

Annual Report

District Progress

2005

Our focus continues to be on teaching, learning and high academic achievement for all students.



Cherokee County School District

SCHOOL DISTRICT

DEMOGRAPHICS

Growth: 2005 Enrollment - 33, 000
7,500 Students Added in Last 5 Years!
10th Largest System in Georgia
Fastest Growing Georgia Cities with
more than 10,000 People:
Canton and Woodstock

Ethnic Percentage of Enrollment:

Asian: 1.4%
Black: 5.2%
Hispanic: 8.9%
White: 83%
Other: 1.6%

Primary Language Groups: 27

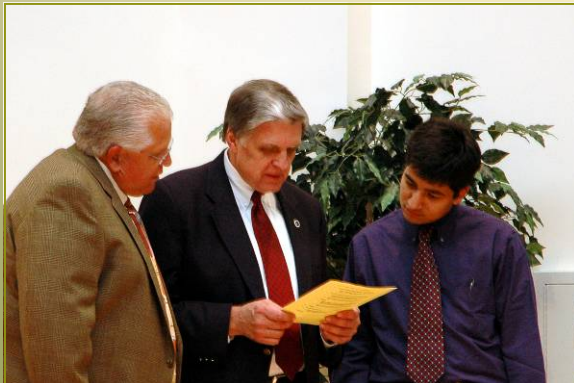
Cherokee County Schools:

20 Elementary Schools
1 Intermediate School
6 Middle Schools
4 High Schools
1 Night School, 1 Alternative School
2 Centers

Percentage of Students in:

Gifted Education: 11.3%
Special Education: 12.2%
Free/Reduced Lunch Program: 18.9%
English Language Learners: 3.5%

Average Attendance Rate for FY05: 95.8%



SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Seated: Janet Flint, Janet Read, Debi Radcliff
Standing: Gary Puckett, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo, Chairman Mike Chapman,
Fred Larsen, Vice-Chairman Stephen Bentley



MAJOR SYSTEM PRIORITIES



Establishing internationally competitive standards for student performance and an accountability system and policy framework designed to insure that all students are challenged individually and collectively to meet more rigorous standards.

Insuring that all students and staff have a safe and secure environment for teaching and learning.



Utilizing technology both to improve student achievement and to increase the school district's productivity and efficiency as a major business enterprise.

In collaboration with technical colleges, other institutions of higher learning and the local business community, insuring that vocational/technical education programs prepare students for a diverse and technologically rich society.



Addressing exploding student population growth, recognizing that there is a large gap between the school district's facilities and technology needs and available capital outlay revenue.

Reviewing the potential for utilizing the school district's existing public education facilities to establish self-supporting community evening/week-end education programs for interested Cherokee County adults.



Attracting, retaining and training the best teachers, principals and support staff.

Increasing parental and community involvement through public engagement policies and practices that treat parents, businesses, community-based organizations and agencies, local institutions of higher learning and other public entities as true partners in the educational process.

- ✦ **Every** school in the Cherokee County District made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) by exceeding all federal and state *No Child Left Behind* standards.
- ✦ The District has 65 Board-approved systemic partnership agreements with county and city governments, various institutions of higher learning and numerous community-based organizations and agencies. Over 200 partnerships exist between individual schools and business partners.
- ✦ Competitive grant funding totaled almost \$1.5 million in 2004-05, a 320% increase since 1999.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS



- ✦ In 2004-2005, the School Board received a coveted “Georgia School Board of Distinction” award from the Georgia School Board Association.

- ✦ **99% of classroom teachers were determined to be “Highly Qualified” under *No Child Left Behind* and no schools were rated “Persistently Dangerous.”**
- ✦ **The District received the Georgia Department of Education Pacesetter Award for “Excellence in the Education of Students with Disabilities.” This recognition was a result of the increase in the percentage of students with disabilities who earned a regular education diploma and who improved their performance on statewide achievement tests.**
- ✦ **Cherokee County School District graduates received over \$6.5 million in scholarships.**



TEACHER FACTS

- ✦ 2,400 Teachers; over 2,000 have already met the State's technology requirement
- ✦ 52 Nationally Board Certified teachers, an increase from two in 2000
- ✦ 80 Bilingual teachers hired during the last five years
- ✦ 637 Gifted certified teachers
- ✦ 128 Certified ESOL teachers
- ✦ 44 Teachers “job-sharing”



BUS SAFETY

- ✦ 71 Drivers were awarded Exemplary Driver recognition.
- ✦ All CCSD bus drivers met the new Federal requirements for licensing.
- ✦ Nine bus technicians are Automotive Service Excellence certified and three are Master technicians.
- ✦ The GEMA/Homeland Security “Bus Safety and Security” video was filmed at the Cherokee County School District bus facility and will be used nationwide for school bus safety training in terroristic threats/incidents.
- ✦ Buses traveled over 4.4 million miles last year.



