

Metro Atlanta's Best Public Schools

Every year, the Georgia Public Policy Foundation, an independent, non-partisan think tank, analyzes and ranks more than 2,000 of Georgia's elementary, middle and high schools for their annual "Report Card for Parents." Elementary and middle school rankings are based on reading and math achievement scores from Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests, while graduation rates and end-of-course tests across a range of subjects are used to determine high school standings. Elementary schools are ranked by third- and fifth-grade scores, middle schools by eighth-grade scores and high schools by all end-

of-course test scores. Below are the top-scoring third, fifth and eighth grades and high schools for each of the 28 districts in the metro Atlanta area. A listing of all schools' achievement scores, as well as further data on poverty indicators, school spending and other factors, is available via the "Report Cards" link at gppf.org.

For additional information on individual school systems, each district's website is provided. Visit the Georgia Department of Education site at doe.k12.ga.us for details on state curriculum and performance standards.

ATLANTA CITY

atlanta.k12.ga.us

Third Grade: Jackson Elementary

Fifth Grade: Capitol View Elementary

Eighth Grade: KIPP W. Atlanta Young Scholars Academy (Charter School)

High School: Early College High at Carver

BARROW COUNTY

barrow.k12.ga.us

Third Grade: Bramlett Elementary

Fifth Grade: Yargo Elementary

Eighth Grade: Haymon-Morris Middle

High School: Apalachee High

BARTOW COUNTY

bartow.k12.ga.us

Third Grade: Allatoona Elementary

Fifth Grade: White Elementary

Eighth Grade: Adairsville Middle

High School: Woodland High

BUFORD CITY SCHOOLS

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Third Grade: Buford Academy

Fifth Grade: Buford Academy

Eighth Grade: Buford Middle

High School: Buford High

CARROLL COUNTY

carroll.k12.ga.us

Third Grade: Whitesburg Elementary

Fifth Grade: Whitesburg Elementary

Eighth Grade: Bay Springs Middle

High School: Bowdon High

CHEROKEE COUNTY

cherokee.k12.ga.us

Third Grade: Bascomb Elementary

Fifth Grade: J. Knox Elementary

Eighth Grade: Freedom Middle

High School: Sequoyah High

CLAYTON COUNTY

clayton.k12.ga.us

Third Grade: Lewis Academy of Excellence

Fifth Grade: Lake City Elementary

Eighth Grade: Forest Park Middle

High School: Mundy's Mill High

COBB COUNTY

cobb.k12.ga.us

Third Grade: Timber Ridge Elementary

Fifth Grade: Shallowford Falls Elementary

Eighth Grade: Hightower Trail Middle

High School: Walton High (Charter School)

COWETA COUNTY

coweta.k12.ga.us

Third Grade: Thomas Crossroads Elementary

Fifth Grade: Northside Elementary

Eighth Grade: Madras Middle

High School: Northgate High

DAWSON COUNTY

dawson.k12.ga.us

Third Grade: Robinson Elementary

Fifth Grade: Robinson Elementary

Eighth Grade: Riverview Middle

High School: Dawson County High

CITY OF DECATUR

decatur-city.k12.ga.us

Third Grade: Oakhurst Elementary

Fifth Grade: Glennwood Academy

Eighth Grade: Renfro Middle

High School: Decatur High

DEKALB COUNTY

dekalb.k12.ga.us

Third Grade: Austin Elementary

Fifth Grade: Kittredge Magnet School

Eighth Grade: DeKalb Academy of

Tech. and the Environment

High School: DeKalb School of the Arts

DOUGLAS COUNTY

douglas.k12.ga.us

Third Grade: Mirror Lake Elementary

Fifth Grade: Brighten Academy (Charter School)

Eighth Grade: Chapel Hill Middle

High School: Alexander High

FAYETTE COUNTY

fayette.k12.ga.us

Third Grade: Tyrone Elementary

Fifth Grade: Kedron Elementary

Eighth Grade: Whitewater Middle

High School: Starrs Mill High

FORSYTH COUNTY

forsyth.k12.ga.us

Third Grade: Big Creek Elementary

Fifth Grade: Sharon Elementary

Eighth Grade: Riverwatch Middle

High School: South Forsyth High

FULTON COUNTY

fulton.k12.ga.us

Third Grade: New Prospect Elementary

Fifth Grade: Shakerag Elementary

Eighth Grade: Amana Academy

High School: Northview High

GILMER COUNTY

gilmer.k12.ga.us

Third Grade: Mountain View Elementary

Fifth Grade: Ellijay Elementary

Eighth Grade: Clear Creek Middle

High School: Gilmer High

GWINNETT COUNTY

gwinnett.k12.ga.us

Third Grade: Simpson Elementary

Fifth Grade: Simpson Elementary

Eighth Grade: Frank N. Osborne Middle

High School: Brookwood High

HALL COUNTY

hall.k12.ga.us

Third Grade: Mount Vernon Elementary

Fifth Grade: Riverbend Elementary

Eighth Grade: North Hall Middle

High School: North Hall High

HENRY COUNTY

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Third Grade: East Lake Elementary

Fifth Grade: New Hope Elementary

Eighth Grade: Union Grove Middle

High School: Union Grove High

JACKSON COUNTY

jackson.k12.ga.us

Third Grade: Gum Springs Elementary

Fifth Grade: Gum Springs Elementary

Eighth Grade: East Jackson Middle

High School: Jackson County High

LUMPKIN COUNTY

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Third Grade: Long Branch Elementary

Fifth Grade: Long Branch Elementary

Eighth Grade: Lumpkin County Middle

High School: New Lumpkin County High

CITY OF MARIETTA

marietta-city.k12.ga.us

Third Grade: Marietta Center for Advanced Academics

Fifth Grade: Marietta Center for Advanced Academics

Eighth Grade: Marietta Middle

High School: Marietta High

NEWTON COUNTY

newton.k12.ga.us

Third Grade: Mansfield Elementary

Fifth Grade: Mansfield Elementary

Eighth Grade: Indian Creek Middle

High School: Eastside High

PAULDING COUNTY

paulding.k12.ga.us

Third Grade: Floyd L. Shelton Elementary

Fifth Grade: Burnt Hickory Elementary

Eighth Grade: Irma C. Austin Middle

High School: East Paulding High

PICKENS COUNTY

pickens.k12.ga.us

Third Grade: Jasper Elementary

Fifth Grade: Harmony Elementary

Eighth Grade: Pickens County Middle

High School: Pickens County High

ROCKDALE COUNTY

rockdale.k12.ga.us

Third Grade: Honey Creek Elementary

Fifth Grade: Honey Creek Elementary

Eighth Grade: General Ray Davis Middle

High School: Heritage High

WALTON COUNTY

walton.k12.ga.us

Third Grade: Bay Creek Elementary

Fifth Grade: Loganville Elementary

Eighth Grade: Youth Middle

High School: Loganville High