



The Cherokee County School District (CCSD) is recognized as one of the top school districts in Georgia; its students, schools and staff routinely receive state and national recognition for programs and performance. While the majority of students (more than 90%) attend a neighborhood school, there are many opportunities for school choice in Cherokee County.

## School Reassignment within CCSD

Parents in Cherokee County can apply for school reassignment between February 1 and March 1 each year. Information is posted on the CCSD website February 1 of each year, with all necessary documents and the list of schools with space available (17 schools are open for the 2026-27 school year) to accommodate additional students. Transportation is not provided for students who receive a reassignment. Parents should be aware that high school students may lose eligibility under Georgia High School Association rules for Varsity-level athletics under this type of transfer.

## Cherokee Academies

CCSD currently operates five STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Academies, one Fine Arts Academy and one STEAM (STEM + Arts) Academy. Students at these schools have a more integrated curriculum focused on STEM or Fine Arts, or both; openings for reassignment at a STEM, STEAM or Fine Arts Academy vary annually. Parents will follow the same reassignment procedures for the Academies as noted above, with the same forms and same window of February 1–March 1. Academy assignments are subject to space availability. Please check the Open Schools list for reassignments.

## OPEN FOR 2026-27 REASSIGNMENT REQUESTS

### ELEMENTARY

- Arnold Mill ES
- Ball Ground ES STEM Academy
- Bascomb ES
- Boston ES
- Free Home ES
- Hasty ES Fine Arts Academy
- Holly Springs ES STEM Academy
- Indian Knoll ES
- Knox ES STEM Academy
- Macedonia ES
- Mountain Road ES
- Oak Grove ES STEAM Academy
- Sixes ES

### MIDDLE

- Freedom MS
- Mill Creek MS
- Woodstock MS

### HIGH

- River Ridge HS

For additional information, please see the Reassignment documents located on the CCSD website at <https://www.cherokeek12.net/forms-updates>

*Almost 2,200 CCSD students are utilizing a school reassignment choice for 2025-26.*

# i-Grad Virtual Academy

CCSD's i-Grad Virtual Academy launched in 2021 for Grades 9-12. Enrollment in i-Grad Virtual Academy is application based, and students are selected based on their ability to succeed in digital learning.

i-Grad students mostly work remotely, but are expected to attend some in-person assessments and learning activities. Families must provide their own transportation for these occasions. The in-person site is the i-Grad campus, which is part of the AC-TIVE Academies campus in Canton.

The curriculum is a blend of Edgenuity lessons and teacher-developed lessons delivered through Canvas and Teams. Schedules will include core academics as well as non-core subjects. Students will need to have access at home to the internet and a laptop computer with camera and microphone.

Additional information, including daily learning expectations and applications, which require teacher recommendations, can be found online at <https://igrad.cherokeek12.net/application-and-enrollment>.

The application period for 2026-27 opens in the spring. Learn more about i-Grad at <https://igrad.cherokeek12.net/about>.



## Additional High School Options

While the majority of high school students complete diploma requirements in a traditional setting, CCSD offers multiple avenues and settings to earn credit toward graduation and/or industry certifications:

- **Dual Enrollment-** Qualified high school students can earn high school and college credit simultaneously on a college campus through the Dual Enrollment program. Chattahoochee Technical Col-

lege, Kennesaw State University and Reinhardt University are among the participating colleges. Find out more [here](#). CCSD deadline for fall semester 2026 is March 27, 2026.

- **Mountain Ed Charter High School-** CCSD partners with Mountain Education Charter High School to offer an evening high school program, which is housed on the Etowah High School campus. Mountain Ed offers students nightly meals, mentors and other supports to help them graduate as soon as possible. For information, [please visit the school website](#).



*Consult your child's school counseling office for more information on any of these options.*

## Other Options

- **Home School:** the State Department of Education handles Home School enrollment and related paperwork. For information, please see the [GADOE website](#). About 2,600 Cherokee County students are registered as home schooled for 2025-26.
- **Private School:** there are a number of private schools located in and near Cherokee County. An estimated 2,400 Cherokee County students attend a private school, according to state data. No CCSD schools are on the state's low performing list that would qualify for families to use the My Georgia Promise voucher program.
- **Charter School:** There are two in-person charter schools operating in Cherokee County. Cherokee Classical Academy serves K-5, and Mountain Ed Charter High School, which operates an evening program for high school students on the Etowah HS campus. Both are independent from CCSD. There are several virtual options, and some charter schools in neighboring counties offer an attendance zone that includes Cherokee County.

