



Seeing beyond the mountains

DADE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

ANNUAL REPORT

2019

**"All students will become independent, hardworking, life-long learners
capable of succeeding in a changing society..."**



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Parents, Students, Faculty, Staff, and Valued Stakeholders,

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Dade County Board of Education, to present the 2019 Annual Report to you at this time. The year brought exciting outcomes and improvements to our school district as we continue to focus on academic rigor and character.

All four of our schools earned a Five Star Climate rating. Student Achievement improved and Dade Middle began a unique partnership with NASA where our students are making parts for the International Space Station through additive manufacturing. As a result, Dade County earned a GSBA Leading Edge award for innovation and teaching. DMS is the only middle school in America to have this partnership and equipment. The program is expanding at DCHS this year.

Leadership starts at the top and the Board of Education is modeling excellence for our students and staff by exceeding expectations for professional learning and student achievement. As such, the Board was named one of nine finalists for the GSBA Governance Team of the Year.

Our focus on increasing academic rigor has yielded positive results such as improved student academic achievement, Dade Elementary became a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, and the number of honors classes increased as evidenced by DCHS being one of five Georgia districts included on College Board AP Honor Roll.

We have much to celebrate. Please join me in commending our students, faculty and staff for their accomplishments. Thank you for your support.

With warmest regards,

Dr. Jan Irons Harris

Dade County Board of Education

The Dade County Board of Education encompasses five members, people from different areas of life who devote their time to public service as elected officials. The Board of Education members work together to help provide vision and direction for the school system, employment of the superintendent, policy creation in accordance with state law to establish standards, evaluation, and accountability of essential operations of the school district, property acquisition, and preparation of the district's budget. The members of the Dade County Board of Education are committed to making a difference in the lives of our students. The Dade County Board of Education received the 2019 Exemplary School Board Award - Highest designation for school boards by the Georgia School Board Association, the 2019 Leading Edge Award, and recognized as a finalist for the Governance Team of the Year.



left to right: Carolyn Bradford - Board Chair, Johnny Warren - Vice Chair, Dr. Jan Irons Harris - Superintendent, Daniel Case, Jennifer Hartline, Bob Woods

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR



HEIDI WILSON
DCS TEACHER OF THE YEAR
2019



RHONDA BRADFORD
ELEMENTARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR
2019



AMBER BARTON
DES TEACHER OF THE YEAR
2019

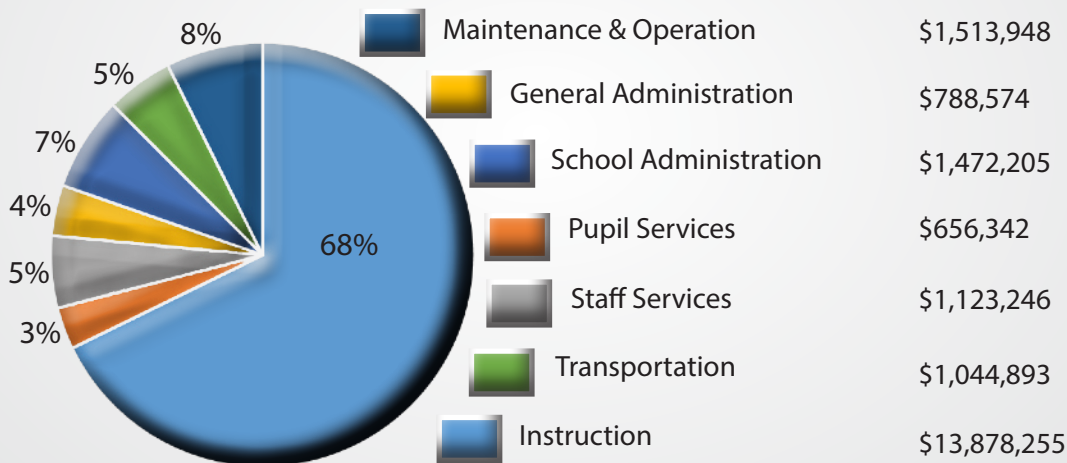


ASHLIE SMITH
DMS TEACHER OF THE YEAR
2019

2018-2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

• State Revenues	\$12,237,397	59%	• Millage Rate	15.323 (2018)
• Local Revenues	\$ 7,351,182	36%	• Ad Valorem Tax	\$5,815,519
• Federal Revenues	\$ 1,012,868	5%	• SPLOST V	\$2,775,822

