



# Clayton County Public Schools

Building A Better Tomorrow, Today!

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### Historic Gains! Clayton County Public Schools is on the Rise

**JONESBORO** - Under the visionary leadership of Superintendent Dr. Anthony W. Smith and the support of a dedicated and forward-thinking Board of Education, Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is improving education and delivering on its promise of greater academic growth. Recent student data results indicate the district has emerged as one of Georgia's most improved school systems.

#### Historic Gains in Statewide CCRPI Performance

According to the Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA), CCPS has achieved one of the most significant performance gains in Georgia. The district's GOSA Single Score skyrocketed by **18.6 points** in just one year—rising from **51.6 in 2023 to 70.2 in 2024**. This remarkable progress solidifies CCPS's status as a district on the move, outpacing expectations and redefining success.

#### Academic Growth at Every Level

CCPS students are showcasing academic growth across all grade levels, marking consistent and measurable academic improvements:

- **Elementary Schools:** Content Mastery climbed from **39.0 to 43.3**, with Readiness increasing to **75.0**.
- **Middle Schools:** Content Mastery improved from **39.1 to 43.5**, while Readiness improved to **75.7**, and Progress surged to **86.0**.
- **High Schools:** Content Mastery advanced from **42.1 to 45.8**, with Progress jumping from **77.0 to 84.1**. The **graduation rate climbed to 83.1%**, up from **81.3%**, demonstrating a commitment to college and career readiness.

#### Schools Beating the Odds

- According to the Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA), **31 CCPS schools were designated as "Beating the Odds" in 2024**, a dramatic increase from just **11 schools in 2019—a 182% improvement**. In fact, GOSA has highlighted Clayton County Public Schools as **1 of only 15 school systems** making consistent progress in "Beating the Odds" since 2019.
- Schools are exceeding expectations based on their demographics, proving that Clayton County students are breaking barriers and excelling beyond projected outcomes.

**-An official document from the Clayton County Public School System-**

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### A Vision for the Future

Superintendent Dr. Anthony W. Smith affirms that CCPS is not just making strides—it is setting the pace for how we build a better tomorrow, today. “Clayton County is catching up! Our vision is bold, and the results speak for themselves,” remarked Superintendent Smith. “We are proving that with the right focus, instruction, support, and stakeholder engagement, all students can show growth each year. While we are incredibly proud of this progress, our ultimate goal is for all students to master grade-level standards.”

Superintendent Smith continued, “To achieve this, we remain committed to creating academically rigorous learning environments—but we can’t do it alone. We need our parents and caregivers to ensure students are present, on time, and prepared to learn each day. Take advantage of available resources to reinforce studying and learning at home. It still takes a village, and together, we can ensure our students' success!”

Clayton County Board of Education and District Officials express gratitude to our leaders, educators, support staff, students, parents and caregivers, community members, and partners in education for their collective commitment and engagement in improving outcomes for all of our students. The district remains dedicated to ensuring that every student has the opportunity, resources, and support to succeed—not just in the classroom, but in life - No Dead Ends! The momentum is undeniable, and the future is brighter than ever in Clayton County. *Together - we are building a better tomorrow, today!*

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