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DODGE COUNTY SCHOOLS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE: EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY!

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DODGE COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER COMING FALL 2024!

Dodge County Schools received the 2024 Ready Georgia Seal of Preparedness

It was presented by the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) and the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) for meeting and exceeding the requirements for the distinction for safety preparedness in the schools.



Farm to School Grant from Georgia Organics and Georgia DPH

EDUCATING TODAY'S STUDENTS TO SUCCEED IN TOMORROW'S WORLD

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Students, Parents, Staff and Community Members,

As we stand on the threshold of a new academic year, I am filled with immense pride and excitement for the journey ahead. Reflecting on the past year, we have much to celebrate. Our students achieved remarkable milestones, our educators demonstrated exceptional dedication and our community came together to support our system in unprecedented ways. This collective effort has solidified our reputation as a district that not only values academic excellence but also fosters a nurturing and inclusive environment for all.



This upcoming school year holds even greater promise. We are committed to building on our successes and striving for new heights. With innovative programs, enhanced learning resources and a continued focus on student well-being and safety, we are prepared to provide our students with the best possible educational experience. We strive to help our students grow academically, but more importantly, socially and emotionally while including their family members in their educational journey as we work together to make a positive difference for every student, every day.

To our parents and community members, your unwavering support and active involvement are crucial to our successes. Your investment in our schools—through time, effort and support—enables us to create an enriching environment where every student can thrive. We are deeply grateful for your partnership and dedication. As we embark on this new chapter, I am reminded of the words of Nelson Mandela: “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” Let this quote inspire us to continue to empower our students with the knowledge, skills and values they need to make a positive impact in our community and beyond. I am blessed to serve as your school superintendent. Together, let’s make this upcoming school year our best one yet!

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication.

The best is yet to come! #DCSSProud

Dr. Susan Long
Superintendent of Dodge County Schools



DODGE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Dodge County High School, home of the Indians, brings to mind one word...tradition. DCHS is known for many enduring traditions. From standing for the seniors, Friday night football games, singing the Alma Mater and a very respectful graduation ceremony, DCHS has many time-honored traditions and values. DCHS is also known for its commitment to academic excellence. Students are provided many opportunities through dual enrollment, work-based learning, youth apprenticeship and JROTC to begin preparing for post-secondary options while still enrolled in high school. Students can participate and receive college credit from multiple colleges and tech schools, including additions this year of Brewton Parker and Middle Georgia College Aviation Campus. Educators are especially proud of the involvement and participation of students in the Career, Technical and Agricultural Education pathways which lead to being work-ready certified in multiple areas of technical education. The hands-on learning equips students with skills for the next level of school and career.

As we prepare to welcome another freshman class, DCHS is excited about a new year. We anticipate continuing to honor our legacy and values while blazing new trails and starting new traditions, which includes the opening of our Performing Arts Center. The addition of the PAC will no doubt serve to increase our student participation in performing and fine arts. Students and staff are thankful for the opportunity to enjoy and be good stewards of the new facility. Of course, none of this would be possible without our amazing educators, students and community. We appreciate the opportunity to serve, educate and minister to your students and family. Please, join in alongside us as we work diligently to prepare and grow the next generation. Press On, and Go Dodge!



SUPERINTENDENT'S STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

The Superintendent's Student Advisory Board consists of students in Grades 6-12 who applied to serve on the Board and who were recommended by their schools. The SSAB serves as advisors and acts as liaisons between the superintendent and the students of Dodge County Schools.

DODGE COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Educators and staff members at Dodge County Primary School are thrilled to begin another year of learning, growth and community engagement with students at DCPS. They take pride in offering students numerous opportunities throughout the year to nurture their love for learning, including Fall Festival, Reading Buddies, AR Club, the annual Art Show and the cherished Christmas program. The dedicated teachers continuously strive to enhance their skills and knowledge to serve students better. This year, teachers are focusing on learning new ELA standards, utilizing NWEA MAPS assessments and participating in dyslexia training to promote student rigor and relevance.

Dodge County Pre K is also a part of the DCPS family. The Pre K curriculum inspires curiosity, fosters creativity and promotes social-emotional development. From hands-on activities to interactive lessons, your child can explore, learn and thrive in a supportive classroom environment. As we embark on this new school year, let us embrace the opportunities for learning, growth and community connection that lie ahead. Together, we will make this a year to remember!



DODGE COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

DCES is deeply committed to providing students with the best education possible. That includes challenging every student to reach his or her full potential. DCES has many opportunities for students to get involved and participate:

- Brave Young Men & Women groups
- Student Council
- Positive Office Referrals
- PBIS Rewards
- AR rewards
- Office/library helper
- Chorus
- BETA
- Student mentors/reading buddies
- Fifth grade Bible class
- so much more!



DODGE COUNTY ACHIEVEMENT CENTER

Dodge County Achievement Center is excited to begin the 2024-25 year! They have been working all summer to improve their practices and create learning opportunities that are effective and unique for all students. Their goal at DCAC is to help each and every student reach their maximum potential and achieve their goals. Parents are invited to be involved throughout the school year to help ensure student success. The staff and faculty of the Dodge County Achievement Center value opportunities to see our students learn and grow and cannot wait to see the students return in August!

At Dodge County Elementary, we value our partnership with parents and community members and believe that communication builds trusting relationships where we become a stronger united front in an effort to foster student success. We encourage parents and community members to support our students' successes by taking opportunities to get involved. Some of those opportunities are to become reading buddies and inspire our students to read more or extracurricular activities where we invite parents to activities and events such as breakfasts, literacy night, stem night, cookies with Santa, Parent Advisory Council, Real Men Read and Ladies in Literacy. Together we are dedicated to making connections with students, helping them feel valued, accepted and safe. It is truly our pleasure to serve our students and love each one of them for their unique personalities.

DODGE COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

As staff members reflect on the 2023-24 school year, it's clear that they have achieved remarkable things alongside students. We, at Dodge County Middle School, eagerly anticipate the start of the new school year. We look forward to welcoming students back with open arms. At Dodge County Middle School, they are eagerly anticipating the start of the new school year. They look forward to welcoming back students with open arms. With renewed energy and enthusiasm, let's embark on another journey of learning, discovery and friendship. Working together, we'll create a vibrant and supportive environment where every student can thrive. Here's to a fantastic 2024-25 school year!



