

GENERAL INFORMATION

Haralson County School System



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System Profile

The Haralson County School System, serving the hills of Northwestern Georgia, is located at the base of the "ABC Triangle," formed by the suburbs of Atlanta, Birmingham, and Chattanooga. With an enrollment of approximately 3,700 students (Pre-K to 12), the school system has six schools: two primary schools (K-2); two elementary schools (3-5); a middle school (6-8); and a high school (9-12). Programs include: Standards-Based Instruction (Pre-K to 12); academic after-school tutoring (K-12); technology integration (Pre-K to 12); Lottery Pre-kindergarten; Schoolwide Title I (K-12); Technology courses (6-12); Blended Learning Technology Grant (9-12); Literacy and School Library Grant (K-12); Career Tech and Agricultural Education (CTAE, 9-12); Advanced Placement (9-12); Post-Secondary Articulation (9-12); Jr. ROTC (9-12); High Schools That Work (9-12), and a Math Academy.

Programs and Services

Approximately 3,700 students ranging from three years old through twelfth grade are served in the Haralson County School System. There are two primary schools in the system for Pre-K to second grade students, two elementary schools for third to fifth grade students, one middle school for students in grades 6-8, and a high school for students in grades 9-12, which houses a Math Academy. An alternative school program, available for students in grades 6-12 is provided by Ombudsman Educational Services and is located in a stand-alone center near the Buchanan Technology and Transportation office site.

The system proactively addresses the need for early intervention by offering preschool opportunities

which include special education prekindergarten serving three- and four-year-old students with disabilities and eight state-funded lottery Pre-K classrooms serving four-year-old students in the system. We have a Prekindergarten Transition Coach who supports all prekindergarten students in the system by collaborating with public, Head Start, and private prekindergarten programs.

The Haralson County School System's instructional program is coordinated through the Teaching and Learning Department. In recent years, the system's priority has been the implementation of standards-based instruction and the Georgia Performance Standards to improve academic achievement. The Teaching and Learning Department includes federal programs, professional learning, state and local test

coordination, special education, and student services which allows central office personnel to collaborate on system initiatives to meet the needs of all students.

Community Demographics

Haralson County is a predominately rural community located between Atlanta, Georgia and Birmingham, Alabama. The county has four small towns within its jurisdiction: Tallapoosa, Waco, Bremen, and Buchanan, which serves as the county seat. Bremen has its own city school system, while Haralson County School System serves the rest of the towns and county outside of Bremen city limits. Haralson County is home to approximately 29,237 citizens. The 2010 data obtained from Haralson County Development Authority, reflect a 13.8% increase from the 2000 Census. This trend is slightly behind the overall growth trend for the state of Georgia which is 18.3%. The student population of Haralson County's schools mirrors the county's demographics which are 91% white, 6.7% black, and 2.3% Hispanic and other. Currently, in Haralson County Schools 92.4% of students are white, 3.2% are black, 2.5% are multi-racial, and 1.5% are Hispanic. Sixty-two percent (62%) of all students are eligible for free or reduced priced meals.



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