

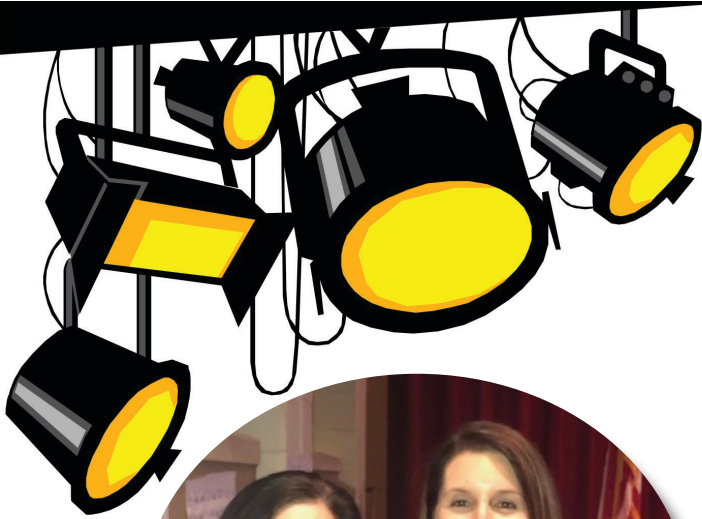


STUDENT SERVICES REPORT



The Transition Academy opened in its new location on August 1, 2019. The former Central Registration building was remodeled during the summer to include classrooms and a spacious Daily Living Center. The students, representing all high schools in the district, are so excited about their new facility! The Partner's Club and teachers from HCCA have visited several times, and we look forward to beginning our trips to their building during the month of September.

The building also includes offices for the Social Workers, School Nurses, OT/PT therapists, certified assistants, and a treatment room. The Transition Academy is more centrally located and allows easier access for staff to provide services to all schools. The new offices also enabled many of our itinerant staff to move to the Perry Annex in order to better collaborate with other staff members.

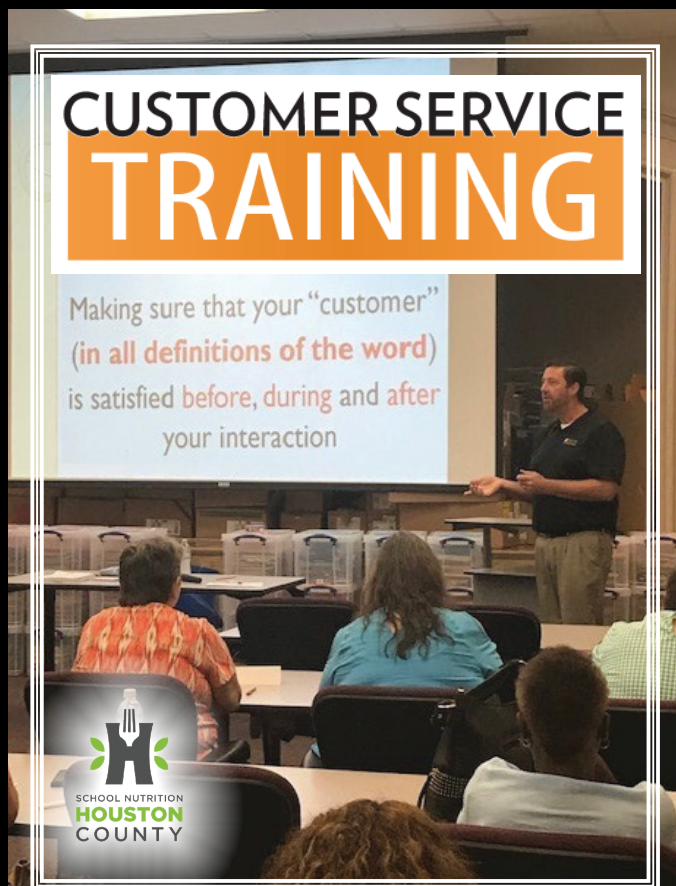


TEACHER SPOTLIGHT



Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! For the month of September, we will highlight our instructional support staff, Cindy Hamilton and Larissa Beecher. Cindy serves as the instructional support itinerant teacher for students on the regular assessment and Larissa serves our students on the alternate assessment. While Cindy and Larissa are housed at the annex, they have the flexibility to travel to your school to provide support. They can provide assistance that aides in standards based instruction and access to the curriculum. They look forward to visiting and supporting your classrooms this year!

