

# Calhoun City Schools

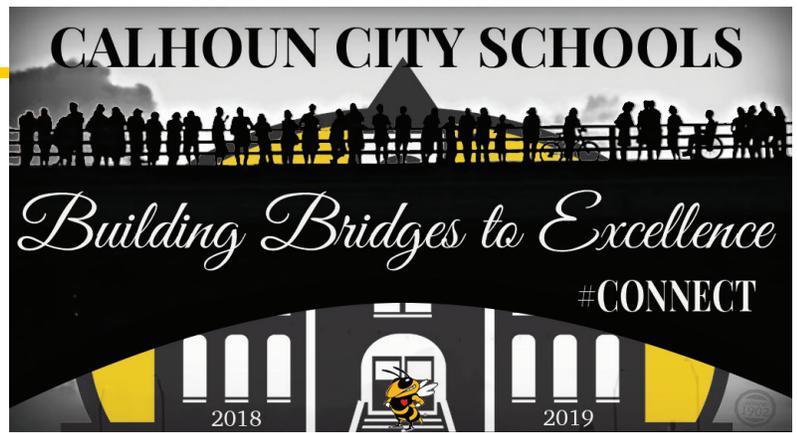
## ANNUAL REPORT

# 2018 2019



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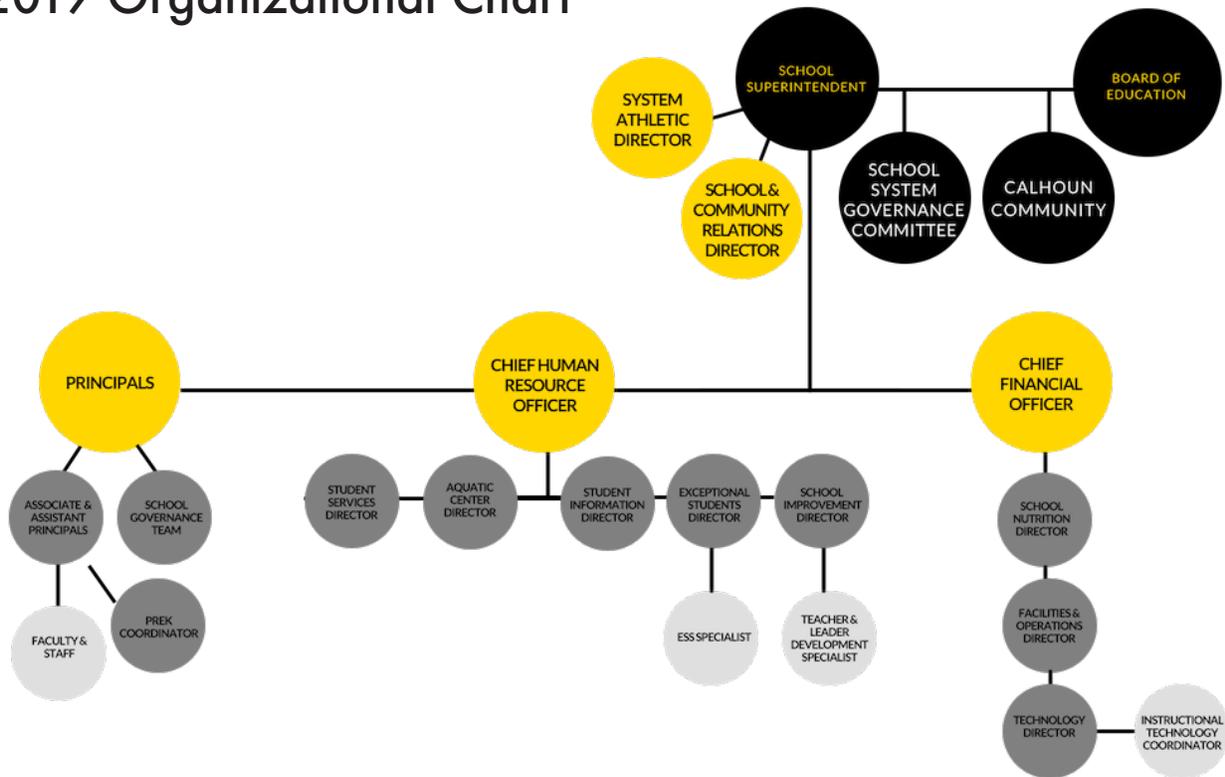
## MISSION

Our mission is to inspire all students to become lifelong learners in the pursuit of excellence.

## VISION

Our 20/20 vision is to have all students exceeding expectations by the year 2020.

# Calhoun City Schools 2018-2019 Organizational Chart



"TO INSPIRE ALL STUDENTS TO BECOME LIFE-LONG LEARNERS IN THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE"

The Calhoun City School System (CCS) is a part of the Calhoun, Gordon County community and has a tradition of excellence and history that extends over a century of service. Through a two year planning process designed around continuous improvement, stakeholder involvement, various affiliations and partnerships, CCS came to realize that in order to maintain the long-standing tradition of excellence in the face of an ever-changing world; we must have the flexibility that a System Charter provides to meet the demands of these changes. On July 1, 2011 the State Board of Education granted the Charter to the CCS Board of Education to operate a "Charter System" for a five year term, to expire on June 30, 2016. CCS renewed its Charter through a re-accreditation process with SACS / AdvancED and the GA DOE. CCS will operate as a Charter System through 2026. The CCS charter system includes: Calhoun Primary School, Calhoun Elementary School, Calhoun Middle School and Calhoun High School.

The Charter System supports the district's priorities and long-term goals in four major ways:

1. School Governance Teams hold decision-making authority in the areas of specified school level personnel, finance, resource allocation, curriculum and instruction, establishing and monitoring the achievement of school improvement goals, and school operations that align directly to system improvement goals and creating a culture of academic excellence.
2. Students and staff are empowered to have a say in daily operational decisions.
3. A greater emphasis is placed on business partnerships and Partners in Education.
4. Preparing students for post secondary options with a strong focus on positive behaviors and strong work ethic is a priority.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

# DR. MICHELE TAYLOR

It is our goal to continually seek ways to improve upon Calhoun City Schools' rich tradition of excellence; excellence in academics, arts and athletics. Calhoun City Schools has been a part of the Calhoun, Gordon County community for more than one hundred years and there are so many accomplishments that could be shared. A history rich in achievement and honor surrounds this school system. Calhoun City Schools began with a small number of dedicated community leaders who wanted to give our children opportunities to not only succeed in life, but to excel. Community members continue to flank our schools with support, thus creating a tradition of devotion and pride, which has prevailed throughout the decades. As we look upon the successes of our first one hundred years, we must attribute these not to buildings, not to programs, but to teachers, administrators, support staff members and parents who supported our children, the community who supported our schools and to our students who have grown up to become the heart of this community.

I am a 1986 graduate of Calhoun High School and I have so many fond memories as a student. As I walk through the hallways in all of our school buildings today, I see and feel an overwhelming sense of pride which is also felt by our students and teachers. Faculty and staff are committed to providing an exemplary education. Our mission is to inspire all students to become lifelong learners in the pursuit of excellence. As Superintendent, I look forward to working with all of our stakeholders to continue on a path of progress and to achieve this mission.