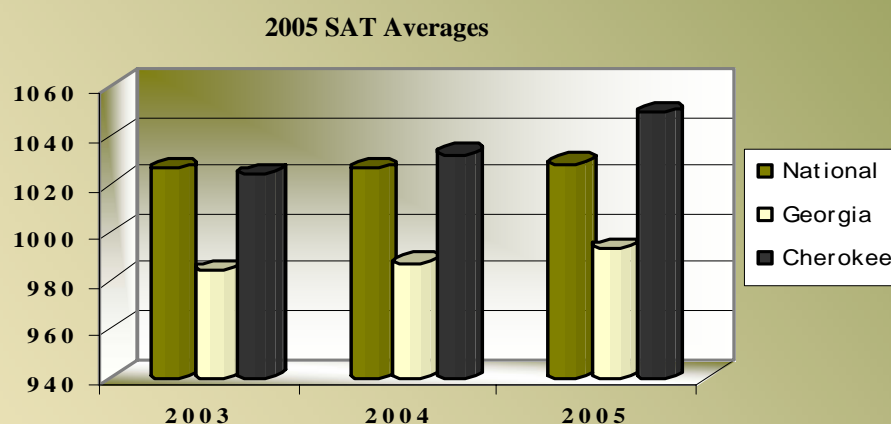
TECHNOLOGY

- ✦ ParentConnect, a program that allows parents to view grades and attendance of students in grades 7-12, now includes grades 5 and 6.
- ✦ Additional technology resources included multimedia projectors, electronic whiteboards, wireless mobile labs, new software targeting objectives in school improvement plans, technology lab classrooms and updated media centers.

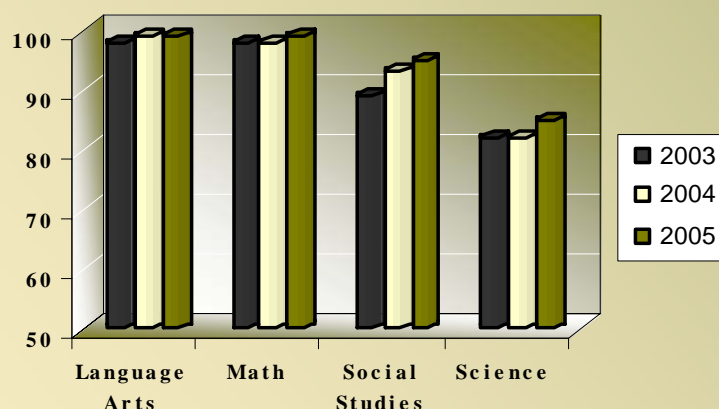
SCHOLASTIC ASSESSMENT TEST

Cherokee County School District 2005 SAT AVERAGE SCORES

- ✦ 1049 SAT Score
- ✦ 21 Points Above the National Average
- ✦ 56 Points Above the State of Georgia Average
- ✦ Increase of 43 Points Over the Past Seven Years
- ✦ 27 Point Increase Over the Past Three years



GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION TESTS



- ✦ Cherokee County improved in the percentage of students passing in three of four GHS GT tests and maintained a 99 percent passing rate in Language Arts.

- ✦ Special Education students significantly improved in three of the four GHS GTs—to 90%, 84% and 72% in Language Arts, Math and Social Studies respectively.

END-OF-COURSE TESTS

High School students exceeded statewide averages on Georgia's high-stakes End-of-Course Tests by:

- 25% in Geometry and 21% in Algebra
- 20% in Economics and 18% in Physical Science
- 13% in Biology and 12% in US History
- 10% in 9th grade Literature and Composition
- 3% in 11th grade Literature and Composition

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS

- ✦ There has been an increase of 143% over the past five years in students taking AP tests for college credit.
- ✦ 70% of Students in Advanced Placement (AP) Courses received College Credit.

GEORGIA CRITERION REFERENCED COMPETENCY TESTS

The GCRCT is a state-developed, curriculum-based assessment to determine how well students are learning the State curriculum.

- ✦ 99% of 2,515 students passed the 2005 GCRCT in 3rd Grade reading.
- ✦ 97% of 2,435 students passed the 2005 GCRCT in 5th Grade reading and 97% passed in math.

<i>Grade 3 Spring 2005 GCRCT Test Score Percentage Comparison</i>										
	Reading		Language Arts		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies	
	DNM	M or EX	DNM	M or EX	DNM	M or EX	DNM	M or EX	DNM	M or EX
State	8	92	13	87	11	90	16	84	9	91
CCSD	3	97	6	94	4	96	6	94	4	96

DNM=Does Not Meet M or EX=Meet or Exceed

<i>Grade 5 Spring 2005 GCRCT Test Score Percentage Comparison</i>										
	Reading		Language Arts		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies	
	DNM	M or EX	DNM	M or EX	DNM	M or EX	DNM	M or EX	DNM	M or EX
State	11	89	12	89	13	87	11	88	10	90
CCSD	6	94	7	93	7	93	5	94	6	94

DNM=Does Not Meet M or EX=Meet or Exceed

<i>Grade 8 Spring 2005 GCRCT Test Score Percentage Comparison</i>										
	Reading		Language Arts		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies	
	DNM	M or EX	DNM	M or EX	DNM	M or EX	DNM	M or EX	DNM	M or EX
State	17	83	20	80	31	68	26	75	15	84
CCSD	10	90	12	88	22	78	15	85	9	91

DNM=Does Not Meet M or EX=Meet or Exceed



IOWA TEST OF BASIC SKILLS

The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) is a nationally norm-referenced test and is designed to assess students' skills in core subjects including reading, language arts, math, social studies, science and information processing.

