

# Annual Report 2013-14



## System Snapshot

Enrollment: 3,089 Students

JPES 729, SES 453, RES 438,  
ACMS 495, BRHS 974

Ethnicity:

African American .....	39.8%
Asian .....	1.1%
Hispanic.....	4.2%
Multi-Racial .....	1.4%
White .....	54.5%

Student Attendance Rate = 95.32%

Merit Scholar Participants = 2

AP Courses Taken = 160

Dual Enrollment Courses Taken = 26

Graduation Rate = 81%

Value of 2014 Scholarships = \$4,484,648

Employees: 329 Total

Support = 87

Certified = 242

Teacher Qualifications

Doctorate .....	0.5%
AA/Ed.S.....	3.0%
Masters.....	52.5%
Bachelors.....	44.0%

National Board Certified Teacher = 6

Teacher Attendance Rate = 94.8%

Annual Budget = \$29.5 Million

Annual Revenue Sources

State.....	56.2%
Federal.....	10.6%
Local .....	24.8%
Other .....	8.5%

Per Pupil Expenditure = \$9,562



Board of Education: Mr. Steve Robinson, Vice-President;  
Mr. Michael Ransaw, President; Mr. David Sturdivant, Member;  
Dr. J. Darrell Cooper, Superintendent; Mr. Kelly Waldrop, Member;  
Mrs. Dorothea Walker, Member



# Superintendent

J. Darrell Cooper, Ed.D.

Greetings from the Alexander City School System!

On behalf of all the faculty and staff of the Alexander City Schools (ACS), I am delighted to provide our first publication of the ACS Annual Report. This report offers a snapshot of the many outstanding accomplishments for the 2013-2014 school year. Such accomplishments were made possible only through the collaborative efforts of our excellent staff and the wonderful support of our parents and community members. Thank you to all who expect and assist us in striving for excellence in the Alexander City School System!

Throughout this publication, our principals and directors offer a glimpse of the many great accomplishments and activities from the past school year. Below, I provide just a few district highlights:

- Developed ACS 2020: A Pursuit of Excellence, which is our strategic plan for the district and will serve as a guide for our work through the year 2020;
- Expanded our ACS communications through website improvement, Facebook, Twitter, and several other avenues;
- Successfully renewed, by a public vote of 92%, 7.5 mills of ad valorem property tax, which provides approximately \$2.2 million in local revenues for our schools;
- Secured an annual appropriation of \$360,000 from the City Council for a comprehensive K-12 fine arts program offering music, visual arts, chorus, and drama;
- Offered a wide array of extracurricular clubs, programs, and highly competitive athletic teams, where 73% of our secondary students were involved and 15 of our 17 athletic teams advanced to the playoffs;
- Continued to expand our Leader In Me (K-6) programs, in which Jim Pearson Elementary School received the distinguished Lighthouse designation;
- Expanded our K-12 STEM/QUEST opportunities, including our award-winning robotics program, (grades 3-12), as evidenced by the Alex City Lego Warriors placing second in a field of 37 teams in a national robotics competition hosted by the World War II Museum in New Orleans;
- Continued a strong Advanced Placement program, with a yearly average of 169 courses taken by our students;
- Expanded Career Tech programs, with strong partnerships with C.A.C.C., the Tallapoosa County Schools, and our local business and industry;
- Received \$503,514 in career tech grant funds to establish a Mechanical, Engineering, and Technology (M.E.T.) Academy, with a purpose to facilitate the ongoing advanced technical education in industrial maintenance through dual enrollment courses and develop workplace skills through cooperative education; and
- Continued a successful iPad initiative (K-12) funded by the Alexander City Schools Education Foundation, which now provides a minimum of 30 iPads per grade (K-9) and a 1:1 initiative for all students in grades 10-12.

As you can see from the evidence above and throughout this publication, we have much to be proud of in the Alexander City School System. We have an outstanding staff and excellent students. However, we are not satisfied with the status quo and understand that excellence comes through continuous determination and hard work. Therefore, we operate with the philosophy that all can improve, learn, and succeed, regardless. Our motto is High Expectations and Success for ALL.

