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Impacting in Excellence

2023-2024 Annual Report

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**A Gwinnett County
Public Charter School**

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Mission

The mission of New Life Academy of Excellence is to assist the parents of Gwinnett County by providing a school of choice. We achieve our mission by providing an educational environment suitable for academic achievement and individual growth and development while preparing students to be successful in a global economy.

New Life Academy of Excellence will:

- Provide students with the opportunity to learn how to speak Mandarin Chinese.
- Work with parents and communities to help students develop their intellect and character.
- Offer a challenging curriculum that prepares children for lives of leadership in a rapidly changing world.



Curriculum

New Life Academy is chartered by the Gwinnett County Public School system and uses the Academic Knowledge and Skills (AKS) curriculum. It represents the Board of Education's accepted content standards for excellence in academic knowledge and skills for all students.

Chinese Program

New Life Academy of Excellence concentrates on Mandarin Chinese as a bilingual program along with the Academic Knowledge and Skills curriculum. We chose Chinese as our language enhancement program in addition to standard English for the following reasons:

- The Chinese culture is one of the oldest in the world. According to studies the Chinese language is the number one spoken language in the world.
- Studies indicate that students who took a foreign language course had higher SAT/ACT scores than those who did not have such an experience. Language learning is a unique exercise of the mind, helping develop logical and analytical patterning system (left-brain process). Learning Chinese can actually improve your mental ability. Unlike the alphabet-based western languages, the Chinese language is a language of symbols/pictures. Learning to recognize Chinese characters is basically a right-brain process.
- Learning Chinese characters has been used to improve the intelligence of children with genetic disabilities. Its effects were profound and significant.
- China's tremendous economic growth and emergence as a cultural and political leader has increased the need for the United States to educate American students who can speak Chinese proficiently and can demonstrate an understanding of Chinese culture.
- The demand for business people who know Chinese (Mandarin) is skyrocketing.
- New Life Academy of Excellence's goal is to be instrumental in meeting this need by producing bilingual students who are, not only fluent in both English and Chinese, but who also will be able to function in both languages academically, intellectually and socially.



Teacher's Creed

- I am committed to be the best and brightest teacher at New Life Academy of Excellence.
- When students are assigned to my class, they should not look for another.
- Their parents shall be proud that they have placed their precious jewels within my class.
- I shall daily prepare myself to teach my students at the highest level possible.
- I promise to teach my students with much rigor and relevance.
- I will not judge my students as if they want to fail, but I will use every opportunity to ensure they succeed.
- I will, I said I will be the best and brightest teacher for my students.



School Creed

**I will listen.
I will learn.
I will learn the
Chinese language
to be prepared for
the global economy.
I will have a positive
and productive day.
I am a student
of excellence.**

SOAR Expectations

At New Life Academy of Excellence, all students will soar.
This means we will be

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Safe

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Organized

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Accountable

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Respectful/Responsible

School Pride

Mascot: The Bald Eagle

School Color: Burgundy and Gold

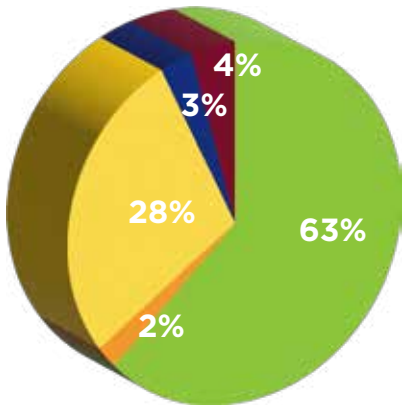
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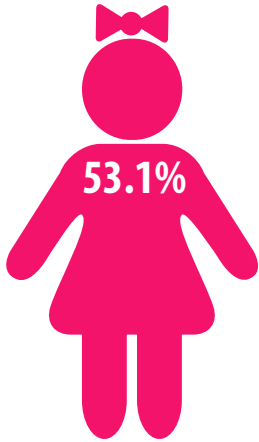
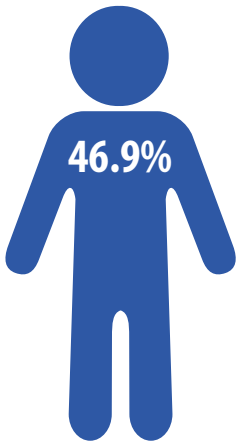
**“ Children can learn, children
must learn, children will learn,
and it is my job to
make sure it happens!”**

by: AFJ

Success For All Students 2023-2024

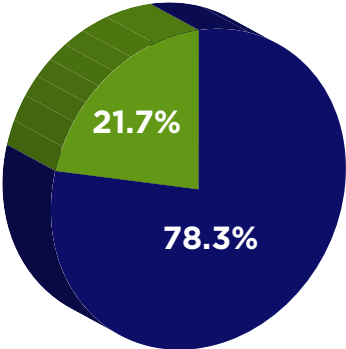


- African American/Black 63%
- Asian/Pacific Islander 2%
- Hispanic 28%
- Multiracial 3%
- White 4%
- American Indian/Alaskan Native 0%

