

Annual Report 2016-2017



Alexander City Schools Teachers of the Year

Dr. Darrell Cooper, Vanessa Brooks, Shundell Russaw, Dana Johnson, Hannah Hawk
Not pictured: Noemi Blair.

SYSTEM SNAPSHOT

Enrollment:	2984
JPES	749
SES	490
RES	420
ACMS	433
BRHS	892
Pre-K	71
Ethnicity:	
Black	40%
Hispanic	7%
Other	3%
White	50%
Attendance:	95.01%
Number of 2017 Wildcat	
Community Service Hours	6510
Value of 2017 Scholarships	\$5,013,832
AP Courses Taken	240
Dual Enrollment Courses Taken	67

Technical Courses Taken	39
Graduation Rate	90%
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$9,150
Employees	341
Certified	246
Support	95
Teacher Qualifications	
Doctorate	2.09%
AA/Ed.S	8.4%
Masters	52.3%
Bachelors	37.2%
No Degree	0.84%
National Board Certified Teachers	7

All Schools and the District are
AdvancED accredited.



SHUNDELL RUSSAW
ACS Teacher of the Year



Superintendent

J. Darrell Cooper, Ed.D.

Greetings from the Alexander City Schools!

We are excited to present to you our Annual Report for the 2016-2017 school year. Our school district experienced a fantastic year, and our goal with this publication is to give you a snapshot of the many fabulous accomplishments and activities experienced by our students and staff of the Alexander City Schools.

From a district standpoint, we have much to be thankful and proud. Just to highlight a few items, I present the following:

- S.T.E.M. programs were implemented with at least one dedicated teacher in grades K-12 at all schools.
- Our K-12 comprehensive fine arts program was expanded with a dedicated music teacher at all schools. Introductory band was offered for the first time in grade 6. All students are provided music (K-12), visual arts (K-12), band (6-12), chorus (7-12), and drama (5-12).
- BRHS science teacher Emily Sassano was selected as one of four finalists for the Alabama State Teacher of the Year. In addition, she was selected as finalist for the prestigious Jacksonville State University Teacher Hall of Fame.
- SES teacher Jeri Lynn Martin was inducted into the Jacksonville State University Teacher Hall of Fame as the Elementary Teacher of the Year.
- For a second year in a row, BRHS seniors received scholarships exceeding \$5 million.
- The district's graduation rate reached an all-time high of 90%.
- 300+ secondary students met the Wildcat Community Service Challenge, completing 6,500+ community service hours.
- The district's general fund reserve reached an all-time high of 3.2 months.
- The Pre-K program was expanded to serve a total of 72 children.
- The After the Bell program expanded to 300+ children, serving grades Pre-K-8.
- Family engagement staff training and related parent activities were initiated at all schools with a focus on actively engaging families in their child's learning.
- Competitive academic teams/opportunities and academic booster clubs were initiated for the first time at all schools (K-12).
- The 1:1 technology initiative was continued for all students (K-12) and infrastructure upgrades were completed.
- Over 93% of the action items in the district's strategic plan, ACS2020, have been completed or are significantly in progress.

In addition to the aforementioned accomplishments, we are very proud to be the Alexander City Schools. I invite you to read through the remainder of this publication and join me in applauding our staff and students for their many outstanding accomplishments of the past school year.

Best Regards,

J. Darrell Cooper, Ed.D.

Superintendent



ALEXANDER CITY SCHOOLS BOARD MEMBERS

Denise Bates, Kelly Waldrop, David Sturdivant, Dorothea Walker, Michael Ransaw

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 and HOW we behave as an organization

1. Student-Centered Focus
2. High Expectations for All
3. Respect for All
4. Safe, Positive, and Nurturing Learning Environment

5. Equity for All
6. Well-Trained, Highly Qualified, and Professional Staff
7. High Character and Integrity
8. Caring, Compassionate, and Courteous
9. Openness and Transparency

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.



Benjamin Russell High School

Dr. Anthony Wilkinson, Principal

Mr. Tracy McGhee, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Kelli Kelly, Assistant Principal

Mr. Nick Davis, Assistant Principal

Grades: 9-12

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ACADEMICS

- BRHS welcomed Angie Pearce, Prentice Thomas, Jeremy Phillips, Josh Williams, Rena Billingsley, Molly Davenport, Jamie Linderman, Jake Phillips, Danny Hall, Martae Wyckoff, and Nick Davis to the BR Family!
- The Class of 2017 received over \$5 million in scholarship offerings. This amount is the 2nd most scholarship offering amount in school's history.
- BRHS was awarded the Bronze Medal by US News and World Report.
- Graduation rate was 90%.
- The senior's ACT scores were at or above state average in meeting college readiness benchmarks in math and science. The seniors' results were at state average of percent of students meeting college and career readiness benchmarks in all four subject areas.
- ACT scores from the senior class were at or above state average in reading, science and overall composite scores.
- Juniors scored higher than the state average in math, reading, and science on the ASPIRE 10.
- Freshmen scored higher than the state average in math and science on the ASPIRE 10.
- Mrs. Noemi Blair was selected by the faculty as Teacher of the Year.
- Mrs. Emily Sassano was selected as a finalist for the Alabama Teacher of the Year. She placed top 4 in the state.
- There were almost 150 students who met the Superintendent's Wildcat Community Service Challenge.
- BRHS averaged over 300 students making the honor roll for the first three nine weeks.
- BRHS implemented blended Project Based Learning.
- BRHS integrated Evidence Based Learning by reverse engineering on learning critical thinking skills. The EBLs led up to more encompassing Project Based Learning.
- The Dreams Meet Reality PBL helped all freshmen students to have a dream career but also a plan for that dream.
- Business EXPO had almost 50 business leaders touring and interacting with students.
- Open Door Wednesdays gave over 700 parents and community leaders a chance each month to visit our classrooms where students were in professional attire.
- Reality Check gave over 230 ninth graders a lesson in real-life financial awareness.
- Senior Blitz gave over 220 12th graders an opportunity to create a resume, dress in professional attire and endure a rapid fire of interview questions from over 25 community and business leaders.
- The Wildcat Showcase was a competitive end-of-the year celebration of student learning as selected student groups from each core and career tech class competed in the Oral Presentations and Floor Presentations on their EBLs and PBLs.
- BRHS welcomed over 1,000 parents, community, and business leaders through Open House, Open Door Wednesdays, Student-led Conferences, and other opportunities.
- BRHS hosted the Leadership Lake Martin's Class of 2017 of community leaders for a tour and walkthroughs.
- The World of Works (WOW) showcased career tech and elective programs. The event attracted several hundred visitors and was a great event to recruit students to their programs.