In closing, I want to say what an honor it is to serve as the superintendent for the Alexander City School System, and I want to thank everyone for your tremendous support. My first year in this position has been extremely enjoyable, and I look forward to the many great things that lie ahead.

Warmest regards,

J. Darrell Cooper, Ed.D.  
Superintendent  
Alexander City Schools



# Benjamin Russell High School

Dr. Anthony Wilkinson, Principal

- The Class of 2014 finished with a record \$4.48 million in scholarship offerings.
- 200+ students were enrolled in either AP or Dual Enrollment courses.
- All students in grades 10-12 were issued an iPad.
- Two students were recognized as National Merit Finalists - Elizabeth Stanbrough (National Merit Finalist) and Earkayla Thompson (National Achievement Finalist).
- Teacher Lisbeth Pierce received her Ph.D. in Reading Education from Auburn University.
- The BRHS Wildcat Football Team had an outstanding 10-2 season, going undefeated in region play and ranked 3rd in the AHSAA polls.
- Students Tae Robinson and Tyrik Norris were named to the All-State Football Team.
- Bryant Horn received the Bryant-Jordan Student-Athlete Achievement Award for 5A Region 3 and participated in the North vs. South All-Star Football Game.
- Rosie Lamberth received the Bryant-Jordan Scholar-Athlete Award for 5A Region 3 and was awarded the Alabama "A" Club Scholarship in the amount of \$12,000.
- Football scholarships were awarded to Tobias Russell and Austin Moncus - Faulkner University - and Bryant Horn - Jacksonville State University.
- The PRIDE of BRHS had 50 students selected to participate in Marching Honor Bands at Auburn University, UAB, Jacksonville State University, and Huntington College.
- PRIDE member Hannah Brown toured throughout the summer with the Spirit of Atlanta Drum and Bugle Corp.
- Six band members earned CACC Jazz Band Scholarships - Trent Harper, Josh Tyson, Natalie Hatfield, Denver Whitehead, Matt Harris, and Chance Zingerly.
- Sydney Bloodworth was named an alternate to All-State Band.
- Sidney Bloodworth, Cambron Bice, Shelby Bloodworth, and Christian Reyes were named to the District 6 Honor Band.
- The PRIDE of Alexander City "Wildcat" Marching Band gave 23 total performances, performing at all football games and pep rallies, three parades, and earned all Superior Ratings in the Sparks in the Parks Band Festival in Hoover, AL. They also performed in the 2013 McDonald's Thanksgiving Day Parade in Chicago.
- BRHS hosted the 15th Annual Lake Martin Invitational Marching Contest, with 18 bands and 1500 students participating.
- The BRHS Band Program hosted and participated in the ASA Music Performance Assessment Festival for ABA District VI. The Symphonic Band earned all Superior ratings for the second consecutive year and overall Superior ratings for 9 of the past 10 years. The Concert Band earned Excellent marks in the assessment. The program also received 20+ Superior ratings at the Alabama Bandmaster's Association Solo/Ensemble Festival.
- The Lady Wildcat Volleyball Team won the Area Championship and advanced deep into the playoffs, losing to the eventual state champions in the Super-Regionals.
- Wildcat Volleyball players Torcelon Kelly and Aalyiah Lawson signed scholarships with Benedict College. Torcelon will also play softball.
- Coach Pam Robinson was named the AHSAA Athletic Director of the Year.
- The BRHS cheerleaders attended camp at The University of Alabama. Lizzie Whitley, Maggie Fox, Rosie Lamberth, and Bella Baker were named UCA All-Americans. Lizzie Whitley won the Jump Off contest and Bella Baker and Elizabeth Harvey won the Pay It Forward Award. The squad won 1st place in the Cheer and Extreme competitions.
- The BRHS Wrestling Team had an outstanding year, sending six wrestlers to the State Tournament. Daniel Bland won the 5A State Championship in the Heavyweight Division. Kashus Culpepper placed 2nd in the 184 lb. class, and Deon Maxwell placed 2nd in the 170 lb. class.
- BRHS wrestler Deon Maxwell signed a scholarship with Huntington College.
- Student Lizzie Whitley was named Distinguished Young Woman of Tallapoosa County and Distinguished Young Women of Alabama in the Fitness Division.
- Dillon Dean finished 2nd in the AHSAA 5A State Cross Country Championship.
- The BRHS Girls Soccer Team was Section Champions and won 1st place in the Silver Division of the Lakeshore Shootout.
- Payton Rye was named an AHSAA Girls Soccer All-Star.
- The Boys Soccer Team was Sectional Champions, and Michael Speake was named an AHSAA Boys Soccer All-Star.
- The Boys and Girls BRHS Tennis Teams were Sectional Champions. The Girls Tennis Team received the Sportsmanship Award at the 5A State Tournament.
- The Girls Golf Team finished 2nd at Sectionals, 1st at Sub-State, and 4th in the 5A State Championship. Golfer McKenzie Chapman received a scholarship to Huntington College.
- The BRHS Track Team finished 3rd in 5A Section 2 with 17 members qualifying for the AHSAA 5A State Meet in Gulf Shores. Top winners for BRHS were Tobias Russell finishing 7th in the discus throw, Aalyiah Goggans finishing 6th in the girl's 100 meter hurdles, and Cameron Fuller finishing 2nd in the triple jump.
- Trackster Cameron Fuller signed a full track scholarship to Lee-McCrae College in North Carolina.
- The BRHS Baseball Team finished the season with a 25-12 record, advancing to the 2nd round of the state playoffs.
- Three BRHS baseball players signed scholarships - Zac Rogers - University of Alabama; Nathan Mitchell - University of Montevallo; and Caleb Brooks - Central Alabama Community College.
- Baseball player Zac Rogers was named to the ASWA Class 5A All-State Team.
- Students Jacob Rogers and Marquis Odem were selected to the AL ABCA (baseball) Top 120 and competed at Troy in summer competitions.
- Coaches Gary Graveman and Jon Owens were honored for 20 plus years of service at the AL ABCA convention.
- Coach Richy Brooks was inducted into the Alabama Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame.
- Student Robert Howard won the AHSAA State Championships in the 50- and 100-Meter Freestyle. Howard is currently ranked in the top 10 of USA Swimming and is a USA Swimming Scholastic All-American.







