



Irma C. Austin's School Improvement Plan at a Glance

Overview:

Located in the heart of Douglasville, **Austin Middle School** is part of the Paulding County School District and serves students in grades 6 through 8. AMS is committed to fostering academic excellence, personal growth, and community involvement. There are a variety of academic opportunities for students, including: **Gifted & Talented Program**, **Advanced coursework** such as *Algebra I* for eligible 8th-grade students. There are also several club opportunities to foster community, including: Gaming Club, Run Club, History Club, Culinary Brigade, Tome Society, Junior Master Gardener's Club, STEM Club, FBLA, FCA, Black History Bowl, Sources of Strength, and Miss AMS.

Mission	Vision
<p>Our mission is to challenge our students to become independent thinkers, successful today and tomorrow, by maximizing their full potential through high expectations and cultivating a responsible community where everyone feels valued and has the opportunity to thrive.</p>	<p>Our vision is to create a culture of shared responsibility for student learning where students become critical thinkers, problem solvers, and lifelong learners within a safe, positive, and supportive environment.</p>
Goals	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Accountability Goal 1:</u> Increase the Math proficiency scores of 3's and 4's for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Economically Disadvantaged subgroup by 5% by the end of the 2025-2026 academic year.• <u>Accountability Goal 2:</u> Decrease the number of ISS and OSS resolutions by 10% by the end of the 2025-2026 school year.	

AMS Snapshot

Beliefs

- We believe students are our priority and our job is to prepare them for graduation.
- We believe that students learn best when actively engaged in a safe, positive environment.
- We believe in the best teaching practices to provide rigorous instruction.
- We believe learning and student achievement are the shared responsibility of all stakeholders.
- We believe effective instruction occurs when teachers collaborate and make data-driven decisions.
- We believe in conflicts being resolved constructively and relationships being strengthened by it.

We believe that there is a **standard of excellence** and there is an expectation within our building to meet that every single day, for *students and staff alike*.

Demographics

AMS serves approximately 740 students in grades 6-8. The student population is diverse, with the following racial and ethnic composition: 16% Hispanic/Latino, 38% Black/African American, 40% White, 0.4% Asian, and 6% identifying as two or more.

Approximately 60% of students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch, indicating a significant percentage of low-income families. 14% of the student body receive Special Education Services and 4% are classified as English Language Learners (ELL).

Honors/Awards/Certifications

- Achieve 3000 School of Excellence
- Student Academic Celebrations:
 - All A's Luncheon
 - PBIS Celebration
 - Academic Awards Celebration

FAQs

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