- ✦ The District Grade 3 composite percentile is 75: 25 points above the national average.
- ✦ The Grade 5 composite percentile is 67: 17 points above the national average.
- ✦ The County Grade 8 composite percentile is 58: 8 points above the national average.

CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS



Over the past 19 years, 83% of Cherokee's school construction projects have been funded with local revenue...

approximately \$450 million.

The State's Comprehensive Facility Survey Team recently concluded that the system's construction is "impressive and obviously well-planned."

Over One Million Square Feet Constructed over the Past Five Years for Major School Projects

- ◆ New Carmel ES
- ◆ New Liberty ES
- ◆ New/Replacement Woodstock ES
- ◆ New Hasty ES
- ◆ New Creekland MS
- ◆ New Freedom MS
- ◆ New Creekview HS
- ◆ Chapman IS Renovations
- ◆ Mt. Road ES Classroom Addition
- ◆ Hickory Flat ES Gymnasium Addition
- ◆ Sequoyah HS Band Room Addition
- ◆ Cherokee HS Renovation and Gym Addition
- ◆ Etowah HS Addition and Renovation

Five-Year Facility Plan: Other Construction Projects

- ◆ Historic Canton HS/School Board Auditorium/Administrative Offices
- ◆ New bus road for E.T. Booth MS
- ◆ New entrance, bus loop and parking area for Chapman IS, Booth MS and Etowah HS
- ◆ Renovation and resurfacing of all high school tracks
- ◆ Renovations to Woodstock HS and Etowah HS football fields
- ◆ Reconfiguration of Johnston ES entrance and driveway
- ◆ Renovations to Cherokee HS and Sequoyah HS tennis courts

NEW SCHOOL PROJECT TIMELINE

♦ High School	Creekview High School	Fall 2006
♦ Elementary School "B"	East Cherokee /Union Hill Road	Fall 2007
♦ Elementary School "C"	New/Replacement Little River ES	Fall 2008
♦ Elementary School "E"	New/Replacement Canton ES	Fall 2008
♦ Elementary School "F"	Knox Bridge Hwy Site	Fall 2008

LAND ACQUISITION

- ♦ Elementary School Site
Hwy 372 site-41.26 Acres
- ♦ Elementary School Site
Hunt Road Property-43.15 Acres
- ♦ Middle/High School Site
Arnold Mill Site-96.8 Acres
- ♦ Elementary School Site
Knox Bridge Hwy Site-23.8 Acres



NEW SCHOOLS COMPLETED IN 2005

Hasty Elementary School and Freedom Middle School



DEVELOPER DONATIONS

The School District has solicited and received or has binding commitments from developers for approximately \$8.5 million in cash, land and other school/school site infrastructure services.

CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS:

- ✦ Provided glasses, socks, mittens and warm clothes for families
- ✦ Collected 3,700 books for libraries at two Psychoeducational Centers
- ✦ Volunteered for the "Student Mentoring Program" to help elementary students by providing academic assistance
- ✦ Collected toys, gifts, stockings and food gift certificates so Cherokee County parents could "shop" for their children
- ✦ Participated in "Math-a-Thon" for St. Jude's Hospital, "Walk-A-Mania" for March of Dimes, "Jump Rope for Hearts" for the American Heart Association and "Relay for Life" for the American Cancer Society
- ✦ Sent 1,000 Christmas cards to a disabled young man whose only wish for Christmas was to receive 10,000 Christmas cards
- ✦ Purchased and delivered microwaves and books for the Women's Shelter of Cherokee County
- ✦ Collected over 144 new and gently used books for the Cherokee County Family Violence Center
- ✦ Donated to the American Red Cross and UNICEF for hurricane victims and to the Ronald McDonald House
- ✦ Collected food items for local organizations and MUST Ministries to feed the community
- ✦ Provided blankets, food and treats to the Cherokee County Humane Society
- ✦ Secured hearing aid batteries for students with hearing aids
- ✦ "Adopted" 13 children from Anna Crawford Children's Center
- ✦ Collected 36 pints of blood through a Health and Safety Fair
- ✦ "Adopted" 13.8 acres of rainforest
- ✦ Visited the Senior Service Center

Collecting Teddy Bears for Local Law Enforcement Agencies



- ✦ Collected over 50 pieces of sports equipment for the Cherokee County Sheriff's Reserve Joy program
- ✦ Purchased and prepared care packages which were sent to troops in Afghanistan and Iraq
- ✦ Planned a Veteran's Honors Day Breakfast
- ✦ Participated in an annual toy drive for the children of Georgia military members deployed overseas

STUDENTS REACHING OUT TO OTHERS . . .



