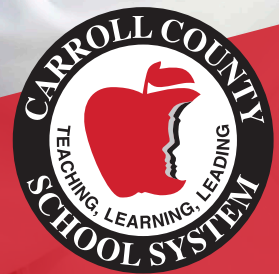


The Mount Zion Cluster
is committed to positively changing
the lives of the students we serve.



2019

MOUNT ZION ANNUAL REPORT



Premier Teachers ♦ Premier Leaders ♦ Premier Schools

DISTRICT INFORMATION and CLUSTER REPORT

Mt. Zion Schools serve approximately 1,450 students in the western portion of Carroll County. The Mt. Zion Cluster includes Mt. Zion Elementary, Mt. Zion Middle, and Mt. Zion High School. Students who attend Mt. Zion Schools have unique opportunities to excel in academics, arts, and activities, while also learning leadership skills and building character.

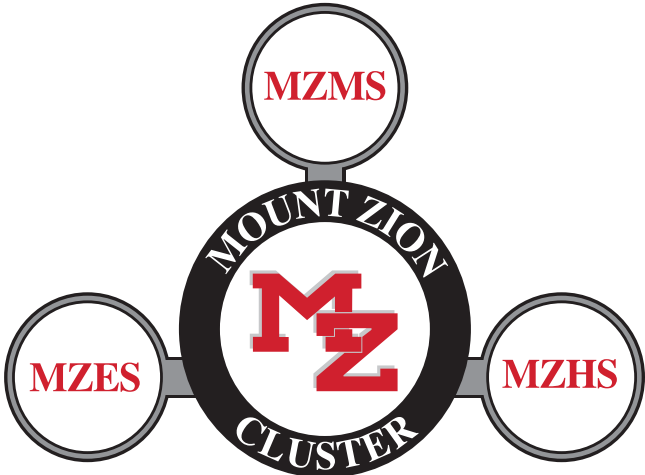
The Mt. Zion Cluster is part of the Carroll County School District, which is located 50 miles west of Atlanta. The District offers premier educational opportunities to approximately 15,025 students throughout its 23 schools and two College and Career Academy sites.



Mount Zion Elementary School
Cindy Parker, Principal
Melissa Dearman, Assistant Principal

Mount Zion Middle School
Connie Robison, Principal
David Rooks, Assistant Principal

Mount Zion High School
Landon Odom, Principal
Lisa Puckett, Assistant Principal



CHANGING LIVES

Carroll County Schools is committed to changing the lives of students by ensuring they have access to premier teachers, premier leaders, and premier schools.

A letter from Superintendent, Scott Cowart

Welcome to the Carroll County School System! Our commitment to positively changing lives is the foundation for everything we do.

Our approach is to focus on educating the whole child in preparing students to be enrolled, employed, or enlisted upon graduation. The 2018-2019 school year demonstrated the effectiveness of the strategies we have in place, and we have much to celebrate.

For the second consecutive year, the district's graduation rate is over 90%. Performance on the Georgia Milestones Assessments improved for elementary, middle, and high schools, and the district continues to exceed state performance. In addition, we see an increase in the number of students choosing dual enrollment and Advanced Placement courses. And, Carroll County School System is one of only three districts in Georgia to have its own STEM Certification

Program, as well as the only system in the state with a STEAM Certification Program.

The Carroll County School System was voted the Best Employer in the 2019 Times-Georgian Reader's Choice Awards, our Board of Education earned the Georgia School Board Association's Exemplary School Board status, and the district received high praises in its 5-year review from the AdvancED Accreditation team.



While we are incredibly proud of the accomplishments from the 2018-2019 school year, we are focused on planning for another premier year. Our staff is equipped with the tools to create engaging and

collaborative learning environments, our campuses are safer than ever before, and we are excited to serve our students and our community.

Thank you for choosing Carroll County Schools!