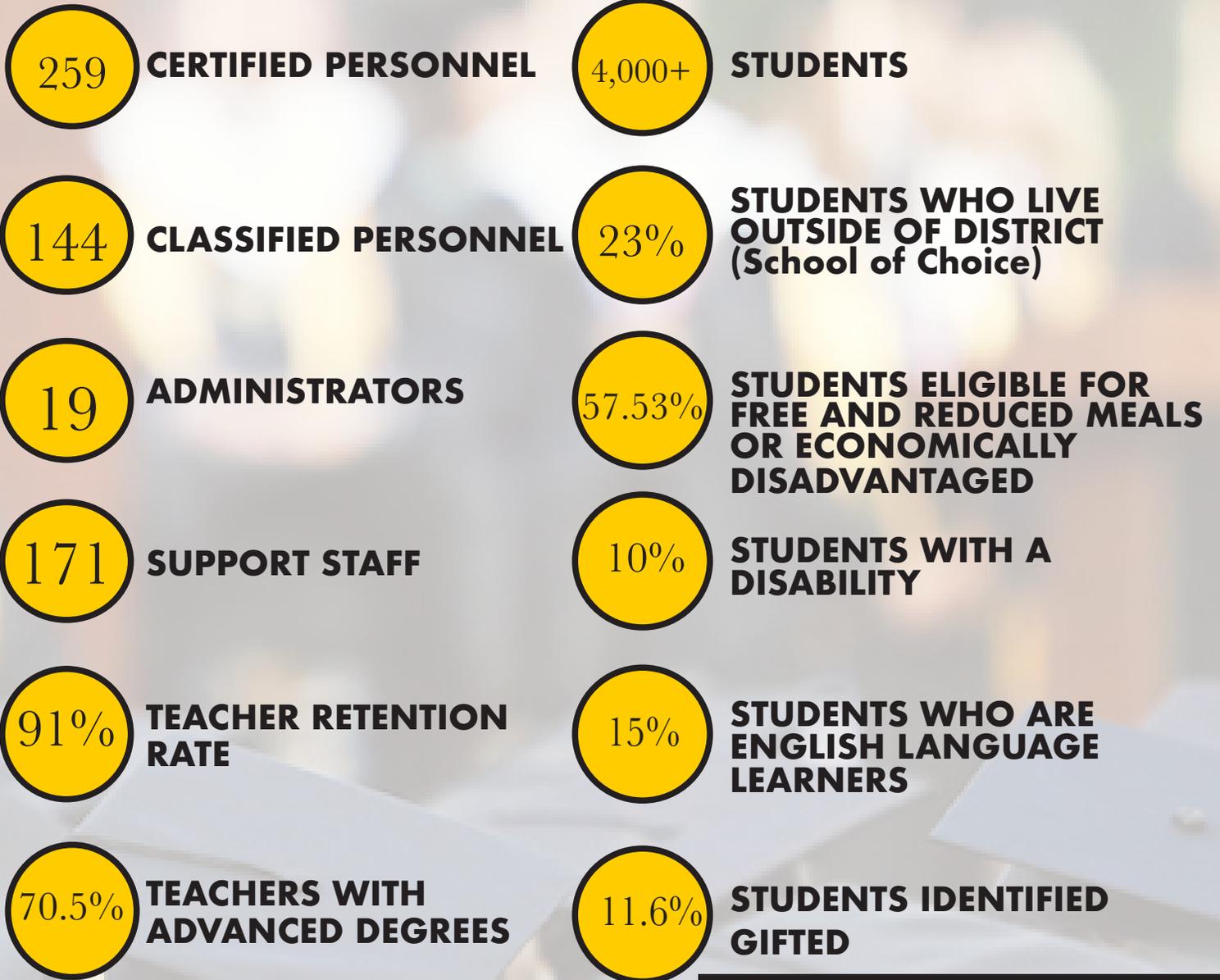
Dr. Michele Taylor  
Superintendent  
Calhoun City Schools



Calhoun City Schools was recognized by the Georgia School Board Association (GSBA) as a 2018 Exemplary School Board. Calhoun City Schools met and/or exceeded the criteria set forth by GSBA to earn this honor of a 2018 Exemplary Board. Calhoun City Schools consistently exceeds the standards for the highest awards category each year.

Pictured left to right: Rhoda Washington, Vice Chairman; David Scoggins, Board Member; Tony Swink, Secretary; Eddie Reeves, Chairman; Michele Taylor, Superintendent; Andy Baxter, Board Member

AT A GLANCE...



OUR STUDENTS

Enrollment by Race and Ethnicity

Enrollment:	4,153
White	2,109
Hispanic	1,446
Black	250
Multiracial	137
Asian	82
Indian	*
Pacific	*

\*Less than 15 students

*Calhoun City Schools has seen an increase of 744 students since 2007.*

**GRADUATION RATE 98%**



# FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS



Central Office, Calhoun PREK, Junior Jacket Academy



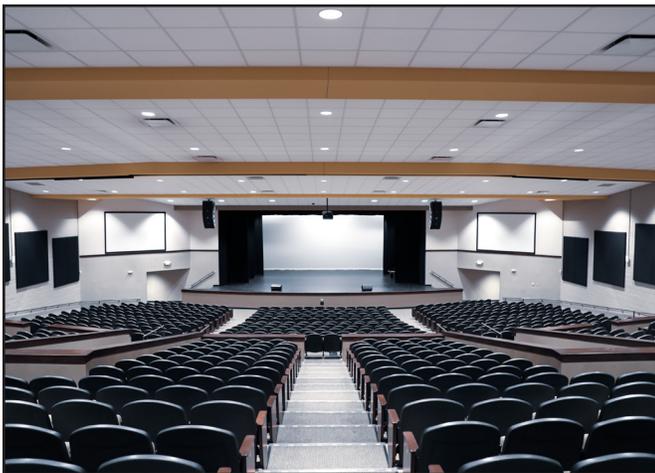
Calhoun Primary School (Complex)



Calhoun Elementary School (Complex)



Calhoun Aquatic Center



Calhoun Performing Arts Center



STEM Works Lab



Calhoun Middle & High School (Campus)



Culinary Arts Lab



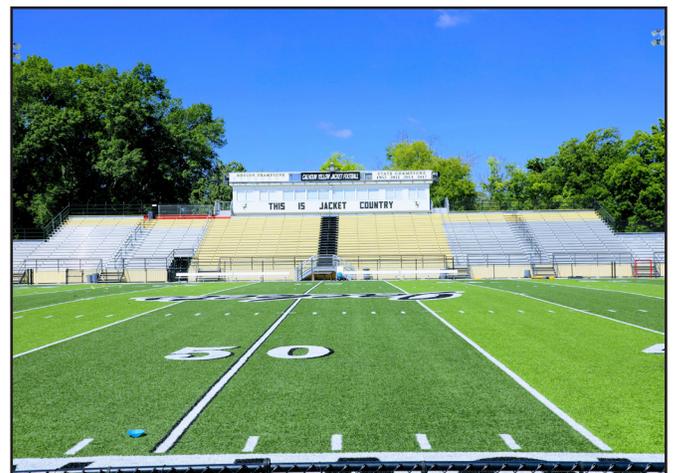
Calhoun High School Gym



Calhoun College and Career Academy



Audio, Video, Technology and Film Room

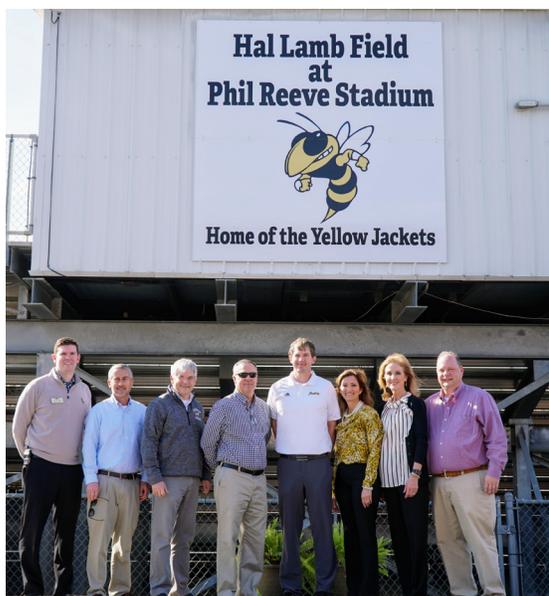


Hal Lamb Field at Phil Reeve Stadium

## Coach Lamb Retires/Board Names Hal Lamb Field at Phil Reeve Stadium

Coach Hal Lamb officially retired on May 31, 2016 following seventeen years as a teacher for Calhoun City Schools. Prior to his employment with CCS, Coach Lamb spent nine years in Cartersville Middle School and three years at Upson-Lee High School. In his 2016 retirement letter to Superintendent Taylor, Coach Lamb stated, "It has been an amazing journey. I walked into Calhoun High School in 1999 as a very young head coach with a less than stellar coaching record. During my time here, I have been fortunate enough to accomplish many career goals. I have also had the privilege to work with outstanding teachers, administrators, and other coaches. My greatest achievement, however, has been my students and players, who have consistently performed well on local and state levels. I am grateful for all the great opportunities and experiences I have had at CHS over the years. You, the administrators, and the members of the Board of Education have always given me the support I needed. I would like to thank you for having faith in me, and for giving me the opportunity to learn and grow in my career." Following Lamb's summer time off, the Board of Education approved his return as athletic director and head football coach where he went on to have three additional outstanding seasons surpassing the state record of 18 consecutive region championships.