Total Revenues = \$20,601,447



Total Expenditures = \$20,477,463 100%

FACULTY DEGREES

Doctorate = 6%

Ed. Specialist = 17%

Masters = 48%

Bachelors = 29%

Number of Classified

Employees = 112

Number of Certified

Employees = 184

Total Number of

Employees = 296

SAFETY AND FACILITIES

- DCHS Cafeteria Remodel
- Stop The Bleed upgrade kits
- Solar Panels installed at DCHS
- District-wide, crisis intervention plan
- New water fountains installed at DCHS/DES
- DES PAES Lab installation & LED electronic sign
- Audio/video enhancement technology (COPS Grant)
- Gov. Kemp appropriated funding for safety enhancements
- Incident Management System – South Western Communication
- DMS Access Road/Cross Country Track & LED electronic sign
- County Executive & Commission installed severe weather sirens for Davis Community
- SROs at each school – through local partnership with Dade County Sheriff's Department
- Sielox Class & Telecenter for severe weather alerts, drills & lockdown procedures (COPS Grant)
- Davis - New cabinetry/case-work & paint in cafeteria building; new fencing & LED electronic sign





TRACY BLEVINS,
PRINCIPAL



CHARITY BARTON,
PRINCIPAL



DR. SANDRA SPIVEY,
PRINCIPAL



JAMES FAHRNEY,
PRINCIPAL

STAR POINTS

- Earned a 5 Star Climate Rating
- Blue Ribbon School
- 5th grade Middle School transition visit
- Duke TIP student recognition & weekly book club
- P.A.W. Parent Meetings
- Parent/Community Partnerships
- Active School Council
 - All Pro Dads
 - Fall Festival
- Veterans Day activities
- Oratorical and Writing Competitions
- STEM/STEAM Night
 - Active PTO
 - PBIS Certified
- Learning Focused School
- Principal's Advisory Committee
- Student Led Community Service Program
- Star Singers
- Parent Resource Room

BUZZ WORTHY POINTS

- Earned a 5 Star Climate Rating
- Principal's Advisory Council
- Student Council
 - Active PTO
 - Chorus
- Oratorical and Writing Competitions
- Parents Participation in Boy/Girl Scouts of America
- Veterans Day activities
- Parent/Community Partnerships
 - "Bee" Good Cafe
- Father Daughter Dance
- Pastries with Parents
 - Fall Festival
 - All Pro Dads
- Back to School Bash
- Top Reader Award
- 5th Grade Middle School Transition visit
- PBIS Certified
- Learning Focused School
- Parent Resource Room

BRIDGE POINTS

- Earned a 5 Star Climate Rating
- Accelerated math courses
- House System: Dade Darters, North Dade Panthers, Dade County Wildcats, and Davis Yellow Jackets
- Fifteen clubs for students
- Fall, Winter, and Spring Sports/Fine Arts
 - Duke TIP
 - Spelling Bee
- Oratorical and Writing Competitions
- Project Christopher
 - Career Fair
- REACH Georgia Scholarship
- Parent/Community Partnership
- NASA Partnership
- Veterans Day activities
 - PBIS Certified
- Learning Focused School

PRIDE POINTS

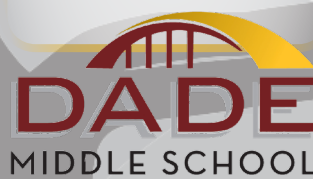
- Earned a 5 Star Climate Rating
- Scholarship offers were in excess of \$1,125,000
 - Accelerated Courses
 - Dual Enrollment
- Vertical Planning with DMS
 - Project Christopher
- DCHS Christmas Joy Program
- Community/College Partnerships
- Parent Involvement
 - FAFSA Night
 - Career Fair
- Freshman Orientation
- Fall, Winter, and Spring Sports/Fine Arts
 - Graduation Walk
- Veterans Day activities
- Growing Greatness
- Student Engagement
 - Star Kids Cafe
 - PBIS Certified
- Learning Focused School



Reaching Greatness Together



Character and Knowledge Rooted in Tradition



Preparing For Our Future



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ENROLLMENT

792

286

495

605

TOTAL = 2178

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

DISTRICT MILESTONES EOG/EOC

Above the state average and above average for proficiency

Grade 3 ELA - 50%	State - 42%
Grade 3 Math - 54%	State - 52%
Grade 4 Math - 55%	State - 49%
Grade 5 ELA - 57%	State - 45%
Grade 5 Math - 50%	State - 41%
Grade 5 Science - 54%	State - 43%
Grade 5 S. Studies - 38%	State - 31%
Grade 6 Math - 41%	State - 40%
Grade 8 Math - 46%	State - 35%
Am. Lit. - 69.24%	State - 68.9%
Biology - 74.2%	State - 66.8%
US History - 74.24%	State - 72.2%

