



# 2022-23 Annual Report



#OconeeStrong





# GOVERNANCE TEAM

#OCONEESTRONG



## FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The members of the Oconee County Board of Education are honored to work collectively and individually in service to the state's No. 1 county school district.

On the following pages, readers will note a lengthy list of honors assembled by our schools, administrators, faculty, staff, and students. While we are proud of the recognitions, we are prouder still of the daily victories on our campuses. Our schools foster a rigorous and connective learning environment, fortified by a respectful and positive culture. We are committed to excellence in each facet of a student's educational experience.

As we embark on 2023-24, we do so excited for what lies ahead, including the opening of Dove Creek Middle. We believe with motivated students, excellent teachers, engaged parents, dedicated support staff and leaders, and strong community partners that this will be our greatest year ever.

Thanks to all of Oconee County for what you do to make our district so strong!

Sincerely,

Kim Argo, *Board Chair*  
Amy Parrish, *Board Vice Chair*  
Tim Burgess  
Ryan Hammock  
Michael Ransom



## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

We, in Oconee County Schools, are pleased to provide a world-class education with a small-town feel. At the core of our efforts is the belief that we must put our students first. It is what our children deserve and what our community expects. We embrace our mission, knowing it is the only way to produce the outcomes desired for our students.

I am excited to welcome our students back to engaging and safe learning environments where they can set – and exceed – their goals. Our outstanding teachers offer singular experiences where students may thrive and excel. Leaders and support staff members are in place to assist. We are blessed to have such active parents – our most important partners – who are vital to our success. We acknowledge the roles of local law enforcement, non-profits, higher education institutions, and businesses, all of which make Oconee County a special place to call home.



Thank you for your continued support of our schools and our community. It is my honor to lead our incredible school system.

Sincerely,

Jason L. Branch, Ph.D.





# CLASS OF 2023

#OCONEESTRONG



The Class of 2023 was offered nearly **\$4 million in scholarships** (excluding HOPE and the Zell Miller Scholarship) and was accepted to the following colleges and universities, along with the Army, Marines, and Navy.

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College  
Adelphi University  
Agnes Scott College  
Albany State University  
Anderson University  
Andrew College  
Appalachian State University  
Arizona State University  
Athens Technical College  
Auburn University  
Augusta University  
Augusta University  
Bennington College  
Berea College  
Berklee College of Music  
Berry College  
Brenau University  
Clemson University  
Coastal Carolina University  
Coe College  
College of Charleston  
College of Coastal Georgia  
Columbia University  
Columbus State University  
Cornell College  
Cornell University  
Duke University  
Duquesne University  
Eckerd College  
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University  
Emmanuel College  
Emory University  
Florida State University  
Fort Valley University  
Furman University  
George Mason University  
George Washington University  
Georgetown University  
Georgia College and State University  
Georgia Gwinnett College  
Georgia Highlands College  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Georgia Military College  
Georgia Southern University

Georgia Southwestern State University  
Georgia State University  
Harvard University  
High Point University  
Jacksonville State University  
John Cabot University  
Kansas State University  
Kennesaw State University  
LaGrange College  
Lanier Technical College  
Lee University  
Leeds Beckett University  
Liberty University  
Louisiana State University  
Maryville College  
Mercer University  
Middle Tennessee State University  
Mississippi State University  
Montclair State University  
Mount Holyoke College  
New York University  
North Carolina State University  
North Georgia Technical College  
North Greenville University  
Oglethorpe University  
Ohio State University  
Oxford College at Emory University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pepperdine University  
Piedmont University  
Presbyterian College  
Purdue University  
Reinhardt University  
Rollins College  
Rutgers University  
Samford University  
Santa Fe College  
Sarah Lawrence College  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
Seattle University  
Seton Hall University  
Snead State Community College  
South Florida State College  
South Georgia State College

Southern Methodist University  
Southern Union State Community College  
Spalding University  
St. John's University  
St. Olaf College  
Stetson University  
Texas A&M University  
Thomas Aquinas College  
Toccoa Falls College  
Towson University  
Truett McConnell University  
United States Air Force Academy  
United States Military Academy  
of West Point  
United States Naval Academy  
University of Alabama  
University of Alabama-Birmingham  
University of Arkansas  
University of California-Berkeley  
University of California-Davis  
University of California-Los Angeles  
University of California-Merced  
University of California-Riverside  
University of California-Santa Barbara  
University of Central Florida  
University of Colorado-Boulder  
University of Delaware  
University of Florida  
University of Georgia  
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
University of Illinois-Chicago  
University of Kansas  
University of Kentucky  
University of Maine  
University of Massachusetts  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan  
University of Mississippi  
University of Missouri Kansas City  
University of Montana  
University of New Hampshire  
University of North Carolina - Asheville  
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill  
University of North Georgia