"As a Board of Education, we recognize the contributions that Coach Lamb made as a teacher in the classroom over the past 30 years and we also acknowledge the profound impact that he has had on the athletes he has mentored and coached over the years. While he has won numerous awards and championships, his humility and appreciation for his players, coaches and the community as a whole make him our local hero," stated Board Chair Eddie Reeves.



The Calhoun City Board of Education considers the naming of its facilities in honor of an individual to be a conspicuous honor. Such naming exhibits the judgment and standards of the Calhoun City Board of Education and signifies lasting approval of the actions of the honoree. Therefore, the task of naming a facility is not taken lightly. Members of the Calhoun City Schools' Board of Education all agree that Coach Hal Lamb exemplifies the highest standards consistent with the mission, values, and beliefs of Calhoun City Schools. "Today we honor Coach Lamb as he chooses to retire from coaching. He has coached his last game on this field, his field - The Hal

Lamb Field at Phil Reeve Stadium. What an honor it has been to work alongside him. We are grateful for his many contributions on and off the field of competition. Thank you Coach Lamb. We love and appreciate you," shared Superintendent Taylor and Members of the Board of Education. A formal dedication of Hal Lamb Field will take place at Phil Reeve Stadium on Friday, September 6, 2019.

In true Calhoun City Schools fashion, a succession plan has been in place to prepare for Lamb's retirement. As part of Coach Lamb's coaching staff for more than a decade, Coach Clay Stephenson has been a huge part of the program's success. Coach Stephenson joined the football coaching staff in 2004 and has enjoyed numerous trips to the state championship finals. He's also earned three state championships in his head coaching role in golf and has been named Region Coach of the Year eleven times. Recognized as Calhoun High School's Teacher of the Year and as the System's representative, Coach Stephenson is well respected by his peers and loved by the students, parents, teachers, administrators and support staff. He has a heart for kids and a competitive spirit that has been noticed and groomed for many years. Coach Lamb has no doubt had a profound impact on the younger Stephenson who has grown and matured under his leadership. "The Board could've directed us to do an external search to fill this position, however they trust that we have an internal candidate that can continue what Coach Lamb has started. Dr. Coombe, the principal of Calhoun High School and I couldn't be more thrilled to wholeheartedly support Coach Stephenson. This transition will be seamless.

The players know and love him. He has the respect of the coaching staff. He's a proven leader with a long-term commitment to the program and he'll continue to be a part of the Jacket Nation for many years to come," stated Superintendent Taylor. "We are also proud to say that Coach Lamb will stay connected as a part-time campus facilities and event coordinator and will assist Brock Holley who will now serve as Calhoun City Schools' Athletic Director. This is a win-win for our programs and we are excited about the next chapter," stated Eddie Reeves, Board Chair.



# JUNIOR JACKET ACADEMY

## YEAR IN REVIEW

### JUNIOR JACKET ACADEMY

- 1 2/3 Year Old Class (17 students)
- 1 3/4 Year Old Class (20 students)
- Curriculum based on developmentally appropriate practices
- Thematic units; play as we learn
- 2 teachers in each class
- CMS/CHS Education Pathway students and WBL students volunteer 3 or 4 days weekly in both classrooms
- Tuition based
- Before/after childcare available as needed
- Field trips to the local library for story times



## CALHOUN PREK

### YEAR IN REVIEW

- 9 classes including 1 inclusion class
- 1 lead teacher and 1 assistant teacher per class /1 lead teacher, 1 assistant teacher and 1 SPED teacher in inclusion class
- 22 students per classroom/ 20 students in inclusion classroom
- All teachers attend BFTS training each year
- Before/after childcare available as needed
- GA PreK Week was celebrated with local officials/professionals visiting to read to each class.
- All PreK classes attend a monthly performance, sponsored by Mohawk, at the Harris Art Center to experience a performance in a theater.
- Parent conferences were held in December and May.
- All PreK students participated in a tour of CPS kindergarten
- PreK classes performed a Thanksgiving Concert in November for their families and performed a Bridging to Kindergarten Program in May.
- Summer Transition Programs were held for Rising PreK and Rising Kindergarten students. It was a 6 week intensive academic program serving approximately 50 students.
- Several field trips were planned throughout the year: HAC, Copper Creek Farms, Calhoun/Gordon County Library, BB&T Park

### SCHOOL WIDE

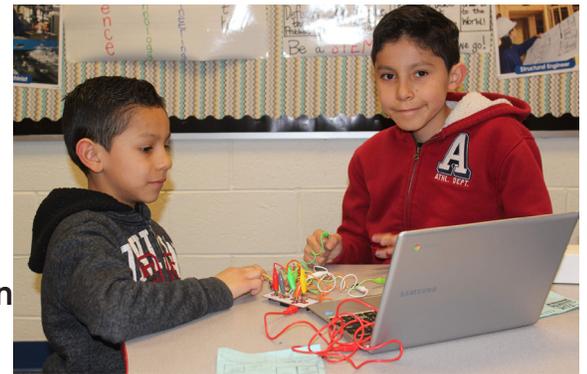
- Parent Orientation and Student Open Houses were held in August before the first day of school
- The CHS graduating class participated in a parade through the building in their caps and gowns to celebrate graduation.
- Guest speakers visited to share information with students: dental hygienist, postal worker, doctors and nurses, entomologist, etc.
- End of the Year Water Day Activities
- Field trip to the GEM Theater
- JJA and PreK operated on the CCS school calendar.
- All teachers participated in 2 day trainings for Building Bridges (Capturing Kids' Hearts). Initiatives from this training are incorporated into daily classroom management and lessons.



## COMPLEX

### EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMICS, ARTS & ATHLETICS

- Calhoun Elementary School, grades third through fifth, had four teams compete in the Regional Odyssey of the Mind Competition. All teams placed and advanced to state with two 4th place rankings and two 5th place rankings.
- The complex hosted a STEM night for students and parents in January. Anna Worley was the STEM shirt design winner.
- Thirty students in grades 3rd-5th competed in the system level Technology Fair. Four of those students went on to place at the Northwest Regional Tech Competition and represented Calhoun Elementary at the state level.
- CCS hosted the annual Science Fair for grades three through five. Students displayed their work on the scientific method and interacted with judges during the competition. Winners were selected and celebrated at each grade level.
- CPES hosted Math Mania, a mathematics competition for first through fifth graders. Students competed in an individual round and in a math debating session.
- All students participated in the Young Georgia Authors Writing Competition. Six students represented their grade level in the state competition.
- Students in 3rd through 5th grade participated in a school spelling bee. Annie Eickman was the overall winner.
- Students at the Complex enjoyed competing in the first annual Brain Bowl. Grade level teams worked together to complete given problems and assignments in the areas of ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, Creative Thinking and Engineering.
- Calhoun Elementary participated in the Huddle House "Write to Win" program. Each month between October and May sixteen students had their writing displayed on tables throughout our local Huddle House.
- CCS celebrated over one hundred students who successfully completed the Dewey Challenge. Each student read at least twenty-five books from the ten classifications of the Dewey



## COMPLEX

### EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMICS, ARTS & ATHLETICS

Decimal System over the course of the school year.