- BRHS hosted the ACS Administrators to an instructional round on student engagement.
- The faculty and staff participated in Project Based Learning professional develop to help increase active student engagement.
- BRHS students and faculty adopted the 8 C's of being College and Career Ready: Character, Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, Creativity, Computer & Tech Skills, Community & School Service, and the Call of Leadership.

ATHLETICS

- Football team made the 6A state playoffs.
- Legendary Coach Danny Horn was inducted into the AHSAA Hall of Fame. Coach Horn is only 20 wins away from reaching a 300 wins mark in Alabama High School Football history. He is currently the 8th most winningness coach and 4th with most state championships.
- Coach Richey Brooks recorded his 600th win in baseball this year.
- Baseball team made it to the 2nd round of the AHSAA baseball playoffs.
- Girls soccer team made the playoffs.
- Darby Hines was selected as a member of the Auburn University's Tiger Paws.
- Lance Cunigan finished 8th in the 1600M at the AHSAA state indoor meet with a time of 4:41:25.
- BR track team's 4x800 team finished 6th at state.
- Dylan Moncus shot a 67 on a very tough Cider Ridge at Oxford to make the 6A state golf tournament.
- Xzavia Stowes finished 4th in the triple jump at the 6A Mountain Brook track sectional.
- Ryan Spradley made it to the semi-finals at the AHSAA State Wrestling Tournament.
- Necolby Maxwell and Timmy Lawson signed football scholarships to Tuskegee University.
- Faulkner signed Jordan Alexander to play football.
- Jacoby Lawson and Carter Jones signed to play football with Union in Kentucky.
- Shannon Woody signed a basketball scholarship with Lawson State.
- Connor Brooks signed a baseball scholarship with CACC.
- Taylor Phillips signed a softball scholarship with CACC.
- Austin Elliott signed a baseball scholarship with Pearl River CC in Mississippi.
- Boys Freshmen basketball team finished with a 10-4 record.
- JV basketball team record 11-8. Won 8 out of last 10 games.
- Varsity basketball team was runner-up in the Lake Martin Slam Fest; finished second place in the Area 6 regular season, won the Area 6 championship, and hosted a sub-region game. Area 6 all tournament team members were Quen Reese, Shannon Woody & Timmy Lawson.
- Fishing team participated in Fall Tournaments at Lake Martin (boats placing 2nd, 3rd, and 5th) and Lake Wedowee (boats placing 1st, 3rd and 4th).
- Fishing team participated in Spring Tournaments included Lake Martin (team finished 13 out of 37 teams) and Lake Guntersville Team finished 28 out of 43 teams).

- Tennis girls and boys' team had many young players who attended sub-state. Four 7th graders in the top six for both girls and boys' team.
- BRHS Boys Golf had a 14-0 Dual Meet Record. The team finished 1st Place Auburn Invitational, 2nd Place Smith Station Invitational, 1st Place of Sylacauga Invitational, 3rd Place in Sectional Tournament, 3rd Place at Sup-State with Dylan Moncus qualifying for State Tournament. Dylan Moncus qualified for AHSAA State Golf Tournament.
- BRHS Girls Golf finished 3rd Place in Sectional Tournament
- Special Olympics started for first time in over 20 years Alexander City Schools and attended the Olympic event in Sylacauga.
16 students from ACS competed in the events
12 second place finishers, and 5 third place finishers in various events.
18 Wildcat Pals attended to help support the athletes in various ways.
- Varsity wrestling participated in a total of 22 competition data; 12 of which were either dual tournaments or traditional (individual) tournaments.
- Wrestling team place 3rd and the Red Devil Duals, 3rd at the Mortimer Jordan Invitational, and 2nd at the Homewood Duals.
- Wrestling team raised what was an unprecedented amount of money for

- the wrestling team to support our season through selling Takedown Club memberships and advertising.
- Wrestling team qualified 12 wrestlers for the AHSAA State Wrestling Championships, 6 of which were 9th grade or below.
- 4 Wrestlers finished 4th or higher at the Super South Sectional Tournament.
- Lady Wildcat Basketball held its 1st Annual Alumni Games against Coosa Central which raised over \$3000.00. NFL stars Terrell Owens, Adalius Thomas and Scottie Vines participated.
- Lady Wildcats finished Area Runners-Up and advanced to the State playoff. The girls finished the year with a record 12-11.
- BRHS Boys Alley Cats Team finished 2nd place in the Area 6 Bowling Tournament.
- BRHS Girls Alley Cats Team finished 2nd place in the Area 6 Bowling Tournament.
- Bryant Ray received the Most Valuable Player Award at the Area 6 Bowling Tournament for Most Pins Knocked Down.
- Katie Cooper received the Most Valuable Player Award at the Area 6 Bowling Tournament for Most Pins Knocked Down (Trophy Awarded)



CLUBS AND FINE ARTS

- The Choral Department has grown from two, small Show Choirs to a 36 voice Treble Chorus, a 24 voice Mixed Show Choir, and a 10 voice A Cappella Ensemble. In the Fall, we also introduced a Gospel Choir.
- Treble Chorus was invited to sing for the Alabama National Fair Choral Festival in Montgomery. Students performed three selections of choral literature in Garrett Coliseum.
- Show Choir sang at Bill Nichols Veterans Home for their Veterans Day Program.
- Show Choir sang for Alexander City Chamber of Commerce Holiday Open House and the ACMS Talent Show. Show Choir members volunteered their time to assist the ACMS Choirs during the ACMS Veterans Day Program.
- The A Cappella Ensemble were filmed at WAXC studio while singing traditional Christmas Carols. This performance was included as part of the ACT II Community Theatre's televised production of the play, "The Vision" that was aired on television three times in December.
- The BRHS Christmas Concert featured the Treble Chorus, Show Choir, Gospel Choir, Beginning Choir, as well as eight soloists. Students collected canned goods at the door for the area food closets.
- Spring Concert was on May 4 and featured a variety of literature including contemporary, pop, spiritual, folk, and foreign language.
- Choral Department purchased Choral Risers.
- Sixty-five new members were inducted into the National Honor Society.
- Destini Porch and Davis Lutz were selected as Sweetheart and Beau for homecoming.

