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## Houston County Schools Named Georgia's Best Employer



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County School District has been named the best employer in the state of Georgia by *Forbes*. Of 100 large employers in the state, the District is in first place.

*Forbes* posted “[America's Best Employers by State](#)” online on Aug. 24, 2020. The list of companies and agencies for Georgia includes: Amazon, Chick-fil-A, Coca-Cola, Delta Airlines, Department of Defense, Google, Lockheed Martin and Microsoft. Five other public school districts and several universities are

also on the list for the state.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Scott commented, “Our recruiting campaign is titled, ‘Land the Job You Love’ because we believe our employees are our most important resource. Being recognized as the ‘Best Employer in the State’ is affirmation that our employees love their job and the people they work alongside. The members of the Houston County Board of Education make our employees a priority throughout the school year, but more importantly, during budget time by providing a competitive salary and benefit package. Although we have over 4,000 full-time employees, we still meet with new hires individually to provide an orientation and answer questions. Our people work hard every day to produce high-achieving students and make our school system world class!”

The Houston County School District educates approximately 30,000 Pre-K - 12 students and has close to 5,500 total full-time and part-time employees. Founded in 1870, the District is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this school year. One hundred percent of the teachers and paraprofessionals are professionally qualified, based on Georgia Department of Education criteria.

The *Forbes* report was based on responses to anonymous online surveys conducted in partnership with Statista, a market research company. Respondents were asked if they would recommend their company to family and friends, and their evaluations were used to identify the organizations best liked by their employees. Approximately 80,000 employees who work for U.S. companies with at least 500 employees were surveyed between October 2019 and May 2020. Responses given pre-coronavirus and during the COVID-19 pandemic were compared to account for any statistically

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significant variations. The number of businesses ranked in each state was dependent on the number of qualifying employers and the size of the state's workforce.

The Houston County School District also made the 2019 inaugural Forbes list. The District is up from number 33 last year and was one of only two K-12 public school districts recognized.

For more information about the survey, visit the Forbes [website](#).

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