**Making Blankets for Pediatric
Cancer Patients**



**Helping with a Cherokee County
Habitat for Humanity Project**

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION:

- ◆ Arranged for lunchtime motivational concerts for the students
- ◆ Assisted with Cultural Arts Day
- ◆ Provided funds to support the schools' School Improvement Plan (SIP) goals and new program initiatives
- ◆ Hosted a Festival of Arts Day and invited local artists, musicians, story tellers and craftsmen to demonstrate and perform for students

. . . OTHERS HELPING STUDENTS



- ◆ A landscaping company donated the court and materials for an outdoor volleyball and basketball court.
- ◆ A partner provided a bike each quarter for a perfect attendance drawing.
- ◆ A bank provided financial materials for the business classes and a program about savings accounts, checking accounts and facts about banking.
- ◆ Food stores donated food for many functions this year such as Career Day Breakfast, Senior Breakfast and PTA luncheons.
- ◆ Restaurants designated a family night once a month and schools received a percentage of the sales on those nights.
- ◆ A dentist presented a dental health program.
- ◆ A hospital provided pencils for students on testing days.
- ◆ A local college and a Cherokee County Gardeners' Club helped students establish a Nature Club. Students worked at the Funk Heritage Center to identify and mark native species and they also planted vegetables and flowers that will be used as part of an educational outreach program.
- ◆ Partners in Reading provided every student at a school with a new book from the book fair.
- ◆ Volunteers from the community, parents and college students read with students several times a week.
- ◆ A local movie theater hosted a "Movie Day" for students who had no more than one absence a month to qualify. Each month over ½ of the school population qualified for the movie.
- ◆ A local service league provided a grant to purchase books with cassette tapes for ESOL students.
- ◆ A local restaurant donated gift certificates each month to a school's two "Teachers of the Month."
- ◆ 60 volunteers read with selected students to improve reading skills.
- ◆ Grandparents had lunch with their grandchildren.
- ◆ Partners displayed student work throughout the year at partnering businesses.

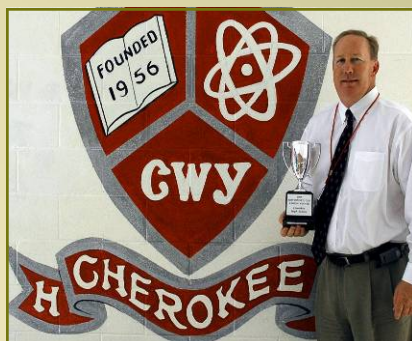


GEORGIA SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE Arnold Mill Elementary School Sequoyah High School

2004-2005 NATIONAL *NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND* BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL AWARD

Sequoyah HS was recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School. The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private K-12 schools that are either academically superior in their states or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement. State Superintendent of Schools Kathy Cox nominated Sequoyah HS as one of four high schools in Georgia to be considered for this national award. Sequoyah HS was also selected by *Newsweek* as one of the 1,000 Best High Schools in America.

GOVERNOR'S CUP AWARD



Cherokee HS won the prestigious Governor's Cup Award. This award was given to one school in each region of the state that averaged the largest gains in SAT scores over the last three years. Cherokee also received a \$1,000 grant from Turner Broadcasting System to assist in continuing to improve SAT scores.

- ✦ CrossRoads MS/HS is now **accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.**
- ✦ Woodstock HS won the **Region 6-AAAAA Literary Competition.**
- ✦ Etowah HS won the **2005 State Pedagogy Award** for having the most improved team score in the American Mathematics Competition.
- ✦ Sequoyah HS's **AFROTC Drill Teams and Color Guards** captured 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies in Regional and State Competition.
- ✦ The Beginning Women's Chorus from Woodstock HS won the Sweepstakes Award at the 2005 Southern Star Music Festival and the Varsity Singers won first place at the Orlando All-Star Music Festival.
- ✦ Ralph Bunche Center was **recognized by The Georgia Association of Young Children** for distinguished and professional services in the "Bright from the Start" Pre-kindergarten program.
- ✦ Hickory Flat ES has been **named a 2005 Writing to Win Exemplary School of Writing.** The Georgia Association of Curriculum and Instructional Supervisors selected the school for the honor. Students wrote journal entries every day in several different subjects and increased writing test results.
- ✦ Mountain Road ES **won the Elementary Academic Bowl Competition** for two consecutive years.
- ✦ Chapman IS's **Science Olympiad Team** placed 1st in the county competition.

ATHLETICS

Girls Basketball Team State Champions 6-AAAA—Etowah HS

Boys Golf Team State Champions 6-AAAA—Etowah HS

Football State AAAAA Quarterfinals—Cherokee HS and Sequoyah HS

Girls Volleyball, 2nd Place State—Sequoyah HS



ACADEMIC BOWL WINNERS
Mountain Road Elementary School
Woodstock Middle School
Woodstock High School

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



“Celebrating Tippens” was held in May 2005. Over 300 people came back to reminisce and mingle. Lee Roy Tippens was able to make a personal appearance. Old class photos dating as far back as the 40’s were available for viewing.

“CES Celebrates” commemorated the 31 years that Canton ES was at the Marietta Highway site. Several hundred former students, teachers, parents and administrators came to say goodbye and view displays of trophies, pictures throughout the years and students’ written reflections of memories in the building.

