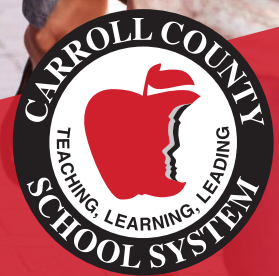


The Bowdon Cluster  
is committed to positively changing  
the lives of the students we serve.



# 2019

BOWDON ANNUAL REPORT



Premier Teachers ♦ Premier Leaders ♦ Premier Schools

# DISTRICT INFORMATION and CLUSTER REPORT

Bowdon Schools serve approximately 1,300 students in the southwest portion of Carroll County. The Bowdon Cluster includes Bowdon Elementary, Bowdon Middle, and Bowdon High School. Students who attend Bowdon Schools have unique opportunities to excel in academics, arts, and activities, while also learning leadership skills and building character.

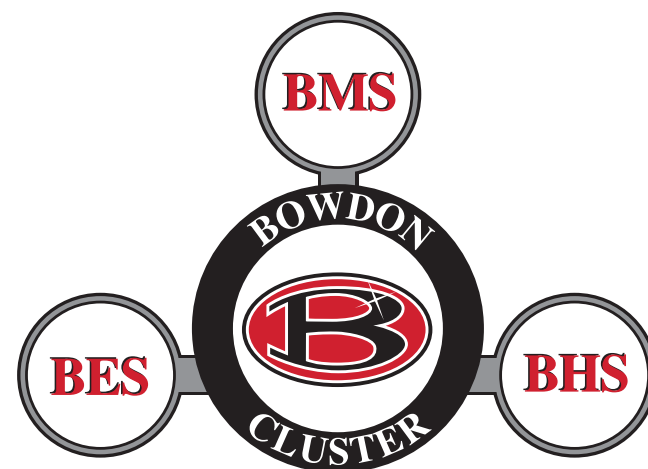
The Bowdon Cluster is part of the Carroll County School District, which is located 50 miles west of Atlanta. The District offers premier educational opportunities to approximately 14,350 students throughout its 23 schools and two College and Career Academy sites.



**Bowdon Elementary School**  
Lorie Teal, Principal  
Ginny Edwards, Assistant Principal

**Bowdon Middle School**  
Scott Estes, Principal  
Stephanie Godfrey, Assistant Principal

**Bowdon High School**  
Zoe Evans, Principal  
Bret Hart, Assistant Principal



## CARROLL COUNTY SCHOOLS

# 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

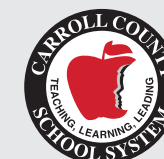


School Board status, and the district received high praises in its 5-year review from the AdvancED Accreditation team.

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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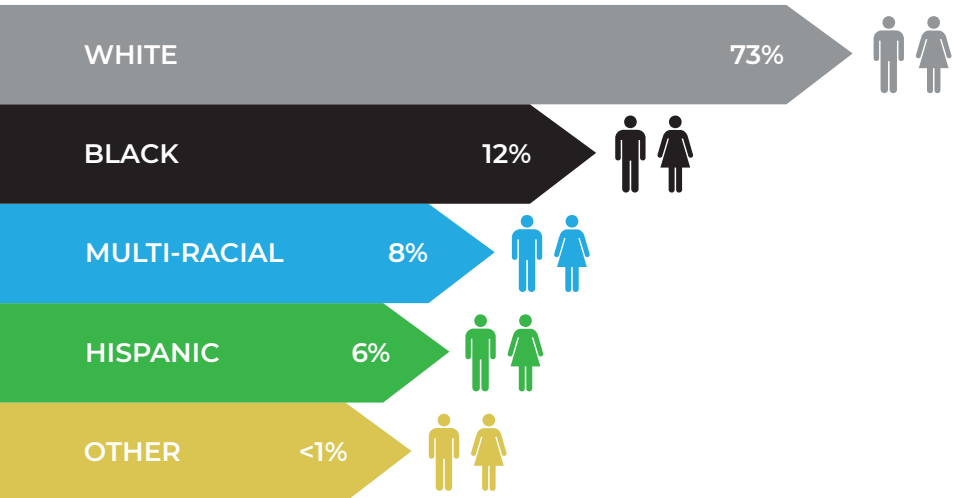
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BY THE NUMBERS  
ENROLLMENT

The premier opportunities available in Bowdon Cluster schools attract families from across west Georgia. The Bowdon Cluster currently serves approximately 1,300 students.

2018-2019  
CLUSTER DEMOGRAPHICS



BOWDON  
BOARD MEMBER



Bart Cater, District 6  
Board Chairman  
18 Years of Service

90%  
GRADUATION  
RATE

The Graduation Rate for Bowdon 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.

## BOWDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ACADEMICS

- Named National Beta School of Merit
- Earned District STEM Certification
- Recognized with a 5-Star Climate Rating for Quality and Character of School Life
- Double-Digit Growth in EOG ELA in 3rd Grade (13%)
- Double-Digit Growth in EOG Math in 3rd (12%) and 4th Grade (10%)
- Six Teachers Won Carroll EMC Bright Ideas Grants
- 39 Students Qualified as DUKE Talent Identified Candidates

## BOWDON MIDDLE SCHOOL

ACADEMICS

- Recognized as a 5-Star School
- 20% Distinguished in EOG Science, 8th grade
- 23% Distinguished in EOG ELA, 8th grade
- Won 2nd Place in District Academic Bowl
- 10 Students Competed in the CCS Technology Fair, 3 Students Earned First Place
- Young Georgia Authors Winner at both County and Regional Level
- ENCORE Tutoring Program for 6/7 ELA and Math, 8th ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies
- Improved CCRPI Lexile Indicator Growth Across All Three Grade Levels
- 8th Grade STAR Math Demonstrated Growth of 3.9 GE
- STAR Growth of a Year or More in Both Reading & Math at All Grade Levels

## BOWDON HIGH SCHOOL

ACADEMICS

- 90% Graduation Rate
- Greatest Number of Students Completing the International Skills Diploma Seal Program in the District
- Improved in 6 out of 8 EOC Subjects
- Highest Biology and Economics on EOC in the District
- Continue to Increase the Number of Students Enrolled in Dual Enrollment & AP classes



### ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT:

As an alumnus, a retired educator, and a community leader, I know firsthand the quality of education provided in the Bowdon Cluster. Throughout my career I have been fortunate to have the opportunity to give back and grow future leaders.

Tom Upchurch  
Bowdon Class of '57

# 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.


## BOWDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ARTS

- 5th Grade Band Played at Braves Game in Fall and Spring
- 5th Grade Band Played at Cluster Band Concert
- Increased 5th Grade Band Participation
- Hosted First BES Talent Show

ACTIVITIES

- Earned \$4000 Georgia SHAPE Grant
- Earned \$1000 Art Grant from Alice Richards Foundation
- 6 Students Competed in the Regional Technology Fair
- 4 Students Competed in the State Technology Fair
- All BES students K-5 Participated in the Bowdon Gives Back Community Project
- Implemented ‘Raise Them Up Bowdon Program’ for Birth to Age 3



### ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

*I had a wonderful experience in Bowdon schools. Whatever I needed to be successful, my coaches and teachers provided. I have served as the Athletic Director for Bowdon Recreation Department for 35 years, and my love for sports began with my first coach and mentor, Steve Prater.*

Robert Thomas  
Bowdon Class of '76

## BOWDON MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Implemented Weekly After School Arts Program
- 17 Students Selected for County Honor Band
- ARTS - Select Middle School Students Performed with the High School Band in a Recording Session and Stage Performance (2nd in class 3A) in Orlando, FL
- 3 Students Attended Chattahoochee River Honor Band Clinic
- Jazz Band Earned Superior Rating

ACTIVITIES

- Small School Division Football Champions
- Small School Division Softball Runner-up
- 50+% of Students Participated in an Extracurricular Activity
- Kelly Ogles received “Bright Ideas Grant” from Carroll EMC Foundation

## BOWDON HIGH SCHOOL

- Earned Excellent Ratings at LGPE
- Earned Superior Ratings at Jazz Performance Evaluation
- 14 Students Selected for County Honor Band
- ARTS - Earned Superior Ratings at Sunbelt Jazz Festival
- 6 seniors Completed the Fine Arts Capstone
- 30 Students Presented Artwork at the Kiwanis Art and Talent Showcase
- Received \$1,000 Grant from the West Georgia Community Foundation

ACTIVITIES

- Girls’ Softball Finished 2nd in State
- Boys’ Baseball earned a Final 4 Finish
- Girls’ Tennis earned a Final 4 Finish
- Girls’ Basketball finished in the Elite 8
- Girls’ Track finished in the Top 8 for the State

# MAXIMIZING

## OUR TALENT

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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.



Gracie Folds  
Valedictorian  
Bowdon High School



Sheyah Boyd  
Salutatorian  
Bowdon High School

*Valedictorian and Salutatorian*



Carrie Gay  
Bowdon High School



Kelly Ogles  
Bowdon Middle School



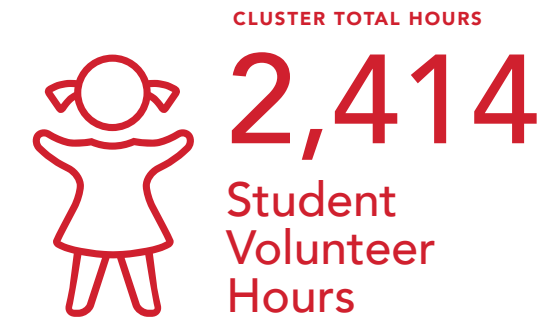
Mandy Cardell  
Bowdon Elementary

*Teachers of the Year*





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

The support from our community and business partners provide students with many premier learning opportunities. During the 2018-19 school year, Bowdon Cluster Schools received \$6,000 from educational grants.



# 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.*

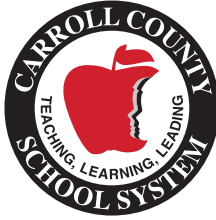
The Bowdon Cluster demonstrates good stewardship in a variety of ways, especially in the areas of safety, facilities, and technology. This year, Bowdon schools continued to enhance safety measures on all three campuses, began renovation projects at BES and BHS, and are now 1:1 with technology devices for 2nd through 8th grade.



## BOWDON 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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