

Connect



...with each other ...with our schools ...and with our vision!

Making Student Connections: Engaging Students in Their Learning

Students are at the heart of everything we do in Gwinnett County Public Schools. Not surprisingly, the district's four major initiatives connect with students and student learning.

- **Gwinnett Teacher Effectiveness System (GTES):** Great teachers inspire great learning. So the work we are doing to improve instruction will have a direct impact on students and on improved student achievement.
- **AKS:** GCPS' AKS curriculum, which is aligned with the Common Core Georgia Performance Standards, provides a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn and be able to do. The AKS reflect the knowledge and skills that our young people need for success in college and careers.
- **eCLASS:** With eCLASS we are transforming how students learn... engaging students and providing digital tools and resources to help them reach their full learning potential.
- **Leadership Development:** Good leaders connect with students and teachers on a daily basis. They are passionate about their schools, public education, and the positive effect schools can have on students' lives.

All four of these district initiatives are fundamental components of the one “main thing” — our core business of teaching and learning. They are connected! What's more, they are directly linked to the strategic direction outlined in Gwinnett County Public Schools' Strategic Priorities for 2010–2020.

Conversation Starters for Parents...

- **How is your student using technology to connect with his/her learning?**
- **How do you connect with your student's school?**
- **How can we strengthen the connection between home and school?**



Gwinnett County Public Schools' Strategic Priority for Students

As engaged learners, our students will reach their full learning potential. They will be critical thinkers, creative problem-solvers, and effective communicators. What they experience as Gwinnett students will encourage their growth as curious, analytical, imaginative, and adaptable learners. They will take responsibility for their own learning, achievement, and behavior, making the most of opportunities in Gwinnett schools. Students will demonstrate high levels of character, taking pride in their school, community, and country. They will understand that America's greatness is built upon three things. . . our form of government — a representative democracy; how we do business — our free-enterprise system; and how we educate our people — our system of public education. They will develop leadership and teamwork skills, preparing to be successful American citizens who function effectively in a global economy. Students will graduate with the knowledge, skills, and expertise to succeed in college, work, and life in the 21st century.