

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

What a Parent Needs to Know



Decatur County School System achieved accreditation by SACS during the 2012-2013 school year.

What do we believe?

**VISION:
EXCELLENCE, ENGAGEMENT,
ACCOUNTABILITY...FOR ALL.**

The Mission of the Decatur County School System is to empower all students to engage and succeed in a global society by providing rigorous and equitable opportunities, nurturing environments, sustained partnerships, college and career readiness, and character development.

SYSTEM NON-NEGOTIABLES

- Improving Co-Teaching
- Improving Teaching and Learning
- Use of data and professional learning will be strategies to accomplish the above.
Monitoring will produce evidence of progress.
- Consistency in following and monitoring Attendance Protocol

Why does our school receive Title I funding?



Schools in which 35% or more of students are from low-income families may receive Title I funding.

All schools in Decatur County qualify for school-wide Title I Programs.

Title I is a program that provides funds from the federal government to improve student learning.

Decatur County Schools will participate in the Community Eligibility Option beginning this fall. CEO will allow all students to receive breakfast and lunch without payment.

Academic Accountability

Each school and school district are measured by how well students are progressing towards and meeting standards.

All students are required to make progress as measured by state tests (such as the CRCT/EOCT/State Writing Assessment in Georgia).

Distinctions are based on state assessments and graduation rate

The CCRPI (College and Career Readiness Performance Index) reports progress based on student achievement, student growth, and achievement gap closure. Schools are designated as Reward, Priority, Focus and Alert.

The District and each school have school wide improvement plans.

Decatur County School Distinctions

- Bainbridge High School and Bainbridge Middle School are Focus Schools and will offer a Flexible Learning Program for eligible students.
- Hutto Middle School and all five elementary schools are not identified as focus, priority or alert schools.



PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Decatur County Parent Involvement Plan
Individual School Parent Involvement Plan
School Parent – Teacher Compact

Goals for FY 14:

1. Connect parent involvement initiatives to student achievement
2. Provide community based parent workshops
3. Increase participation of volunteers at schools
4. Continue to form community partnerships

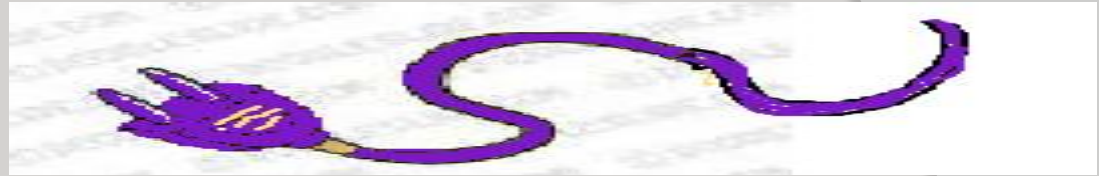
Parent Involvement Website

<http://parentresources.ga.schoolinsites.com>

Dr. Cheryl Guy, District Parent Involvement Coordinator

Smart Phone Users : Download the
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- *Parent Portal Access*
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Additional Federal Programs for Eligible Students

Title I, Part C - MIGRANT EDUCATION is a federally funded program designed to support comprehensive educational programs for migrant children to help reduce the educational disruption as a result of repeated moves.

Title III, Part A is a sub grants that provides supplemental services for English Language Learners. Title III holds students accountable for progress in English language proficiency and evidence of attainment of English language proficiency to exit ESOL services.

Title VI, Part B provides grant funds to rural local education agencies that serve concentrations of children from low income families. These funds, projected to be awarded in October, authorize activities that support student achievement in order to address specific weaknesses based on state accountability measures.

Special Education Services are also provided to meet the individual needs of students ages three through twenty-one who are eligible for special education and related services according to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

For further explanation of these programs, please visit www.dcboe.com.

McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Under federal law, homeless children and youth must have access to appropriate public education, including preschool, and be given a full opportunity to meet state and local academic achievement standards. Our schools will ensure that homeless children and youth are free from discrimination, segregation, and harassment.

Anyone having a concern regarding any child or youth that may be homeless should contact the following for assistance:

Kathy Varner at kvarner@dcboe.com or 229-248-2836, or
The Building Administrator

For more information regarding Decatur County's policies and procedures to assist homeless students, please visit the Federal Programs link at www.dcboe.com.

Complaint Procedures

◎ Please visit www.dcboe.com to review the procedure for filing a complaint.

◎ All written complaints should be submitted to:

Ms. Kathy Varner

Director of Federal Programs

507 Martin Street

Bainbridge, GA 39817

To Access the following Documents:
Balanced Score Card Report
System and School Wide Plans
System and School Parent Involvement Plans
Federal Programs Information

Visit

www.dcboe.com (District)

from there select Individual School website for
school specific documents



Questions?

You may also contact:

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