- NHS was well represented in homecoming festivities. Imberly Flowers, Darby Hines, Marley McAlister, Katilyn Waldrop, and G'Mia Whetstone, all NHS members, were selected as homecoming queen nominees.
- Scottlyn Carr was chosen to be the Junior Class Maid.
- Makayla McVey and Cambron Bice were selected by faculty and students to represent BRHS as Mr. and Miss BRHS.
- Maggie Daniel and Ben Hendrix were selected as Junior Class Favorites, and Leigh Ann Futral was chosen as Senior Class Favorite.
- Over \$4000 was raised for the Turkey Trot. NHS then sponsored 8 children for Christmas.
- 2016 Yearbook Received a silver overall for 2016-17 full color yearbook.
- SGA officers helped Dr. Wilkinson as needed throughout the year serving as host and hostesses to visitors on our campus and participated in Pep Rallies, Homecoming, Russell Forest Run, and Walk for Autism.
- *Wildcats Roar*, BRHS Literary Magazine, had it's first annual edition with over 30 students submitting stories, poems, and essays. Eleven students' stories and poems were chosen. We raised enough money to give every BRHS student and staff member a free copy of the magazine and share with community.
- The Pride of Alexander City performed 11 football halftime shows, 3 parades, two marching competitions (earning all superior ratings), and 5 pep-rallies.
- Our leadership staff performed the national anthem for the JPS Veterans Day program.

- The band debuted its new uniforms late in the marching season.
- The 18th Annual Lake Martin Invitational Marching Contest drew record participation and attendance with 2400+ participation and over 7000 through the gates on the day of the event.
- The Band Boosters have taken over operations of the varsity football concessions. The transition was a success.
- The PAC had over 70 members participate in university honor bands, marching and concert, and summer clinics.
- Kendal Sharpe auditioned and earned a seat in the All-State Blue Band. This is the first since 2011.
- Kendal Sharpe and Shelby Bloodworth auditioned and earned seats in the ABA District VI Honor Band.
- All Band members participated in over 40 Christmas Chamber Music performances around the community and at community events.
- Our concert program performed at ABA Music Performance Assessment. The Concert/Freshman Band Earned 2,2,2,2(SR) and the Symphonic earned 1,2,2,1(SR) from an extremely critical panel.
- Our performance season concluded with 2 well-attended spring concerts.
- We have several students (as many are undecided at the time of this report) earning scholarships to perform in the band program at CACC and more participating in bands at their post-secondary institution.
- The band performed for 2017 commencement exercises.
- Leadership Camp was held on June 1-2, and our full music camps in July.
- BRHS Drama Performance students were invited to perform "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" for the Birmingham Holocaust Education Center's annual event to honor Holocaust survivors. We performed at the Alys Stephens Theater in August 2016.
- Drama students competed at the District and State level at the Alabama Conference of Theater's Trumbauer Festival. We performed "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" in the one-act category placing 2nd and received Best Ensemble. We had many compete in individual events as well. Jessie Culver, Adeline Treadwell, Tess Staples, Megan Harris, Kathryn Crutchfield, Jackson Tucker, Anna Shaw, Emily Jones, Jared

- Glenn, Jon Blake, Kaitlyn Bailey, Faith Hanna, Asia Chappell, Bea Graves, Lucy Graves, Regan Fuller, Finlay Radney, Lorebeth Keeble, Marley Mann, Cheyenne Haggerty, and Jarekia Judkins advanced to the state level and received superior ratings in their categories.
- BRHS Drama performed 4 productions: "I Never Saw Another Butterfly," "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," "The Little Mermaid," and "Little Shop of Horrors."
- 4 businesses participated in the YEA! Program
- \$7,000 was awarded to students from local investors for the Yea! Program.
- The Mat Cats assisted Coach Hall by keeping score at home and away matches, either in a scorebook, on TrackWrestling, or both. At home matches, they also helped sell tickets for admission, ran the scoreboard, and volunteered in the concession stand.
- The Mat Cats volunteered at two youth tournaments that were hosted by the local youth wrestling club. At the first tournament, held on December 10, twenty-two Mat Cats volunteered for a total of 126 hours. At the second tournament, held on January 21, eighteen Mat Cats volunteered for a total of 115.25 hours.
- Four Mat Cats traveled to the Super South Sectional Tournament, and five Mat Cats traveled to the AHSAA State Wrestling Championships.
- BRHS FBLA competed in State Competition in the following categories: Entrepreneurship (Jake Fields and Madison Johns), Website Design (Justin O'Brien), Computer Applications (Martin Flores).
- FBLA Members participated and served at the Annual Chamber Luncheon.
- Men and Women of BRHS served as host and hostesses of BRHS for Open Door Wednesdays, Open House, and various other times when guest visited BRHS. This included: working all BRHS home football games; participating in Rent-A-Worker fundraiser in the community; hosting leadership training for the ACMS Men and Women; hosting Jim Pearson Ambassador Club for learning about being a leader; working all home basketball games; serving concessions at the Faculty/Student Basketball game; serving as greeters for the Alexander City Arts Programs.





Career & Technical Education

Mrs. Kim Davis, Director

- Two new career technical programs were opened at BRHS in the fall of 2016: Cosmetology and Legal Services.
- Established 8 career technical academies and accepted applications for the fall of 2017.
- Officers, members, and advisors from all career technical student organizations attended the Joint Leadership Development Conference held in Birmingham.
- Family and Consumer Science event planning class hosted Open Door Wednesday each month, assisted with prom, and various other events in the school system and the community.
- CRI's and stackable credentials earned by BRHS students:
 - 11 health science students earned the certified nursing assistant credential;
 - 39 forestry students earned the Forestry Worker Certification;
 - 57 fish and wildlife students earned their State of Alabama Hunter Education Certification; Agriscience students earned the Beef Quality Assurance Certification;
 - Family and consumer science students earned the ServSafe Food Handlers certificate.

Engineering/Technology Student Association

- Record number of TSA members this year - 42
- Members participated in BEST (Boost Engineering Science and Technology) Robotic Competition at Auburn University.
- Club officers attended JLDC (Joint Leadership Development Conference) in Birmingham, AL.
- Ms. Jessica Taylor, Director of Recruiting and Scholarship at Auburn University, attended TSA meeting to discuss opportunities at Auburn University.

- Members volunteered in "Ringing the Bell for Salvation Army" at Walmart.
- Members attended field trip at McWane Center in Birmingham, AL to broaden technical knowledge and skills through the visual and hands-on exhibits at the Center.
- Members attended and competed in the Auburn University TEAMS (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics & Science).
- Members volunteered in Russell Forest Run.
- Members and other students (total - 190 students) attended Engineering Day at Auburn University to broaden their knowledge of the available engineering disciplines at Auburn University.
- Members attended and competed in the Alabama State TSA Convention in Birmingham, AL.

Advertising Design

- Silver medal 2016 yearbook awarded by CSPA.
- BRHS accredited PrintEd school.
- Participated in Worlds of Work Career Technical Showcase and Orals/Floor BRHS Showcase.
- Designed Academy logos for CTC department.

Environmental and Natural Resources

- Fish and Wildlife; 57 students earned their State of Alabama Hunter Education Certification.
- Forestry; 39 earned their Alabama Forestry Association - Forestry Worker Certification.



