

# GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



## GHS FCCLA Brings Home The Gold



FCCLA National Award Winners (l to r): Caroline Reames, Riley White, Ashley Dabney, Bianca Ortiz, Danna Flores, and Arianna Alvarado

Gainesville High School's FCCLA students competed at the 2017 National FCCLA Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee this summer. With over 12,000 students from more than 40 states and Puerto Rico competing in various competitions, GHS students had the opportunity to compete and earn medals in their competitive events. Seven of the nine students who competed were GHS graduates and will be attending college this fall.

Riley White and Caroline Reames won second place at the conference, receiving a Silver medal in the AquaWarriors competition for their work in building an aquaponic garden with assistance from the GHS Construction and AP Human Geography students. Arianna Alvarado, Bianca Ortiz, and Danna Flores earned first place in the Life Event Planning competition for Culinary, receiving a Gold medal for their presentation entitled "Eat the Globe". Ashley Dabney received first place in the Leadership competition and was awarded a



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A Georgia Charter System

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## Important Dates

July 17

Board Meeting

July 24

New Teachers Report

July 27

190 Day Staff Report  
Pre-planning

Gold medal for her presentation "Becoming a Leader".

Congratulations to each of the students and national winners for their outstanding representation of our school district! We are proud of our graduates for their accomplishments and wish them the best of luck as they attend college in the fall!



L to R: Riley White, Bianca Ortiz, Lizbeth Martinez, GHS FCCLA Advisor Abshul Ellis, Diana Nova, Ashley Dabney, Danna Flores, Caroline Reames, Arianna Alvarado, and Daniel Bedingfield

## STEAM Program Heats Up During Summer



STEAM program offers professional learning opportunities

Gainesville City School System hosted several STEAM professional learning workshops this summer at the GHS Ninth Grade Center's Makerspace. Teachers from all grade levels and content areas learned

July 28

Open House for Middle and High School  
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

July 31

Open House for Elementary Schools  
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

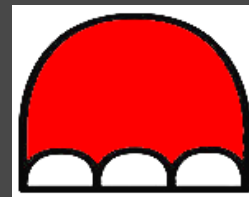
August 1

Open House for Enota MI Academy  
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

August 2

First Day of School

## Upcoming Events



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how to use instructional technology to increase students' creative learning through project-based learning strategies and to provide students with 24/7 access to curriculum learning and resources. The workshops covered how to integrate instructional technology tools in the classroom, create blended learning environments for students within and outside the classroom, utilize 3D modeling and printing, and learn the skills and instructional pedagogy necessary to become a Google Certified Educator Level 1 teacher.

Google Certification requires teachers to learn how to utilize all of the Google Suite tools in order to provide students with learning experiences that utilize technology to enhance communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking. Teachers learned how to effectively use Google Drive, Docs, Slides, Sheets, Classroom, YouTube, and Sites.

Teachers were also trained on how to use Virtual Reality technology. They learned how to operate Flashforge Creator Pro 3D printers and how to utilize CAD (Computer Aided Design) programs such as OnShape and Tinkercad.

At the end of the workshop, teachers were able to proficiently design and create their own project-based learning assignments for classroom instruction to enable students to apply their knowledge through the use of technology.

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## Enota Groundbreaking Ceremony



The Gainesville City School System will host a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Enota elementary school on Thursday, July 27th at 6:30 p.m. The ceremony will be held at 1340 East Enota Avenue, the former site of the old Enota school. The community is invited to attend this special event.

## Alumni News



[125th Anniversary  
Slideshow](#)

[Class of 2017  
Achievements](#)

[Class of 2017 College  
Acceptances](#)

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### Vision

Our students will think critically, act compassionately, work meaningfully, choose wisely, and live joyfully.

### Mission

As *ONE GAINESVILLE*,  
we will  
*INSPIRE*,  
*NURTURE*,  
*CHALLENGE &*  
*PREPARE*  
our students

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### Our Schools

Gainesville High

Gainesville Middle

Centennial Arts Academy

Enota MI Academy

Fair Street International  
Academy

Gainesville  
Exploration Academy

New Holland



# Avoid the Rush!

## Get Your



## Back to School Shots Now

Gainesville City School System and Hall County Health Department want to remind parents to avoid the rush and get their children's required school vaccinations now. For convenience, the health department is holding a special vaccination emphasis from July 5th to August 4th during normal business hours. Parents can also get vaccinations from their child's health care provider.

Also, from July 24th through August 4th the health department will remain open through lunch to provide vaccinations. For additional information, please call the health department at 770-531-5600 or visit the health department's website at [www.phdistrict2.org](http://www.phdistrict2.org).

Please click [here](#) for the health department's hours of operation.

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## GCSS Proof of Residency Requirements



Beginning July 17th, all students attending the Gainesville City School System will be required to provide two updated proofs of residency to the school that they attend.

Acceptable proofs of residency include one of the following:

- non-contingent sales contract
- current lease/rental agreement
- most recent income tax return or IRS Form 1099
- current paycheck stub
- current warranty or quit claim deed
- current home purchase agreement
- current homeowner's insurance policy

Additionally, one of the following must be provided:

- current gas bill (within last 30 days)
- current water bill (within last 30 days)
- current electric bill (within last 30 days)
- current cable/internet bill (with service address within last 30 days)
- Students who are non-residents will be required to submit one proof of residency from the list in order to verify mailing address for the school.

Students who do not present valid proofs of residency by September 1st will be withdrawn as of that date.

Parents and guardians should contact their child's school for any questions concerning this process.

## Support Our REACH Scholarship Program



2016 REACH Georgia Scholars

Gainesville City School System encourages the community to support our REACH Georgia Scholars program by making a financial contribution to provide an opportunity for select GCSS students to pursue a college education. REACH Georgia is a needs-based scholarship program that pairs middle school students (Scholars) with mentors, coaches and additional resources to prepare them for

college and careers. REACH Scholars who successfully complete the program and graduate from high school earn a \$10,000 scholarship paid over four years at a Georgia college or technical college of their choice. 100% of all donations collected will contribute toward REACH scholarships. To download a pledge form, please click [here](#). For additional information regarding the REACH program, please click [here](#).

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## **Advancing A Tradition of Excellence! #OneGainesville #RoadtoGraduation**

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- **Gainesville City School System - @GCSSK12**
  - **Centennial - @GCSS\_CAA**
  - **Enota - @enotamiacademy**
  - **Fair Street - @GCSS\_FS**
  - **Gainesville Exploration - @GCSS\_GEA**
  - **New Holland - @GCSS\_NH**
  - **Gainesville Middle School - @GCSS\_GMS**
  - **Gainesville High School - @GCSS\_GHS**
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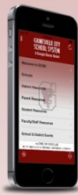
# GCSS Mobile App

GCSS is proud to announce its very own mobile app!

GCSS is now live!

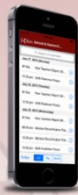


Here are some amazing features to look forward to and things you can do with the GCSS app:



## Notifications

Make sure you select "Yes" to receive Push Notifications so you can receive all breaking school news. These notifications will be used to provide information on early/late start and school closings.



## Calendar

The school wide calendar of events and athletic events at the tip of your finger! Add the events that you are interested in to your native phone calendar so you never miss them!

Download the GCSS Mobile App through **App Store**, **Google Play**, or **Window Store** to access the latest information while on the go! Features such as Calendar of Events, Directions, Faculty and Staff Directory, Emergency and District Alerts, Helpful Links, and Current News can be accessed through our mobile application. **"Go Mobile"** with GCSS!