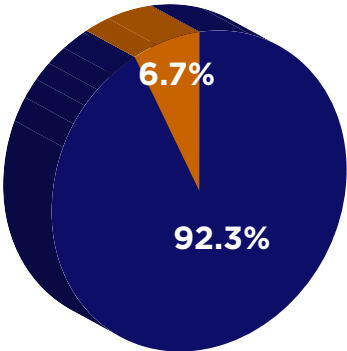


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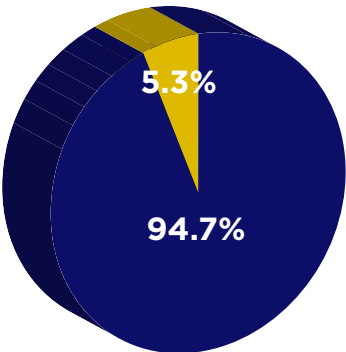
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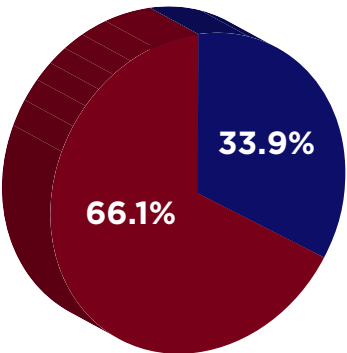
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Gifted