FFA Organization

- Record number of FFA membership at the chapter level - 58
- Community service - 6 separate events (402 hours logged):
 - Assisted local businesses with construction;
 - Planted trees for the Alex City Tree Board;
 - Built a school privacy wall;
 - Conducted landscaping around the school;
 - Revamped landscaping at downtown plaza;
 - Delivered fruit to residents at nursing home during Christmas break.
- Held interviews for chapter officer positions giving members a chance to practice their interview skills.
- Attended the Sunbelt AG Expo in Moultrie, GA with approx 35 members.
- Sam Schult, a local beekeeper, spoke at chapter meeting discussing the importance of honey bees and the role they play on producing our food.

- 15 Members filled three competition teams and competed at district for a chance to attend state competitions.
- Land Judging placed 3rd and advanced to state finals where they placed 9th in the state.
- Livestock placed 5th and missed state finals by only seven points.

Legal Services

- Established the Justice and Public Safety Academy.
- Created a logo for the Academy.
- The first time to compete in a state wide competition in 2 categories:
 1. traffic stop and 2. responding to a domestic disturbance.
- We had student lift fingerprints using a real fingerprint kit.
- Established a professional advisory board for the Academy made up of 5 professional in the field of study
- Professionals in the field of study visited and discussed their profession with the students.

- Forestry placed 19th.
- All placings were out of 92 schools competing.
- Members attended spring judging clinics to prepare to compete in the upcoming spring competitions.
- Members Jordan Bunch and Shane Fuller placed in top four at state in agricultural proficiency awards and BRHS completes superior chapter award application.

Members attended the district eliminations where five different teams from BRHS (Horse, Poultry, Construction, Mechanics, and Small Engines) compete with other teams from 92 schools. Top four teams advance to state finals in June.

- Members attended 1st annual BRHS FFA awards banquet.

Business and Marketing/FBLA

- Achieved Business and Industry Certification
- Officers and Advisor attended Joint Leadership Development Conference.
- Four students participated in the Young Entrepreneurs Academy and presented business plans before a panel of community investors.
- FBLA Officers competed at the FBLA State Conference.
- Entrepreneurship students participated in a roundtable workshop with local business leaders.

HOSA Health Occupation Students of America

- Member met monthly on the 1st Tuesday of each month during Activity Period.
- Held American Red Cross Blood Drives in November and May for students and faculty at BRHS.
- Members attended Community Breast Cancer Luncheon hosted by Russell Medical Center at the Betty Carol Graham Center assisted in decorations for luncheon and served lunch to approximately 500 community members.
- Members worked the Annual RMC TuTu Run.
- Toured Russell Medical Center Laboratory to gain knowledge of infection control and specimen collection.
- Toured Radney Funeral Home and Crematorium to gain knowledge on postmortem care and the cremation process.
- Toured RMC Total Fitness tour for therapy fields.
- 12 students attended clinical rotations at Brown Nursing Home in the Spring of 2017 to complete requirements for Certified Nursing Assistant credentialing.
- 11 Students passed both written and skill portions of the Certified Nursing Exam and are certified by Prometric.
- HOSA State Conference in February 2017 in Montgomery seven students attended and competed in various events at the state level.

Career Technical Education - Alexander City Middle School Project Lead The Way - Gateway

New Certifications:

Project Lead the Way - Automation & Robotics;

Project Lead the Way - Design & Modeling;

TSA

Attended JLDC with 5 students.

Attended State competition with 12 students.

Won at state level with eligibility for nationals

Medical Detectives - 2nd place
Environmental Engineering - 2nd place
Structural Engineering - 3rd place
Tech Bowl - 3rd place
Dragster - 2nd & 4th place

Community Service

- Salvation Army - Ringing the Bell
- Hosted "Science Day" with Special Needs Students
- Collected 1,266 lbs of recycled paper

Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC)

- Established Unit website for cadets, parents, and community supporters: brhsnavyjrotc.weebly.com

Color Guard Unit

- Supported Alex City Schools In-Service kickoff at BRHS.
- Presented National Colors at all BRHS home football games.
- Supported Veterans Day ceremonies at ACMS, Jim Pearson Elementary School, and Dadeville High School.
- Supported both the Alexander City Christmas Parade and also the Dadeville Holiday Parade
- Supported the Alexander City Martin Luther King Day Parade.
- Supported the Alexander City Little League Opening Ceremonies.
- Marched in BRHS Homecoming Parade and Alexander City Christmas Parade.

Community Service

- Supported Bill Nichols Veterans Home/Disabled American Veterans Car Show during Veterans' Day Weekend.
- Supported Alabama Power's "Renew our Rivers" community cleanup of Lake Martin.
- Supported Alexander City Kiwanis Club's Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at BRHS.
- Supported Alexander City Schools Education Fund's Russell Forrest Run 2017.

Air Rifle Marksmanship Team

Supported Alexander City Kiwanis Club's Clay Shoot at Five Star Plantation.

- Re-established the BRHS NJROTC Air Rifle Marksmanship Team IAW with Navy and the Civilian Marksmanship Program governing instructions.
- Competed in the Secretary of the Navy's (SECNAV) annual National Three Position Sporter Marksmanship Competition.
- Competed in multiple mail-in competitions throughout the year.

Orienteering Team

- Re-established the BRHS NJROTC Orienteering Team.
- Competed in multiple Vulcan Orienteering Club (VOC) competitions at Wind Creek and Oak Mountain State Parks.
- Competed in the NJROTC Area 8 Orienteering Championships at Oak Mountain State Park and had two female cadets place in the top five over 150 competitors.

Athletic Team

- Competed in the annual Escambia High School "Gator Games" Field Competition in Pensacola, FL.
- Competed in the annual Phenix City "Ironman" Field Competition placing sixth of thirteen NJROTC units in attendance.