# Alexander City Middle School

Dr. Beverly Price, Principal

- Teachers Tonya Simmons and Brittany Haynie became certified as Alabama Learning Exchange Technology Trainers and provided all teachers with training to integrate iPads into their classroom instruction.
- Teacher Susan Green was a presenter for the AMSTI Summer Training held at Jacksonville State University.
- Jr. Civitans donated \$500 to the ACMS general fund, collected and donated 750 pounds of canned goods to the Salvation Army, raised \$275 to purchase new shoes for a local family at Christmas, rang the bell at Wal-Mart to collect donations for the Salvation Army, purchased books for the summer reading program, and collected 50 pounds of pop-tops for the Ronald McDonald House.
- SGA raised money to purchase toys and basic needs items for a local family at Christmas; sponsored a Sweat Pants and Hats Day, raising over \$300 for the United Way of Lake Martin; and participated in "Group Elements" (team building training) at Camp ASCCA.
- A select group of 8th grade science students attended Auburn Explore at Auburn University.
- Eighth grade science classes hosted a Science Demonstration Day with AMSTI.
- ACMS coaches hosted the Lake Martin Football Clinic for students in grades 3 – 6.
- The ACMS Football and Basketball Teams hosted a Campus Pride Day.
- ACMS hosted a Choice Day for 8th graders in which they watched the video Inside Out and toured the "Choice Bus" sponsored by State Farm.
- The Alexander City Chamber of Commerce provided all 8th graders with instruction in the Choices program.
- Student Desmond Bishop won the annual ACMS Talent Show hosted by our cheerleaders.
- FCA held their 6th annual Powder Puff Game to raise funds for local charities.
- Teachers purchased "Jean Passes" to raise money for the United Way of Lake Martin.
- Sixty-seven Jr. Civitan delegates attended the National Conference.
- Kiwanis Builders Club donated a book to Mamie's Place Children's Library in honor of the Alexander City Schools Board of Education members during Board Member Recognition Month.
- The Character Education class held an Anti-Bullying Summit that was organized and presented entirely by the students.
- The ACMS Band had students participate in the Southeastern United