Scott K. Cowart

Scott K. Cowart

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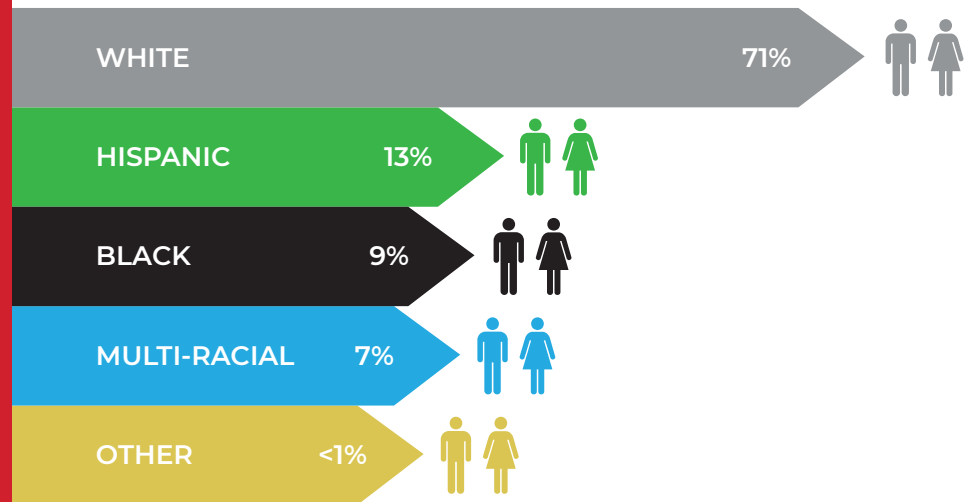
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Cluster Memories

BY THE NUMBERS ENROLLMENT

The premier opportunities available in Mount Zion Cluster schools attract families from across west Georgia. The Mount Zion Cluster currently serves approximately 1,450 students.

2018-2019 CLUSTER DEMOGRAPHICS



MOUNT ZION BOARD MEMBER



*Donald Nixon, District 5
Vice Chairman
12 Years of Service*

A close-up photograph of a black graduation cap with a red tassel. The cap is positioned in the upper right, and the tassel hangs down towards the bottom left. The background is a dark, textured surface.

97% GRADUATION RATE

The Graduation Rate for MZHS has been higher than 90% for 5 consecutive years. The 2018-2019 graduation rate was the highest of any high school in Carroll County.

FOCUSING ON LEARNING

Empowering our staff through collaborative, rigorous, engaging, and purposeful opportunities encourages continuous professional growth. In turn, our students have access to teachers and leaders who use innovation, imagination, and creativity to encourage a growth mindset of lifelong learning.

MOUNT ZION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ACADEMICS

- *Highest 5th grade writing scores in the district*
 - *Increased in 6 out of 8 areas on the GMAS*
 - *Increased % of students scoring at Distinguished level on the GMAS in 3rd-5th grade ELA*
 - *Increased number of students served in Gifted Program*
 - *Increased % of students scoring Proficient and Distinguished on the GMAS in Math 3rd-5th grade*
 - *Increased to more than 50% of 3rd-5th grade students reading on or above grade level*
-

MOUNT ZION MIDDLE SCHOOL

ACADEMICS

- *Increased ELA subgroup scores in 7 out of 7 areas*
- *Increased % of students scoring levels 2, 3, and 4 on the GMAS in ELA 6th-8th grade*
- *Increased % of students scoring at levels 2, 3, and 4 on the GMAS in Math in 6th and 8th grade*
- *Promoted ownership of student learning through monthly data monitoring meetings with students and Caring Adults*
- *Piloted 1 to 1 Chromebook initiative with students using one chromebook all day to increase academic engagement*

MOUNT ZION HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduation rate over 90% for five consecutive years
- Pathway completers increased to 95%
- Led the District in Algebra, 9th Grade Lit, and Physical Science EOC scores
- 25% of students are enrolled in AP or college classes
- 95% attendance rate for the past three years
- FBLA was 3rd at the Region Competition

ACADEMICS



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT:

When I came to Mount Zion as a fifth grader, I immediately felt welcomed. My teachers prepared me for success by building my confidence and challenging me academically. I am thankful for the great experiences I had in Mount Zion schools and for the opportunities to prepare for college and my career as a nurse practitioner.

Monica Grimaldo
Class of 2008

PROVIDING PREMIER EXPERIENCES

Recognizing that every interaction with students, parents, and staff is reflective of our organization inspires us to offer high-quality experiences that our stakeholders expect and deserve. From award-winning programs in academics, arts, athletics, and activities to the multiple pathways our students have to graduate enrolled, employed, or enlisted, our district is committed to offering premier opportunities for everyone.