Alexander City Middle School

Mr. Reginald Clifton, Principal



Mrs. Tracie Blakely, Assistant Principal

Grades: 7-8

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Alexander City Middle School Accomplishments, Awards, Recognition

- Coach Shundell Russaw named Teacher of the Quarter for 1st nine weeks.
- 8th Grader, Abigale Sims, qualified for the state cross country meet as a varsity athlete.
- Kiwanis Builders Club donated \$250 to the Kiwanis International Eliminate Project for UNICEF.
- Kiwanis Builders Club made cards for Veterans Day.
- ACMS Reflections yearbook staff purchased a embroidered tablecloth for ACMS.
- ACMS hosted a Family Engagement Night on October 18th @ 5:30pm.
- ACMS hosted our 1st Annual Mom's and Dad's Day.
- Career Prep A is being offered as an elective for 8th grade students to help with career trac; awarded ½ unit of high school unit.
- 8th grade students attended the World of Work presentation to learn about Career Academies at BRHS.
- 7 students enrolled and passed ACCESS Spanish distance learning class; awarded 1 unit of high school credit.
- 1:1 Chromebook school.
- Google Classroom is being utilized as our learning management platform.
- ACMS had the greatest utility savings from FY 2015 to FY 2016 between 5 schools. Utilities decreased by-9.2743 during the past school year.
- 7th & 8th students voted in 2016 Presidential Student Mock Election for Alabama students.
- Our STEM teacher, Christie Broom is certified to teach Project Lead the Way courses.
- On October 17 and 18, Mrs. Broom and five of the Technology Student Association members attended the Alabama Joint Leadership Conference in Birmingham.
- On October 22, the Men and Women of ACMS attended a leadership workshop at BRHS hosted by the Men and Women of ACMS.
- Our Men and Women of ACMS also greeted the Veterans at our Veteran's Day program on November 10. Jaion Kelly, an 8th grader, wrote and read the poem for our program that day.
- Men and Women of ACMS traveled on November 22 to provide community service to local organizations including: Jacob's Ladder, Jim Pearson Elementary, Brown's Nursing Home, and the Lake Martin Animal Shelter.
- The library received \$300 to purchase supplies to incorporate teaching Asian culture in the curriculum. This was due to Mrs. Hanna's participation in the week long workshop on teaching Asia in the curriculum hosted by the NCTA at Indiana University.
- Coach Leonard, the first male cheer coach in the Alexander City School system, and the ACMS cheerleaders competed at UCA cheer camp at Auburn University this summer. Cheerleaders placed 3rd overall! Rena Minnifield and Anna Riley were chosen as UCA All-Americans and participated in the 2016 Walt Disney World Thanksgiving Parade. Cheerleaders changed up the basketball game scene by declaring themes for each home basketball game. Rena Minnifield is Captain and Mary Grantleigh Hamby is the Co-captain of the 2016-2017 ACMS Cheerleaders.
- Trace McCaleb, a seventh grader, was named the district winner of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) essay contest.
- Mrs. Hanna attended a week long class on incorporating Asian studies into the curriculum offered by the National Council on the Teaching of Asia at Indiana University.
- Mrs. Denise Shivers is named ACMS Teacher of the 2nd Quarter.
- The Academic Booster Club, sponsored by Mrs. Shivers, hosts "Set the Standard" Day.
- Kiwanis Builders Club created a video for Kiwanis International to welcome a new Japanese charter club. Members shared the video with the ACBOE and Kiwanis Club. The Japanese KBC responded with a "Thank You" video to ACMS KBC.
- Kiwanis Builders Club donated three children's books to Mamie's Place Children's Library in honor of the ACBOE for Board Appreciation Month.
- National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Testing Site for 2016 - 2017 School Year.
- Mrs. Denise Shivers was nominated as a 2016 - 2017 LifeChanger of the Year. The program recognizes school employees who exemplify excellence, positive influence, and leadership.



- Hosted a second Family Engagement Night that focused on reading comprehension and study skills.
- Hosted several Community Visits during 2016 - 2017 School Year to showcase the talented faculty and staff at ACMS.
- Mr. Clifton participated as a national panelist in NAESP National Panel of New Principals for 2016 - 2017 School Year.
- SOLES4SOULS Collection Site.
- Received the Motivated Data Grant from CLAS to provide Stride Academy, allowing for academic practice at home and school.
- Participated in the Bill Meyers Backpack Program.
- ACMS is an Alabama Math, Science, and TEchnology Initiative (AMSTI) school.
- ACMS is an Alabama Reading Initiative (ARI) school.
- Carol Foster, Instructional Technology Specialist (ATIM), provided several sessions of professional development training to teachers on Transforming into 1:1 Classroom with Chromebooks.
- 8th grade students participated in the Choices character education program.
- Scale Back Alabama school site.
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) met weekly in Girl's gym.
- Participated in Red Ribbon Week activities.
- School-wide computer based ACT Aspire testing.
- Implemented Breakfast in the Classroom. This program provides a breakfast to all students and teachers free of charge.
- Implemented Student Advisement Day monthly to increase student connectedness with faculty and staff.
- Mrs. Simmons served as an MDA Jailbird during the Alex City 2017 Lockup and raised approximately \$1000 to send a local child to MDA Summer Camp at Camp ASCCA. The student body donated to this cause during the MD Boot Change Collection Drive and the staff purchased MDA shamrocks.
- ACMS Kiwanis Builders Club supported teacher morale by making placemats for the Christmas faculty luncheon, and by writing the staff motivational notes the month before spring break.
- ACMS boys soccer team wins the 2017 Montgomery Catholic Soccer Tournament with a 4-0 record for the weekend.
- ACMS Media Program placed 3rd in the regional ACTE competition for group video production, and went on to compete in the state competition.
- Trace McCaleb, a seventh grader, was named the state winner of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) essay contest.
- The Beautification Club cleaned out flower beds and planted flowers in front of the school.
- ACMS Jr Civitan held a can food drive for meals on wheels.
- ACMS Jr Civitan collected can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.
- ACMS Jr Civitan attended the annual District Convention in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. Campbell Woods served as club president and district Sergeant in Arms for the 2016-2017 school year.
- ACMS Jr Civitan rang the bell for the Salvation Army during Christmas.