University of North Georgia Oconee  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Oregon  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Rhode Island  
University of South Carolina  
University of South Carolina at Aiken  
University of Southern California-Los Angeles  
University of Tennessee  
University of Tennessee-Chattanooga  
University of the Cumberlands  
University of Utah  
University of Valley Forge  
University of Vermont  
University of Virginia  
University of Washington  
University of West Georgia  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point  
Valdosta State University  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Virginia Tech  
Wake Forest University  
Wesleyan College  
Western Carolina University  
Winthrop University  
Wofford College  
Young Harris College



# ABOUT OCONEE COUNTY SCHOOLS

#OCONEESTRONG



## SCHOOLS

### 12 Total

- + 6 Elementary
- + 3 Middle
- + 2 High
- + 1 Primary

## STUDENTS

### 8,547 Total

- + Gifted - 23.7%
- + Special Needs - 12.0%
- + ESOL - 3.1%
- + Native Languages - 33
- + White - 79.7%
- + Hispanic - 6.6%
- + Asian/Pacific Islander - 6.0%
- + Multiracial - 4.3%
- + Black - 3.4%

## EMPLOYEES

### 1,130 Total Full Time

- + 722 Certified
- + 408 Support Staff

## BUDGET INFORMATION

### 5/5 Financial Star Rating

- + Operating Budget: \$105,970,180
- + Local Revenue: \$48,155,657
- + State Revenue: \$55,695,786

## PER PUPIL EXPENDITURES

### #1 Financial Efficiency In Georgia

- + Oconee - \$10,497
- + Barrow - \$11,302
- + Oglethorpe - \$12,260
- + Jackson - \$12,842
- + Clarke - \$17,007

## MILLAGE RATE

### One Of The Lowest In Northeast Georgia

- + Oconee - 15.0
- + Jackson - 16.576
- + Oglethorpe - 16.65
- + Barrow - 17.881
- + Clarke - 18.8

## GRADUATION RATE

### Highest Rate In The State Among Systems With 300+ Graduates

- + Oconee (2022) - 97.9%
- + Georgia - 84.1%

## DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES

### 45.1% Of Seniors Participated

- + 1,115 courses taken by students

## SAT ACHIEVEMENT

### Ranked #3 County System In Georgia

- + Oconee (2022) - 1147
- + Georgia - 1052
- + U.S. - 1028

## ACT ACHIEVEMENT

### Ranked #4 County System In Georgia

- + Oconee (2022) - 23.8
- + Georgia - 21.6
- + U.S. - 19.8

## POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT

### Class Of 2023

- + Nearly \$4 million offered in scholarships (excluding HOPE and Zell Miller)
- + Institutions of higher learning to which students were accepted - 160
- + Military Branches - 3

## TRANSPORTATION

### 1,079,017 - Total Miles Driven

- + 985,742 - total route miles
- + 93,275 - total field trip miles
- + 5,476 - route miles daily

## NUTRITION

### 663,782 Total Meals Served

- + 511,982 total lunches served
- + 151,800 total breakfasts served
- + 3,688 meals served daily







# ABOUT OCONEE COUNTY SCHOOLS

#OCONEESTRONG

**#1**

**STATEWIDE  
FINANCIAL  
EFFICIENCY**



**#1**

**COUNTY SCHOOL  
SYSTEM IN  
GEORGIA**



**#1**

**GOVERNANCE  
TEAM IN  
GEORGIA • 2022**



**#1**

**COUNTY WITH BEST  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
IN GEORGIA**



## 6 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE

- + Dove Creek Elementary School
- + High Shoals Elementary School
- + Malcom Bridge Elementary School
- + Rocky Branch Elementary School
- + Malcom Bridge Middle School
- + North Oconee High School