- States Honor Band, District VI Honor Band, Auburn Honor Band, and the Auburn Summer Music Camp - Solo and Ensemble. They also performed Christmas, Spring, and Recruitment Concerts.
- Kiwanis Builders Club was recognized as a Distinguished Club; partnered with FACE to purchase, donate, and read over 300 books to kindergarten students at JPES and Virginia Robinson Head Start Pre-School; raised and donated money to UNICEF; presented teachers with gifts during Teacher Appreciation Week; and raised and donated \$1,000 to the Alexander City Schools Education Foundation.
- The Algebra I Math Team placed 2nd in the Southern Union State Community College Math Competition, while competing against all high school teams.
- Nathan Haines, an 8th grade Algebra I student, placed 2nd overall in the individual competition at the Southern Union State Community College Math Competition.
- Seventh grade English Language Arts students carried out an etiquette research project that culminated with a three-course lunch.
- ACMS is an Alabama Reading Initiative school; an Alabama Science, Math, and Technology Initiative school; and partners with Auburn University to host interns in their teacher preparation program.
- ACMS teachers received extensive training in the implementation of the College and Career Readiness Standards and technology implementation.
- ACMS partnered with Teri Medina of the Southeastern Equity Center to improve instruction for English Language Learner students.
- ACMS received a \$2,500 grant from the Alabama State Arts Council on the Arts to bring performer Ronald McCall to ACMS.
- The ACMS Robotics team, the Legionators, placed at the district level and was invited to attend the Southern competition in Louisiana.
- ACMS Cheerleaders hosted a cheer clinic for girls in grades 3-6; placed first in the Southern Regional Cheer Competition; participated in an ASPIRE pep rally at Stephens Elementary School; participated in a prom for the Bill Nicholas Veterans Home; participated in an IRON Bowl pep rally for Harbor Learning Academy; provided teachers with a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon; and attended camp at Panama City Beach, FL.
- ACMS athletic teams and extracurricular clubs had an outstanding year, with over 73% of our students participating in 14 sports and 12 clubs.
- 47% of ACMS students were recognized at our Honors Program





# Radney Elementary School

Mr. Andrew Caves, Principal

- 68 "A" Honor Roll Students
- 127 "A-B" Honor Roll Students
- Increase in STAR Scale Score Points for Reading and Math
- All teachers received iPads as well as training in iPad use and apps.
- StrideAcademy School
- AMSTI School
- The RES Robotics Team placed 2nd in a field of 37 teams from five states in a national robotics competition hosted by the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, LA.
- RES established a Wellness Club.
- RES had the highest attendance rate in the district for both teachers and students.
- RES obtained two portable iPad labs consisting of 60 iPads, which are available for classroom checkout.
- 104 Drama Club students performed Alice in Wonderland, a full theatrical production.
- RES implemented Edmodo as a digital learning platform.
- Document Based Questioning (DBQ) training and implementation
- Implemented RES Online Library
- Veterans Day Program honored local veterans and included guest speaker Major General Sheryl Gordon
- RES hosted a Black History Celebration program, which was a student production. Mrs. Bridgett Vasser Gray was the guest speaker and 5th grader Jaion Kelly recited "I Have A Dream."
- Fifth grader Olivia Tinoco was the inspiration for the beginning of the "Olivia's Dollar" fund at the Presbyterian Children's Home.
- The Kitty Dark Art Camp supplied RES with student-created artwork throughout the building.
- National WWII Museum recognized the RES Lego Warriors for participating in Back The 'Bot Challenge.
- RES and After the Bell partnered with the Alex City Public Works for Parent Recycling Day.
- RES staff was the system-wide winner for United Way Fair Share Contribution.
- RES conducted the Team Quin Fundraiser, raising \$1,500 in t-shirt sales for a 5th grade student with cancer.
- John Kerious Smoot was the winner of the RES 6th Grade Talent Show
- A combined group of 5th & 6th grade RES students published the school yearbook.
- 50-75 RES students met in the library each Wednesday morning for Fellowship of Christian Athletes meetings.
- RES students in the 6th grade participated in the DARE program. The RES DARE Essay Contest winner was Megan Harris.
- The Barbara H. Young Academic Award was awarded to 5th grade student Hailey Helms and 6th grade student Finley Radney for having the highest overall average.
- RES received a visit by children's author, Michael Finklea, who read one of his books - Who Are You Calling Junior?
- Implemented RES Facebook page
- Implemented RES Twitter account
- School-wide computer-based ACT Aspire testing
- RES teachers earned an average of 46 professional development hours.
- Implemented the Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) Model







