



Reasons To Be Proud of Griffin-Spalding County School System (GSCS):

1. GSCS has seen a steady rise in high school graduation rates over the past several years. The 2017 graduation rate for GSCS increased to 81.5 percent from 73.0 percent last year. Also, the graduation rate for scholar athletes from Griffin High School was 98 percent and 100 percent for Spalding High School.
2. The GSCS Class of 2017 earned over \$4 million in scholarships.
3. The Griffin Region College and Career Academy (GRCCA) began classes in the fall of 2016 serving high school students from Spalding, Butts and Pike counties. This joint regional effort with Gordon State College and Southern Crescent Technical College offers juniors and seniors 16 innovative career pathways that provide academic and real world experiences.
4. The Zero to Five Initiative aims to identify, prioritize and partner with local daycares, pre-schools, agencies and organizations to address the needs of children from birth to age five, using research-based developmentally appropriate learning experiences to prepare them to enter school kindergarten ready.
5. GSCS believes in taking a holistic approach to educating the whole child. All 18 GSCS schools provide a full-time nurse and all GSCS students are eligible to participate in the district's free dental program for procedures such as cleaning, sealants, x-rays, extractions and fillings. GSCS implements Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education), a program to increase mental health awareness and access to resources for at-risk students.
6. GSCS students and teachers benefit from the district's partnership with the Griffin-Spalding Partners In Education (PIE), a 501(c)(3) organization. Each year, local school supply manufacturer Norcom Inc., coordinates with PIE to provide over \$250,000 worth of school supplies to GSCS teachers and students. In 2017, PIE granted over \$27,000 to teachers for classroom/field trip grants and awarded nine teachers with \$1,000 tuition reimbursement scholarships.
7. GSCS students have access to 21st century tools, including Chromebooks, virtual reality devices and augmented reality programs to collaborate with other students across the district and around the world. All GSCS teachers have access to Audio Enhancement to integrate technology and support instruction. Each classroom is fitted with a 360-degree camera and a wireless microphone necklace which allows teachers to record lessons, use for voice amplification and press an alert button to discreetly send a signal for assistance.
8. GSCS received a \$7.5 million AMP-IT-UP grant from the National Science Foundation to partner with Georgia Tech to implement and improve science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education and foster the next generation of creative designers.
9. GSCS Superintendent James D. Smith is a recipient of the 2018 Georgia School Superintendent Association (GSSA) President's Award for outstanding leadership in the school system and community.
10. For the 13th year, GSCS received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award from the Government Finance Officers Association and the Association of School Business Officials.

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