DAVIS

ELA - 77%	+ 11%	State - 67%
Math - 89%	+ 5%	State - 72%

DES

ELA - 77%	+ 6%	State - 67%
Math - 78%		State - 72%
Science - 85%	+ 14%	State - 63%
S. Studies - 81%	+ 19%	State - 61%

DMS

ELA - 64%	+ 7%
Science - 67%	+19%

DCHS

ELA - 74%	+ 6%	
Math - 54%	+3%	
Science - 74%	+ 7%	State - 66%
S. Studies - 68%	+15%	

ACT

DCHS	Average Score - 19.1
State	Average Score - 21.4
National	Average Score - 20.7

SAT

DCHS	Total Score Mean - 1031
State	Total Score Mean - 1048
National	Total Score Mean - 1039

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

DCS/DCHS total AP exams - 205
AP exam with a 3+ score - 41 (20%)

DCHS

- 38% of 9th graders took AP Human Geography
- 42% Seniors took Dual Enrollment Classes
- 58% Seniors took at least one AP class
- 43% students eligible for HOPE Scholarships
- 50% students planned on attending post-secondary options
- Closing Gap score of 100% + 2 years consecutively

GRADUATION RATE

4 Year - 80.71%
5 Year - 94.57%

CCRPI

DCS - 78.4	State - 75.9
DES - 83.6	State - 77.1
Davis - 77.8	State - 77.1
DMS - 72.0	State - 72.1
DCHS - 77.0	State - 77.0



COMMUNITY SERVICE

In addition to working hard academically, the Class of 2019 is filled with servant leaders. Thirteen dedicated students volunteered a total of 1418 hours in our community.

#WatchUsClimb

OPTIMIST STAR TEACHER & STUDENT



TONYA GATLIN & KAREN
ZHENG



DISTRICT & OPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL AREA
ORATORICAL CONTEST
WINNER - AMELIA ANDERSON

TOP TEN SENIORS



COLE PATTERSON, SAVANAH MERTZ, MADISON RODEN,
BRIANA DUPREE, ABBY MOORE, TAYLOR WARREN,
KALEIGH GLENN, AMETHYST HOLLAND, KAREN ZHENG,
& GRACE PEARSON

#CHARACTERSTRONG



Dade County Employees selected the 2018-2019 Character Award recipients at each school and facility. These individuals model the seven qualities of wise leaders displayed in the Dade County Character Education plan.

- They are Visionary.
- They have Self- Control.
- They are Ethical.
- They possess Humility.
- They seek Knowledge.
- They seek Counsel.
- They seek to Understand Others.



What I've learned after four years of high school is that school is not the most important factor. Your education is. School and education are very different things. Focus on your education: your exploration of subjects and hobbies you personally take pride in, your developing perspectives, and your growth as an individual. In classes, strive to truly understand and engage with the material instead of a grade. Beyond the classroom, make time for your own passions, and spending time with friends. Lastly, don't take yourself too seriously and have a little fun!

- Karen Zheng, Valedictorian

When I'm having a bad day, my friends encourage me to keep going. When I think about it, don't they deserve my encouragement too?

- Makaela Chance

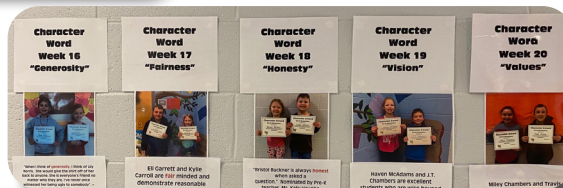
Often, we are our greatest critics. I find myself asking, "Why can't we be our greatest encouragers?"

- Ruth Pack



To be honest means you tell the truth.

- Lilian Baker



The act of giving is more important than the gift.

- Julian Ramirez de Arellano



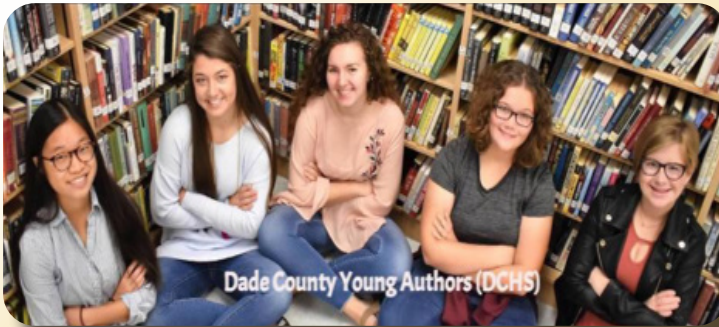
Major Tommy Bradford was named 2019 Distinguished Graduate for his display of Character



Our character is defined by how we act when we think no one is watching.

