

UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

An evening focusing on children, community & coherence!

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"Building a Better Tomorrow, Today!"

OVERVIEW

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited through Cognia. The district offers a world-class program based on a challenging curriculum that is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving nearly 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is the sixth-largest school system in Georgia and ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. Made up of nearly 70 schools and a variety of programs, the school system has approximately 7,300 employees.

VISION STATEMENT

The vision of Clayton County Public Schools is to prepare **ALL** graduates to have the skills to pursue and accomplish college, post-secondary training, and/or career opportunities in order to live and compete successfully in a global society.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Clayton County Public Schools is to empower scholars to achieve academic, professional, and personal goals by providing equitable access and experiences that build skills in literacy, creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration.

MEET OUR SUPERINTENDENT

Scan the QR Code to view the biography of our superintendent

UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Opening Remarks..... **Dr. Prince T. Bowie**
Director of Fine Arts, Master of Ceremonies

Welcome & Occasion.....**Nicholas Esters,** *4th Grade, Brown Elementary School*

Presentation of Colors.....**Morrow High School A.F.J.R.O.T.C., GA-791**
Commanded by: Cadet Major Patrick Phillips, 11th Grade

Pledge of Allegiance.....**Cadet Airman Basic Hailey Myrick,** *9th Grade, Morrow High School*

National Anthem.....**Shila-Amari Cineus,** *11th Grade, Stilwell School of the Arts*

Board of Education Remarks.....**Mr. Benjamin Straker,** *Chair, District 9*
Ms. Mary Baker, *Vice Chair, District 6*

Musical Selection.....**CCPS United Honor Marching Band**

Governmental Partner Perspective.....**Ms. Hue Nguyen**
Councilwoman, City of Morrow

Dr. Alieka Anderson-Henry
Chairwoman, Clayton County Commission

Business Partner Perspective.....**Ms. Valencia Williamson**
President, Clayton County Chamber of Commerce

Community Partner Perspective.....**Mr. Louis Negron**
President & Executive Director, CCPS Foundation

Parent Partner Perspective.....**Dr. Arvis Walker**
District 7 Director, Georgia PTA

Ministerial Partner Perspective.....**Rev./Dr. Robert L. Burton**
President, Association of Christian Ministers of Clayton County

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Student Perspectives
"Our Schools. Our Experience. Our Future."
Paola Perez Lopez, *5th Grade, Unidos Dual Language School*
Madison Reese, *8th Grade, Babb Middle School*
Uyen Ly, *12th Grade, Elite Scholars Academy*

Special Video Presentation .....**Mr. Ricky L. Clark, Jr.**
Client Manager, Metro Atlanta Pond & Company Consulting Firm

Introduction of the Superintendent/CEO.....**Cadet Lt. Col. Tajyon Sanders, Deputy Commander GA-791**
11th Grade, Morrow High School

Ceremonial Oath of Office.....**The Honorable Shana Rooks Malone**
Chief Judge, Clayton County Superior Court

Main Address
Dr. Douglas Hendrix Sr., *Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer*
"One Clayton County-The Moment We Become a Movement"

Closing Musical Selection.....**CCPS United Honor Marching Band**

Community Charge.....**Mr. Landry Merkison**
Chief Operations Officer, Clayton County Public Schools

Closing Remarks.....**Deveon Mashburn,** *12th Grade, Mundy's Mill High School*

POINTS OF PRIDE

2026 - 2027

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:

- 2026 College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) results are still embargoed, but based on preliminary results, we are seeing gains in science, mathematics, and among key student groups of English Learners and Students with Disabilities.
- The Clayton County Public Schools Graduation Rate is at an all-time high - 88.3 percent, further closing its gap with the state's graduation rate to within two-tenths of a percent. Students with disabilities' graduation rate of 83.9% reached an all-time high and surpassed the state's graduation rate for this group by 4.1 percentage points. With a record high of 83.8% for English Learners, we outperformed the state's rate for English Learners by 5.8 percentage points.
- Seven Clayton County Public Schools high schools earned recognition as 2026 Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Schools by the Georgia Department of Education, highlighting the district's continued growth in AP access, academic excellence, college readiness, STEM achievement, and access to rigorous coursework.

FUTURE-FORWARD/ INNOVATIVE:

- Rebranded Literacy Effort: Laser-Focused on Literacy and Inviting our Community to be Partners in the Process (CCPS...Where Literacy Lives).
- Designed and implemented a custom K–1 curriculum that integrates executive functioning with structured literacy, equipping teachers with practical tools to create the conditions for learning, resulting in stronger engagement and improved regulation.

VALUES PARTNERSHIPS AND TOGETHERNESS:

- Officially launched the Junior Achievement Delta Discovery Center of Clayton County (students learn how to operate a business, financial literacy, and career readiness).
- Through the Literacy and Justice for All: Clayton initiative, the district was awarded a $2.5 million dollar grant as part of a larger $4.5 million investment from the United Way of Greater Atlanta to advance early literacy in partnership with the Rollins Center Atlanta Speech School through ongoing professional development for grades K-2.
- Implemented IMSE Orton-Gillingham in all Kindergarten and First Grade classrooms to build foundational skills for our early learners.

RESOURCEFUL/CARING:

- The CCPS Adult Education Program demonstrates its commitment to being both caring and resourceful through initiatives like the Annual Family Literacy Event, which engages students and their families in a welcoming, resource-rich environment that promotes literacy, strengthens family connections, and supports lifelong learning and economic mobility.
- CCPS Adult Education also exemplifies resourcefulness by aligning education with workforce opportunities through the district's Facilities and Maintenance training program, where adult ESL students have strengthened their English proficiency, gained hands-on industry skills, and successfully transitioned into district employment, highlighting a clear pathway from education to sustainable careers.

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DEMOGRAPHICS

STUDENT TOTAL – 48,371 | MALE – 50.36% FEMALE – 49.64%

Ethnicity	Total	Percentage	Employee Data
African American	34,519	67.24%	7,349 Employees
Hispanic/Latinx	11,970	24.75%	
Asian	1,413	2.92%	3,297 Teachers
Multiracial	1,622	3.35%	
Caucasian	542	1.12%	66.15% Teachers with Advanced Degrees
American Indian or Alaska Native	169	0.35%	
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	28	0.06%	