- Students at the Complex participated in a Career Day. Parents and community members were invited to come and speak to the students about their careers.
- Kindergarten through second-grade students participated in a grade-level musical production performed at the CPAC for family and friends.
- Choral groups spanning grades two through five performed at various community events including the singing of the National Anthem on several occasions, even the Rome Braves game! The fourth/fifth-grade chorus presented the musical "We are Monsters" in May at the CPAC for the community.
- Kamryn Brannen and Seline Martinez won first place in the "Bus Safety" poster contest.
- Amelia Hinckley and Karmen Morgan had their art displayed at the Harris Arts Center for winning the Chamber of Commerce "Drugs Don't Work" poster contest.
- All students had their art displayed in the Complex Spring Art Show.
- Seventeen student-athletes placed in the Menlo Cross Country Race with fifth-grader Savannah Palmer bringing home a first-place win!
- Special Olympians in grades three through five enjoyed competing at the local Special Olympics in bowling, basketball and track/field. Students brought home thirteen gold medals.
- CES Rota Kids participated in a number of community service events such as collecting socks, taking supplies to local pet shelters, working on special activities with friends at the nursing home and completing various projects around the complex.
- Students at the Complex participated in a comprehensive "Going Green" initiative. Students recycled plastic, aluminum, paper, and used markers throughout the year. Raised garden beds on campus gave students the opportunity to be involved in a farm to table project. Campus beautification projects consisted of school-wide planting days: adding trees, planting shrubs and bulbs.
- CCS had forty-five high school students mentor Little Jackets at the Complex throughout the school year.



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### EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS

Calhoun High School earned the GHSA titles of Region and State Runner Up for their One Act production of *Piece of My Heart*.

CHS received 10 Shuler Award nominations for their performance of *Peter Pan*. Direction- Julie Leggett; Music Direction- Darlene Wright and Riley Anderson; Choreography- Kathryn Stockman; Ensemble- Calhoun High School; Lighting Design- India Galyean and Ben Riley; Sound- Darlene Wright; Scenic Design- Robin Proffitt and Johnathan Elakman; Best Performance by a Leading Actress- Ryleigh Roberts Ledford; Best Performance by a Supporting Actor- Matthew McCanless; Overall Production- Calhoun High School's *Peter Pan*; and an Honorable Mention for Costumes- India Galyean.



CHS captured another state title at the AAA Literary competition on Saturday, March 16th. The event was held at Houston County High School and Calhoun High School took their region winners to compete in six of the twelve events. The team went on to place first or second in all events giving them top points overall making them the new State Champions. Four first places went to Jahlaynia Winters in Dramatic Interpretation, Matthew McCanless in Humorous Interpretation, Haylea Graham and Avery Lester in Duo Interpretation, and Blair Hall, Kathryn Stockman and Megan Wright in Girls Trio. Two second place finishes went to Riley Anderson for Boys Solo and Emma Kate Smith for Personal Essay.



Brooke Landry's work "Life Line" was chosen by the Georgia All State Art symposium at Columbus State University. Over 1,000 entries were submitted where only 140 pieces were accepted by a panel of judges.

## CAMPUS

### EXCELLENCE IN ATHLETICS

#### CALHOUN HIGH SCHOOL

Region/Area Champions: Boys Cross-Country, Girls Cross-Country, Football, Softball, Boys Swimming/Diving, Volleyball, Boys Track & Field, Boys Tennis, Girls Tennis, Girls Soccer

Region Runner-Up: Boys Basketball, Baseball, Girls Track & Field, Boys Soccer

State Sweet 16: Boys Cross-Country (13th in state), Boys Basketball, Boys Tennis, Girls Tennis, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Baseball

State Elite 8: Girls Cross-Country (8th in state), Softball, Volleyball, Girls Swimming/Diving (5th in state), Boys Golf (7th in state), Competition Cheerleading (7th in state)

State Final 4: Football, Girls Golf

State Runner-Up: Boys Swimming / Diving

#### Individual Athletic Accomplishments:

Wrestling- Reece Poe (3rd place state traditionals, 145 lb weight class)  
 Swimming/Diving- John Carroll (3rd place state, 100-yard backstroke)  
 Swimming/Diving- Boys 3rd place state, 400-yard freestyle relay team  
 Swimming/Diving- Girls 2nd place state, 400-yard freestyle relay team  
 Swimming/Diving- Phoebe Reid (3rd place state, 100-yard breaststroke)  
 Swimming/Diving- Boys 3rd place state, 200-yard medley relay team

#### Summary

10 Region Champions

4 Region Runner-Ups

1 State Runner-Up

5th place in the GADA Director's Cup (cumulative point total of all athletic programs)

#### CALHOUN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Region Champions: Baseball, Wrestling (Duals), Boys Tennis, Girls Tennis, Boys Swimming/Diving, Girls Golf, Boys Track & Field, Girls Track & Field

Region Runner-Up: Boys Cross Country, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Football, Girls Swimming/Diving, Boys Golf



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## EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMICS

- FFA attended state convention where Brady Carney won a state title for swine production.
- SkillsUSA competed at state where Jaden Brock won a state title for tile laying. The CHS woodworking team placed 2nd in state for their production.
- Top 5 students named at CHS as Matthew Turner, Bhavi Patel, Zach Fuller, Ben King and Emma Kate Smith.
- CHS students participated in an exercise at Advent Health where students were able to use a robotic surgery tool.
- All students in grades 6 and 8 participated in BizTown or Finance Park as a part of Junior Achievements partnership with Calhoun City Schools.
- Riley Anderson (Vocal Performance) and Caleb McFarland (Engineering) were both named Governor Honors Program participants and will attend the summer institutes at Berry College. This is a very distinct honor!
- CMS 6th Grader, Huong Do, and CHS 9th Grader, Jocelyn Heath, were both recognized by NWGA RESA for their participation in Georgia Young Authors. Huong Do was the RESA winner and Jocelyn Heath was the runner-up.
- Both Patrick Gilreath and Reid McGaskey were named Eagle Scouts

- Matthew Turner, STAR Student, and his teacher, Dr. McKenzie, were recognized at both local and region banquets.
- Calhoun College & Career Academy hosted a site visit November 4-6 and anticipates re-accreditation in August of 2019 based on the report by the visiting team.
- Senior, Matthew Turner, named national merit finalist for outstanding performance on the PSAT and SAT.
- Students at CHS participated in the first season of ESports, which is an online gaming league sponsored by GHSA. They competed through the Elite 8 in the spring season.
- Students across grades 6-12 competed in the regional technology fair with numerous students advancing to the state level in April.
- Brandon Webb was named CCS Spelling Bee Winner and represented the system at the state competition.



**98%** GRADUATION RATE

**193** SENIORS GRADUATED HAVING COMPLETED ONE OR MORE CTAE PATHWAY. SOME COMPLETED AS MANY AS 4 PATHWAYS.

**1** MILLION DOLLAR AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP MONIES EARNED BY THE CLASS OF 2019

**367** CTAE PATHWAY COMPLETERS

**205** SENIORS GRADUATED AS CTAE PATHWAY COMPLETERS WITH DISTINCTION

**253** SENIORS GRADUATED ON MAY 25, 2018

**130** SENIORS PARTICIPATED IN SENIOR CAPSTONE PRESENTATIONS

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES

The Advanced Placement curriculum path is an academically rigorous program preparing students to achieve great success at the college and university levels by equipping students to compete with other students across the United States for college admission and scholarships. Named an AP World School, Calhoun High School offers 15 Advanced Placement Courses in a variety of areas.