# CCSD BY THE NUMBERS 2025-26

**40,385**

Total number of  
CCSD students



Elementary	17,437
Middle	9,471
High	12,944
Preschool	533

**92%**

Class of 2025  
Grad Rate

2025 CCRPI  
SINGLE SCORE

**87**

Increase of 3.1 (highest ever CCSD single score) and **8th highest** district score in Georgia!

### SCHOOLS

Elementary	23
Middle	7
High	6
Virtual	1
Centers	3

### STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

American Indian	0.20%
Asian	3.44%
Black	8.15%
Hispanic/Latino	23.57%
Multi-Racial	5.73%
Pacific Islander	0.06%
White	58.86%

**9th**

largest school district in GA

**6th Lowest**

Central Office expenditure per student out of 180 school districts in Georgia

Learn more on our website at

[www.cherokeek12.net](http://www.cherokeek12.net)

### CCSD TEACHERS

**2,936**

Classroom Teachers

**15**

Average Years of Experience

**\$57,693**

Starting Teacher Salary

**74%**

Have a Master's Degree or Higher

2025 Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Pass Rate

**85%**

= college tuition savings of \$6 Million!

**44**

Career Pathways

**70%**

of CCSD graduates enroll in college; GA average is 59%

### 2025 NATIONAL EXAMS

	CCSD	GA	U.S.
ACT	22.8	21.4	19.4
SAT	1085	1029	996

Top 15% in Georgia!

See detailed information about assessments, scores and school improvement plans on our [Accountability](#) webpage

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

**6,024**

Special Education

**5,896**

Gifted Students

**3,656**

English Language

FINANCIAL RATING

**Aa1**

Top 3% of school districts nationwide

**16.45**

Historically low millage rate for Maintenance & Operations

**12**

Consecutive years of clean external audits with no findings

# CCSD Public Schools Offer:

- ◇ Award-winning, high-achieving schools that consistently win region, state and national recognition and awards
- ◇ Cognia accreditation, and recognition as a District of Distinction— one of 38 in the world in 2022
- ◇ Cognia STEM accreditation for all seven middle schools, one high school and three elementary schools
- ◇ School Choice within the District; more than 2,200 students take advantage of school reassignment annually
- ◇ Elementary STEM, STEAM and Fine Arts Academies
- ◇ Professionally staffed and trained School Nurses
- ◇ Counselors at every school
- ◇ Certified School Police Department with 35 officers
- ◇ High school credit courses for advanced 8th graders, along with middle school world language
- ◇ Middle school band and chorus, plus intramural sports, basketball teams and cheer programs
- ◇ Affordable lunches and After School programs
- ◇ Nationally recognized classroom technology integration and teacher training
- ◇ Kindergarten paraprofessionals
- ◇ School-based Pre-K at select sites
- ◇ Full range of high school athletics, fine arts and academic competition teams/programs
- ◇ 33 AP courses offered; 85% of CCSD students achieved AP scores in 2025 to qualify for college credit
- ◇ AP STEM and STEM Achievement high schools
- ◇ Two state-certified STEM schools and one state-certified STEAM school
- ◇ Evening and online high school credit options
- ◇ Elected School Board members for fiscal/policy transparency, accountability and local control; accessible open meetings of the Board
- ◇ School Councils and PTAs at every school for parent input and participation
- ◇ Comprehensive website for parents and community, including online access to School Board agenda materials, financial reports, budget documents & test scores
- ◇ Access to 21<sup>st</sup> century technology in every CCSD school. . . including desktops, tablets, and laptops, student response devices, interactive whiteboards, high speed and filtered internet access, research and curricular digital resources
- ◇ Opportunities for students to explore technology-enriched careers and/or fields of study including video broadcast, robotics, engineering, 3-D modeling, architecture and design, computer programming, as well as app and game development
- ◇ Teachers who have had and continue to have extensive and ongoing professional development experiences and opportunities that enrich student learning, innovation and creativity
- ◇ Canvas family portal for online access to student grades and assignments
- ◇ Student Portal for online access, e-mail accounts, free software programs and Cloud storage
- ◇ Online payment programs to check lunch account balances, apply funds and monitor purchases
- ◇ Active, open social media outlets for news and information, including Facebook, X and Instagram
- ◇ General Administration costs that rank among the lowest in Georgia (6th lowest among 180 districts)
- ◇ High school world language options include French, German, Spanish and Latin. Additional offerings include Honors/AP French, Spanish and Latin. American Sign Language is an additional option in some schools.
- ◇ Average classroom teaching experience: 15 years; 74% of CCSD teachers have earned a master's, specialist or doctoral degree; annual teacher turnover of less than 10%.
- ◇ Award-winning Farm to School program with fresh fruits and vegetables on school menus daily.