# Stephens Elementary School

Ms. Kim Smith, Principal

- SES invited the community to participate in Leadership Day. Local community leaders visited our school, read to our students, and spoke about their professions to our students.
- By partnering with local writer, Luke Robinson, SES students were featured in The Outlook and Lake Martin Living publications, giving their viewpoints on items of interest in our community.
- The SES Veterans Day Program was a huge success, with performances by SES students, BRHS ROTC, Lyman Ward Honor Drill Team, and our local Honor Guard.
- SES celebrated Black History Month with an interesting and lively program displaying the many talents of our students.
- SES continued a growing commitment to STEM activities by looking for ways to offer more activities to more students.
- SES students competed locally at the First Lego League (FLL) qualifier at Central Alabama Community College.
- SES acquired more iPads, now currently having 100+ iPads in our school.
- 2013 was the first year for SES Ambassadors. Students completed applications, obtained references, and interviewed for the highly coveted positions.
- Our teachers committed to and participated in multiple professional development opportunities that focused on delivering a challenging curriculum for all learners.
- SES students participated for the sixth year in a t-shirt design contest for the Lake Martin Resource Association. The winning design was featured on the t-shirt given to all participants in the annual Lake Martin Clean-Up, as well as all SES students.
- SES worked with Shane Harris to become more active in 4-H. Lainey Beth Peters advanced to the Tallapoosa County Original Recipe Competition and the Tallapoosa County Public Speaking Competition. She was also invited to the regional competition at Troy University for her original cookie, cake, and bread recipes.
- SES received a Motivated Data Grant. Through this grant, our students gained valuable enrichment time both at school and home through STRIDE Academy.
- Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Speaks organized a holiday canned food drive. Students donated in excess of 1500 pounds of food to the Tallapoosa County Christian Crisis Center.
- Coach Graveman and Coach Russell organized our annual Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser, raising over \$4,000.
- SES teachers and students rallied together to raise more than \$3,000 for Lake Martin Area United Way.
- SES students learned about water quality and took a field trip to Wind Creek to learn more about Lake Martin. The Middle Tallapoosa River Basin Clean Water Partnership funded the field trip.





# Jim Pearson Elementary School

Mr. Jamie Forbus, Principal

- Named "Leader In Me" Lighthouse School
- Teacher Kim Pritchard was named ACS Teacher of the Year.
- Initiated monthly PAWS Newsletter as a PTO effort to encourage parental involvement and volunteerism
- JPES students participated in monthly Club Day meetings based on student interest inventories.
- Raised \$7,000 in our United Way fundraiser
- Met goal of 100% student-led parent conferences where students presented academic and behavioral data to their parents
- Students who obtained 100+ Accelerated Reader points were treated to a special lunch away from school.
- Katie Dark was presented with the Class Act Award from WSFA-12 TV.
- JPES improved safety by modifying the front entrance with one-way doors, with all traffic into the building required to enter through the main office.
- JPES initiated Bill Myers Backpack Program for students within our school.
- JPES was treated to The Educational Theatre production of Hansel and Gretel.
- The Civic Club collected and delivered canned foods for the Tallapoosa Christian Crisis Center and delivered Meals-on-Wheels to Hillabee Towers.
- Staff participated in the Russell Forest Run with both runners and volunteers to support ACSEF.
- Students taught the Seven Habits to our bus drivers and lunchroom staff.
- Ambassadors from CACC came to visit and share with our JPES Ambassador Club.
- The Animal Club visited The Stables at Russell Lands.
- JPES raised over \$800 for Relay for Life.
- Representative Mark Tuggle spoke to students in the Ambassador Club.
- JPES hosted Grandparent's Day, Red Ribbon Week, Book Fairs, Math Nights, Reading Nights, EL Nights, and a Veterans Day Program.
- Mystery readers from the community read to our students. Some dressed in character.
- The Photography Club visited Bill Nichols State Veterans Home presenting gifts and playing bingo with the patients.
- The Alex City Fire Department visited and demonstrated fire equipment in conjunction with a story students were studying.
- The JPES Physical Education Department recycled phones, CDs, and ink cartridges. Classes were recognized for monthly donations.
- Students collected Box Tops for Education and the top classes were recognized each month.
- The Earth Club recycled cans, plastic, and paper.
- The Veterans Day Program honored local veterans including patients at the local veterans home.
- A local Boy Scout troop led the entire school in a flag retirement ceremony.
- JPES continued to recognize local businesses and individuals as "Hometown Heroes" during Leadership Day.
- JPES held the annual May Day Celebration, which included a one-mile fun run for students.
- The ACMS Kiwanis Builders Club donated books to our kindergarten classes and read to JPES students.
- JPES provided tours for stakeholders as a part of Jim Pearson Leadership Day in March.
- JPES hosted the Rotary Club for lunch and allowed students to share their goals with members.
- The JPES Art Club created and donated nine paintings to the school.
- JPES hosted parents on days designated as "Muffins with Moms" and "Doughnuts with Dad."
- JPES students participated in the Pond Owners Mentoring Program.
- The NED Show came to JPES, encouraging students to become "Champions at School and In Life."





