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CCPS Shows Great Strides on the 2023 CCRPI Results

Student data in specific components of CCRPI outperform the State of Georgia

JONESBORO - The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) released on Thursday, December 14, information regarding the 2023 performance of Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) students and schools on the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI). The CCRPI is a comprehensive school improvement, accountability, and communication platform for all educational stakeholders that reports and promotes college and career readiness for all Georgia public school students.

Today's reports include scores for five CCRPI components, each with a scale of 0-100 points. These component areas are: Content Mastery, Progress, Closing Gaps, Readiness, and Graduation Rate (high schools only).

- **Content Mastery** is a measurement of how well students are achieving at the level necessary to be prepared for the next grade, college, or career.
- **Readiness** is a score that measures whether students are participating in activities preparing them for and showing readiness for the next level, college, or career.
- **Progress** is a measurement of how much growth students made in English language arts and mathematics and how well English learners are progressing towards English language proficiency
- **Closing the Gaps** is a measurement of how well all students and subgroups of students are making improvements in achievement rates.
- **Graduation Rate** is a measurement of whether students are graduating from high school with a regular diploma in four or five years, and it is only reported at the high school level.

See Table 1 below for a breakdown of the score comparison between the district and Georgia.

	Georgia Elementary	CCPS Elementary	Georgia Middle	CCPS Middle	Georgia High	CCPS High
Content Mastery	64.7	39.0	60.9	39.1	65.0	42.1
Progress	85.8	89.2	80.8	84.8	79.2	77.0
Closing Gaps	66.7	96.6	52.5	81.6	67.5	72.2
Readiness	82.3	73.7	82.0	74.0	71.4	63.2
Graduation Rates	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	84.9	81.3

Clayton County Public Schools is proud to announce that our elementary schools outperformed the overall Progress scores of the State of Georgia by 3.4 points, and our middle schools outperformed the state average in Progress by 4.0 points. CCPS Elementary Schools, on average, also outperformed the State of Georgia in Closing the Gaps by 29.9 points. CCPS Middle Schools outperformed Georgia by 29.1 points, and CCPS High Schools outperformed the State of Georgia in Closing the Gaps by 4.7 points. Overall, the highest scores for Clayton County Public Schools were in the Progress and Closing the Gaps components, with Elementary showing the highest score of 96.6 in Closing the Gaps and 89.2 in Progress.

It should also be noted that the district's CCRPI Graduation Rates improved overall 1.7 points from 79.6 in 2022 to a rate of 81.3 in 2023. This includes the four-year cohort rate and the five-year cohort rate.

The highest ratings by the grade level group in Content Mastery were:

- Kay Pace Elementary (68.3), Arnold Elementary (64.0), and Utopian Elementary (54.8),
- Elite Scholars Middle School (100.0), M.D. Roberts Middle School (52.1) Babb Middle School (43.0), and
- Elite Scholars High School (99.2), M.E. Stilwell High School (87.4), and Utopian High School (54.1).

The highest ratings by the grade level group in Progress were:

- Arnold Elementary (100.0), Unidos Elementary (99.5), and Kilpatrick Elementary (96.4),
- Elite Scholars Middle School (100.0), Rex Mill Middle School (96.3) and Babb Middle School (91.6), and
- M.E. Stilwell High School (100.0), Riverdale High School (98.8) and Drew High School (84.7).

The highest ratings by the grade level group in Closing the Gaps were:

- Arnold Elementary, Edmonds Elementary, Fountain Elementary, Jackson Elementary, Kay Pace Elementary, Lake Ridge Elementary, Morrow Elementary Mount Zion Primary, Mount Zion Elementary, Northcutt Elementary, Tara Elementary, and Unidos Elementary each had scores of 100.0,
- Elite Scholars Middle School (100.0), Rex Mill Middle School (49.7) and Adamson Middle School (42.2) each had scores of 100.0, and
- Elite Scholars High School (100.0), Jonesboro High School (97.1), and Forest Park High School (83.3).

The highest ratings by the grade level group in Readiness were:

- Kay Pace Elementary (89.5), Arnold Elementary (87.0), and Unidos Elementary (85.7),
- Elite Scholars Middle School (99.0), M.D. Roberts Middle School (85.7) and Adamson Middle School (79.9), and
- Utopian High School (95.8), Elite Scholars High School (92.2), and M.E. Stilwell High School (86.4).

The highest ratings by the grade level group in overall Graduation Rates were:

- Elite Scholars High School, (100.0), M.E. Stilwell High School (100.0), and Lovejoy High School (93.0).

“It is important for our stakeholders to know that everyone associated with our school district, from members of our Board of Education to district administrative leaders to school-based staff, are committed to providing our students with the best education that will fully prepare them for a successful life after they leave our classrooms,” said Dr. Anthony W. Smith, CCPS Superintendent/CEO of Schools. “Our 2023 CCRPI results give us indications that we are moving in that direction. There is still work to be done, but the progress we've made is a testament to the resilience, dedication, and potential of our students and staff. We remain committed to building on these gains and ensuring that every student in our district is equipped with the skills and knowledge to succeed in college and their chosen careers,” Dr. Smith concluded.

“We are proud to announce significant strides in academic performance and overall school improvement in the Clayton County Public Schools, as reflected in our latest CCRPI scores. Our concerted efforts in enhancing curriculum, refining instructional strategies, and focusing on student-centered learning have

begun to bear fruit,” commented Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning & Strategic Improvement, Dr. Delphia Young.

For the complete list of CCRPI scores for Georgia and CCPS, please visit [College and Career Ready Performance Index \(CCRPI\) Reports](#). For information about the changes to the calculation of the 2023 CCRPI, read [Georgia’s 2023 ESEA Consolidated State Plan Amendment Summary of Changes](#).

Parent and Student Resources to Enhance Learning

These resources provide parents with specific ways to continue to partner with our school district to increase our students’ mastery of the standards and overall academic achievement levels. *We encourage parents to have students set aside time each day to practice using these resources.* If you have questions about the resources, please contact your school for guidance. Our public libraries have other resources to support students’ learning and to increase their reading volume.

How can I support my child(ren)?

- Be involved in school activities.
- Help your child(ren) with homework or ensure they complete homework.
- Talk about school at home.
- Encourage reading and learning at home
- Be positive about school.
- Work with your child’s teachers.
- Set habits that ensure your child stays healthy.
- Use the resources located here: [Parent Resources to Support Back to the B.A.S.I.C.S.](#)
- Help the student practice for GMAS Testing here: <http://www.gaexperienceonline.com/>

-An official document from the Clayton County Public School System-

About Clayton County Public Schools: Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the sixth-largest school system in Georgia.

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