- ✦ Dr. Frank Petruzielo was named “Superintendent of the Year” by the Georgia PTA and subsequently became the first Superintendent in the State’s history to serve on the Georgia PTA Board of Directors. The Appalachian Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals selected Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo as Executive of the Year.
- ✦ Marlene Holaway, former Woodstock Middle/High School Lunchroom Manager, received the Ann C. Smith Hall of Fame Award, given to a retired School Food Service manager who has made achievements regarding the improvement and maintenance of quality food, presentation, customer satisfaction, program management, training and public relations. She was one of only three people who received the award in Georgia.
- ✦ Brad Benton was named School Bus Technician of the Year for the State of Georgia.
- ✦ Leslie Cushman, former Cherokee County PTA Chairman, has been elected President-Elect of the Georgia PTA.
- ✦ Mark Kissel, Chief of School Police, was elected President of the Georgia Association of School Chiefs of Police.

INDIVIDUAL HIGHLIGHTS



2005 Valedictorians and Salutations

Cherokee High School:

Anshul Mittal and Nicole Miller

Etowah High School:

Ashley Miller and Patrick McCullough

Sequoyah High School:

Jacey Planteen and Lujayn Kaiali

Woodstock High School:

Adrienne Amador and Grace Lam

- ✦ Amy Baldwin and Jonathan Canales, Cherokee HS, won **1st in state in Dramatic Duo**. Amy also qualified for Nationals in Original Oratory.
- ✦ Evan Meisser, Sequoyah HS, won **1st place Region and State in Boy’s Solo**.
- ✦ Daniel Rucker, Cherokee HS, was the **112 lb. Weight Class State Wrestling Champion**. He also broke a national record with 499 takedowns.
- ✦ Carrington Banks, Sequoyah HS, was the **125 lb. Weight Class State Wrestling Champion**.
- ✦ Emily Sanders, Sequoyah HS, was the **Girls Region 6AAAAA Shot Put State Champion**.



- ♦ Wendy Goppelt, Woodstock ES teacher, was selected as the **2004-2005 Teacher of the Year**.
- ♦ Debbie Kohler, math teacher at Sequoyah HS, was named to the **USA Today 2004 All-USA Teacher Team**.
- ♦ Dr. Helen Stone, Cherokee HS, received the “**National Art Honor Sponsor of the Year**” award from the National Art Education Association. Dr. Stone also has had artwork accepted in five juried exhibits, two invitational exhibits and the “Century of Art - Four Generations” featured at Reinhardt College.
- ♦ Kit Miller, Sequoyah HS, was one of 17 science teachers nationwide who was selected to participate in a **summer leadership institute on human and plant genomics**.
- ♦ Hickory Flat ES Principal Kelly J. Brooks was awarded the **Cristal Stancil Leadership Award** by the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce.
- ♦ Andy Hall, an English teacher at Cherokee HS, was presented the **Kennesaw Mountain Writing Project Teacher of Promise Award**. This award is given to a new teacher who shows exceptional ability and commitment.
- ♦ Jane Mote, Dean Rusk MS social studies teacher, received Reinhardt College’s first **Collaborative Teacher of Excellence Award**.

- ♦ Jacey Planteen, Sequoyah HS, was the **Cherokee County Star Student** and, as a fourth year Latin student, received a perfect score on the National Latin Exam.
- ♦ Kayley Earley, Creekland MS, received a **scholarship from Georgia Tech to the Sally Ride Space Camp**.
- ♦ Samantha Shirley, Cherokee HS student, was named **Regional winner of the Craig Harding Court Artist Contest**, one of only 14 regional winners in the state.
- ♦ Matthew Mitchell, Sixes kindergarten student, was selected as a **State First Place winner in the literature category in the Reflections contest** sponsored by the PTA.
- ♦ Amanda Jernigan, Caitlyn Thomson, Nicole Nielly and Kara Quinlan were chosen by the Georgia Music Educators Association to participate in the **Statewide Elementary Honor Chorus**.
- ♦ Rick Conrad, Cherokee HS, won **1st place in Visual Basic Programming for the State** in a competition sponsored by the Future Business Leaders of America.
- ♦ Diana Kerckhof and Jacey Planteen, Sequoyah HS, won **1st place in Cell Biology at the State Science Olympiad Tournament**.
- ♦ Alex DeBord, Cherokee HS student, won **1st place in Automotive Suspension Skills USA/VICA State Competition**.

- ♦ In Botany, Dean Rusk MS student Ashley Kate Martin placed **1st in the Georgia Science and Engineering Fair** and received a Discovery Channel Young Science Challenge Award.
- ♦ Mountain Road ES students and art teacher Anne Berman were recognized in the **top 5% nationally for the Original Works Art Award**.
- ♦ Etowah HS students Jacob Wooten, James Hicks and Kelsey Kelterborn qualified for the American Mathematics Exam by scoring in the **top 5% of all the students in the United States who participated in the American Mathematics Competition**.
- ♦ Heather Leifield, Creekland MS, won the **County Spelling Bee**.
- ♦ **State Coaches of the Year** were Etowah HS Steve Garvey for Golf and Bob Westbrook for Basketball. Assistant State Coach for Basketball was Rob Graner.
- ♦ Pam McClure, Etowah HS, was the **State High School Family and Consumer Science Teacher of the Year**.
- ♦ Karen Lawrence, Dean Rusk math teacher, was a **presenter at the Texas Instruments International Conference** in Washington, D.C.
- ♦ John Barton, Polaris teacher, was selected for a **Golden Apple for Educators award**.
- ♦ Chapman IS teacher Lee Smith was a **presenter at the National Science Teachers Association’s Convention**.

SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Arnold Mill ES

- ✦ Arnold Mill students participated in the Atlanta Airport Exhibit for Arts and the Japanese Art Exchange.
- ✦ The PTA won first place in the Arts in Education and Parent Involvement categories.
- ✦ 93% of all students met or exceeded the reading and language arts goals on the CRCT.

Ball Ground ES

- ✦ Ball Ground students finished second in the county in combined test scores on the CRCT.
- ✦ Whole Faculty Study groups worked across grade levels to strengthen areas of student weakness as determined by data analysis of test scores.
- ✦ 100% of 2nd grade students met or exceeded the standards in reading, language arts and math on the CRCT.

Bascomb ES

- ✦ Bascomb had 26 Presidential Physical Fitness Award winners and 165 National Physical Fitness Award winners.



- ✦ The ITBS composite score for 3rd grade was 90% and 99% of students passed the CRCT reading assessment.
- ✦ 91% of Bascomb teachers are InTech certified and 36 have Gifted Endorsement.

E.T. Booth MS

- ✦ 20 students from E.T. Booth qualified for state recognition in the Duke University Talent Identification Program.
- ✦ Booth had three first place winners in the Cherokee County School District Science Fair.



- ✦ An eighth grade student had one of the 100 highest scores on a Geography Bee test given by the National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C.

Boston ES

- ✦ A second grade class filmed an episode to be used in a State Department documentary that teaches children the importance of eating fruits and vegetables.
- ✦ First grade started the "Great First Grade Read In," a reading program that promoted reading outside of school.
- ✦ Of Boston's 65 certified teachers, 64 have met the state technology competency requirement.



Buffington ES

- ✦ All teachers have been trained in Learning Focus Schools methodology.
- ✦ 75% of 1st grade students exceeded the standard on reading on the CRCT.
- ✦ 96% of Buffington teachers have met their technology competency.

Canton ES

- ✦ Canton provided adult English classes twice a week for non-English speaking parents and community members.
- ✦ A \$2,000 grant was received from the Joe Johnston Foundation to purchase books written in Spanish for the library collection and a \$1,000 grant from the Cherokee County Service League to purchase books with cassette tapes for ESOL students.
- ✦ 100% of the students participated in the State assessments.



SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Carmel ES

- ✦ A Museum Day program was started for Kindergarten. Students toured a Transportation Museum, a Museum of Modern Art and a Museum of National History.



- ✦ 98% of 6th graders met or exceeded the standard in reading on the CRCT.
- ✦ Carmel had 63 students enter artwork in the Cherokee County Arts Council 2005 Elementary Youth Art Exhibition.

Chapman IS

- ✦ The Science Olympiad Red Team placed 1st in the County competition and participated in the State contest by producing an invention to improve lives by using creative problem-solving skills.
- ✦ 92% of all students met or exceeded the standard on the CRCT in reading and language arts.



- ✦ The Chapman Academic Bowl Team placed second in the county.

Cherokee HS

- ✦ Cherokee had 46 students to qualify as Microsoft Office Specialists, which is a certification of computer proficiency.



- ✦ The Friends Club helped integrate students with disabilities into mainstream high school activities. Together they attended athletic events, built a 1st place homecoming float, entertained family and friends with their production of "Autumn Gathering" and conducted Fabulous Friends Club meetings.
- ✦ The Cherokee football team made their third consecutive trip to the State Playoffs in football.

Clayton ES

- ✦ 100% of 3rd grade students met or exceeded the standard on reading on the CRCT.
- ✦ Clayton met all objectives in their School Improvement Plan and all subgroups met State Annual Yearly Progress goals.
- ✦ The absentee rate improved to 9%, down from 17% in a previous year.

Creeklane MS

- ✦ 100% of students in Algebra I, Physical Science and Geometry passed the End of Course Test for those courses.



- ✦ Two eighth graders represented Creeklane at the Women in Engineering Luncheon at Georgia Tech in February 2005.
- ✦ An eighth grade student placed 1st for an essay titled "Blade of Grass" in the County's Young Authors Fair.

CrossRoads HS

- ✦ 100% of students who took the End of Course Test in Biology passed.
- ✦ Crossroads Environmental Club participated in the Great American Cleanup by improving the campus landscape and area.



- ✦ Gail Johnson's journalism class made posters for the Anna Crawford Children's Center's "Prevent Child Abuse Month" Campaign. The posters were used in the annual Pinwheels for Prevention display in downtown Canton, Ball Ground and Woodstock.

SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Etowah HS

- ✦ The 2004 Windfall Year-book received a first place ranking from the American Scholastic Press Association and a Silver Medal Certificate from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.



- ✦ Over 90% of students met the standard on 5 out of 8 End of Course Tests.
- ✦ EHS and Jan McCranie won the Partnership of the Year recognition through the Chamber of Commerce.