The AP courses taught and offered at Calhoun High School are:

- AP Biology
- AP Environmental Science
- AP English Literature
- AP English Language
- AP Calculus
- AP Statistics
- AP Psychology
- AP Human Geography
- AP United States History
- AP World History
- AP European History
- AP Government
- AP Computer Science
- AP Studio Art
- AP Spanish

## CALHOUN ONLINE LEARNING ACADEMY

### 1ST SEMESTER

415 Total Courses

50 Courses Carried to Semester 2

82 Total COLA students (does not include Credit Recovery at CHS).



### 2ND SEMESTER

680 Total Courses assigned in January 2018

124 Courses were dropped/voided due to withdrawals/transfers

85 Courses active (Hospital homebound, special needs students, etc.)

12 Courses reported through special programs (GNETS, CES)

459 Courses completed by COLA students

182 Courses completed in Credit Recovery classes

641 Total online courses completed

222 Total students (Hybrid, Credit Recovery and full-time COLA students)

120 Total Credit Recovery students at CHS

33 Seniors with all classes completed and passed

COLA has helped many seniors complete required coursework for graduation. We are excited and grateful to our Board of Education for their support of this program.

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### COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY

Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE) prepares Georgia's students for their next step after high school: college, beginning a career, registered apprenticeship, or the military. Calhoun College and Career Academy offered 17 pathways in 9 Program Areas.

#### CTAE Program Areas

- Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (2 Pathways)
- Architecture and Construction (2 Pathways)
- Arts, AV/Technology, & Communications (3 Pathways)
- Education & Training (2 Pathways)
- Health Science (2 Pathways)
- Hospitality and Tourism (1 Pathway)
- Information Technology (3 Pathways)
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security (1 Pathway)
- Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (1 Pathway)

#### Highlights

- 367 CTAE Pathway Completers
- 85% of students enrolled in CTAE Programs
- 193 Seniors graduated having completed one or more CTAE pathways (some as many as 4 pathways completed).
- Calhoun College and Career Academy underwent Georgia College and Career Academy Certification during 2018-2019. Results will be announced in August 2019.
- 130 Calhoun High School seniors participated in a Senior Capstone Presentation event in April.
- Cole Pelfrey was nominated as Georgia Career Academy Student of the Year and was in the top 3.



- Calhoun College and Career Academy nominated as Georgia College and Career Academy of the Year
- Calhoun College and Career Academy was one of many schools across the state to celebrate May 7, 2019, as "Georgia Future Educators Signing Day." Fourteen students planning to major in education were celebrated at a signing event and reception.
- Numerous regional and state awards at CTSO spring leadership conferences.
- National qualifiers for FFA, FCCLA, and HOSA
- Six HOSA students went to Orlando in June 2019
- FFA Students to Louisville in October 2019

# CAMPUS

## COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY

### Career Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs)

CTSOs are co-curricular organizations with leadership programs and competitive events which reflect current curriculum standards and competencies for the instructional programs they serve.

- FBLA
- FFA
- TSA
- FCCLA
- HOSA
- CTI
- SkillsUSA

### Work Based Learning:

Work-Based learning (WBL) continued to thrive and grow in 2018-2019. Overall, 122 students were served through Work-Based Learning placements and Teaching as a Profession Internships, the largest number of students ever to participate.

In FY 19	
#WBL Students & Teacher Interns	122
WBL Hours Earned	45,727
WBL Wages Earned	\$169,056.38

### Dual Enrollment

The Dual Enrollment Program continued to grow in 2018-2019. Calhoun High School partnered with Georgia Northwestern Technical College, Chattahoochee Technical College, and Dalton State College to offer classes on the Calhoun High campus. Additionally, students attended courses on the campuses of Dalton State and Berry College. Two hundred and nineteen students took advantage of Dual Enrollment opportunities in spring taking 473 classes and earning 1388 college credit hours.

Students Enrolled in Fall of 2018	221
Courses Taken in Dual Enrollment	509
Credit Hours Earned	1488
Approximate Savings	<b>\$173,600.00</b>
(Based on \$350 per 3 hour class @ GNTC)	

Students Enrolled in Spring 2019	219
Courses Taken in Dual Enrollment	473
Credit Hours Earned	1388
Approximate Savings	<b>\$161,933.33</b>
(Based on \$350 per 3 hour class @ GNTC)	

### Capstone Completion:

In 2018-2019, seniors in British Literature classes completed capstone projects, which entail career related research and the creation of a portfolio, presentation, paper, and working with a mentor. This year, 125 students completed and presented capstone projects. Community members and educators from Calhoun City PK-12 were invited and served as evaluators for the students



# CAMPUS

## 2019 SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Danielle Charles  
Shelbie Coker

Nathanael Freeman  
Campbell Govignon  
Rebekah Guthrie

Ariana Guzman Cantellano  
Elise Hartley  
Julie Hayes

Daleigh Higgins

Deyonna Jackson  
Tripp Hoblitzell  
Anaya McClure

Eric McKnight  
Payton Morrow  
Max Nesbitt  
Logan Parker  
Cole Pelfrey  
Noeliz Sierra Palermo  
Jorge Soto-Ventura  
Anna Taylor  
Jahlaynia Winters

Berry College "Dean's Scholarship"  
Johnson and Wales University Hope Scholarship  
Presidential Academic Scholarship  
Jacksonville State University Gamecock Grant  
Golden Eagle Scholarship - Auburn University  
Reinhardt Academic Scholarship  
Reinhardt Theatre Performance Scholarship  
REACH Scholarship  
Mercer University Academic Merit Scholarship  
Shorter University Community Partner Scholarship  
Shorter University Community Housing Scholarship  
All Georgia Commitment Scholarship  
Georgia Access Award  
First North Ga. Missionary Baptist Association Scholarship  
Birmingham Southern College Outstanding Scholars Merit Scholarship  
Southeast Restoration Restored Scholarship  
MLK Trailblazer Scholarship  
Jacksonville State University Gamecock Grant  
Jacksonville State University Gamecock Spirit Scholarship  
Calhoun First Baptist Church Scholarship  
Maryville College Incentive Award  
Southeastern Freight Lines Scholarship  
Housing Embassadors Scholarship Award - Univ. of West Georgia  
Washington and Lee University Grant  
Erskine College Academic Merit Scholarship  
Young Harris College-Miller Match Scholarship  
Young Harris College-Musical Theatre  
Georgia Thespians- Achievement Scholarship

172 Students were recognized at the CHS 12th Grade Awards Ceremony.  
45 Students were award scholarships.



## DISTRICT- STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

As Georgia Milestones scores are shared across the state, Calhoun City Schools keeps the focus on a true accountability system that empowers students, parents and educators to determine quality measures of success. The Georgia Milestones, a high-stakes standardized test, is one of many factors Calhoun City Schools examines to guide school improvement initiatives for the district. In an effort to refine the school improvement process, Calhoun City Schools has joined the Georgia Innovation Assessment Pilot that was approved in July by the U.S. Department of Education. This pilot provides districts the opportunity to establish an alternative assessment system that provides real time data to be used to individualize instruction.

There are many positive highlights for Calhoun City Schools when reviewing the 2019 Milestones reports recently released for the system and the respective schools. The percentage of Calhoun Elementary School third grade ELA students who scored Developing, Proficient and Distinguished (Levels 2, 3 and 4) were higher than regional and state percentages. CES fourth grade students outperformed RESA and state in both ELA and mathematics with the percentage of students scoring in the Proficient range (Levels 3 and 4). The percentage of students in Grade 5 scoring Proficient (Levels 3 and 4) in the area of mathematics were also higher than RESA and state. At Calhoun Middle School, the percentage of sixth, seventh and eighth grade students scoring at the Proficient (levels 3 and 4) were higher than the state of Georgia. The percentage of Calhoun High School's geometry and physical science students scoring Proficient (Levels 3 & 4) were higher than RESA and State.

Although 2019 Milestones data is promising, Calhoun City Schools maintains a focus on student success after graduation. CCS believes that a quality school system will see students that are high performing once leaving the schools. For the CCS mission to be fulfilled, students must be successful when leaving Calhoun City to enter the work force, higher institutes of learning and hopefully return to give back to our community. As a school system, Calhoun City continues to maintain one of the highest graduation rates which is a true testament of success for the school system. For us, success or the measurement of success is far more than a single test score. We have many areas to be proud. Calhoun City Schools was recently named Charter System of the Year and ranked as the fifth best school district in the state by Niche (Niche.com) researchers. Calhoun City Schools continues to have one of the state's highest district graduation rates with 98 percent of students graduating each year. Calhoun High School has consistently been recognized by the College Board as an AP Honor School and named as one of the best high schools in the nation by U.S. News and World Report. The district has also experienced great success on the stage and playing field in arts and athletics with more than 20 GHSA state championships in the past decade. While we've seen great success in many areas, we continually seek ways in which we can improve what we offer for our students.