What do Chick-fil-a, Publix, and Disney all have in common? Great customer service! Here in Houston County, we want our school nutrition program to be just as thoughtful and engaging as those companies, so we focused our annual summer training on customer service. Chris Spellman, from Greenville County Schools and trained by the Disney Institute, presented on how to make meaningful moments in every short interaction we have with our students. Chris challenged our staff to think of ways to help others perform their best. He explained how that would eventually help us excel as well. Over half of our staff, approximately 250 employees, were in attendance at this vital training. This year, we hope you experience delicious food in our lunch rooms accompanied by stellar service that brightens your day! "Customer service is just a day in, day out, ongoing, never ending, unremitting, persevering, compassionate, type of activity." ~ Leon Gorman



School Attendance Awareness Month

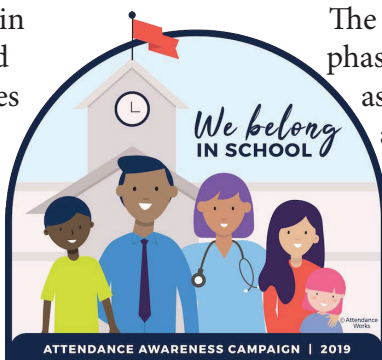
September is National School Attendance Awareness Month. We are celebrating this seventh annual campaign with the theme, We Belong in School! This is a national initiative aimed at promoting better policies and practices around school attendance.

We encourage school and district staff to remember that students are more likely to attend school if they feel safe, connected and supported, and believe they can learn and achieve. The “We” emphasizes the need all students have to feel they belong in school. It also highlights the role everyone, from educators to health professionals, to local agency and business partners

can play in creating welcoming and engaging schools that encourage daily attendance.

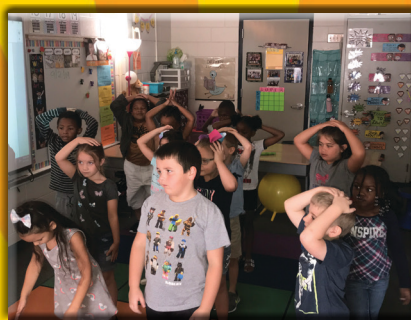
The Houston County Board of Education emphasizes the value of regular school attendance as essential to gaining a quality education and to maximizing academic achievement. Students who miss more than 10% of the school year are academically at risk.

The Social Services Department works in conjunction with the staff and administrators of all schools to identify students and families who experience barriers to regular school attendance. They also support schools with attendance awareness campaigns and recognizing students with improved attendance.



SECOND STEP®

Second Step is research-based, teacher-informed, and classroom-tested to promote the social-emotional development, safety, and well-being of children from Early Learning through Grade 8. Each elementary and middle school classroom in Houston County has received the Second Step curriculum through a grant with Department of Family and Children Services. Houston County School System received \$393,035.40 to support the implementation of the curriculum. In addition to the Second Step Curriculum, we received the Child Protection and the Bullying Prevention units. The Elementary Counselors will be going into each classroom 6 times during the year to share and help students recognize, report, and refuse unsafe situations. The Bullying Prevention Unit teaches students how to recognize, report, and refuse bullying. Houston County is working to support and keep our students safe with the implementation of the Second Step Curriculum.