## 1 U.S. DEPT. OF EDUCATION NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

- + High Shoals Elementary School

## 1 STEAM-CERTIFIED SCHOOL

- + Rocky Branch Elementary School

## 1 STEM-CERTIFIED SCHOOL

- + Colham Ferry Elementary School

## 1 NATIONAL SCHOOL OF CHARACTER

- + Rocky Branch Elementary School

## 2 GREATSCHOOLS COLLEGE SUCCESS AWARDS

- + North Oconee High School
- + Oconee County High School

## 2 ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOOLS OF DISTINCTION

- + North Oconee High School
- + Oconee County High School

## EXEMPLARY SCHOOL BOARD

- + One of the top designations from the Georgia School Boards Association

## TOP 20 PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN GEORGIA

*As ranked by Niche*

District:

- + #1 Oconee County Schools

Elementary School Level:

- + #1 Dove Creek Elementary School
- + #6 Oconee County Elementary School
- + #7 Malcom Bridge Elementary School
- + #18 High Shoals Elementary School
- + #19 Rocky Branch Elementary School

Middle School Level:

- + #7 Malcom Bridge Middle School
- + #13 Oconee County Middle School

High School Level:

- + #11 North Oconee High School

## 1 TITLE I DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

- + High Shoals Elementary School

## SPORTS YEAR IN REVIEW

North Oconee High School:

- + 5 State Championships
- + 3 State Runners-Up
- + 3 Final Four Appearances
- + 10 Region/Area Championships
- + 29 Sports Qualified for State Playoffs
- + 6 Individual State Championships

Oconee County High School:

- + 2 State Championships
- + 5 State Runners-Up
- + 3 Final Four Appearances
- + 9 Region/Area Championships
- + 23 Sports Qualified for State Playoffs
- + 12 Individual State Championships



# COLHAM FERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OCONEESCHOOLS.ORG/CFES



**Dr. Katherine Brown**  
*Principal*

## POINTS OF PRIDE

- + 5-Star School Climate Rating
- + Positive Behavior Intervention Support Operational School
- + Oconee County School District Special Education Preschool Program
- + More than \$10,000 awarded in grants for literacy materials, agricultural initiatives, and math resources
- + Agricultural programming and outdoor learning spaces
- + College and Career Ready Performance Index content mastery score of 99.4
- + Student Leadership Development Program with more than 100 participants



**GEORGIA STEM  
CERTIFIED  
SCHOOL**



# DOVE CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OCONEESCHOOLS.ORG/DCES



**Dr. Grace Staniszewski**  
*Principal*

## POINTS OF PRIDE

- + Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School of Excellence
- + 5-Star School Climate Rating
- + Positive Behavior Intervention Support Operational School
- + National Beta School of Distinction for achievement, character, leadership, and service
- + College and Career Ready Performance Index content mastery score of 90.5
- + World-class PTO and community partnerships
- + Strong emphasis on high student engagement and positive school culture
- + Wide variety of student club offerings
- + \$8,500 in Walton EMC EmPOWERment grants



**#1 PUBLIC  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL IN  
GEORGIA**





# HIGH SHOALS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OONEESCHOOLS.ORG/HSES



**Ms. Jennifer Whitaker**  
*Principal*

## POINTS OF PRIDE

- + 2-time Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School of Excellence
- + Student Support Team Association of Georgia Educators Promising Practices Award Winner for Multi-Tiered System of Supports
- + 5-Star School Climate Rating
- + Positive Behavior Intervention Support Operational School
- + Title I Distinguished School
- + No. 18 public elementary school in Georgia as rated by Niche
- + College and Career Ready Performance Index content mastery score of 99.5
- + Hawk Ambassador Student Leadership Program
- + 2023 Georgia United Credit Union School Crashers Grant
- + \$8,200 awarded in Walton EMC School EmPOWERment grants

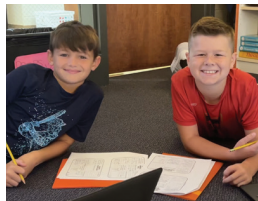


**NATIONAL  
BLUE RIBBON  
SCHOOL**



# MALCOM BRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OONEESCHOOLS.ORG/MBES



**Ms. Jennifer Haygood**  
*Principal*

## POINTS OF PRIDE

- + No. 7 public elementary school in Georgia as rated by Niche
- + College and Career Ready Performance Index content mastery score of 99.8
- + 5-Star School Climate Rating
- + Positive Behavior Intervention Support Operational School
- + Diversity Night celebrating students from 13 different nations
- + GYSTC Don Cargill STEM Scholar
- + Multiple partnerships with Malcom Bridge Middle and North Oconee High schools