## NUTRITION DEPARTMENT

Total Lunches Served -	273,131
Total Breakfasts Served -	525,330
Total Snacks -	61,580

New options offered this year:

- Homemade Smoothies
- Salad bars at every school
- Local farm to table offerings



## AWARDS

- Congratulations Calhoun City Schools for our Farm to School Efforts! 2019 Golden Radish Award Winner.

## TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Upgrade Bandwidth

- Increase from 800 Mb/second to 1000 Mb/second

SeeSaw

- Student-driven digital portfolio
- Used at CES

GoGuardian

- GoGuardian provides device management solutions by allowing the teacher to monitor and control needed web traffic

Tech Club

- 3rd-5th Grade meet Fridays to explore robotics

Technology Committees

- Campus and Complex teachers

Digital Citizenship

- Common Sense Education curriculum on internet safety and being a positive influence

K-12 Technology Scope and Sequence

- Skills and tools to be taught each grade level

Professional Development

- Face-to-Face
- Weekly Newsletter
- Bi-Monthly Flyers
- Digital Classroom (JacketYOU)
- Tech Tuesday trainings

Graphic Design Lab Refresh

- Updated to new iMacs

New YouTube channel CPS BEE TV

- Announcements now accessible from anywhere

New capture device for CHS Morning

Announcements allowing HD broadcasting

Signage upgrades at Campus/Black Box

- Easier changes to provide better information

New Network Switches at CMS/CHS

New Camera System at CES (Spring 2019)

New Interactive Displays for various classrooms

New UPS Battery Backups for network closets

## 2018-2019 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

**Mr. Matthew Brookins** was named the 2018 System Teacher of the Year for Calhoun City Schools during pre-game Homecoming festivities at Phil Reeve Stadium on Friday night, September 29, 2017.



Mr. Brookins is a 7th grade math teacher who engages students with his enthusiasm for the subject. Mr. Brookins is the CMS tennis coach, and works closely with the Professional Association of Georgia Educators through the Principal and Teacher Leader Network. He also serves as a mentor teacher in the Calhoun City Schools Induction Teacher Program. Matthew is a school leader who is highly respected by students, parents, and staff members. His colleagues shared compliments such as, " He makes learning fun and finds talents in students that they do not know are there. Students want to go to his class each day and are excited about learning." Mr. Brookins is a wonderful representative of Calhoun Middle School and Calhoun City Schools. We are extremely proud that he is being honored for hard work and dedication to his students. We feel confident that Mr. Brookins will represent CCS well at the state level.

Brumlow Mills was this year's sponsor of the Teacher of the Year Recognition Program. Brumlow Mills loves our teachers and we love them! We appreciate their continued support of Calhoun City Schools.



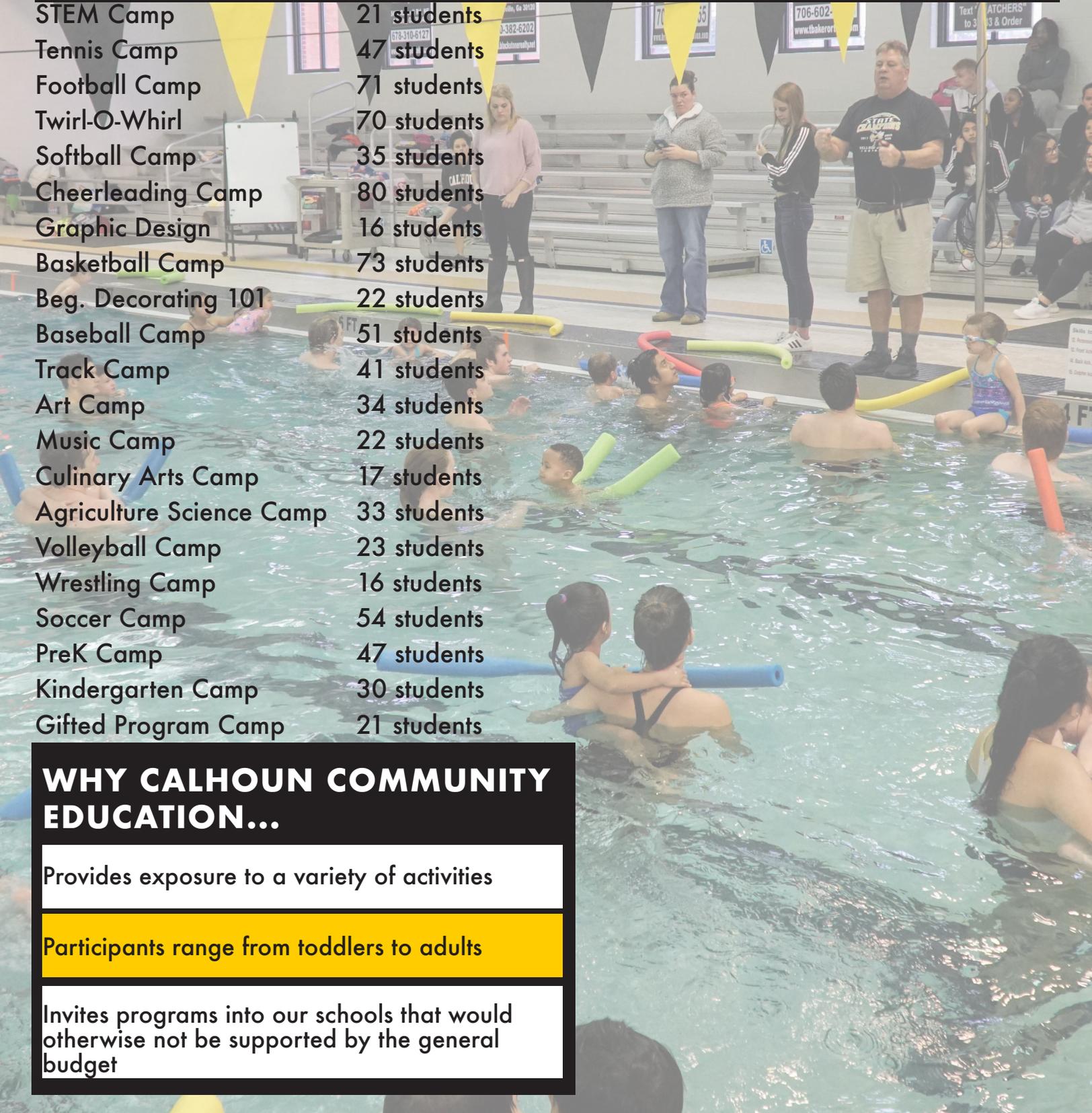
Joining Brookins on the field were Tracie Nesbitt, Calhoun Primary School Teacher of the Year; Beth Holcomb, Principal; Jill Michels, Calhoun Elementary School Teacher of the Year; Kelly Fuquea, PreK Program Coordinator; Nathan Leatherwood, PreK Teacher of the Year; Dr. Michele Taylor, Superintendent; Matthew Brookins, Calhoun Middle School Teacher of the Year; Dr. Peter Coombe, Principal and Matt Rice, Calhoun High School Teacher of the Year.

