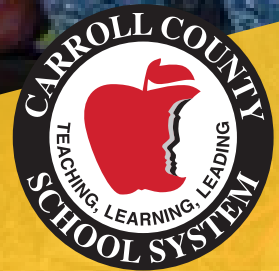


The Villa Rica Cluster
is committed to positively changing
the lives of the students we serve.



2019

VILLA RICA ANNUAL REPORT



Premier Teachers ♦ Premier Leaders ♦ Premier Schools

DISTRICT INFORMATION and CLUSTER REPORT

Villa Rica Schools serve approximately 5,300 students in the northern portion of Carroll County. The Villa Rica Cluster includes Glanton-Hindsman Elementary, Ithica Elementary, Sand Hill Elementary, Villa Rica Elementary, Bay Springs Middle, Villa Rica Middle, and Villa Rica High School. Students who attend Villa Rica Schools have unique opportunities to excel in academics, arts, and activities, while also learning leadership skills and building character.

The Villa Rica 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.

Glanton-Hindsman Elementary School

Joseph Grainger, Principal
Remonica Stephens, Assistant Principal

Ithica Elementary School

Colleen Jones, Principal
Cecelia Brown, Assistant Principal

Sand Hill Elementary School

Carla Meigs, Principal
Alison Lyle, Assistant Principal

Villa Rica Elementary School

Alton Bias, Principal
Beth Little, Assistant Principal

Bay Springs Middle School

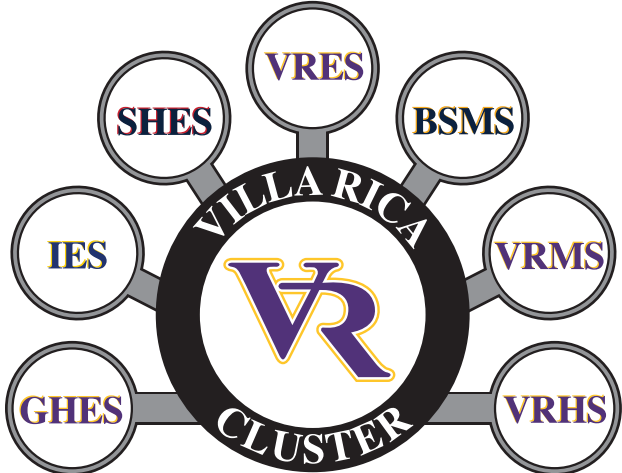
Brad Corbett, Principal
Luke McLendon, Assistant Principal
Leisha Sauls, Assistant Principal

Villa Rica Middle School

Mitch Springer, Principal
Dr. Ola McLendon, Assistant Principal

Villa Rica High School

Glen Harding, Principal
Shawn Bissell, Assistant Principal
Jessica Hok, Assistant Principal
Seth Rogers, Assistant Principal
Charrod Taylor, 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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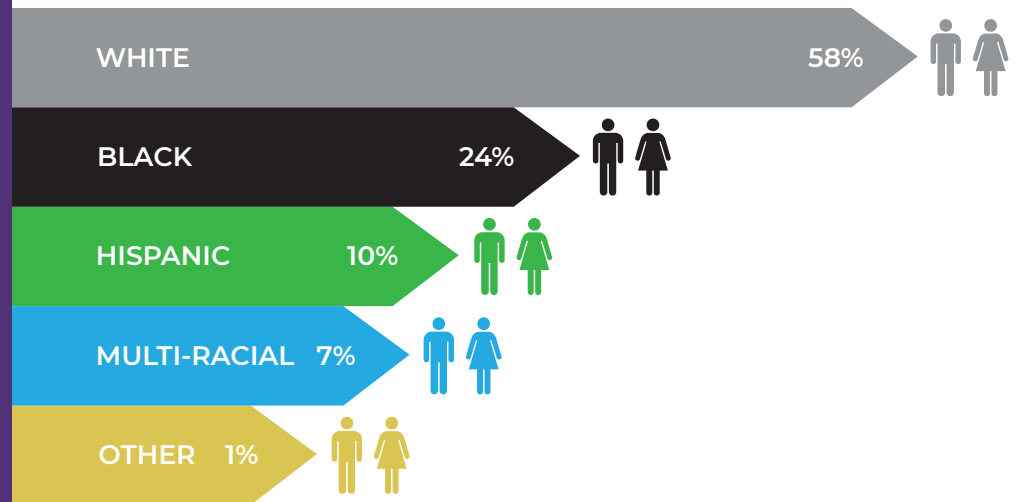
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Cluster Memories