**2-TIME  
BLUE RIBBON  
LIGHTHOUSE  
SCHOOL OF  
EXCELLENCE**



# OCONEE COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

OCONEESCHOOLS.ORG/OCPS

@OCPSLITTLECHIEF



**Ms. Shelby Hilley**  
*Principal*

## POINTS OF PRIDE

- + 5-Star School Climate Rating
- + College and Career Ready Performance Index content mastery score of 97.7
- + Project-based learning units for all grade levels, including second grade's Little Chief Marketplace that generated \$2,750 to benefit a local organization
- + Several opportunities in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) in such areas as art, gardening, robotics, and problem solving
- + Outdoor classroom spaces, gardens, and educational trail and sensory spaces
- + Recipient of both the Georgia Department of Education Fine Arts Consumables and Equipment Grant (FACE) and the Health and Physical Education Equipment (HPEG) grants, along with more than \$11,300 in Walton EMC EmPOWERment grants



**POSITIVE  
BEHAVIOR  
INTERVENTION  
SUPPORT  
OPERATIONAL  
SCHOOL**



# OCONEE COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**Ms. Jennifer Laughridge**  
*Principal*

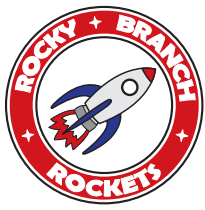
## POINTS OF PRIDE

- + College and Career Ready Performance Index content mastery score of 94.5
- + STEM classes for all students
- + Several collaborations with the University of Georgia, including hydroponics and a STEM field trip to Dooley Field at Sanford Stadium
- + Student Support Team Association of Georgia Educators Star Award finalist
- + Individual state and regional medalists in science, math, and technology competitions
- + Young Georgia Authors fifth-grade regional champion
- + Extracurricular clubs, including academics, chess, music, running, art, and gardening
- + Teen Oconee mentorship program
- + Participant in Raise Craze, focusing on random acts of kindness



**NO. 6 PUBLIC  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL IN  
GEORGIA**





# ROCKY BRANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OCONEESCHOOLS.ORG/RBES

@RBESROCKETS



**Ms. Sara Johnson**  
*Principal*

## POINTS OF PRIDE

- + No. 19 public elementary school in Georgia as rated by Niche
- + College and Career Ready Performance Index content mastery score of 100.0
- + National School of Character
- + \$12,000 awarded in Walton EMC EmPOWERment grants
- + Environmental Service Learning - Monarch Butterfly Conservation, Composting, Campus Beautification
- + GYSTC Don Cargill STEM Scholar
- + Regional and state technology competition participation
- + Science Olympiad Team competing at regional and state levels
- + Outdoor learning spaces
- + Schoolwide Career Day representing CTAE career pathways



**GEORGIA STEM  
CERTIFIED  
SCHOOL**



# DOVE CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

OCONEESCHOOLS.ORG/DCMS

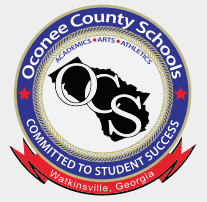
@DCMS\_KNIGHTS



**Mr. Mike Eddy**  
*Principal*

## POINTS OF PRIDE

- + Groundbreaking took place on Jan. 27, 2022, and the ribbon-cutting ceremony occurred on July 17, 2023
- + Students and faculty voted on the school mascot, with "Knights" emerging as the winner
- + Elementary and middle students making up the first classes signed a steel beam that will be on display in the main hallway
- + 156,000 square feet and can house up to 1,000 students
- + 60 instructional units, including classrooms, science labs, art and music rooms, a media center, and gymnasium
- + State-of-the-art greenhouse and agriculture facility
- + Offering all sports, activities, and clubs in Year 1



**NEWEST SCHOOL  
IN THE DISTRICT,  
OPENING FALL  
OF 2023**



# MALCOM BRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

OCONEESCHOOLS.ORG/MBMS



@MALCOMBRIDGEMS



**Ms. Kristin Harrison**  
*Principal*

## POINTS OF PRIDE

- + College and Career Ready Performance Index content mastery score of 96.2
- + 100% content mastery in sixth through eighth math and eighth social studies in Georgia Milestones
- + Beta Club recognized as a Distinguished Program
- + 4 Region sports titles
- + Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
- + \$5,000 in Walton EMC EmPOWERment grants
- + Seventh- and eighth-grade chorus named Superior — the highest rating — in Large Group Performance Evaluation
- + Band was one of three statewide chosen for a feature performance at UGA and was the leader in district honor members for the fifth straight year
- + All band ensembles earned Superior ratings from the Georgia Music Educators Association for the seventh consecutive year



