



Academic Programs Overview

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Fulton
County Schools
Where Students Come First

What are Academic Programs?



Academic Programs supports courses and programs that enhance or add to traditional core classes in English, math, social studies, science, and world language.

We work to benefit and add value to students' academic experiences and help them find their passions.

Accelerated & Extended Programming: AVID, AP, & Magnets

AVID

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a college- and career-readiness program that equips students with academic skills, support, and opportunities to prepare for success in postsecondary education and beyond.

FCS AVID by the Numbers

- 5 elementary schools
- 11 middle schools
- 9 high schools
- 2 charter schools
- Annually, 100% of AVID Seniors graduate on time
- Over \$4.4 million dollars in scholarships awarded to 24-25 AVID Seniors

Advanced Placement

Advanced Placement (AP) provides high school students the opportunity to take college-level courses and exams, helping them build rigorous academic skills while earning potential college credit.

FCS AP by the Numbers

- 40 AP courses offered
- 12 College Board AP Honor Schools
- 2 Platinum level College Board AP Honor Schools
- 143 AP Capstone Diplomas awarded to 24-25 Seniors
- Over 43% of 24-25 Seniors took an AP course in high school and scored a 3+ on the AP exam

Magnet Programs

Magnet programs offer students specialized, interest-based learning beyond the traditional classroom, providing real-world experiences that build critical thinking, creativity, and college- and career-readiness.

Magnets in FCS

- 3DE
- Accelerated Career Diploma (ACD)
- CTAE
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- STEM
- STEAM
- Visual and Performing Arts

FCS Magnets by the Numbers

- 10,346 students (12.75%)

Accelerated & Extended Programming: Talented & Gifted Program



Elementary:

- Gifted Resource Class

Middle School:

- Advanced courses

High School:

- AP/IB/Honors Courses
- Gifted Internship
- Governor's Honors Program

Accelerated & Extended Programming: Teaching Museum and Archives

Teaching Museum Vision

To spark curiosity and deepen understanding by providing **every student** with **authentic, standards-aligned experiences** through **innovative instruction**.



FCS Archives Vision

To **collect, preserve and share** the history of the Fulton County Schools and the Fulton County Board of Education.



Accelerated & Extended Programming: High-Dosage Small Group Tutoring (HDSGT)

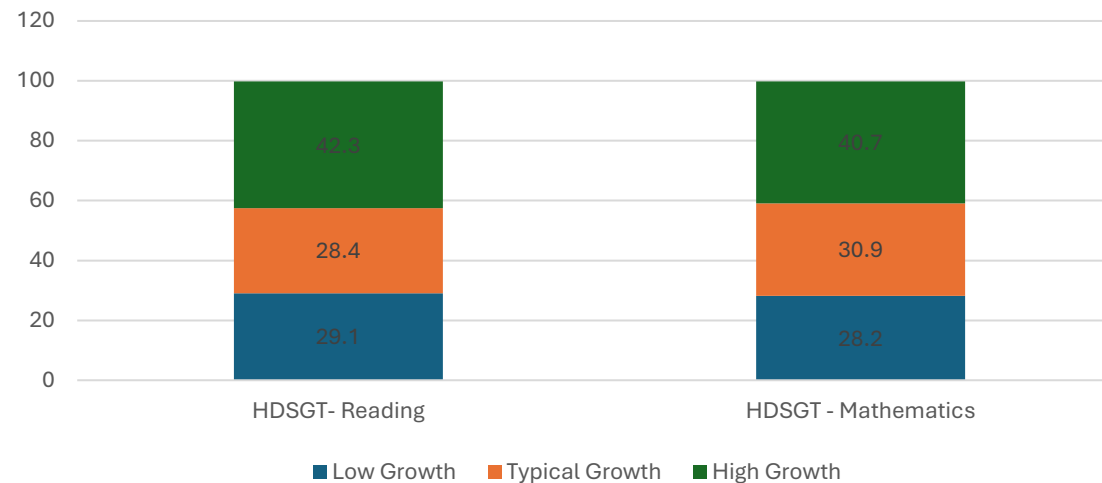


High-Dosage Small Group Tutoring (HDSGT) is a research-based support designed to accelerate student learning in literacy and mathematics. Offered during the school day, HDSGT targets students who are one grade level below proficiency, using a focused 4:1 student-to-tutor ratio.