BY THE NUMBERS ENROLLMENT

The premier opportunities available in Villa Rica Cluster schools attract families from across west Georgia. The Villa Rica Cluster currently serves approximately 5,300 students.

2018-2019 CLUSTER DEMOGRAPHICS



VILLA RICA BOARD MEMBER



*Rob Cleveland,
District 1
6 Years of Service*



*Dr. Robert Pinckney,
District 3
3 Years of Service*

A close-up photograph of a black graduation cap with a gold 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.

93% GRADUATION RATE

The graduation rate for Villa Rica High School has been over 90% for two consecutive years.

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.

VILLA RICA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

ACADEMICS

- Six Villa Rica Cluster elementary educators received national awards and recognition
 - Ithica Elementary was ranked in the Top 3% of schools in the state for Science and the Top 20% for Math and ELA based on Georgia Milestones Assessments
 - Villa Rica Cluster Elementary Schools won 6 out of 7 academic competitions
 - Three elementary schools were named National Beta Schools of Merit
 - Sand Hill Elementary earned District and National STEM Certification
 - More than 100 elementary students qualified for the DUKE Talent Identification Program
 - Nathan Corbett was named a National Duke TIP Honor Student for ranking in the Top 10% in the nation for his PSAT score
 - 4 out of 6 District Young Georgia Author winners were from the Villa Rica Cluster
 - Two elementary schools serve as UWG Professional Development Schools
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VILLA RICA MIDDLE SCHOOLS

ACADEMICS

- Both Villa Rica middle schools had Young Georgia Author winners
- Students advancing to the Distinguished Category on the Georgia Milestones Assessments increased for both middle schools
- Villa Rica Middle School had the 6th and 7th grade Southeast Region winners in the Perennial Math Competition
- Bay Springs Middle School student, Amelia Seter, won the District Spelling Bee for the second consecutive year
- Villa Rica Middle School received a \$55,000 Governor's Office of Student Achievement Grant

VILLA RICA HIGH SCHOOL

- *Graduation Rate was 93%*
- *VRHS received the National Senior Beta Club School of Distinction Award*
- *Academic Decathlon Team won the State Championship*
- *Du'Shante Holloway earned a full scholarship to YALE*
- *Logan Haynes was named a 2019 Georgia Scholar*
- *Kaelyn Williams won first place in the GASTC Technology State Competition*
- *The district's ESOL Exemplary Learner was chosen from VRHS for the second consecutive year*
- *Andruw Martin and Mary Armstrong were selected as Governor's Honors Finalists*

ACADEMICS



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT:

In my family, college was an expectation. While I knew that I was going to attend college, Villa Rica schools gave me the reassurance I needed to thrive at the next level and prepare me for my career. I chose to send my children to Villa Rica because I knew they, too, would receive outstanding academic preparation and would have the opportunity to build lifelong relationships.

Heath Hyneman
Co-founder of Supply.com
Villa Rica High School Class of 1993

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.

VILLA RICA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

ARTS

- All elementary schools in the Villa Rica Cluster offer art and music programs
- All Villa Rica Elementary schools have an honor chorus that participates in a district wide performance each year
- Glanton-Hindsman Elementary students performed at the State Capitol
- Sand Hill Elementary students performed in "The Nutcracker"
- Ithica Elementary students performed in "The Sound of Music"

ACTIVITIES

- Elementary schools in the Villa Rica Cluster provide students with STEM excursions locally and nationally, as well as STEM garden experiences
- All Villa Rica elementary schools participate in service projects nationally and locally
- All Villa Rica elementary schools are pursuing or have obtained STEM certification on local and national levels
- Ithica Elementary students earned the Jr. Beta Club MVP Award-one of only 21 clubs in the nation to achieve this status



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

Education has the potential to transform anyone's personal journey, so I am grateful for the support and dedication of my teachers over the years. The education I received at VRHS provided the foundation I needed to further my education and pursue my career.