**NO. 7 PUBLIC  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
IN GEORGIA**



# OCONEE COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

OCONEESCHOOLS.ORG/OCMS



@OCONEECOUNTYMS



**Mr. Matt Stephens**  
*Principal*

## POINTS OF PRIDE

- + College and Career Ready Performance Index content mastery score of 95.3
- + No. 13 public middle school in Georgia as rated by Niche
- + Student Support Team Association of Georgia Educators Star Award for Promising Practices
- + OCMS Student Ambassadors
- + Host site for the Greater Athens Area Relay for Life
- + Newly completed outdoor classroom sponsored by community business partners
- + AAC championships in boys and girls soccer
- + \$2,300 in Walton EMC EmPOWERment grants
- + State championships in FFA Poultry Evaluation and Meats Evaluation



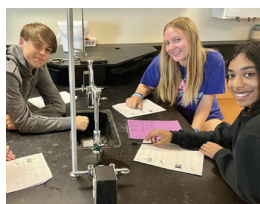
**2-TIME GASSP  
BREAKOUT  
SCHOOL**





# NORTH OCONEE HIGH SCHOOL

OCONEESCHOOLS.ORG/NOHS



**Mr. Keith Carter**  
*Principal*

## POINTS OF PRIDE

- + College and Career Ready Performance Index content mastery score of 96.3
- + No. 11 public high school in Georgia as rated by Niche
- + 5 state championships, 6 individual state championships
- + Ranked in top 5 percent of schools nationwide by U.S. News and World Report
- + Ranked in top 6 percent of public and private high schools nationwide in STEM by Newsweek
- + AP School of Distinction, AP STEM Achievement School, AP STEM School, AP Humanities Achievement School, AP Humanities School
- + Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
- + U.S. Presidential Scholar
- + 7 Governor's Honors Program finalists and 1 GHP alternate



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# OCONEE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

OCONEESCHOOLS.ORG/CHS



**Dr. Kevin Yancey**  
*Principal*

## POINTS OF PRIDE

- + College and Career Ready Performance Index content mastery score of 92.9
- + 2 state championships, 12 individual state championships, 3 state players of the year
- + Ranked in top 6 percent of public and private high schools nationwide in STEM by Newsweek
- + AP School of Distinction, AP STEM Achievement School, AP STEM School
- + GreatSchools College Success Award
- + 3 Governor's Honors Program finalists and 2 GHP alternates
- + \$12,500 in Walton EMC EmPOWERment grants
- + Outstanding Delegation Award at the 2023 Georgia Center for Civic Engagement Georgia United Nations Assembly Conference





# TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

#OCONEESTRONG



**Zach Beebe**  
Oconee County High



**Abby Bishop**  
Malcom Bridge Elementary



**Randi Boykin**  
High Shoals Elementary



**Barrie Davis**  
Dove Creek Elementary



**Julie Ellspermann**  
Oconee County Primary



**Jackson Huckaby**  
North Oconee High



**Amanda Ibrahim**  
Oconee County Elementary



**Tina Kinchen**  
Oconee County Middle



**Katie McCourtie**  
Rocky Branch Elementary



**Julie Schimer**  
Colham Ferry Elementary



**Wes York**  
Malcom Bridge Middle



Within each individual lies innate value, a desire to be understood, and a boundless ability to learn. In order to teach a child, I must first assume the posture of a learner. I must seek to listen before speaking, understand before being understood, and learn before instructing. I must commit myself to studying and appreciating all I can about my students — their essence, strengths, interests, experiences, and motivations. This could not be more imperative than it is with my students who have unique needs.”

**Abby Bishop, Malcom Bridge Elementary School**  
2022-23 District Teacher of the Year





# RETIRING EDUCATORS

THANK YOU TO OUR RETIREES FOR THEIR LASTING IMPACT  
ON THE LIVES OF OUR COMMUNITY'S CHILDREN!