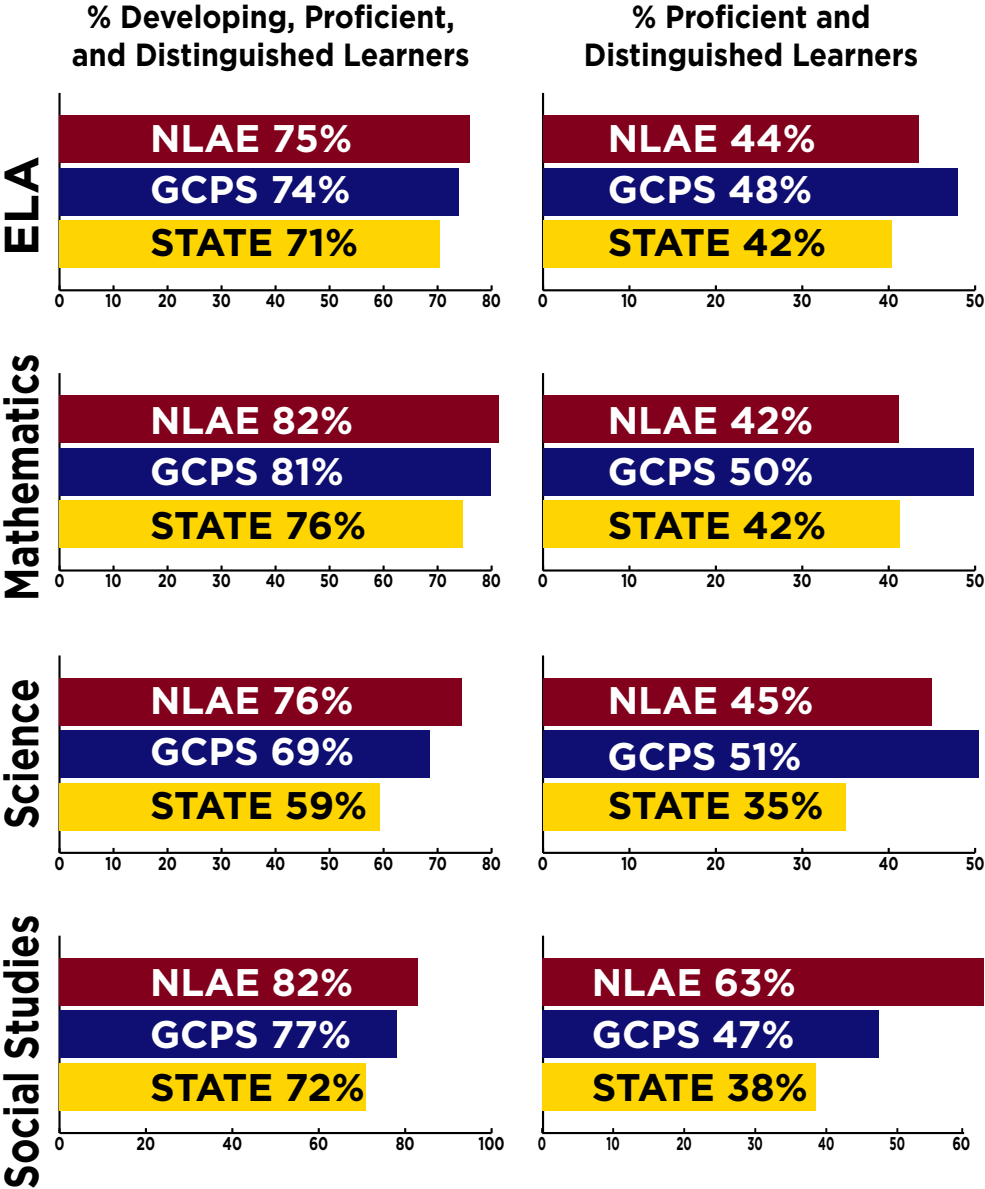


F/R Lunch



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Georgia Milestones Assessment Comparison 2023-2024



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is a charter school?

A: According to the Georgia Department of Education, a charter school operates according to the terms of a charter, or contract, that has been approved by the local and state board of education. A school community will seek charter status if it feels that its students and parents would benefit from greater autonomy from state governance. Students, parents/guardians and the school itself enjoy more decision-making freedom, but the school is still held accountable by the state for meeting the performance-based objectives laid out in the charter, as well as state curriculum standards. The only requirement for attending NLAE is that the student must reside in Gwinnett County and if applying for kindergarten the student must be 5 years old before September 1. A charter cannot have admission criteria or charge tuition.

Q: What curriculum is taught at New Life Academy?

A: New Life Academy is chartered through the Gwinnett County Public School system and uses the same curriculum as all Gwinnett County public schools. The curriculum standards for grades K-12 are called the Academic Knowledge and Skills (AKS). The AKS for each grade level spells out the essential things students are expected to know and be able to do in that particular grade or subject. Teachers use curriculum guides, textbooks, technology, and other materials to teach the AKS and to make sure every student is learning to his or her potential. Because the AKS detail exactly what a child is expected to learn, teachers can

tailor the classroom experience to meet a child's individual needs. For more information please visit: www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us.

Q: What grade levels are offered at New Life Academy?

A: New Life Academy Excellence currently offers Kindergarten through Eighth grade.

Q: What are the qualifications of the teachers at NLAE?

A: All New Life Academy teachers have achieved at least a Bachelor's degree. Most of the teachers are certified by the state. A few teachers are working with a provisional certification as they complete the required course work and testing. Many teachers are in the process of obtaining Masters and Doctoral degrees.

Q: What testing is conducted at New Life Academy?

A: New Life Academy students will take national, state, and system assessments each year as follows: iReady Universal Screener, Georgia Milestones Benchmark & District Assessments, and Common Formative Assessments. For more information, please visit the Georgia Department of Education www.gadoe.org.

Q: What are the hours of operation?

A: NLAE Elementary school hours are from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. NLAE Middle School hours are from 7:45 am to 3:15 pm. Our school office hours are from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. New Life Academy follows the same calendar as the Gwinnett County Public Schools. Please visit the GCPS website for school beginning and ending dates as well as school holidays

Q: What are the uniform requirements?

A: All students are required to wear the approved school uniform only. All uniform items other than shoes and accessories must be purchased from Flynn O'Hara Uniforms. The uniform company will offer certain discounts on all items during designated months. For more information, please visit <https://www.flynnohara.com>

Q: How do I get my child to and from school?

A: New Life Academy is a pick-up and drop-off only school. Parents and Guardians are responsible for providing transportation for their children to and from school. Before/after school care services to and from the school are available in the area. It is solely the responsibility of the parent/guardian to enroll their child in these childcare services.

Q: What type of physical education is offered?

A: All NLAE students participate in Physical Education instruction once a week. The program teaches children respect, focus, self-discipline, self-motivation, pride, and self-control. Students will come to school on the designated day in their approved P.E. uniform and plain white or black sneakers all day.

Q: How are discipline issues addressed?

A: In order to provide a safe and nurturing environment for all students and staff, New Life Academy has a Behavior Plan located in our NLAE student handbook. Any and all disruptive and/or aggressive behavior will be documented and addressed

consistently according to the Behavior Plan. The NLAE student handbook will be distributed to the enrolling students only.

Q: What is PBIS?

A: Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is an application of a behaviorally-based systems approach to enhance the capacity of schools, families, and communities to create a safe and effective learning environment for all students.

Q: What is MTSS?

