

# TURNER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## Why Turner Middle School?

“What makes Turner Middle School special is a combination of the faculty and the opportunities that are made available to the students. Turner has made it a priority to provide enrichment and academic activities for the students to help each and every one there find their interests and unique potential. That kind of connection to learning is so important in the development of our kids and community.”

—Turner Middle School Parent

## Achievements

- ◇ 2017-18 Douglas County Middle School Teacher of the Year, Roxanne Purcell
- ◇ TMS Beta Quiz Bowl Team: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in state
- ◇ Recipient of Georgia Shape Grant
- ◇ 37 Turner Middle School Students made Honor Band
- ◇ Two students advanced to the State Science and Engineering Regional Fair
- ◇ Home of the 7th Grade 2018 DCSS Young Georgia Authors Level Winner
- ◇ 2017-18 DCSS 8th Grade Math Champions



## Inside the Classroom

Turner Middle School’s mathematics program provides students with varied activities to encourage mathematical growth. In recent history, Turner was the first middle school in DCSS to offer Algebra I. Twenty-eight percent of the students scored in the Distinguished Learner Achievement Level category.

Turner Middle School houses Georgia’s first Dual Language Program at the middle school level. The aim of the Dual Language Spanish courses at Turner Middle School is to enable students to understand and use the language in a range of contexts and for a variety of purposes while encouraging through the study of texts and through social interaction, an awareness and appreciation of the different perspectives of people from other cultures. The course focuses on the continued development of communicative competence in Spanish and understanding of the culture of the Spanish-speaking people. A major goal of the curriculum is to build competence in the language to meet all internal and external assessments.

*Developing Respectful, Accountable, Responsible Students  
who give Earnest Effort Everyday!*

# Our Mission

The mission of Turner Middle School reflects the Douglas County School System. The Mission of Turner Middle School is to provide a quality education for all students in a safe, supportive environment.

# Our Vision

The vision of Turner Middle School is to develop R.A.R.E.<sup>3</sup> students in Academics, Arts, Athletics and Service to the Community. R.A.R.E.<sup>3</sup> stands for Respectful, Accountable, Responsible students who give Earnest Effort Everyday.

**Principal:** Darron Franklin

**Student Enrollment:** 800

*Black 42%; White 16%; Hispanic 37%; Two or more races 3%; Asian 1%; American Indian and Pacific Islander less than 1%*

**Total Staff:** 72

**Certified Staff:** 55

**Cert. Staff with Adv. Degrees:** 44

**2017 CCRPI:** 65.0

**2017 GMAS Scores** (% of students scoring at Developing, Proficient, and Distinguished Learner levels)

**6th Grade:** ELA 59.6 ; Math 58.2%

**7th Grade:** ELA 61.5 %; Math 71.4%

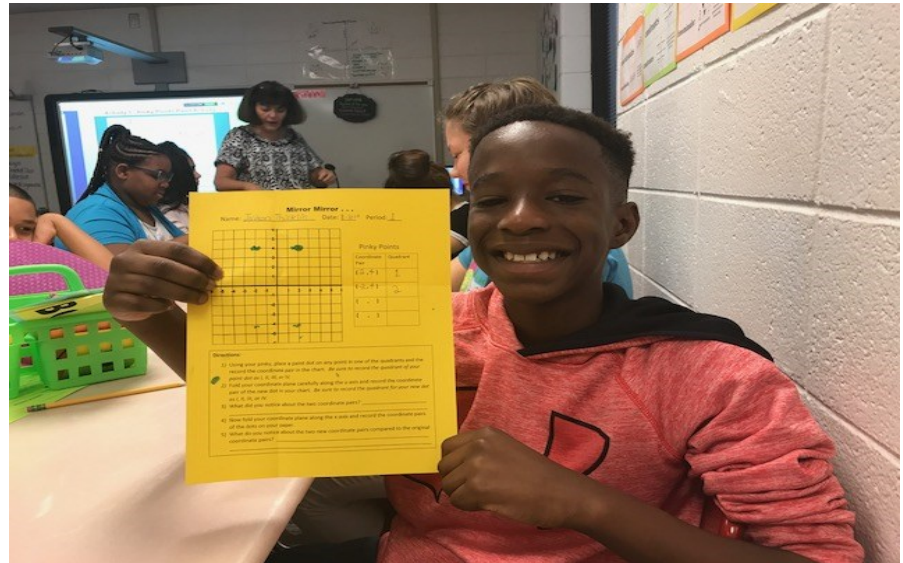
**8th Grade:** ELA 73.9%; Math 68.5%;

Science 54.5%; Social Studies 64.8%

**School Climate Star Rating:** 3 (out of 5)

*Numbers for enrollment and staffing were current as of 10/17. CCRPI score includes Exceeding the Bar (ETB) points. Go to [www.gadoe.org](http://www.gadoe.org) for additional information on CCRPI and GMAS.*

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## Beyond the Classroom

Students at Turner Middle School are afforded the opportunity to participate in a number of sport activities including softball, football, basketball, track and soccer. Turner's soccer team has won the last three out four DCSS Middle School Championships and County champions 2016-2017. We have an variety of co-curricular activities from Art Club to STEM club. A collaborative of Code.org, GaDOE, representatives from the Kapor Center in Oakland, CA and a PCG USA emissary recently observed and visited our Computer Science Coding classes. Turner's Math Team won the Middle School District championship with our sixth grade team winning for the third consecutive year.

TMS' Band continues to comprise more than half of DCSS Middle School Honor Band. TMS' Chorus had four students who were selected for DCSS Middle School Honor Chorus. In addition, TMS' Band scored all Superior Ratings at the 2017-18 GMEA Large Group Performance Evaluation.

The Junior Beta Club Quiz Bowl team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state and was awarded an invitation to compete at the National Junior Beta Quiz Bowl competition. Beyond that, TMS has a 21st Century Community Learning Center Enrichment grant that exposes students to a variety of enrichment activities.

Turner's Media Specialist, James Lynn, continues to host events that build bridges in the community. He sponsors and hosts Douglas County Schools International Gaming Day, Anime Convention and Chess Tournament. Turner Middle also offers EPIC, a tutoring program offered to students who demonstrate the greatest need of support in Math, Language Arts and Reading.