## 456

YEARS OF COMBINED SERVICE!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>OCS Years</u>
Amanda Burke	Teacher	HSES	12
Shannon Collier	Teacher	OCES	8
Brian Felker	Information Technology Specialist	Technology	15
Amy Frutiger	Work Based Learning Coordinator	NOHS/OCHS	24
Jan Galloway	Teacher	NOHS	7
Michele Greenwall	Paraprofessional	RBES	24
Marsha Hunter	School Food & Nutrition Assistant	OCPS	10
Primus Johnson	Custodian	OCHS	7
Laura Ann Juncker	Paraprofessional	RBES	19
Sandy Jungman	Teacher	CFES	21
Amy Luckey	Technology Specialist	Central Office	23
Leah Mattison	Counselor	MBMS	19
Michael Moore	Custodian	MBES	7
Diane Parr	Teacher	CFES	28
Leslie Poole	School Clerk	CFES	16
Deborah Porter	Special Ed Paraprofessional	OCES	23
Morgan Power	Counselor	RBES	18
Cindy Roach	Counselor	OCHS	31
Michelle Robinette	Teacher	MBES	13
Douglas Sherer	Teacher	OCHS	2
Patsy Smith	Custodian	CFES	18
Melanie Tate	Teacher	OCHS	29
Ashley Templeton	Principal	OCES	22
Brook Whitmire	Chief Human Resources Officer	Central Office	15
Susan Willis	EIP Teacher	OCPS	20
Wendy Yount	Teacher	RBES	25



# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

#OCONEESTRONG

The Oconee County High Schools Alumni Association (OCHSAA) donated \$1,000 to OCHS and NOHS for their Agriculture Education Programs and three \$500 CTAE grants; participated in community service activities, including a Food for Kids student for one school year in honor of OCS teachers; held a Hog Mountain Bowl tailgate for fellowship opportunities; and came together for the annual Alumni Banquet, its largest fundraiser of the year, the last Saturday each June. For more information, follow OCHSAA at [Facebook.com/OconeeCountyAlumni](https://www.facebook.com/OconeeCountyAlumni).



# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

THANK YOU TO OUR NUMEROUS COMMUNITY PARTNERS. WE ARE INDEED #OCONEESTRONG!

**OCONEESCHOOLS.ORG/  
PARTNER**



## DISTRICT-LEVEL PARTNERS

Akins Ford  
Athens Ford  
BankSouth  
Chick-fil-A Epps Bridge  
Chops & Hops  
Georgia United Credit Union  
Grier & Co. with Georgia Home Partners Realty  
Heyward Allen Toyota/Motor Company  
Oconee Chamber of Commerce  
Oconee State Bank  
Peach State Federal Credit Union  
Piedmont Athens Regional - Oconee Health Campus  
Walton EMC  
Zaxby's of Watkinsville



# VILLA PARENT ACADEMY

#OCONEESTRONG



## FIFTH ANNUAL PARENT ACADEMY PROGRAM

Developed by the Georgia School Boards Association, VILLA (Volunteer Instructional Leadership Learning Academy) provides parents an opportunity to learn more about public schools in their local communities.

## VILLA 2023 PARTICIPANTS

Colham Ferry Elementary - Erin Copelan, Forrest Holder  
Dove Creek Elementary - Lauren Dinwiddie, Rebekah Walker  
High Shoals Elementary - Allison Freeman, Lindsay Williams  
Malcom Bridge Elementary - Jennifer Broun, Laura Farmer  
Malcom Bridge Middle - Kari Girardot, Holly Hollandsworth  
North Oconee High - Christy Wages, April Washburn

Oconee County Elementary - Jason Peake, Raymond Swetenburg  
Oconee County High - Robin Mooney, Michael Ricks  
Oconee County Middle - Tyson Browning, Stephanie Davis  
Oconee County Primary - Sara Feilmeier, Kate Hankins  
Rocky Branch Elementary - Chengyong Jiao, Lori Williams





# ANOTHER YEAR OF #OCONEESTRONG

SUSTAINED EXCELLENCE & CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT



Connecting **OUR STUDENTS** to **YOUR WORKFORCE**



**1,825 students enrolled in CTAE courses**



**114 students participated in work-based learning**



**82 employers participated in work-based learning**



**65% of employers require post-secondary education or training**



## CAREER, TECHNICAL, & AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION (CTAE) AT **NOHS** & **OCHS**

### PROGRAMS & ASSOCIATED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS:

Agriculture - FFA  
Business and Entrepreneurship - FBLA  
Computer Science - FBLA  
Early Childhood Education - FCCLA  
Engineering - TSA  
Finance - FBLA  
Graphic Design - SkillsUSA  
Health Science - HOSA  
Marketing - DECA



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