PBIS

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is an evidence-based, data-driven framework proven to reduce disciplinary incidents, increase a school's sense of safety, increase attendance and support improved academic outcomes. Georgia has over 1,000 schools trained in PBIS and nationwide over 27,000 are schools trained in PBIS. When PBIS is implemented with fidelity, it reduces the amount of time spent on discipline, providing more time to focus on valuable instruction.

The basis of PBIS is that through consistent teaching of expectations, combined with acknowledgement or feedback of positive student behavior, undesirable behavior will decrease. PBIS schools create behavior matrices, which are a list of 3-5 behavioral expectations for the students to follow. A behavior matrix includes language such as "Be Safe", "Be Respectful", and "Be Responsible."

PBIS in Houston County is currently being implemented in 28 of our 38 schools and it is having a positive impact. The remaining 10 schools will be a part of the 2020-2021 cohort. Several schools have already had their PBIS kickoffs this year to redeliver the message of PBIS to their students and staff members.

We have been fortunate enough to have community partnerships that support PBIS. Our current community partnerships include Dress You Up Formals, Rigby's, Spillers Orthodontics, and Stevie B's. Look for the behavior matrices in these locations.

For more information about PBIS please visit www.hcbe.net/PBIS



**2019-2020 WHEELCHAIR HANDBALL
MASTER SCHEDULE**

DATE	DIV	VISITING TEAM	@	HOME TEAM	TIME
Sat., 9-7	V	Gwinnett Heat	@	West Georgia Wolverines	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Sat., 9-7	V	Houston Sharks	@	Henry Hurricanes	11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
*Sat., 9-7	JV	Atlanta Wolfpack	@	Houston Jr. Sharks	11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
*Sat., 9-7	JV	Atlanta Wolfpack	@	Muscogee Lions	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
*Sat., 9-7	JV	Muscogee Lions	@	Houston Jr. Sharks	3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Sat., 9-14	V	Henry Hurricanes	@	DeKalb Silver Streaks	11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Sat., 9-14	V	West Georgia Wolverines	@	DeKalb Silver Streaks	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Sat., 9-14	V	Gwinnett Heat	@	Houston Sharks	11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Sat., 9-21	V	Clayton Eagles	@	West Georgia Wolverines	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Sat., 9-21	V	Gwinnett Heat	@	DeKalb Silver Streaks	11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
**Sat., 9-28	JV	Atlanta Wolfpack	@	Muscogee Lions	11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
**Sat., 9-28	JV	Atlanta Wolfpack	@	Houston Jr. Sharks	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
**Sat., 9-28	JV	Houston Jr. Sharks	@	Muscogee Lions	3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Sat., 9-28	V	DeKalb Silver Streaks	@	Houston Sharks	11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Sat., 9-28	V	West Georgia Wolverines	@	Henry Hurricanes	11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Sat., 10-5	V	Henry Hurricanes	@	Clayton Eagles	11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Sat., 10-12	V	Clayton Eagles	@	Gwinnett Heat	11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Sat., 10-12	V	Clayton Eagles	@	Gwinnett Heat	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
***Sat., 10-19	JV	Muscogee Lions	@	Atlanta Wolfpack	11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
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Sat., 10-19	V	DeKalb Silver Streaks	@	Henry Hurricanes	11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Sat., 10-19	V	Houston Sharks	@	Clayton Eagles	11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Sat., 10-26	V	Henry Hurricanes	@	Gwinnett Heat	11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Sat., 10-26	V	DeKalb Silver Streaks	@	Clayton Eagles	11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Sat., 10-26	V	Houston Sharks	@	West Georgia Wolverines	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Sat., 10-26	V	Houston Sharks	@	West Georgia Wolverines	3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

* Houston Jr. Sharks to host at Bonaire Middle School, Bonaire, GA

** Muscogee Lions to host at Aaron Cohn Middle School, Midland, GA

*** Atlanta Wolfpack to host at King Middle School, Atlanta, GA

STATE TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2019

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LOCATION: TBD

SEMI-FINAL GAME TIMES: TBD

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TIMES: TBD