# CALHOUN COMMUNITY EDUCATION

## Mission:

To provide supplemental, enriching opportunities and experiences for youth and adults of our community in the following areas: Academics, Arts & Athletics

STEM Camp	21 students
Tennis Camp	47 students
Football Camp	71 students
Twirl-O-Whirl	70 students
Softball Camp	35 students
Cheerleading Camp	80 students
Graphic Design	16 students
Basketball Camp	73 students
Beg. Decorating 101	22 students
Baseball Camp	51 students
Track Camp	41 students
Art Camp	34 students
Music Camp	22 students
Culinary Arts Camp	17 students
Agriculture Science Camp	33 students
Volleyball Camp	23 students
Wrestling Camp	16 students
Soccer Camp	54 students
PreK Camp	47 students
Kindergarten Camp	30 students
Gifted Program Camp	21 students



## WHY CALHOUN COMMUNITY EDUCATION...

Provides exposure to a variety of activities

Participants range from toddlers to adults

Invites programs into our schools that would otherwise not be supported by the general budget

**KEEP: Before/After School Child Care**

Jr. Jackets: 11 students

Pre-K: 28 students

CPS: 85 students

CES: 71 students

**Jacket Jamboree (Summer/Holiday Child Care)**

Summer: 90 students

Fall Break: 37

Thanksgiving Break: 43

Christmas Break: 45

Winter Break: 20

Spring Break: 34

Drivers' Education | 27 students

Defensive Driving | 86 students

Basketball Clinic | 35 students

STEM Academy | 20 students

Majorette Clinic | 35 students

Art Camp | 23 students

5 & 6 yr. old Basketball League | 69 players

3, 4 & 5 yr. old Tiny T-Ball League | 184 players



## PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

The mission of Partners In Education (PIE) is to create and maintain partnerships where businesses, industries, corporations, colleges and universities, civic and professional groups, government and religious institutions work together to help educators enhance educational opportunities for all Calhoun City School students. Each partnership is unique and individually planned by the school and partner to be performance-based to ensure that students are well prepared for the workforce, college and/or careers. Meaningful partnerships can involve a company with 2 or 2,000 employees.

AdventHealth Gordon  
 AGC Pediatrics  
 Alexander and Company  
 Amy Scoggins (Southern Prep)  
 Owen Security Solutions  
 Rebecca Brown & Associates  
 Baker Orthodontics  
 Belwood Nursery  
 Big John's Treat Shoppe  
 Brighter Tomorrows Child Development Center  
 Calhoun Coffee Company  
 Calhoun Spine Care and Wellness Center  
 Casey Evans (Evan's Design)  
 Childress Real Estate  
 Christian & Jake's  
 Country Friends  
 David Burton, Wall Street Catering  
 Brumlow Mills  
 DiPrima's Shoes  
 Dub's High on the Hog  
 Hall Realty  
 First Bank of Calhoun  
 Gem Theatre  
 Greater Community Bank  
 Grins and Giggles Dentistry for KIDS  
 Huddle House  
 Calhoun Farm Supply  
 Julie Morgan (31)

Lindsay Baxter (IT Works!)  
 Calhoun Coffee Company  
 The Grooms Agency- Country Financial  
 Mother Nature's Eden  
 North Georgia National Bank  
 Cheeseburger Bobby's  
 Petals & Lace Florist  
 Pokey's & Sports  
 Rotary Club of Calhoun, GA  
 Worley's Food Service  
 Smile Doctors by Soni Orthodontics  
 Starr Mathews  
 Stroll N Shine Carwash  
 Taco House  
 The Yellow Jacket  
 Vargo Orthodontics  
 Waffle House  
 Workout Anytime Calhoun  
 Yellow Jacket Nest

## SAFETY IN OUR SCHOOLS

### School Safety - Building Bridges to Excellence

New Chief of Police Tony Pyle announced that he will designate one of his officers as a School Resource Officer at the Calhoun Primary and Elementary School complex for the upcoming school year. Officer Adam Kilgore will join Officer Mark Waycaster to support the PreK, Primary / Elementary Complex and Middle / High Campus. We are so excited to continue the strong partnership with Calhoun's Police Department. The Mayor and Council have shared the cost of our present SRO for the past several years and recognize that we are in need of additional support. We are extremely appreciative of this partnership. We have also designated each site as a Calhoun Police Precinct to offer additional support and visibility of our community's local law enforcement. School safety is a shared responsibility by all of us. We appreciate our students, parents, teachers, administrators and community members all serving as a team to help keep our children safe.

School Resource Officers (SRO) are important partners for our school system and the community as they foster a peaceful and respectful learning environment for all students by developing and maintaining positive relationships with teachers and students that help prevent and reduce school violence. Officer Mark Waycaster is an on-duty City of Calhoun Police Officer that works full-time at each of our three campuses as part of our partnership with the Calhoun Police Department.



# FINANCIAL REPORT

## CALHOUN CITY SCHOOLS FINANCIAL SCORECARD

FISCAL YEAR	AUSTERITY CUT	GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES		GENERAL FUND REVENUE						
		FISCAL YEAR	EXPENDITURES	FISCAL YEAR	STATE REVENUE	%	FEDERAL REVENUE	%	LOCAL REVENUE	%
2003	240,829	2003	16,325,854	2003	8,713,197	54%	0	0%	7,464,268	46%
2004	507,988	2004	16,715,913	2004	8,835,253	53%	0	0%	7,711,463	47%
2005	596,906	2005	18,634,610	2005	10,637,609	60%	0	0%	7,182,573	40%
2006	596,901	2006	21,215,411	2006	11,246,078	57%	0	0%	8,602,218	43%
2007	342,454	2007	23,062,022	2007	13,765,714	60%	0	0%	9,107,176	40%
2008	290,252	2008	24,440,779	2008	14,827,064	61%	0	0%	9,539,803	39%
2009	998,897	2009	24,064,600	2009	13,058,672	55%	318,107	1%	10,241,965	43%
2010	2,762,186	2010	22,414,461	2010	11,606,305	49%	1,547,173	7%	10,459,982	44%
2011	2,174,325	2011	21,523,924	2011	13,087,134	55%	657,959	3%	10,196,541	43%
2012	2,290,204	2012	23,477,066	2012	13,323,097	54%	175,825	1%	11,201,053	45%
2013	2,304,806	2013	25,588,140	2013	15,111,001	54%	341,530	1%	12,567,112	45%
2014	2,252,344	2014	27,054,308	2014	15,079,468	52%	184,735	1%	13,510,986	47%
2015	1,644,921	2015	32,528,165	2015	16,824,904	55%	130,732	0%	13,695,025	45%
2016	1,044,236	2016	27,599,478	2016	18,252,326	57%	127,402	0%	13,602,711	43%
2017	386,514	2017	29,576,088	2017	19,110,719	58%	311,967	1%	13,459,543	41%
2018	383,721	2018	31,153,963	2018	20,260,399	61%	56,707	0%	13,110,901	39%
2019	0	2019	31,295,335	2019	20,882,499	61%	160,136	0%	13,343,041	39%
2020	0									
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,817,484</b>									

MILLAGE RATE HISTORY	
FISCAL YEAR	MILLAGE RATE
2003	14.57
2004	14.71
2005	14.95
2006	13.66
2007	14.58
2008	14.08
2009	14.08
2010	13.86
2011	13.865
2012	16.012
2013	17.762
2014	17.813
2015	17.985
2016	17.985
2017	17.985
2018	17.985
2019	17.733
2020	17.733

PER PUPIL EXPENDITURES	
FISCAL YEAR	AMOUNT
2003	
2004	
2005	
2006	
2007	7,649.43
2008	8,010.66
2009	7,721.22
2010	7,272.68
2011	6,895.15
2012	7,317.02
2013	7,534.39
2014	7,543.27
2015	7,417.12
2016	7,302.19
2017	7,660.49
2018	8,055.53
2019	8,011.54

CAFR RECOGNITIONS	
YEAR	
2003	
2004	
2005	
2006	
2007	N/A
2008	Yes
2009	Yes
2010	Yes
2011	Yes
2012	Yes
2013	Yes
2014	Yes
2015	Yes
2016	Yes
2017	Yes
2018	Yes
2019	

FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY STAR RATING	
Year	Rating
2015	****
2016	****
2017	****
2018	****
2019	



BOND RATINGS		
Year	S & P	Moody's
2002	A-	N/A
2003	A-	N/A
2011	A+	Aa3
2012	A+	Aa3
2014	AA-	Aa3

SPLOST APPROVAL %		
Year	Yes	No
1997	61%	39%
2001	87%	13%
2006	86%	14%
2010	60%	40%
2015	78%	22%

Calhoun City Schools has the 2nd LOWEST per pupil expenditure in the state when compared to the other 180 school districts.