*Danny Steele
Educator, Speaker, and Author
Villa Rica High School Class of 1988*

VILLA RICA MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- Six middle school students were selected for District Honor Band
- Nine students participated in the University of Georgia Middle School Honor Band

ARTS

- Villa Rica Middle School band earned all Superior Ratings at LGPE
- Villa Rica Middle School had a District and State representative in the State Nutrition Art Contest
- A Bay Springs Middle School student won the District Bus Safety Poster Contest

ACTIVITIES

- Villa Rica Cluster middle schools had 2 Championships and 6 Runners-up in athletics
- A Bay Springs Middle School student competed in the State Geography Bee
- Bay Springs Middle School started a volleyball team
- Villa Rica Cluster middle schools offer numerous clubs and activities

VILLA RICA HIGH SCHOOL

- Marching Band earned Superior Ratings at Silver Competition
- Six students were selected for District Honor Band
- Drama students participated in Footloose at the University of West Georgia
- Jake Barnwell was named to the GMEA All-State Chorus for the sixth consecutive year

ARTS

- Girls' Basketball Team went 32-1 and completed the season as State Runner-up
- Girls' Softball played in the Elite 8

ACTIVITIES

- Boys' Soccer Team had the best record in school history, competed in the Sweet 16, and finished as the Region Runner-up
- Boys' Basketball Team finished as Region Runner-up
- Hosted Regional FBLA Competition

MAXIMIZE

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.



Jessie Turner
Valedictorian
Villa Rica High School



Gavin Wilkinson
Salutatorian
Villa Rica High School

Valedictorian and Salutatorian

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Teachers of the Year



CARROLL COUNTY SCHOOLS



Jennifer Harris
Villa Rica High School



Molly Davison
Bay Springs Middle School



Landria Cash
Villa Rica Middle School



Melody Hockman
Glanton-Hindsman
Elementary School



Nikki Bradley
Ithica Elementary School



Jennifer Earnest
Sand Hill Elementary School

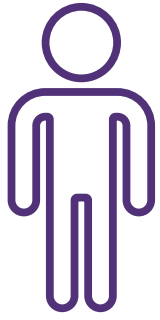


Erika Krebs
Villa Rica Elementary School

VILLA RICA 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.





OVER

30,000

Cluster Adult
Volunteer Hours



OVER

10,000

Cluster Student
Volunteer Hours



CLUSTER HIGHLIGHTS

All Villa Rica Cluster Schools support local non-profit organizations

Villa Rica elementary schools contribute to 7 national charities

VRHS was recognized for raising the most funds for the March of Dimes

SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES

Photo: Ithica Elementary Jr. Beta Club

PRACTICING GOOD STEWARDSHIP

More than \$500,000 was invested in safety and security measures for Villa Rica Cluster Schools

Villa Rica Cluster Elementary Schools received nearly \$70,000 in grant funding to support a variety of educational initiatives

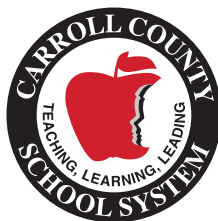
Villa Rica Cluster elementary and middle schools are 1:1 with technology in 2nd-8th grade, and Villa Rica High School is 1:2 with student technology

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.



VILLA RICA 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



VILLA RICA CLUSTER Social Media Sites

Like Us



Glanton-Hindsman Elementary School
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Sand Hill Elementary
Villa Rica Elementary School
Bay Springs Bobcats
Villa Rica Middle School
Villa Rica High School

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Villa Rica High School @VRHSWildcats

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