2025 – 2026 Program Implementation

24 Elementary Schools
13 Middle Schools
12 High Schools

HDSGT Georgia Milestones Assessment System Student Growth Percentages
2024-2025



2,878 enrolled students



Applied Learning & Design

Applied Learning and Design: Fine Arts



**Adaptive Art
Music Therapy
Dance
Band
Music
Orchestra
Theatre
Visual Art**

Applied Learning and Design: Fine Arts



Pathway Graduation Rate:

- Three full year credits by graduation in one fine arts subject area (Dance, Music, Theater, Visual Art)
- Leads to Fine Arts Diploma Seal (along with additional requirements)
- Positively impacts CCPRI

GA DOE - Fine Arts Diploma Seals

*Pending Final Submissions - Over 750 students in the Class of 2026 earned the Georgia Department of Education Fine Art Diploma Seal

**99.35 % Graduation Rate
for FCS Fine Arts
Pathway Completers for
c/o 2025**

Scholastic Art and Writing Awards

- State Award Winners
- National Award Winners- Seven Fulton Students received national gold and silver medal recipients one FCS student was Honored with the American Voices Award

Best Communities for Music Education

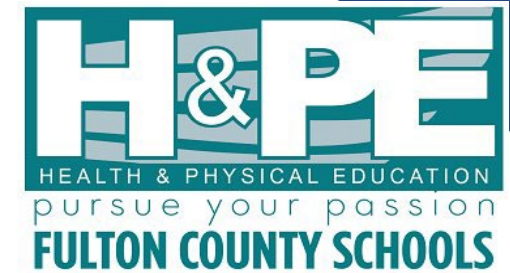
- Fulton has been received this recognition for 26 consecutive years

Advanced Placement Studio Art

- One of only 50 portfolios selected annually to be part of the AP Art and Design 2025 – 2026 Digital Exhibition



Applied Learning and Design: Health & PE (Special Olympics, Extramural)



Our Purpose:

Health & Physical Education in Fulton County Schools provides developmentally appropriate, comprehensive experiences that meet the diverse needs of all students. Participation in Health & Physical Education is a vital part of the K-12 educational journey, equipping students with lifelong knowledge to support their health and well-being.

Fulton County's Health and Physical Education programs empower students to:

- Develop motor skills and movement patterns.
- Build fitness knowledge and maintain a healthy, active lifestyle.
- Demonstrate respectful, responsible behavior toward self and others.
- Appreciate physical activity for health, enjoyment, challenge, and social connection.
- Access, understand, and advocate for personal and community health.
- Strengthen health literacy in safety, disease prevention, mental health, nutrition, and human development.
- Make lifelong healthy choices and take ownership of personal wellness.
- Connect health and physical education to school, community, and life through interdisciplinary learning.

Our People:

335 Health & PE Staff Members Districtwide:

- 68 HPE Teachers & 68 HPE Paras @ Elementary School
- 83 HPE Teachers @ Middle School
- 86 HPE Teachers @ High School
- 30 Adapted PE Teachers serving 75 Schools K-12

Our Programs:

- ✓ American Heart Association – Kids Heart Challenge, American Heart Challenge, CPR/First Aid Certification for High School Students
- ✓ 6-8 Intra/Extramural Programs – Soccer, Volleyball, Tennis, Gymnastics, Basketball, Track & Field
- ✓ Georgia Special Olympics – Softball, Bocce, Soccer, Basketball, Track & Field, Weight/Power Lifting, Tennis
- ✓ Choosing the Best – Human Growth & Development
- ✓ FitGeorgia – Grades 4-12 Yearly Fitness Evaluation/Reporting

