

# GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



**The First Day of School is  
Wednesday, August 2nd!**



**Join us at Open House  
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.:**

- **July 28th - GMS & GHS**
- **July 31st - Centennial, Fair Street, Gainesville Exploration, Mundy Mill, & New Holland**
- **August 1st - Enota**

**Students RISE To A Special Occasion**



**GAINESVILLE  
CITY SCHOOLS**

A Georgia Charter System

**Jeremy Williams, Ed.D.  
Superintendent**

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Brett Mercer, Chair  
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**Important Dates**

**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**



GCSS graduates of RISE summer program

This summer one hundred and eighteen students from the Gainesville City School System participated in the RISE (Real Interactive Summer-learning Experience) Summer Program commemorating the sixth year of a joint partnership between Gainesville Housing Authority, Gainesville City School System, United Way of Hall County, and Brenau University. On July 14th, GCSS students concluded the 6-week program with a RISE commencement held at Fair Street International Academy with friends and family in attendance. Graduation activities included a processional followed by student presentations and a keynote address. Students were all smiles as they received certificates for their satisfactory completion of the program.

During the summer, RISE participants engaged in a wide variety of educational and recreational opportunities including reading, writing, math, computer skills development, supervised field trips, play/fitness activities, and arts & crafts activities utilizing an interactive learning environment to reinforce Georgia Standards learning objectives. Program activities occurred at the Gainesville Housing Authority's Melrose Community Center and Fair Street International Academy. Students had access to fully-equipped computer labs, the Fair Street STEAM lab and use of the playgrounds. With the goal of exposing the children to educational field trips, each week they traveled to different destinations such as Elachee Nature Center, Chattahoochee River Keeper's Chota Princess (a floating classroom/Lake Lanier boat), Skate Country, Gainesville Bowling Center, and Truelove Dairy Farm. After each field trip, the students visited the Frances Meadows Aquatic Center to participate in swimming activities.

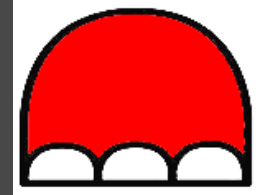
By offering the RISE program within the local community, participants were accessible to resources that challenged their intellect along with their physical capabilities. Each summer the program provides curriculum-based learning opportunities that reinforce classroom standards that students need to become successful and confident in school. The program's long-term goals are for students to graduate from high school on time and to achieve self-sufficiency as adults with healthy lifestyle habits.

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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## GMS Seventh Grader Isn't Horsing Around



Emma Metz participates in state horse show

Congratulations to Emma Metz, a seventh grade student at Gainesville Middle School, for her recent accomplishment. Emma, who is a member of the Hall County 4-H Horse Club, won 5th place in the junior division of the 2017 Georgia 4-H State Horse Show held June 12th -16th in Perry, Georgia. She will be traveling back to Perry in August to compete with "Team Georgia" in the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships. We wish Emma the best of luck in the regional competition!

## Preparing The Newest Members of the Herd



### 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

### Our Schools

Gainesville High

Gainesville Middle

Centennial Arts Academy

Enota MI Academy

Fair Street International Academy

Gainesville Exploration Academy

New Holland Knowledge Academy

Mundy Mill Academy

[www.gcssk12.net](http://www.gcssk12.net)

Approximately 80 new teachers arrived to the Gainesville Civic Center on Monday, July 24th for the district's New Teacher Orientation. The group was welcomed by Dr. Jeremy Williams along with district and school personnel. The three day orientation included presentations from district staff regarding the district's strategic plan, policies, and procedures. Information was shared on topics such as teacher keys effectiveness, instruction and curriculum, data assessment, and instructional technology. The orientation concluded with teachers participating in various professional development workshops at their schools in preparation for the new school year.

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## **Celebrating the Beginning of A New Enota**



**Enota groundbreaking event**

It's official! The construction of the new Enota elementary school is finally underway! The district hosted a groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday, July 27th at the former site of the old school. Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Williams welcomed the crowd to the momentous occasion followed by remarks from Board Vice Chair John Filson, Boardmember Sammy Smith, and Carroll Daniel representative Chris Erwin. The school district is excited about the new project; and over the next couple of months, the Enota community will observe different phases of the construction process. The opening of the new school is slated for August 2018.

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## **GCSS Schedule Adjustment for Solar Eclipse**



Please click [here](#) for important information regarding the adjustment to the regular school day schedule on August 21, 2017 due to the pending solar eclipse occurrence.

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**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, now 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.

## GCSS Proof of Residency Requirements



All students attending the Gainesville City School System are 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.

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**Online Donations Now Available for  
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.

Gainesville City School System and Hall County Schools have joined efforts in raising donations for our REACH scholars. Donations can now be made online at [www.ngcf.org](http://www.ngcf.org). Monetary donations to REACH can be made in the Gainesville-Hall Fund at the North Georgia Community Foundation and are tax deductible (501c3). Checks may be mailed to NGCF at 615 Oak Street, Suite 1300 Gainesville, Georgia 30501. (When submitting checks, please note REACH: Gainesville-Hall Fund on the check memo line).

For individuals interested in mentoring REACH scholars, please contact Marie Davis at [marie.davis@centerpointga.org](mailto:marie.davis@centerpointga.org). For additional information regarding the GCSS REACH program, please click [here](#).

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