dart Foundation Grants have allowed ULHS to implement a robotics program within the CTAE department.
 - ULHS has a Graphics Communications Pathway, which is implemented in partnership with Quad/Graphics.



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