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

### Calhoun City Board of Education Final Budget for July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>			
LOCAL TAXES	\$12,647,331	\$0	\$0
INTEREST	\$4,000	\$0	\$0
NURSE FUNDS- GORDON COUNTY COMM.	\$34,125	\$0	\$0
STATE SOURCES	\$20,289,723	\$1,115,000	\$0
FEDERAL SOURCES	\$0	\$3,200,441	\$0
OTHER LOCAL REVENUES	\$191,000	\$3,022,216	\$950,000
TRANSFERS IN	\$0	\$86,267	\$0
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND TRANSFERS FROM OTHER FUNDS</b>	<b>\$33,166,179</b>	<b>\$7,423,924</b>	<b>\$950,000</b>
<b>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</b>			
INSTRUCTION	\$21,474,608	\$1,844,348	\$0
PUPIL SUPPORT SERVICES	\$1,353,613	\$948,610	\$0
IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION	\$2,077,488	\$86,823	\$0
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF TRAINING	\$61,437	\$23,937	\$0
EDUCATIONAL MEDIA SERVICES	\$389,695	\$50,000	\$0
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$560,848	\$17,056	\$0
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$2,006,134	\$91,164	\$0
BUSINESS OFFICE	\$560,554	\$0	\$0
MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS	\$3,311,313	\$8,000	\$0
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	\$1,023,644	\$58,046	\$0
CENTRAL SUPPORT SERVICES	\$282,605	\$0	\$0
OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	\$27,425	\$13,985	\$0
SCHOOL NUTRITION SERVICES	\$0	\$2,602,458	\$0
SCHOOL ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS	\$0	\$99,825	\$0
COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERVICES	\$0	\$725,618	\$0
FACILITY ACQUISITION & CONSTRUCTION	\$0	\$0	\$950,000
OTHER OUTLAYS/OPERATING TRANSFERS	\$36,815	\$425,652	\$0
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS</b>	<b>\$33,166,179</b>	<b>\$6,995,522</b>	<b>\$950,000</b>

State revenues consist of funds computed by the state using the Quality Basic Education (QBE) formula. These funds are reduced by the System's Local Fair Share equivalent to five mills of local tax revenues. Since Calhoun City Schools is a Charter System, we also receive Charter School Grant funds. Other State Grants include Apprenticeship, Extended Day funds for selected CTAE instructors, State Preschool, etc.

# CALHOUN CITY SCHOOLS

*A tradition of Excellence in Academics, Arts and Athletics*

- Calhoun City Schools ranks #5 as the Best School District in Georgia (2018 NICHE Best Schools)
- Calhoun City Schools Named Charter System of the Year 2016
- Outstanding Charter System for Leadership 2017
- Calhoun High School's 2017 Graduation Rate is 98% - 2nd Highest System Graduation Rate in the State
- Calhoun City Schools is a part of the Georgia Charter System Foundation with a GA Charter System contract through 2026. Superintendent Dr. Taylor serves on Executive Board.
- Calhoun City Schools is one of few school systems in Georgia who have earned District Accreditation with SACS I AdvancEd and System Charter status and was selected as a Pilot district for the joint renewal I accreditation process
- Calhoun City Schools was recently ranked as the 5th Best Places to Teach in Georgia by Niche.com
- All schools have received 5 Star School Climate Ratings from the Georgia Department of Education
- CHS was named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the US Department of Education in 2011
- Calhoun City Schools ranks #9 as School District with the Best Teachers in Georgia (2018 Niche)
- Calhoun City Schools continues to exceed national averages on assessments
- CMS is a Georgia School of Excellence, Distinguished Title I School and continues to earn region and state awards in STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.
- CHS has been recognized as one of the "Best High Schools" in the nation by US News and World Report for several years running.
- CHS has been named a Gold, Silver and Bronze Medal Award Winner by US News and World Report.
- All Faculty attend Graduation Exercises each year to support our graduates.
- CHS is a two time Georgia School of Excellence and has earned the Governor's Gold Award CHS has been recognized as an AP (Advanced Placement) Honor School, AP Merit and AP Humanities School.
- CMS/CHS have a long history of strong, nationally and state recognized Debate programs.
- CHS earned the prestigious Ray Home Award in 2010 for excellence in academics, arts and athletics.
- Governor Nathan Deal has welcomed eight CMS students as REACH Scholars.
- CHS offers a strong AP curriculum with 17 courses available to all students.
- The 2015 Advanced Placement report named 32 AP students as AP scholars. Five of the scholars were named with distinction and 8 were named with honor.
- CHS had 151 students earn the distinction of Pathway Completers in 2017
- CHS had 146 students participate in Dual Enrollment; 579 Dual Enrollment Courses offered
- CHS was named a Title I Highest Progress School by Georgia Department of Education
- Two CHS Students were Named Academic All Americans by National Speech and Debate Organization
- CHS was selected to compete in the 2014-2015 WSB-TV High Q Contest.
- CMS 2008 State Debate Championship
- CPS and CES 2009 Governor's Platinum Award for Greatest Gains.
- CES has had 2 State Odyssey of the Mind Team Championships and Place 2nd in the World Competition.
- CHS 2013 Highest Progress School by the GA Department of Education
- CHS AP Honor School and STEM School
- CHS 2009 Governor's Gold Award
- CHS 2009- 2013 Silver Medal Award- Best High Schools Category US News and World Report
- CHS 2011 Advanced Placement District Honor School by College Board
- CHS Advanced Placement Challenge and Stem School Award by College Board
- CHS 2013 Advanced Placement Stem School by College Board
- CHS 2013 Advanced Placement Challenge School by College Board
- More than 30 former students have been awarded their diploma after HB91 eliminated the Georgia High School Graduation Test requirements.
- A CHS Civil Air Patrol Jr. Cadet was one of 40 cadets chosen to participate in pilot training.
- Twenty CHS students participated in the Gordon County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program this past fall with an even larger slate of participants scheduled this year.
- Sixteen CHS students medaled at the FCCLA State Competition. Three students were State Champions.
- Ten CHS students won honors at the State FBLA Leadership Conference and the CHS Chapter also won two membership awards.
- Ten CHS students medaled at the Regional Technology Fair.
- Three CHS Culinary Arts students were the three top scoring students in the State on the Culinary Arts Online Proficiency Test.
- Eight CHS students medaled at the regional SkillsUSA competition.
- A System-Wide "Going Green" initiative is present at the schools and promoted by several community service organizations.
- Each school has effective school-wide positive behavior programs (PBIS).
- 100% of CCS Staff are Highly Qualified
- CMS was awarded the state SSTAGE Star Award/or Promising Practices Best Middle School in 2014- 2015. This award was given to CCS in 2009 as well.
- CMS had 17 students tested for the Duke Tip (Talent Identification Program) program with 8 invited to participate in summer programs, 6 qualifying for state recognition and 1 qualifying for grand recognition.
- CMS had 3 students qualify for the Region Technology Fair with 1 student placing first.
- CMS currently has 120 students involved in the Junior Beta Club.
- Calhoun City Schools has earned Marquee Community Status by the Great Promise Partnership.
- CPS and CES have both been recognized as Distinguished Title I Schools and both have earned the Governor's Platinum Award.
- Students are given many opportunities to become involved in extracurricular programs such as the GATE (Gifted and Talented Experiences) Academy. We also provide gifted instruction daily and offer Music, Art, Computers, STEM and Physical Education classes as well as private piano lessons.
- The CHS Debate Team won regional and state GFCA honor and has a legacy that spans decades in Calhoun City Schools.
- Since 2008, CMS and CHS have had students place in the State Technology Competition earning three first place medals, six second place medals and 2 third place medals.
- Community as our classroom: CMS and CHS students traveled to England, France, Switzerland, Italy, New York, Washington and abroad during the past several years.