## Support Services - Mrs. Ellen Martin, Director

- Launched Virtual Alabama, a safety program utilizing layered mapping of all schools with access for first responders
- Installed a security wall in the foyer of JPES
- Participated in active shooter mock drill with first responders
- Administered ACT ASPIRE assessments in grades 3-8 - Reading, Mathematics, English, Science, and Writing
- The After the Bell's Lego Warriors placed 2nd of 37 teams in a national robotics competition in New Orleans, Louisiana. They also placed 7th in state competition in Huntsville and won the Strategy and Innovation Design Award.
- After the Bell partnered with Alex City Recycling and the CNP Program in a recycling program.
- Lake Martin Living Magazine featured After the Bell students in its May edition.
- ACT QualityCore assessments were administered in Algebra I and English 10.
- Alternate ACCESS for ELs introduced
- Administered ACT assessment to all 11th graders
- Purchased over \$225,000 of Reading and Language Arts books (K-6)
- Completed mathematics textbooks purchasing (7-12)
- Awarded a 21st Century Community Learning Center continuation grant for After the Bell Program's third year (\$200,000)
- Awarded a Coosa Valley Soil and Water grant for STEM robotics at ACMS (\$6,000)
- Provided new-teacher induction for 13 new teachers
- Launched Information Transport Solutions Data System to manage all student data for instructional purposes



## Special Education/Nursing - Mrs. Kristi Boone, Director

### Gifted Education Services:

- 268 students served in grades 1-12
- 153 students (grades 7-12) served through indirect services such as Honors Classes, Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, and ACCESS coursework
- 113 students (grades 3-6) served through direct instruction by a Gifted Education Specialist
- Two students (grades 1-2) served through indirect gifted services through independent study

### Direct Special Education Services:

- 553 students (ages 3-21) served
- 18 students in various Pre-K or daycare programs
- 68 students served due to a speech/language disability
- All remaining students are served through various exceptionalities.
- 27 special education teachers and 9 paraprofessionals

### 504 Services:

- A school counselor serves as the 504 Coordinator of the school.
- 19 students received a 504 plan at BRHS
- 12 students received a 504 Plan at ACMS
- 9 students received a 504 Plan at RES
- 7 students received a 504 Plan at SES
- 8 students received a 504 Plan at JPES

### Nursing Services:

- The Alexander City School System has one school nurse at each school serving the students, faculty, and staff.
- Three of five nurses are Registered Nurses, while the remaining are Licensed Practical Nurses.
- BRHS Nurse Melanie Sharpton led an effort to establish ACS as the first district in Alabama to have an Anaphylaxis Preparedness Program.