- Madison Rhoden

YOUNG AUTHORS CHARACTER QUOTES



Counsel is like correcting....so, if your mom says you're doing dishes wrong, will you argue or do it right?

- Landen Childress

Counselors can help you in a positive way, so don't take it in an offensive way.

- Ayden Miles

Ethics. Your moral code. Your "compass." Your sense of right & wrong.

- Kaitlyn Hedden

Being punctual isn't just being on time. It also means being reliable to be at the right place at the right time for the right reason.

- Eli Barron

Knowledge is the most important thing a person can own. It gives independence and success.

- Abby Moore

Someone with stability in life is dependable, reliable, and trustworthy.

- Alannah Gray



My character is important because it defines me. I am beyond what society tells me to be.

- Arianna Clayton

Self-control is an essential virtue that will help you in every aspect of life.

- Anna Ballard



Faithfulness is staying true and keeping your word.

- Maddie Cuzzort

Goals: something we strive to achieve! We want to do our best to get to the place we want to be, but no one said that getting there would be easy. It comes with its fair share of twists and turns, but just make the best out of it. I know you will get there, kiddo!

- Coop Lumpkin



Take the helpful advice someone gives you - from how to play basketball to how to paint your nails.

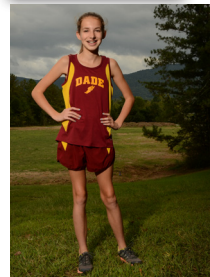
- Sidney Jones



DADE COUNTY SCHOOLS

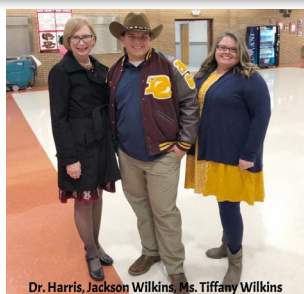
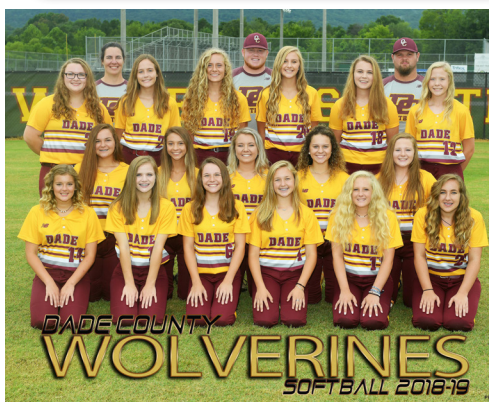
ATHLETICS

- DCHS Competition Cheer advanced to Sweet 16. Gameday cheerleading placed 5th in State.
- DCHS Track State Placers: Kristen Fowler - 8th place (400M), Taylor Warren - 5th place (3200M) & 6th place (1600M)
- DCHS Wrestling finished 4th in State Duals. Individual state placers: Cody Williams - 2nd, Nick Daniels - 3rd, & Dakota Johnson - 3rd.
- DCHS Golf - Aydin Norman placed in the top 16 at State
- State Student Athlete of the Week - Jackson 'Smiley' Wilkins
- DCHS Girls Softball 3rd in Region 7AA & Advanced to Sweet 16
- DCHS Weight Lifting Team 3rd place in State Championship
- DCHS Volleyball State Tournament 7AA/A Area Runner Up
- DCHS Girls Tennis Advanced to Sweet 16
- DCHS Baseball Advanced to Sweet 16. All State players: Brodie Swader, Harley Walker, & Carter Glenn.
- DMS Wrestling NGAC Champions: Landon Williams - 2nd year in a row, Eli Kimball, & Heidi Raines
- DMS Cross Country NGAC Champion 2nd year in a row, Anna Ballard



TRANSPORTATION

- Reduced bus discipline by more than 50%
- Lynx routing software to streamline routes and route efficiency
- Professional Learning provided for each driver, conducted monthly classes
- Shyann King - 'Love the Bus' Contest Winner



HIGHLIGHTS

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Mr. & Mrs. DCHS - Tyler King & Taylor Warren
- Homecoming King & Queen - Tyler King & Alyssa Konrad
- GA Young Authors District Winners: Emma Zeller, Harper Van Dusen, Kalia Smith, Abigail Holmes, Damien Chang, and Atticus Anderson
- Tommy Barron - FBLA State Leadership Conference Winner
- DCHS - 3rd place in GSBA Video Contest
- Savanah Keith - 5th place in State Beta Club Competition & qualified for National Convention
- Davis/DES - STEM/STEAM Activities
- Star Kids Cafe