Free Home ES

- ✦ 100% of the 3rd grade students met or exceeded the CRCT standards on reading, science and social studies.
- ✦ The County Bus Safety Poster Contest was won by a Free Home student.
- ✦ Faculty members met every quarter in Curriculum Benchmarking Study Groups to collaborate on various areas of school improvement.



Hickory Flat ES

- ✦ 88% of students with disabilities met or exceeded the standard in reading and language arts on the CRCT.
- ✦ PTA placed in the top three in all categories at the county level and was first in Educational Enrichment.
- ✦ A Hickory Flat student advanced to the State competition in the Young Author's Fair.

Holly Springs ES

- ✦ Holly Springs was awarded a Comprehensive School Reform Grant for \$160,700 which was used to purchase materials, provide staff development and fund a part-time teacher to help raise student achievement.
- ✦ 99% of Holly Springs students in the 1st grade met or exceeded the standard in reading on the CRCT.



- ✦ Lisa Naliwajka was chosen by People to People ambassadors to participate in reviewing science curriculum.

Johnston ES

- ✦ 92% of students met or exceeded the standards in reading and language arts on the CRCT.
- ✦ A fourth grade Johnston student was a winner in the Elementary Science Invention Convention for "Fetch It and Find It."

- ✦ Johnston PTA organized "Banking Day" with the school's bank partner.

Liberty ES

- ✦ The "Pied Piper" and "Midsummer Night's Dream" were two dramas produced by students. Liberty also hosted author and storyteller Natalie Jones and author and illustrator Laura Seeley.



- ✦ 50% of Liberty teachers are gifted endorsed and 90% of faculty are InTech trained.
- ✦ 50% of Liberty's sixth grade students scored in the top category of writing.

Little River ES

- ✦ Funds were collected to purchase Crayola Starburst Pillows for all patients at a hospital in honor of a Little River 6th grade student.
- ✦ Little River received grants from four partners in education.
- ✦ 86% of students were On Target on the 6th grade Writing Assessment.



SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Macedonia ES

- ✦ 100 % of the certified staff members participated in Bullying Prevention training and 100% were trained in the Learning Focused Schools teaching methodology.
- ✦ 99% of students in the 1st grade met or exceeded the standard in math on the CRCT.
- ✦ A Macedonia teacher served on the State of Georgia's Performance Standards creation committee.

Mountainbrook Academy

- ✦ Mountainbrook students participated in horticulture classes. Plants they cultivated were sold to the community and used to landscape the campus.
- ✦ Students participated in the Project Adventure course which contributes to developing confidence, cooperation, trust and self esteem skills.
- ✦ Students attended the Festival of Trees and Marietta/Cobb Art Museum. They also attended a variety of cultural events which included "Charlotte's Web" and "Rumplestilskin" at the Center for Puppetry Arts.

Mountain Road ES

- ✦ Mt. Road had the highest percentage in the county of students exceeding the standard on the CRCT.



- ✦ 4th graders ranked 53rd in the National Mathematics Education contest.
- ✦ All certified Mt. Road staff now hold their certification endorsement in Technology and 20 staff members have completed advanced teaching degrees.

Oak Grove ES

- ✦ The Oak Grove outdoor classroom with garden plots, a pond, butterfly garden and amphitheater continues to be used to explore curriculum areas incorporating activities using the naturalist intelligence.



- ✦ 95% of 4th grade students met or exceeded the standard on reading on the CRCT and 98% of 3rd graders met or exceeded expectations.
- ✦ Oak Grove ES was recognized by the 3rd Medical Command for participation in a Toy Drive for families of military personnel.

Polaris

- ✦ 94% of 9th grade students passed the End of Course Test in Literature and Composition.
- ✦ 125 students graduated from Polaris during the 2004-2005 school year. Plans are in development to open a second campus at CHS beginning 2nd quarter of this year.
- ✦ Several online courses were offered each quarter by Polaris.

Ralph Bunche Center

- ✦ Ralph Bunche piloted the "Second Step Violence Prevention Program."
- ✦ The center was instrumental in assisting the Ninth District Opportunity acquire grant funds to implement the violence prevention program in all the Head Start programs in the North Georgia area.
- ✦ The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) recognized Ralph Bunche for maintaining the associations top rating as a program of High Quality.

R. M. Moore ES

- ✦ As part of the Title I program the hours of the Media Center were extended until 6:00 p.m.
- ✦ 91.6% of all students met or exceeded the standard on the CRCT in Reading/Language Arts.
- ✦ R.M. Moore had 100% of the 3rd grade students pass the Reading Portion of the CRCT.



SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Rusk MS

- ✦ Rusk was chosen as the site of the Learning Focused Schools Administrative "Monitoring for Achievement" Workshop. Over 300 System administrators visited Rusk to observe exemplary instructional strategies used in the classroom.



- ✦ 71% of 7th graders exceeded the standard in reading on the CRCT.
- ✦ Dean Rusk PTA was awarded 1st place in the State Communications Category.

Sequoyah HS

- ✦ Seniors scored 1060 on the SAT, 32 points above the national average.
- ✦ Sequoyah choruses earned straight Superior Ratings in the State Choral Evaluation Festival and the band marched in the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade.
- ✦ Sequoyah won their fifth consecutive Region Literacy Championship and placed fourth in State competition.

