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### Forsyth County Schools Earns Excellent Financial Efficiency Rating

CUMMING, Ga. — Forsyth County Schools (FCS) has earned a 4.5-star rating on the State of Georgia’s 2025 Financial Efficiency Star Rating (FESR), reflecting the district’s strong academic performance alongside responsible, efficient use of financial resources. FCS is one of only 15 school districts in Georgia to earn a financial efficiency rating of 4.5 or higher.

The Financial Efficiency Star Rating, developed by the Georgia Governor’s Office of Student Achievement in partnership with the Georgia Department of Education, measures how effectively school systems use funding to support student outcomes. Ratings are based on a three-year average of academic performance, as measured by the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI), and per-pupil expenditures.

“This 4.5-star financial efficiency rating reflects the intentional approach we take with our budget,” said Superintendent Mitch Young. “With 73% of our resources going directly to instruction, we remain focused on being good stewards of taxpayer dollars while continuing to invest in what matters most for our students, staff, and families.”

The FESR evaluates school districts by comparing academic outcomes to spending levels, with a 5-star rating representing high academic performance paired with optimized spending. The 2025 rating is based on data from the 2022–23, 2023–24, and 2024–25 school years.

To ensure an accurate comparison across districts, the calculation excludes certain expenditures such as capital projects, debt service, and food service, focusing instead on direct educational investments.

Forsyth County Schools continues to prioritize operational efficiency while delivering high-quality educational experiences for more than 55,000 students. The district’s strong rating highlights its commitment to aligning resources with student success and maintaining the trust of the community it serves.

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*Forsyth County Schools is a premier school district in metro Atlanta, serving 55,300+ students representing 129 countries and 69 languages. FCS envisions a safe, connected, and thriving community for all and is dedicated to providing an unparalleled education for all to succeed. Learn more about Forsyth County Schools at [www.forsyth.k12.ga.us](http://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us) and connect with FCS on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).*