

PCSD AT A GLANCE 2025-2026

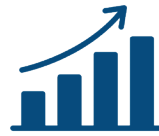


31,646
STUDENTS



34
SCHOOLS

+ 3,317 STUDENTS IN PAST 10 YEARS



11th Largest and
15th Fastest-Growing
School District in Georgia

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

	Caucasian	Black	Hispanic	Other
2024	45%	32%	15%	8%
2014	65%	21%	8%	6%

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Academies

Academy of Science, Research & Medicine | PCHS
Academy of Computer Science | HHS
Academy of Engineering & Technology | SPHS
Paulding College & Career Academy
Paulding Virtual Academy

SPECIALIZED STUDENT PROGRAMS

11%

Gifted

15%

Special
Education

7%

English
Learners

54%

Free/
Reduced Lunch

91.6% GRADUATION RATE
2,489 Graduates



162 New Classrooms Completed or Under Construction Since 2023



25,000
Meals Served
Daily



23,000
Bus Miles Driven
Daily



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
1,857 Overall Pathway
Completers
1,455 Industry Credentials Issued



SAFETY & SECURITY

68 Staff Plus **20** SROs

Crisis Alert System at all schools



212,288 School Nurse Visits Per Year



18 Consecutive Audits With Zero Findings
Aa1 Very High Grade - Credit Rating

FUNDING PER STUDENT

State Avg.
PCSD

\$15,338
\$13,785

10% lower



At age **65**
50% Exempt
from School
Property Tax

At age **68**
100% Exempt
from School
Property Tax

COMPARISON TO NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS (Bartow, Cherokee, Cobb, Douglas)

E-SPLOST COLLECTIONS

	(PER STUDENT)
PCSD	\$0.55
Local District Avg.	\$1.00

TOTAL MILLAGE RATE

PCSD	17.675
Local District Avg.	18.370

TAX DIGEST

	RESIDENTIAL	OTHER
PCSD	86%	14%
Local District Avg.	62%	38%

EMPLOYMENT



4,056
EMPLOYEES

#1 LARGEST

EMPLOYER IN PAULDING COUNTY

72%

TEACHERS WITH ADVANCED DEGREES



2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

2026 PAULDING COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

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Student Growth & Academic Achievement

Literacy Coaches:

To ensure the long-term success of the Georgia Early Literacy Act, fully fund one literacy coach position for every elementary, middle, and high school, and establish a mechanism for providing stipends for ongoing, mandatory teacher literacy training.

Georgia Pre-K

Expand access to Georgia's Pre-K program and align its teacher salary schedule with K-12 educators to ensure more children enter kindergarten ready to learn.

Student-Counselor Ratio

To support state workforce development goals, lower the state-funded student-to-counselor ratio to 1:250, ensuring that all middle and high school students receive individualized advisement for academic pathways, career exploration, and post-secondary planning.

Safety, Security & Wellness

Armed Professional at Every School

Advocate for dedicated line-item funding for an armed P.O.S.T. certified school safety professional at every PCSD school.

Fund Safety Initiatives

Continue to support programs and line-item funding for safety initiatives, including school bus safety, cybersecurity and cyber safety initiatives to protect PCSD students and staff.

Mental Health

Promote increased and dedicated funding for PCSD student mental health programs, school counselors, social workers, and other mental health professionals.

Chronic Absenteeism

To combat chronic absenteeism and its impact on learning, establish a state-funded grant program to implement a multi-tiered attendance support framework that utilizes Attendance Specialists for prevention and early intervention and School Social Workers for intensive family case management.

Sidewalks & Crosswalks

Require municipalities and counties to construct and adequately maintain sidewalks and crosswalks on public roadways adjacent to a public school, with schools held to the same standard on their own grounds.

Funding & Resources

Modernize QBE

Support efforts to modernize the Quality Basic Education (QBE) Act by including annual inflation adjustments, updating cost drivers such as technology, transportation, and student support services, and adding socioeconomic and demographic factors to more accurately reflect the true costs of public education in Paulding County, while recognizing the limited availability of local funding.

Equalization Grant

Oppose Equalization Grant changes that would negatively impact PCSD funding and advocate for greater stability in funding students and staff.

Poverty Funding

Expand Student Poverty Funding eligibility and funding to be allocated at the school level and to include PCSD.

Capital Improvements

Champion legislation that would provide funding for capital improvements for large, fast-growing, and low-wealth school districts like PCSD.

Unfunded Mandates

Require fiscal notes for education-related legislation that impact district funding and oppose unfunded mandates and/or indirect obligations that place a disproportionate burden on local taxes.

Teacher & Employee Support

Strengthen Teacher Pipeline

Support programs, funding, and incentives, including the protection of the Teachers Retirement System (TRS), to strengthen the teacher pipeline. This includes flexibility for return-to-work programs, as well as efforts to recruit, train, mentor, and retain quality educators.

Support Services

When addressing the teacher pipeline, advocate for and support programs, funding, and incentives for support services at PCSD, including classified employees.