A: A Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS) is a data-driven prevention framework that uses Assessment (Screening and Progress Monitoring) to identify and predict students who may be at risk for poor learning outcomes or who experience social/emotional needs, and/or behavioral concerns that impact learning. [GaDOE]

Q: Does New Life Academy offer lunch service?

A: We are a part of the National School Lunch Program. Parents may fill out a lunch application annually to qualify for free or reduced lunch status. Students who do not qualify may pay full price for lunch or choose to pack their lunch.

Q: What are the Parent Volunteer Requirements?

A: The NLAE family welcomes all parent/guardian volunteers, however we ask that each parent/guardian complete a volunteer workshop, provide a local background check from the police department, and submit a confidentiality form to the school.



New Life Academy of Excellence: Where Bright Futures Begin and Leaders Are Made

October 9, 2024

If you're looking for a school that goes above and beyond in preparing students for a global future, look no further than New Life Academy of Excellence (NLAE). With a mission rooted in academic achievement and personal growth, this Gwinnett County charter school offers a dynamic learning environment designed to foster independent thinking, creativity, and leadership. From its inception, the school has set itself apart by blending academic rigor with innovative teaching techniques

that help each student reach their full potential.

New Life Academy of Excellence (NLAE), established in 2006 by a dedicated group of parents and community leaders, was the first start-up charter school in Gwinnett County. Originally serving just 200 students in grades K-3, NLAE has since grown into a thriving institution with over 600 students from Kindergarten through 8th grade. In July 2023, the academy expanded further

by acquiring a new building, and in January 2024, the New Life Academy of Excellence Middle School officially opened its doors to 6th-8th grade students. NLAE has been Cognia accredited since 2012, and as of March 2024, it has been approved by Gwinnett County Public Schools and the Georgia Department of Education to enter its sixth charter renewal cycle. Notably, NLAE remains the only currently approved public charter school in the Gwinnett County Public School system, reflecting its ongoing commitment to providing a safe, supportive environment for intellectual and personal growth.

One of the unique features of NLAE is its Mandarin Chinese language program. While learning a second language is an incredible opportunity for any student, NLAE’s decision to offer Mandarin Chinese speaks to the school’s forward-thinking approach. In addition to their core subjects, students are given the opportunity to learn one of the most spoken languages in the world, an advantage that positions them well in today’s interconnected global economy. However, the Mandarin Chinese program is just one aspect of the school’s diverse curriculum.

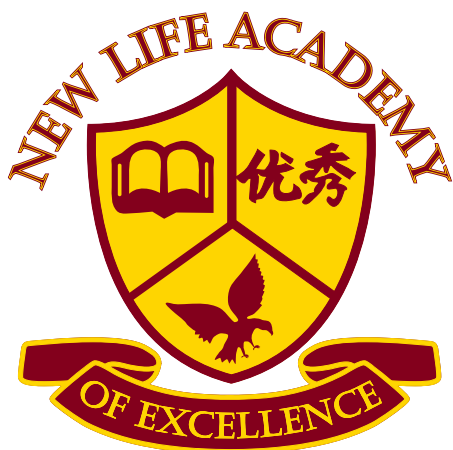


NLAE is committed to delivering a holistic education that goes beyond language instruction. The school's curriculum is designed to challenge students academically, while also encouraging critical thinking and problem-solving skills. With a focus on leadership and personal development, NLAE prepares its students to be not just academically successful, but also capable of navigating an ever-evolving world.

The school's success lies in its commitment to working closely with parents and the community, recognizing that collaboration is key to the growth and success of its students. NLAE prides itself on its superior faculty, whose innovative teaching techniques help ensure that every child receives the support they need to thrive.

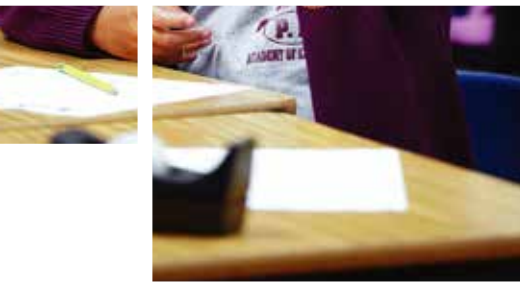
Under the leadership of Alphonsa Foward, Jr., New Life Academy of Excellence remains dedicated to its mission of creating an educational environment where students can achieve their full potential. Whether it's excelling in academics, developing character, or building confidence, students leave NLAE ready to face the future with a strong foundation.

New Life Academy of Excellence continues to shape tomorrow's leaders through its commitment to excellence, diversity, and innovation. With a focus on both academic and personal development, NLAE is more than just a school—it's a place where students are empowered to succeed in all areas of life.



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