Radney Elementary School

Mr. Andrew Caves, Principal



Mrs. Ashley Kean, Assistant Principal

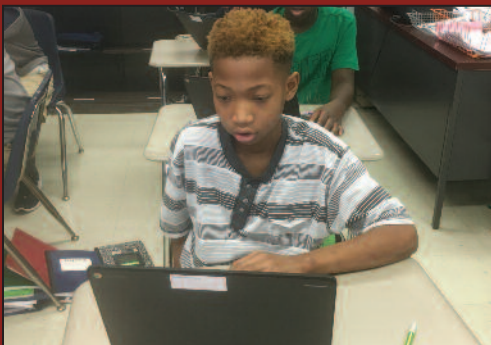
Grades: 5-6

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- 23 A Honor Roll Students
- 54 A-B Honor Roll Students
- AMSTI School
- 1/3 of the faculty participated in the Wellness Club.
- Wellness Club hosted 3rd Annual Wildcat Dash.
- Added four touch screen tv panels to classrooms.
- Provided Dell Chromebooks to every student to take home as well as training on the Chromebook.
- 70 Drama Club students performed "Seussical the Musical", a full theatrical production.
- Continued using Google Classroom for instruction.
- Veteran's Day Program honored local veterans and included guest speaker Dr. Steve King of First Baptist Church.
- Black History Program performed by Radney Students, including the Beginning Band.
- Home of Kitty Dark Art Camp, a summer enrichment program.
- 6th Grade Talent Show, student performers with various talents were judged.
- Radney Yearbook Staff, combined group of 5th & 6th grade students, published yearbook.
- Yearbook staff recognized for Perfect Performer Award in meeting all deadlines.
- Established a Media Team of 5th and 6th grade students that published videos on new YouTube Channel.
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 50-75 students met in the library each Tuesday morning. Students participated in the Samaritan Purse Shoebox Drive for Christmas.
- 6th Grade DARE Program, movie and prizes awarded to the top three student essays.
- Participated in Red Ribbon Week.
- Participated in the Six Flags Read to Succeed.
- Increased AR participation each nine weeks.
- Barbara H. Young Academic Award was awarded to 5th grade student- Anna Kate Corley, and 6th grade students- Jazzlyn Corprew for having the highest overall average.
- Continued presence on social media with RES Facebook page and RES Twitter account.
- Schoolwide computer based ASPIRE testing.
- Established a BETA Club for 5th and 6th grade students. A total of 107 students were inducted.
- Attended the National BETA Competition in Birmingham. Two students won first place in art categories.
- Continued House System to increase student motivation and engagement.
- Each House hosted different school wide events and competitions throughout the year – Winter Ball, Sock Hop, Kickball Tournament, Tailgate Party.
- Bianbe House received the most points throughout the year and was awarded a field trip and name on House trophy.
- Held our first Math Competition on May 12th. 5th and 6th graders competed by homeroom.
- Home of After the Bell (5th – 6th grade students).
- On site Girl Scout Classes.
- 4H classes and competitions for all students.
- Hannah Hawk was selected as Radney Teacher of the Year.
- STEM Classes participated in Hour of Code with code.org.
- Enrolled all 6th grade students into Alabama Career Planning System and completed their initial career assessment.
- Hosted a Fall and Spring Art Show.
- Started the Beginning Band with 6th graders.
- 13 students from Beginning Band competed in Auburn with Solo and Ensemble and all received superior ratings.





Stephens Elementary School

Mrs. April Neese, Principal



Grades: 3-4

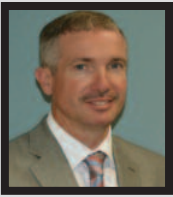
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- Hosted a summer reading program – Build a Better Reader, an initiative of Lake Martin Area United Way.
- Over 70 3rd and 4th grade students participated in the After the Bell program which provided STEM, Art, Academic, and Physical Education enrichment.
- Continued the before-school SES Band and Choral program.
- SES Choral and Band program performed for Awards Day, 2nd grade Orientation, Black History Program, Veteran's Day Program.
- SES Choral and Band students performed a musical concert in the spring.
- Sponsored a non-perishable food drive for the Tallapoosa Christian Crisis Center and collected in excess of 1500 pounds of food.
- Over 100 students performed in the annual Black History Program.
- Held annual Veteran's Day program.
- Held Art Show to display student art throughout the school.
- Vanessa Brooks selected as Teacher of the Year.
- Partnered with LMRA in an effort to keep Lake Martin Clean.
- Fourth graders participated in the Tallapoosa County Water Festival.
- AMSTI School.
- ARI School
- Home of Faulkner University Elementary Learning Lab.
- Participated in the Red Ribbon Week activities, including Say No to Drugs art and essay contests.
- Hosted two book fairs.
- Held Parent Engagement Nights for parents and students.
- Over 150 students attended weekly Fellowship of Christian Athletes meetings.
- Attended the RES performance of Seussical at BRHS.
- Attended the BRHS Drama Club performance of Beauty and the Beast at BRHS.
- Fourth graders participated in the GREAT program aimed at gang resistance education.
- Attended a Gutsy the Flying Fox performance focusing on drug prevention.
- Awarded Accelerated Reader incentives at the end of each nine-weeks.
- Participated in Box Tops for Education resulting in over \$2000 for the Physical Education Department.
- Held annual Field Day.
- Hosted recycling drive for ink cartridges and cell phones.
- Participated in Jump Rope for Heart raising over \$3,000.
- Provided vision screenings through The Lions Club.
- Provided dental screenings through local dentists.
- Hosted Break for A Plate, a program where lunches were available to anyone 18 years if age and under during Spring Break free of charge.
- Housed the CNP's summer breakfast and lunch programs.





Jim Pearson Elementary School

Mr. Jamie Forbus, Principal



Mrs. Windy Eldred, Assistant Principal

Grades: Pre-K – 2

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- Maintained status as a “Leader In Me” Lighthouse School.
- Dana Johnson was named Teacher of the Year.
- Held the annual May Day Celebration, which included a one-mile fun run for students.
- Students participated in quarterly Club Day meetings based on student interest inventories.
- Raised over \$4,000 in our United Way fundraiser
- Raised over \$900 for Relay for Life
- Students enjoyed a trip to SURGE Trampoline Park as an Accelerated Reader reward.
- Students who obtained 100+ Accelerated Reader points were treated to a special lunch away from school.
- Participated in the Bill Myers Backpack Program for students within our school
- Staff participated in the Russell Forest Run with both runners and volunteers to support ACSEF.
- The Ambassador Club went on a field trip to visit BRHS.
- The Animal Club visited a local family farm.
- Hosted Grandparent’s Day, Red Ribbon Week, Book Fairs, and EL Nights
- The Alex City Fire Department visited and helped in the bus and parent rider lines.
- The JPES Physical Education Department recycled phones, CD’s, and ink cartridges. Classes were recognized for monthly donations.
- The students collected Box Tops for Education, and top classes were recognized each month.
- The Earth Club recycled cans, plastic, and paper.
- The Veterans Day Program honored local veterans.
- Kindergarten students performed at the annual Christmas concert.
- Hosted parents on days designated as “Muffins with Moms” and doughnuts with Dads”
- Students participated in the Pond Owners Mentoring Program.
- Students participated in our annual talent show.
- The Alex City Police Department sponsored the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program for first graders.
- Palyn Joiner and Zada McDaniel were presented the Principal’s Award for

outstanding leadership, citizenship, and academics.

