

GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



GCSS Veteran Diploma Information



The Gainesville City School System would like to recognize military veterans who were unable to receive their high school diplomas because of military service. Veterans who meet the requirements below can complete the form by clicking [here](#) and submit to the Gainesville City School Board Office located at 508 Oak Street by October 1st so that recognition can be arranged during the month of November. Candidates who wish to be awarded a diploma for services rendered in a recognized branch of our Armed Services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard) in lieu of graduation requirements in effect at the time of their assignment must be able to demonstrate proof of enrollment in the district and evidence of an honorable discharge from a branch of the Armed Services. Upon meeting requirements, the veteran will be recognized with a diploma bearing his/her name and the year of graduation corresponding to the year of anticipated graduation. The diploma will be signed by the current high school principal and current school board chairman. The diploma may be presented in a formal setting, if it is so desired by the recipient.

Wonderful "WOW" Day at New Holland



GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

A Georgia Charter System

Jeremy Williams, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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Brett Mercer, Chair
John Filson, Vice Chair
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Important Dates

September 18

BOE Meeting
6:00 p.m.
Public Safety Complex

September 26

Fuel Up to Play 60-Atlanta
Falcons Event
10:00 a.m.
New Holland Academy



Students enjoy fun learning activities

New Holland MPACT students were treated to their first Wonderful "WOW!" Day of this school year. MPACT teacher, Charlotte Davis, led students in practicing their inquiry skills as they observed, formulated questions and hypotheses, and tested hypotheses about dry ice. They were surprised to learn that dry ice is frozen carbon dioxide, and that instead of melting, it changes from a solid to a gas in a process called sublimation. Also leading the activity was Millard Davis, a former instructor at Southern Polytechnic State University, who was impressed with the enthusiasm and excitement that the students expressed. Everyone agreed that experimenting with dry ice will be remembered as one of New Holland's most exciting Wonderful "WOW!" Days this year!

NJROTC Cadets Complete Annual Training



L to R: LT Nate Bourdeau (Instructor), Abel Acosta, Dre Deck, and Adrian Vargas

October 2

BOE Work Session
6:00 p.m.
School Board Office

October 4

End of 1st Grading Period

October 6 - 9

Fall Break Holiday

October 10

Teacher Planning

October 16

BOE Meeting
6:00 p.m.
Public Safety Complex

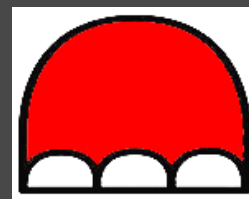
October 17

Report Cards

October 22

The 50th Birthday
Celebration for the Rock
Time: TBA
Location: At the Rock

Upcoming Events



[EVENT CALENDAR](#)

[ELEPHANT TRACKS NEWS](#)

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On August 25th-27th, three GHS NJROTC Cadets attended an annual training camp for Orienteering hosted by Stockbridge High School NJROTC in Rutledge, Georgia at Hard Labor Creek State Park. The Cadets who were chosen to represent Gainesville High School were Abel Acosta, Dre Deck, and Adrian Vargas. Cadets received training in map reading and the use of a compass as well as Physical Fitness evaluations. These Cadets are now trained to be part of the GHS Orienteering Team, a distinguished unit of the GHS JROTC .

Points of Pride



[District & School Achievements](#)

[GCSS Data Facts](#)

GHS Students Ready For Dragon Boat Race



Chinese and French Club students prepare for dragon boat race

Twenty one Gainesville High School students are members of the GHS dragon boat team sponsored by the Chinese Club and French Club. The team is under the guidance of GHS foreign language teachers Ms. Stacy Finelli and Ms. Julia Xhu.

The idea to create a team was formulated during the spring as a fun activity to involve the students in a community event. Some students have paddled before in kayaks or canoes; but for others, this is a new experience for them! The team members have had several practices to prepare for their first race, the Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival, scheduled on Saturday, September 9th at Lake Lanier Olympic Park starting at 7:30 a.m. The community is invited to come out to support the students at this event. Please [click](#) here to see the schedule of events for the festival.

Alumni News



[125th Anniversary Slideshow](#)

[Class of 2017 Achievements](#)

[Class of 2017 College Acceptances](#)

[View the GCSS Alumni Page](#)

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

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Release of District ACT Scores



District results for the 2017 administration of the ACT were recently released by the Georgia Department of Education. Gainesville City School System had more test takers in 2017 than 2016, and scores in all areas (English, math, reading, and science) were the highest achieved in the previous five years. For additional information regarding ACT scores results , please click [here](#).

Check Out New Holland's Hooty News



Please click [here](#) to view New Holland's Hooty News.

What's Happening at GEA?



Gainesville City BOE Called Meeting September 6, 2017



Dr. Williams discusses millage rate at third public hearing

The Gainesville City Board of Education held a called meeting on Wednesday, September 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the School Board Office. The purpose of the called meeting was to discuss the millage rate and to allow an opportunity for public comments.

To view the agenda and report, please click the links below.

- [Board Agenda](#)
- [Millage Rate Information](#)

Gainesville City Called Meeting/Work Session September 6, 2017



District staff presents agenda reports to School Board

The Gainesville City Board of Education held a called meeting/work session on Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30 p.m. at the School Board Office. The purpose of the called meeting was to adopt the millage rate, and the Board also utilized the meeting as a work session to review, discuss, and approve reports presented by district staff.

To view the agenda and reports, please click the links below.

- [Board Agenda](#)
- [Facility Requests](#)
- [Overnight Field Trips](#)
- [Enota Progress Report](#)
- [Tuition Update](#)
- [Adoption of Millage Rate](#)
- [GaDOE Letter for MMLA Traffic Light](#)
- [Capital Projects Planning](#)
- [Personnel Report](#) and [Addendum](#)

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. 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. For additional information regarding the GCSS REACH program, please click [here](#).

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- **Centennial - @GCSS_CAA**
- **Enota - @enotamiacademy**
- **Fair Street - @GCSS_FS**
- **Gainesville Exploration - @GCSS_GEA**
- **Mundy Mill Academy - @GCSS_MMLA**
- **New Holland - @GCSS_NH**
- **Gainesville Middle School - @GCSS_GMS**
- **Gainesville High School - @GCSS_GHS**