Sixes ES

- ✦ Sixes was awarded a Thoresen Foundation Grant for \$5,000 for use in the Social Studies and Science Curriculum.
- ✦ The "Everybody Counts" program, which teaches students about various disabilities by letting them experience them, required nearly 300 volunteer hours.

- ✦ Sixes students purchased a book during the month of their birthday, donating over \$1200 to the media center.

Teasley MS

- ✦ 100% of students in high school Algebra I and Physical Science courses passed the End of Course Test.
- ✦ Teasley had two students to place 2nd and 3rd in the State Science Fair.



- ✦ Four students qualified for state recognition in the Duke University Talent Identification Program.

Tippens ES

- ✦ 3rd grade Economics Project taught students how economics works in getting a job, working the job, earning wages and spending money on needs and wants.
- ✦ Attendance improved with only 4.1% of students absent more than 15 days.
- ✦ Tippens celebrated reading with the READ, White and Blue Book Fair.



Woodstock ES

- ✦ 99% of 3rd grade students met or exceeded the standard on reading on the CRCT.

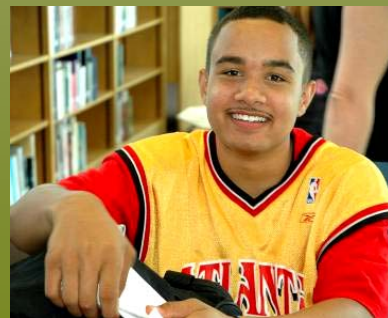
- ✦ Administrators and teachers at Woodstock Elementary effectively used the data from test results and a math software program to drive decisions about student instruction and achievement.
- ✦ A Music in Education Keyboard Lab is part of the music program at Woodstock. The chorus performed a selection of holiday songs on tour.

Woodstock MS

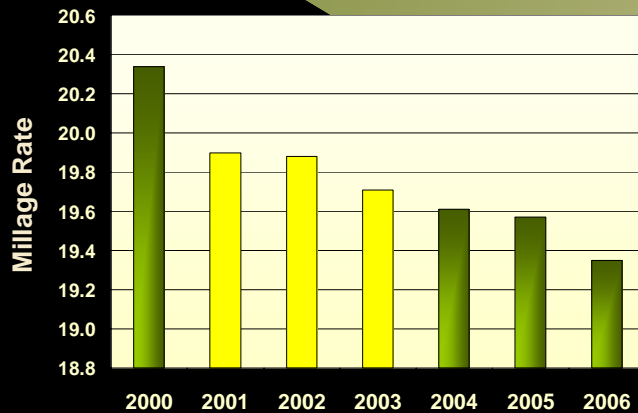
- ✦ The 7th grade girls basketball team and the 8th grade boys basketball team were the Cherokee county champions.
- ✦ 100% of students in high school Algebra I, Geometry and Physical Science passed the End of Course Test.
- ✦ John Wyatt won the Kiwanis Apple Teacher Award and Gloria Wyatt won the Golden Apple Teacher Award.

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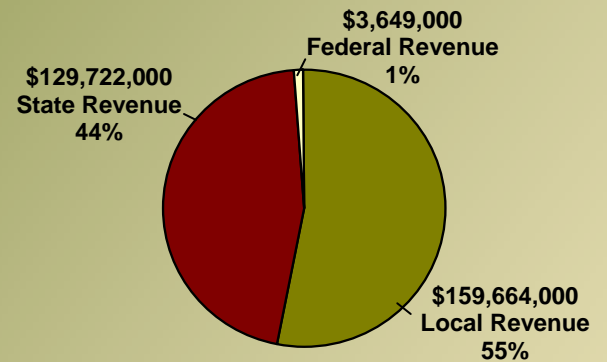
- ✦ Statistics, Environmental Science and Art History were three new advanced placement courses added for the 2004-2005 school year.
- ✦ 98% of students in the 11th grade passed the State writing test on the first administration.
- ✦ SAT scores rose 31 points in 2005. Woodstock also improved in three of four areas on the Georgia High School Graduation Test.



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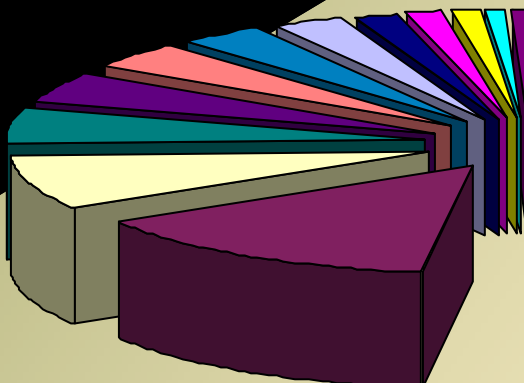


FY 2005 BUDGETED REVENUE ALL FUNDS



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

FY 2005 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES ALL FUNDS



- Instruction
- Building Const.
- Debt Service
- School Admin
- Maint & Ops.
- Transportation
- School Food Serv.
- Inst. Improvement
- Pupil Services
- Media Services
- Central Supp. Serv.
- General Admin
- Business Services
- Other Support Serv.

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