

Dear Newcomer:

The Houston County Board of Education welcomes you to Middle Georgia and specifically to Houston County. Our school system provides quality educational services for approximately 27,000 students in environments that are conducive to quality learning.

Houston County schools provide services on 38 campuses located throughout the county. Many of our schools, administrators and students have obtained state and national recognition for their achievements. Student performance exceeds many state and national levels; however, we continue to strive for excellence in all areas, at all levels.

We welcome you and your family to Houston County and look forward to meeting you and your students. If you need any assistance, please feel free to call on the Houston County Board of Education.

Sincerely,

James R. Hines, Jr.

Superintendent of Schools



**OUR VISION IS THAT OUR SYSTEM
WILL BE WORLD CLASS.
OUR MISSION IS TO PRODUCE
HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS.**

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- ★ Houston County schools are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), with the first schools accredited in 1954. Our system is **District Accredited** by the AdvancEd Accreditation Agency, with all 38 schools accredited.
- ★ 91.7% of Houston County schools made Adequate Yearly Progress
- ★ Four Houston County Schools named **National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence** by the U.S. Department of Education
- ★ Six schools won national nutrition awards from the William Jefferson Clinton Foundation & American Heart Association in 2009
- ★ 22 schools named **Georgia Schools of Excellence** a total of 36 times
- ★ Named **School Board of Distinction** by Georgia School Boards Association
- ★ Twelve schools received the **School Bell Award** from Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals for a total of 14 times
- ★ 22 **Title 1 Distinguished Schools** by Georgia Department of Education, 2009



THE HOUSTON COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Our schools provide students with a high-quality education. Talented teachers, an academic focus, and diverse extracurricular activities help to ensure that our students have the skills they need to succeed.

THE NUMBERS

- ★ ~ 27,060 students attend 38 schools
- ★ 23 elementary schools (grades Pre-K–5), eight middle schools (grades 6-8), six high schools (grades 9-12), and one alternative school
- ★ 3,789 fulltime employees; 2,195 are certified with 2,051 serving as teachers
- ★ Of our 2,195 certified staff members:
 - ★ 642 have a bachelor's degree
 - ★ 912 a master's degree
 - ★ 551 a specialist degree
 - ★ 84 a doctorate
- ★ Total number of teachers divided into enrollment produces a 1 to 13 ratio



MODERN FACILITIES

- ★ Veterans High School opened Fall 2010
- ★ Career Academy opened Fall 2010
- ★ Three new schools opened for the 2007–2008 school year



WEB INTERACTION WWW.HCBE.NET

- ★ Parents have up-to-date Web access to children's grades and attendance
- ★ Parents may pay for school meals online
- ★ Interactive Web site lists school zones and bus schedules for a specific address

QUALIFIED EDUCATORS

- ★ 100% of Houston County teachers are Highly Qualified according to Georgia Department of Education
- ★ 100% of Houston County paraprofessionals are Highly Qualified

RANGE OF OFFERINGS

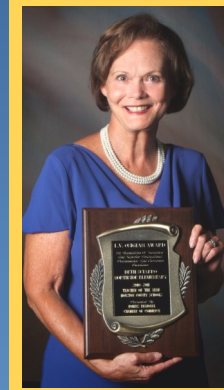
- ★ Pre-K program and full-day Kindergarten program
- ★ After-school childcare services for elementary children
- ★ Comprehensive curriculum, including exploratory courses and gifted programs
- ★ Youth Apprenticeship Program links schools and businesses to prepare students for future high-tech employment

DIVERSE ACTIVITIES

- ★ Sports: baseball, basketball, cheerleading, football, golf, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track, volleyball and wrestling
- ★ Clubs and Activities examples: academic club, band, chess club, dance, debate team, DECA, drama, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, Gang Resistance Education and Training, Junior Civitan Club, language clubs, National Honor Society, prayer club, science club and student council

PRIMARY BELIEFS

- ★ Safety is our number one priority.
- ★ Failure is not an option. We do expect that all children can learn.
- ★ We will not be satisfied until all of our schools meet or exceed the highest academic standards.
- ★ We are committed to determining what each child needs to fulfill his or her potential.
- ★ We take responsibility for learning, for both our students and ourselves.
- ★ We are not afraid of change and will embrace change that is research-based and proven to be effective.



"I believe it is important to set high standards for all students both in and out of the classroom to help prepare them to become the leaders of tomorrow."

Beth Sciarro
2010 - 2011 Houston County School System Teacher of the Year