## Career & Technical Education - Mrs. Rebecca Marion, Director

- Awarded a \$503,514 career tech grant to start M.E.T. Academy – Mechanical, Engineering, and Technology
- Made preparations to start a new robotics program, adding an additional Career Tech unit
- 78 students awarded EverFi Financial Literacy Certification
- 37 students awarded Microsoft Office certification
- Students Heather Smith and MaKayla Baty were awarded 3rd place medals in Emergency Medical Service at State HOSA Competition
- Healthcare student Christin Gros received the Honor Cord of Courage awarded by Life South.
- Three students received trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in Technology Student Association (TSA) competition.
- All Career and Technology Student Organizations (CTSO) attended the Annual Joint Leadership Conference in Birmingham.
- BRHS Advertising and Design students produced an award-winning yearbook, which was in full color and consisted of 224 pages. Students in the program also won 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention awards in the ACSEF Art Show.
- BRHS Digital Design students designed the volleyball and softball programs and the ACS 2020 (strategic plan) publication.
- BRHS Career Tech established a local industry partnership with Amtech for a student internship program.
- BRHS JROTC received state recognition for the Most Students Participating in the annual Joint Leadership Conference.
- BRHS JROTC attended an Iron Man Field Meet at Central High School in Phenix City, Alabama where NaQuan Wyckoff placed 1st in the Iron Man Competition.
- BRHS JROTC attended a JROTC Drill Meet at Pine Forest High School in Pensacola, Florida.
- BRHS JROTC attended an orienteering camp and meet at Camp McDowell, with the team finishing fourth overall out of 200 JROTC cadets from throughout the southeast.





## Curriculum & Instruction - Mrs. Janet Gilliland, Coordinator

- ACS teachers accumulated a total of 11,806 hours of professional development, averaging 56.2 hours per teacher.
- CCRS Implementation Teams attended SDE meetings to implement the Alabama Course of Study in English.
- Administrators and lead teachers participated in TEAM-Math and the AMSTI Professional Mathematics Leadership Community.
- Continued to participate in Laying the Foundation for Meeting the Common Core Standards training
- Participated in Social Studies Leadership Team with Alabama State Department of Education to adopt new standards for social studies
- Provided Language Arts (CCRS) implementation turn-around training to all faculties
- Alabama Course of Study 2010 Mathematics-College and Career Standards (CCRS) Implementation-Year 2
- Implementation of new curriculum maps for mathematics
- New Teacher Mentor meetings held quarterly for 13 new teachers
- K-8 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) classes maintained, including robotics
- Document Based Questioning (DBQ) implemented in Grades 5-12
- E-Day of Learning for all students K-12 (Students instructed through Edmodo, a digital platform for learning)
- Leader in Me Implementation in grades 3-4
- Leader in Me Lighthouse Status granted to Jim Pearson Elementary School
- Standardized Test for Assessment (STAR) Reading and Mathematics formative assessments given to students in Grades K-12



## Federal Programs - Mrs. Marie McCall, Director

Title I, Part A \$708,107.00

- In order to reduce class size, eight highly qualified teachers were provided at JPES (3.25), SES (2.50), and RES (2.25).
- All core instruction at Title I schools was provided by highly qualified teachers.
- Provided professional development for all K-6 teachers and administrators
- Provided workshops and parent training materials
- Provided supplemental student classroom materials for students K-6
- K-6 district initiatives provided STAR Reading and Math; Accelerated Reader; STAR Early Literacy; and additional Scott Foresman Reading materials for students at JPES, SES, and RES.
- Provided the Jump Start Summer Remediation Program for students in grades Pre-K through 2nd

Title II, Part A \$164,358.00

- Two highly qualified RES teachers were funded.
- All core teachers paid with Title II funds were highly qualified.
- Provided high quality, research based professional development for all K-12 core teachers and administrators
- Provided funds to reimburse expenses associated with testing and coursework necessary for teachers to achieve and maintain highly qualified status

Title III, ESL \$11,291.00

- Provided supplemental student classroom materials for K-12 ESL students
- Provided high quality, research based professional development for all K-12 core teachers and administrators

Title VI, RLIS \$58,814

- Provided high quality, research based professional development for all K-12 teachers and administrators
- Provided STAR Reading and Math through district initiatives for students at BRHS and ACMS
- Provided supplemental student classroom materials for students K-12



## Transportation and Technology - Mr. Keith Lashley, Director

### Transportation

- Purchased five new buses, each with a capacity for 84 students
- Upgraded to all transportation diagnostic equipment and software to meet 2015 specifications
- Bus drivers received professional training - How to Communicate Effectively with Students and Parents.
- ACS buses completed 22 daily routes covering 533 miles per day.
- A total of 2,310 ACS students were transported daily by bus.