- Second Grade students received a copy of “*Eight Keys to a Better Me*” sponsored by local stakeholders.
- Hosted a preview day for local daycares and preschools.
- Celebrated the 100th Day of School with a parade and balloon release.
- Jim Pearson students attended Radney Elementary Drama Club’s production of *Seussical, The Musical*.
- Jim Pearson students attended BRHS Drama Club’s production of *The Little Mermaid*.
- “Spotlight Students” were recognized monthly with breakfast and a certificate.
- Jim Pearson teachers completed a book study, “Teaching with Poverty in Mind” by Eric Jensen.
- Second grade traveled to The American Village in Montevallo, AL.
- New playground equipment was added to playgrounds at Jim Pearson.
- All second grade students went on a field trip to Stephens Elementary School as a part of Third Grade Orientation.
- First grade classes went on a field trip to Desoto Caverns.
- Anne Fergusson, a Mayflower descendant, spoke to second grade.
- Participated in a weather presentation from James Spann.
- The Share-A-Smile Club hosted a food drive to donate to Meals on Wheels and delivered meals to participants.
- To celebrate Dr. Seuss Week, community leaders served as guest readers as students dressed as their favorite character.
- WSFA StormTracker did a presentation for students.
- The Ned Show did a Bullying Prevention presentation for all students.
- Students participated in a Sea Lab presentation by Exxon Mobile through Quest classes.
- The Tallapoosa Extension Office provided a presentation on Honey Bees to second grade students.
- First grade students received a copy of “*My Favorite Book*” sponsored by local stakeholders.
- Kindergarten students went on a field trip to the Montgomery Zoo.





Federal and Alternative Programs

Mrs. Marie McCall, Director

Title I, Part A— Annual Allocation - \$1,251,006.00

Carry Over - \$81,286.76

- Provided salary plus benefits and substitutes for 17.50 FTEs in grades K-6. 7.50 units were placed at JPES (1.0 Reading Coach, 1.0 paraprofessional, .50 Counselor, 5.0 teacher units) (5.0 teacher units, 1.0 Instructional Coach, .50 Counselor)/ 5.50 units were placed at SES (4.0 Teacher units, .50 music teacher, 1.0 Technology Teacher, 1.0 Paraprofessional/ 4.50 units were placed at RES (1.0 music teacher, 2.0 teacher units, .50 Art Teacher, 1.0 Paraprofessional) All Core instruction at Title I schools was delivered by “Highly Qualified” teachers.
- Professional Development was provided for all K-6 teachers and administrators.
- Parent workshops and parent instructional materials were provided for parents of students in K-6 schools.
Funds were used to provide parents of Title I students with instructional materials and opportunities to increase family literacy. Funds were used to provide math and reading workshops, parent resource centers and opportunities for parents to become active in the learning process. K-6 district initiatives included, Accelerated Reader, STAR Early Literacy and Scantron Analytics.
- Jump Start Summer Remediation was provided for students at Jim Pearson for grades Pre-K-2.
- K-6 schools were provided funds to purchase supplemental instructional materials. Research-based materials included: The Leader In Me, Odysseyware, Apple iPads and Apple TVs.
- Title I, Part A Carry Over funds were used to provide additional funds for professional development, to repair and replace devices in support of the 1:1 initiative in K-6 schools, and instructional software.

Title II, Part A – Annual Allocation - \$161, 284.00

Carry Over - \$52,945.15

- Two Class Size Reduction Units were provided at Radney Elementary using Title II funds.
- High quality professional development was provided for certified core instructors and administrators K-12.
- Funds were used provide substitutes to allow teacher release for professional development.
- Funds were used to provide stipends.
- Funds were used to provide Professional Development experiences for aspiring administrators.

Title III, English as A Second Language (ESL) – Annual Allocation - \$16,023.00

Carry Over - \$12,577.87

- Funds were used to provide supplemental classroom instructional

materials for ESL students grades K-12- Finish Line 2.0 \$2,285.20 - Additional workbooks grades 1-12 WONDERS Supplemental Kindergarten system (\$2,499.00) Vocabulary Links 1-8 (\$2,083.20) workbooks supporting grammar instruction and academic vocabulary building for English learners. Discussions 4 Learning (\$1,540.00) a program that: •builds overall vocabulary knowledge •repeatedly exposes students to advanced, academic vocabulary in a variety of contexts •prepares students to comprehend increasingly challenging cross-curricular vocabulary \$670.47 Storyworks for grades 5-6 and additional instructional supplies K-12

- Provided ongoing, high quality professional development for administrators, teachers, and other instructional staff to understand the needs and improve results for: racial and ethnic groups; limited English proficient students; migrant students; students with disabilities; and economically disadvantaged students.

Title VI, RLIS – Annual Allocation \$67,598.00

Carry Over - \$14,576.62

- High quality professional development activities were provided for teachers and administrators grades K-12
- Supplemental classroom materials were provided for students K-12
- Provided online access to Accelerated Reader and Scantron Analytics, for students grades 7-12.
- Purchased C.H.O.I.C.E.S. materials for 8th grade students at ACMS
- ABE – Alternative Behavior Educator purchased for grades K-12.
- Carry Over funds were used to provide additional ABE and Odyssey ware seats for ISS and Alternative Learning.
- ACT Elements Digital Bell Ringer was purchased for teachers and students grades 6-12.
- Purchased materials and provided a facilitator for Mastery Prep ACT Boot Camp Day at BRHS.
- Provided funds to BRHS for a mock ACT testing day and analysis of student results.
- Funds were used to provide upgrades and replacement parts for security equipment.

Alternative Programs

- Provided Phoenix Academy Handbooks, intake documents, certificates, and success documentation forms.
- Provided Odysseyware K-12 Core, Elective and CTE online curriculum and instructional tools.
- Provided Odysseyware professional development for HOPE and PHOENIX ACADEMY and Online Education Teachers.
- Provided mathematics teacher for face to face instruction.
- Provided student counseling services.
- Provided Odysseyware Concurrent Licenses for K-6 Alternative Learning.





AUXILIARY SERVICES

Mr. Keith Lashley, Director

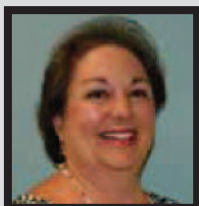
Technology

Provided each teacher with a Macbook Air
 Installed 90 HD security cameras at BR and ACMS
 Replaced all DVR's for security cameras at BR and ACMS with HD unit
 Installed a new iboss web-filtering appliance
 Replaced the intercom at ACMS
 Purchase 10 Chromebooks for Robotics program
 Implemented online registration program
 Introduced new website platform

Completed district wide Voice over IP phone system
 Converted phone system from a PRI to a SIP trunk system

Transportation

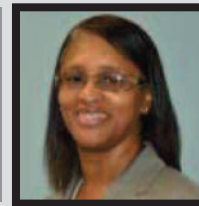
Ran 23 bus routes covering 575 miles daily
 Transported 1833 students by bus daily
 Replaced 5, 84 capacity buses and 1, 46 capacity bus
 Received High-Quality Citriton from ALSDE for bus fleet having less than 10% deficiencies



Mrs. Ellen Martin
 Director of Elementary
 Schools

Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Beverly Price
 Director of Secondary
 Schools