Our Partnerships:

- ADA Sports/Rackets
- Atlanta Dream
- Atlanta Falcons
- BSN Sports/Varsity Brands/OPEN
- CHOA – Wellness Bus
- FCA – South Fulton
- FitGeorgia
- Fulton County Board of Health
- GOPHER Sports
- HeyKanga (DrumFit)
- LU Interactive – Nisewonger AV
- MLB – First at Bat
- South Fulton Tennis Center
- Special Olympics Georgia
- Strider: All Kids Bike
- Strong 4 Life
- Spikeball
- USTA

Applied Learning and Design: Health & PE (Special Olympics, Extramural)

ADAPTED PE & SPECIAL OLYMPICS:

ADAPTED PE:

- ✓ 72 Schools w/APE Services (44 ES, 14 MS, 14 HS)
- ✓ 1150 Students Served
- ✓ 102 Students Referred for APE Evaluation
- ✓ 30 APE Teachers & Certified Special Olympics Coaches

SPECIAL OLYMPICS:

- ✓ 21 FCS Special Olympics Events (Softball, Bocce, Bowling, Gymnastics, Basketball, Track & Field)
- ✓ FCS Student Athletes competed in both Winter/Summer Special Olympics Georgia State Games at Emory University

6-8 INTRA/EXTRAMURALS:

- ✓ Programs available at all FCS Middle Schools & Charter Schools
- ✓ 6 Extramural Sports: Co-Ed Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Tennis, Gymnastics, Track & Field



HPE Professional Development:

- ✓ 13 Teachers Attended – Georgia Association of Health, PE, Recreation & Dance State Convention
- ✓ 5 FCS Teachers Presented at GAHPERD Convention
- ✓ 12 Teachers Attended Share the Wealth HPE Conference
- ✓ 4 FCS Teachers Presented at STW Conference
- ✓ 3 FCS Teachers Recognized for State Teacher of the Year Awards: Anna Lobean, MS Teacher of the Year, Richard Williams, APE Teacher of the Year, Adrianna Carrillo, ES Teacher of the Year
- ✓ 6 FCS Teachers Attended SHAPE America National HPE Conference
- ✓ Anna Lobean, Hopewell MS – Finalist for National Middle School PE Teacher of the Year