### Technology

- Increased bandwidth from 100 Mbps to 200 Mbps
- Upgraded wireless network at BRHS from 27 to 87 access points
- Installed wireless network at ACMS to accommodate 1:1 initiative
- Installed campus-wide wireless networks at JPES, SES, and RES
- Implemented a 1:1 iPad initiative in grades 10-12 at BRHS
- Purchased Otter Boxes for all iPad devices in the district
- Installed a 30-unit mobile iPad lab per grade level at JPES, SES, RES, and ACMS
- Upgraded professional development computer lab at the central office
- Installed a voice amplification system in the central office Board Room



- Annual Budget = \$29.5 Million
- FY 13 Ending General Fund Balance = \$3,490,544.79 (1.94 months reserve)
- FY 2013 Expenditures (in millions)
  - Instructional Services - \$15.32
  - Instructional Support - \$4.42
  - Operation & Maintenance - \$2.25
  - Auxiliary Services - \$2.67
  - Debt Service - \$1.92
  - General Administrative Services - \$1.28
  - Other Expenditures - \$0.80
  - Other Fund Uses - \$0.60
  - Capital Outlay - \$0.24
- Annual Revenue Sources
  - State = 56.2%
  - Federal = 10.6%
  - Local = 24.8%
  - Other = 8.5%
- Per Pupil Expenditure = \$9,562
- ACBOE received a “clean” FY 2013 audit with no findings.
- The Business Office initiated the following paperless programs:
  - On-line Payroll Portal
  - On-line Purchase Requisitions
  - SchoolDude Trip Direct
  - SchoolDude Maintenance Direct
  - SchoolDude IT Direct
  - SchoolDude Inventory Direct



Congratulations to ACS TEACHER OF THE YEAR!  
Mrs. Kim Pritchard – Jim Pearson Elementary



Congratulations to our ACS Teachers of the Year! Kenyatta Simmons – SES; Kim Pritchard – JPES and System Teacher of the Year; Kelly Johnson – ACMS; Mary Jean Fagan – BRHS; Scarlett Atchison - RES



# Guiding Principles of the Alexander City Schools

## Purpose – WHY we exist as an organization

The PURPOSE of the Alexander City Schools is to provide students with a quality educational experience that fosters a productive and successful life.

## Vision – WHAT we want to achieve as an organization

The VISION of the Alexander City Schools is to produce graduates that are successful and empowered to compete globally based upon their own unique talents and interests.

## Mission – HOW we want to achieve our vision

The MISSION of the Alexander City Schools is to provide a safe and inviting learning environment with high expectations for ALL, while focusing on the development of the whole child – academically, socially, emotionally, and physically.

## Core Values/Beliefs – WHAT we stand for & HOW we behave as an organization

1. Student-Centered Focus
2. High Expectations for All
3. Respect for All
4. Safe, Positive, & Nurturing Learning Environment
5. Equity for All
6. Well-Trained, Highly Qualified, & Professional Staff
7. High Character and Integrity
8. Caring, Compassionate, & Courteous
9. Openness and Transparency

## Motto – High Expectations & Success for ALL

## System Goals

1. We will provide a high-quality, rigorous academic experience that is standards-based, addresses the whole child, reaches all students, and meets or exceeds all accountability standards.
2. We will provide a safe, positive, and nurturing learning environment for our students.
3. We will provide teaching and learning resources necessary for the success of our students.
4. We will expect every student to graduate and each graduate to be well prepared for success and leadership in his/her chosen path according to his/her own unique talents and interests.
5. We will provide a professional, accountable, and highly qualified staff, who is committed to working collaboratively with all stakeholders in order to provide an exceptional educational experience.



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