MOUNT ZION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ARTS

- Ms. Leah Kilgore received \$1,000 Art Grant
- Hosted our 1st Living History Museum and Art Show
- Created a Drama Club
- K-Kids participated in giving back to the community every month

ACTIVITIES

- Colin Fales, 5th grader, placed 1st at the Georgia Educational Student Technology Competition
- MZE placed 2nd in the district History Bee
- MZE placed 2nd in the district Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl and participated in the regional competition at the University of West Georgia
- STEM students in K-5th grade planted our first school garden
- STEM Camp students planted a butterfly garden



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

Mount Zion schools provide premier experiences by offering students a supportive learning community. I have used the same concept in my family-owned business to create an environment where everyone feels important and included. I am proud to be a second generation graduate of Mount Zion High School.

*Kristen Rooks
Class of 1999*

MOUNT ZION MIDDLE SCHOOL

ARTS

- 5 students chosen for District Honor Band (most ever in school history)
- Elizabeth Landrum won 1st place in the Kiwanis Art and Talent Showcase, and her entry was submitted to the state competition. 8 other students entered and received honorable mention
- MZ Middle School Band and Mr. Alex Ansaldo were recipients of the Century 21 Teacher Grant Program

ACTIVITIES

- 2 teams earned West Georgia Middle School Conference Championships: Boys' Basketball and Co-Ed Soccer
- West Georgia Middle School Conference runner-up in Wrestling Duals Championship and 5 Individual placers at Traditional Wrestling Tournament
- Academic Team placed 3rd at Middle School Academic Championship
- Tyler Tidwell placed 5th in Middle School State Track Championship in Pole Vault
- 23 Students attended FBLA Leadership competition with 4 advancing to State FBLA Competition

MOUNT ZION HIGH SCHOOL

ARTS

- Band Scored Level 1's at LGPE
- Graym Brown selected for District Honor Band
- Literary Trio won first place at Region Competition
- Literary Duo performance for Drama earned 2nd place at Region Competition
- Caelie Chandler placed 4th in Argumentative Essay

ACTIVITIES

- Football won the Region Championship and made the Quarterfinals at State
- Girls' Cross Country Team qualified for State for the first time in school history
- Girls' Softball made the sweet 16 at State for the 3rd consecutive year
- Boys' Basketball qualified for State for the first time in school history
- Wrestling finished 3rd at Traditional Area and had 5 State placers at the State Championships
- Boys' Tennis qualified for the State Playoffs

MAXIMIZ

OUR TALENT

Recruiting, growing, and retaining top talent at all levels is an important part of our performance culture. We are committed to maintaining an environment that cultivates strong and passionate learners, promotes success, and develops leaders for the communities we serve.



Alyssa Williamson
Valedictorian
Mount Zion High School



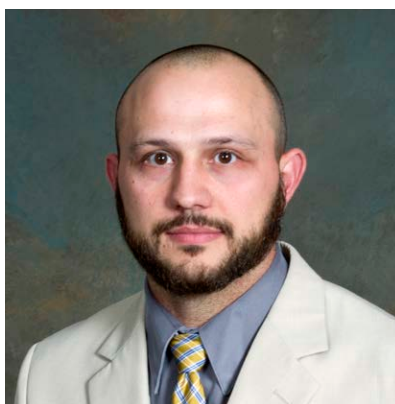
Noelle Smith
Salutatorian
Mount Zion High School

Valedictorian and Salutatorian

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Cindy Skelton
Mount Zion High School



Cody Campbell
Mount Zion Middle School



Joy Brown
Mount Zion Elementary

Teachers of the Year

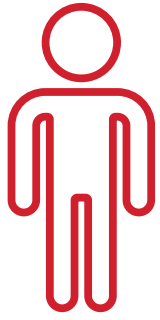


MOUNT ZION CARES

Treating everyone with dignity and respect and maintaining a safe and inclusive environment are priorities for our district. By building relationships, understanding the diverse communities we serve, and utilizing our time and talents, we connect needs with resources to enhance the quality of life for all.



SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES



CLUSTER TOTAL HOURS

8,886

Adult
Volunteer
Hours



CLUSTER TOTAL HOURS

2,796

Student
Volunteer
Hours

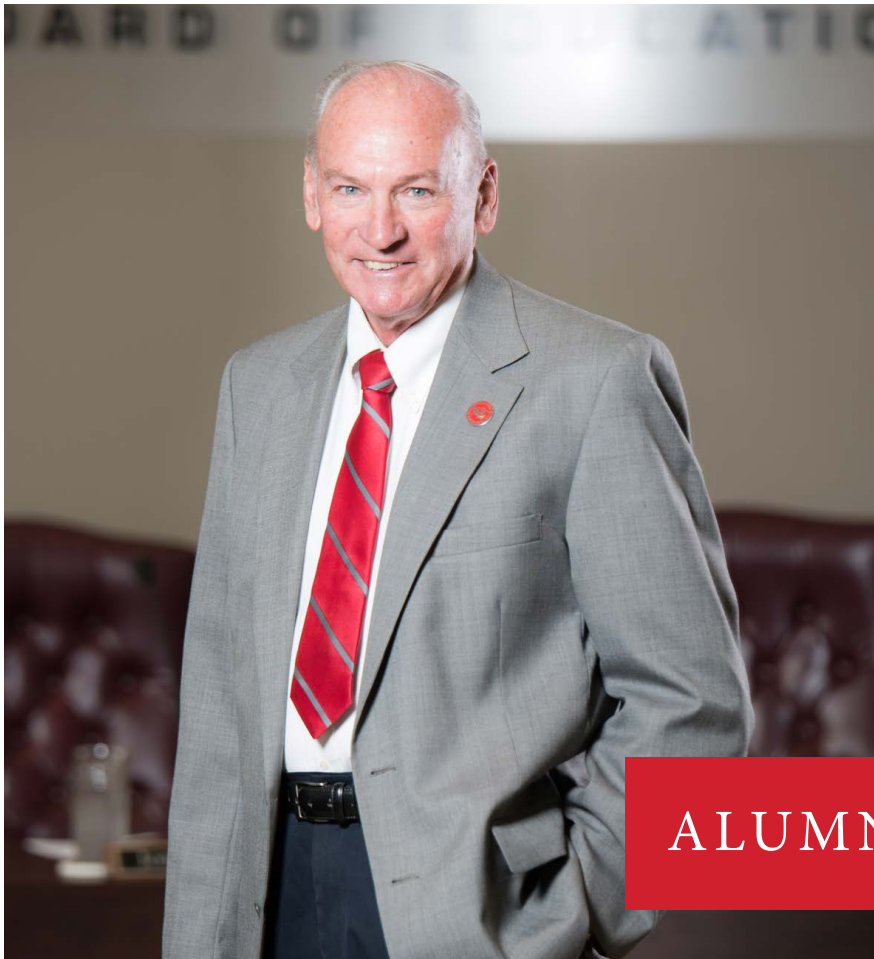


CLUSTER HIGHLIGHT

Mt. Zion Cluster Schools earned Climate Ratings of 4-stars or higher for the quality and character of school life.

PRACTICING GOOD STEWARDSHIP

Building partnerships and leveraging resources are essential in our practice of equitable stewardship. We believe spending wisely and investing in our priorities will not only sustain our premier school system, but will also create shared value benefiting the economic fabric of the communities we serve.



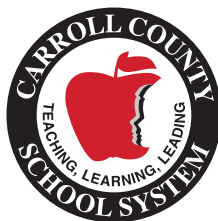
The same family atmosphere and quality education that existed in Mount Zion schools when I attended and served as an educator is still there today. The administrators and staff always use their resources wisely and put student success first.

Donald Nixon
Class of 1964

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT:

MOUNT ZION CLUSTER MEMORIES





Carroll County Schools will be recognized
as a premier school system by sustaining
the following commitments:

FOCUSING ON LEARNING
PROVIDING PREMIER EXPERIENCES
MAXIMIZING OUR TALENT
SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES
PRACTICING GOOD STEWARDSHIP



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