Career, Technical and Agricultural Education

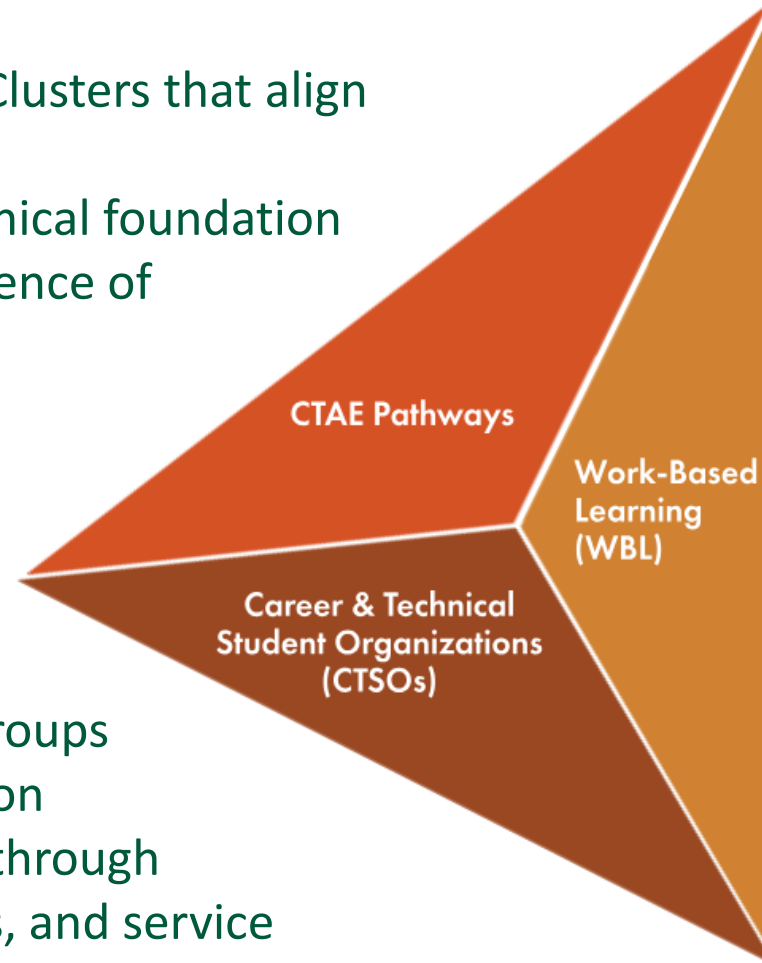


CTAE Pathways:

- Organized into 14 Career Clusters that align to high demand industries
- Strong academic and technical foundation
- Students complete a sequence of three courses

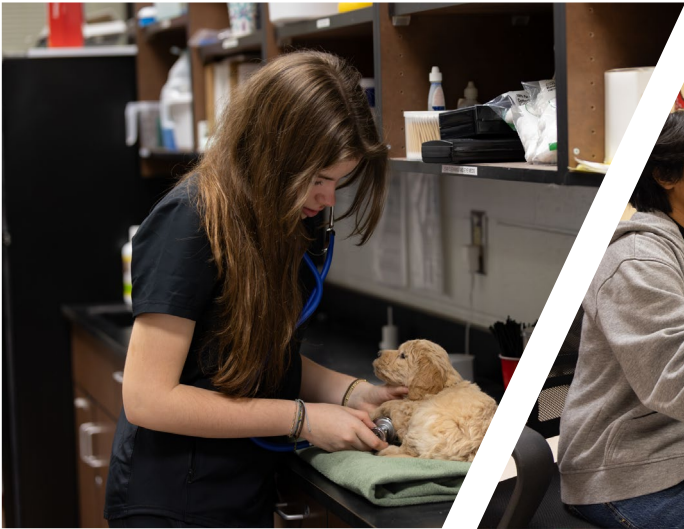
CTSOs:

- Co-curricular leadership groups
- Woven into CTAE instruction
- Students gain confidence through competitions, conferences, and service



Work-Based Learning:

- Capstone experience in an internship, apprenticeship, or clinical site
- Hands-on application of technical skills and employability skills
- Students earn credit while learning alongside professionals



CTAE



Fulton County JROTC Overview

Districtwide Access & Structure

Elective JROTC courses serve diverse students; cadets enroll 1–4 years to build leadership, teamwork, and discipline.

Instruction + Co-Curricular Practice

Citizenship, U.S. history, leadership, wellness, and life skills—applied through drill, fitness, service learning, and unit roles.

Positive Outcomes & Student Support

Programs strengthen school culture and engagement; instructors partner with staff to support success and postsecondary readiness.

Fulton County JROTC 9 HS's

- Banneker
- Centennial
- Creekside
- Langston Hughes
- North Springs
- Riverwood
- Roswell
- Tri Cities
- Westlake

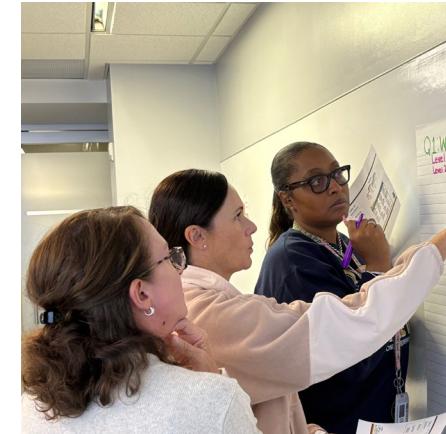


Early Childhood

Students

Instruction

Caregivers and Community



Community Collaboration and Partnerships



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Possible areas to consider:

Gifted Internship Placements

Work Based Learning Placements

STEM and STEAM Project Based Learning Partners