Curriculum

- Completed and published curriculum guides for all subjects.
- Developed an Educator Effectiveness Framework for teacher evaluation.
- Students in Grade 3, 5, and 7 were presented the Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) program.
- Developed a Student Advisory Program for grades 5 – 12.
- Developed a teacher mentoring framework.
- Implemented a virtual program at grades 7 – 12.
- Participated in the Southeast Regional Education Board College Readiness Pilot.
- Offered expanded elective classes to 8th graders through ACCESS.
- Hosted interns from Auburn University and Auburn University Montgomery.
- Recruited teachers from 6 universities in Alabama.
- Instructional coaches and central office administrators attended the Teaching and Engaging With Poverty in Mind workshop presented by Eric Jensen.
- Offered virtual course options using Odysseyware.
- Opened After the Bell sites at Stephens and Alexander City Middle Schools.
- Awarded a \$150,000 21st Century Community Learning Center grant for After the Bell grades 3-6.
- Added an After the Bell Pre-K class.
- After the Bell Robotics Teams participated in both district and state competitions:
 One team placed 2nd at District Level.
 One team placed 4th at District Level.
 Mrs. Christie Broom Received LegoRobotics FLL Coach of the Year Award.
- ACS Guidance Counselors attended the Alabama Counseling Association Annual Conference.
- Visual Arts teachers created display of students' works in the Board Room.
- Awarded an Alabama State Council on the Arts grant which allowed

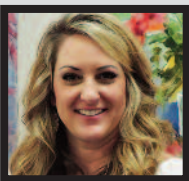
Pre-K through grade 6 and local 4 year olds to attend The Educational Theatre's production of *Pinocchio*.

Professional Development

- 100% of faculty and staff participated in a Poverty Simulation.
- Core teachers participated in peer observations between feeder schools.
- All core teachers participated in a Dyslexia Simulation.
- Held three vertical departmental meetings K-12.
- Participated in the Alabama Mentor Program.
- Held New Teacher/Employee Induction.
- Developed a Dyslexia Plan.
- 98% of all certified employees participated in at least 25 hours of professional development and 91% participated in at least 30 hours.
- Fine Arts teachers Shannon Culver, Hannah Hawk, Crystal Baldwin, Mark Moran, and Debra Griffith attended the Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts week long professional development in Montgomery which focused on The Art of Story: My Home's in Alabama.

Assessment

- Administered Scantron Performance Series formative assessment in grades 3-12
- Administered benchmark tests using Scantron Achievement Series
- Administered benchmark tests in all core subject areas quarterly in grades 1-12
- Administered ACT Aspire Reading, Math, English, Science and Writing (Grades 3 – 8 and 10)
- Administered the ACT+ Writing (Grade 11)
- Administered the ACT Workkeys (Grade 12)
- Administered ACCESS for English Language Learners and Alternate ACCESS for English Language Learners
- Administered Alabama Alternate Assessment
- Administered DIBELS (Grades K-3)



SPECIAL SERVICES

Mrs. Amy Ward, Director

Gifted Education Services:

- 260 ACS students were served in grades 1-12.
- 145 ACS students in grades 7-12 were served through indirect gifted services such as Honors Classes, Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, and ACCESS coursework.
- 114 ACS students in grades 3-6 were served through direct instruction by a Gifted Education Specialist.
- 1 ACS student in grades 1-2 was served through indirect gifted services.

Direct Special Education Services:

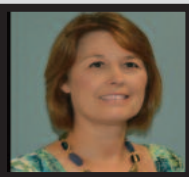
- 467 ACS students with disabilities, ages 3-21 years of age, received special education services.
- 27 Pre-K students in various Headstart and daycare programs received special education services.
- 67 ACS students received services for a Speech/Language Impairment, only.
- All remaining students with disabilities were served based upon various exceptionalities.
- ACS students with exceptionalities were served by 27 special education teachers and 10 paraprofessionals.

504 Services:

- Each school in the Alexander City School System has an appointed 504 Building Coordinator.
- 21 ACS students received a 504 Plan at Benjamin Russell High School.
- 29 ACS students received a 504 Plan at Alexander City Middle School.
- 11 ACS students received a 504 Plan at Radney Elementary School.
- 11 ACS students received a 504 Plan at Stephen's Elementary School.
- 12 ACS students received a 504 Plan at Jim Pearson Elementary School.

Nursing Services:

- Each of the five schools in the Alexander City School System has a school nurse that meets the healthcare needs of students, faculty, and staff.
- Three of the five nurses are Registered Nurses, while the remaining are Licensed Practical Nurses.
- ACS special education students participated in Special Olympics with Sylacauga City Schools for the first time in many years.



SCHOOL FINANCIALS

Mrs. Rhonda Blythe, Chief School Financial Officer

FY 16 Data

- Annual Budget = \$34.04 million
- FY 2016 Ending General Fund Balance = \$5.79 (in millions) (3.01 months reserve)
- FY 2016 Expenditures (in millions)
 - Instructional Services - \$16.98
 - Instructional Support Services - \$4.57
 - Auxiliary Services - \$2.75
 - Operation & Maintenance - \$1.99
 - Debt Services - \$1.98
 - General Administrative Services - \$1.59

- Other Expenditures - \$1.32
- Capital Outlay - \$0.17

Annual Revenue Sources

- State - 54.72%
- Federal - 10.38%
- Local - 24.42%
- Other - 5.48%
- Other Financing Sources - 4.20%
- ACBOE received a "clean" FY 2015 audit
- * Teacher Attendance Rate = 95.9%



AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION



Support School Employee
Award for Outstanding Service
Nelda Rich



ACS Teacher of the Year
Shundell Russaw



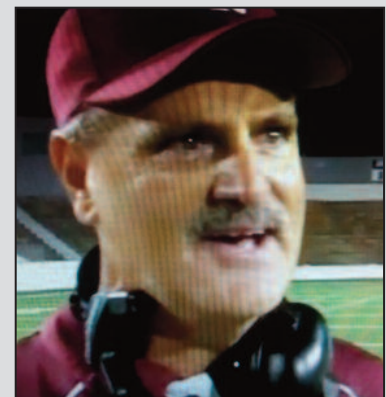
Wildcat Award
TC Coley



Perfect Attendance
**Michael Whetstone, Paul Price, Kenyatta Simmons, Angie Pearce, Courtney Davis,
Ben Blake, Jacob Phillips, Terrance Whetstone**



Jacksonville State University
Teacher Hall of Fame
Elementary Teacher of the Year
Jeri Lynn Martin



AHSAA Hall of Fame
Coach Danny Horn



Finalist in State Teacher of the Year / Finalist in Teacher Hall of Fame Jacksonville State University
Emily Sassano