SCHOOL NUTRITION

- GaDOE Golden Radish Platinum Award for Farm-to-Schools Initiative
- Cafeteria managers earned National ServSafe Food Protection Certification
- Free & Reduced Meal online applications implemented
- GaDOE "Shake It Up" Gold Award
- GaDOE Best Practices Award
- Health Department Score Average – 99.5%
- Participation: Breakfast 38%, Lunch 78%, & over 7,000 snacks served

FINE ARTS

- DCHS Band and Chorus Performed in Philadelphia
- DMS & DCHS Visual Arts work displayed in the Hunter Art Museum
- Memphis Poston - District Honor Band & All State Band
- Emily Barger - District Honor Band
- Cassidy Walker - All State Chorus



Georgia Milestones Scores 2018-2019
TOP 15 Schools in Northwest RESA (172 Schools)
 (97 Elementary Schools, 37 Middle Schools, 35 High Schools and 3
 K-8 Schools)

Ranked by % Proficient and Above or
 Ranked by Change in % Proficient and Above

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| 1st Place DCHS US HISTORY - Change 21.2% | *11th Place DES 5th Grade Science - Proficient+ |
| *1st Place DMS 8th Grade Science - Change 20.2% | *11th Place DMS 8th Grade Science - Proficient+ |
| | 11th Place DCHS Algebra I - Change 7.3% |
| 3rd Place DCHS Geometry - Change 10.1% | 11th Place DMS 8th Grade Social Studies - Change 4% |
| | 11th Place DMS 7th Grade Math - Change 2.5% |
| *7th Place DES 5th Grade Social Studies - Change 14.3% | |
| *8th Place DAVIS 5th Grade ELA - Change 17.4% | *12th Place DAVIS 5th Grade Math - Proficient+ |
| 8th Place DCHS 9th Grade Literature - Proficient+ | 12th Place DMS 8th Grade ELA - Change 13.1% |
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| *9th Place DCHS Biology - Proficient+ | *13th Place DAVIS 5th Grade ELA Proficient+ |
| 9th Place DCHS American Lit - Change 5.5% | *13th Place DES 5th Grade Science - Change 15.3% |
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| *10th Place DMS 8th Grade Math - Proficient+ | 14th Place DCHS US History - Proficient+ |
| *10th Place DES 5th Grade Social Studies - Proficient+ | |
| *10th Place DAVIS 3rd Grade Math - Change 19.2% | *15th Place DAVIS 3rd Grade Math |
| | 15th Place DMS 7th Grade ELA - Change 3.4% |

*Above State Average

ACHIEVEMENTS



- DCS Received Constant Contact All Star Award
- Great Promise Partnership - Thank you William Back, DC Industrial Development Authority and Janet Queen, Great Promise Partnership Coordinator
- DES - Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award
- REACH Scholarship Recipients: Leila Morrison, Cassidy Klitzke, Brooklyn Konrad, Alaynah Case, & Allison Richard-Goodman



#LOVINGOURCOMMUNITY



- Captain Dennis Kelley & Nurse Sonya Middlebrooks present STOP THE BLEED KITS
- KWN hosts a weekly TV show - Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic
- Lawyer, author, & speaker, Liz Huntley visited DCS through our partnership with Dade First Family Connection, Martha Baker
- DCS honor local Veterans
- A BIG THANK YOU to the American Legion Post 106 for the kind donation of school supplies to our children
- White Christmas with Sheriff Ray Cross, Major Tommy Bradford, & SRO Chad Payne collected toys from DES students
- Tiny Grant: "Tag You're It"
- Innovation Fund Community Partnership Grant: "Proactive Partnership Program"

KITCHEN CABINET

DES - Greta Haney
Davis - Katy Vaughn
Central Office - Amy Cole

DMS - Alicia Bell
DCHS - Philip Bell

CHARACTER COMMITTEE

Dr. Jan Irons Harris, Superintendent
Tinena Bice, Chair - DES
Wendy Wilburn, Davis

Carolyn Bradford, Board Chair
Pam Stone, DMS
Dr. Jeff Scott, DCHS

Thank you for serving on our special committees!



TECHNOLOGY

- NASA Partnership - DMS 1st school in Georgia and the first middle school in the Nation to partner with NASA to make parts for the International Space Station through additive manufacturing. Special thanks to Governor Brian Kemp, Senator Jeff Mullis and Joy Hawkins with GOSA for their support on this project.
- DCHS makes International News – Students make life size replica of a Lake Sturgeon.



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Union School House
Special thanks to Rex Blevins



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