



2018 Legislative Priorities

Forsyth County Schools 



State and Local Partnership

FCS believes local school boards should maintain the constitutional authority and management of issues related to local revenue sources, legislation, and flexibility.

FCS requests that capital outlay be increased to account for growth in student enrollment and inflation. We believe high growth counties should be granted greater flexibility. FCS also requests that the state tax base does not become further eroded with exemptions.

Supporting Student Growth

FCS supports the continued growth and funding of birth through age 5 early learning development programs across the state.

FCS supports statewide initiatives to promote the dangers of tobacco, alcohol, and drugs on our youth, and also to educate and assist students and families in the area of mental health and suicide awareness.



Funding Levels

FCS supports fully funding K-12 education under the existing QBE formula or a revised funding formula under development through the Governor's Education Reform Commission. We believe any new formula should add an adjustment for inflation to account for rising costs, appropriately identify and adequately fund economically disadvantaged students, and continues to fund student transportation as a separate grant program.



Personnel and Benefits

FCS supports the creation of a statewide initiative to identify and recruit talented candidates into teacher and education leadership preparation programs.

FCS requests that the state continues to work in partnership with the district to improve staff pay and health benefits



Fiscal Impacts

FCS believes that effective and efficient stewardship of local, state, and federal funds requires appropriate short and long-term planning and budgeting. It is imperative that fiscal impact statements are required on educational legislation involving new mandates or programs for districts, and that any educational legislation allows for an adequate delay in implementation, thereby providing districts with essential time to adjust budgets, implement programs, and reduce costs.



2017-18 Highlights

Forsyth County Schools 



Among Metro-Atlanta and Large Districts

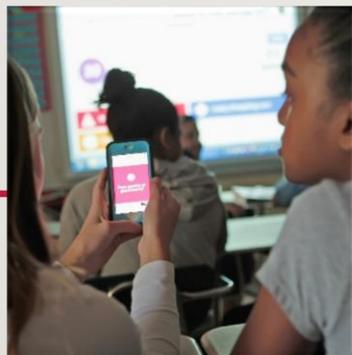
- Highest CCRPI
- Highest County Graduation Rate (94.4%)
- Highest SAT Score
- Highest Financial Efficiency Rating (5/5 Stars)

Our Schools

47,803 Students and 5,000+ Staff Members

7th Largest District of 180 in Georgia

37 Schools: 21 Elementary, 10 Middle, 5 High and 1 Middle/High Virtual



Financial Facts

\$408 Million M&O Budget

73% of Expenses Tied to Instruction

In Metro-Atlanta and Large Districts: Lowest Operational Millage Rate (Maintained for 4 Years) and Lowest Per Pupil Cost



In Georgia

Highest ACT Score

Highest Credit Rating from Moody's (1 of 77 in U.S.)

3 of 6 National Blue Ribbon Schools



Coming in 2018

- May Bond Referendum for 2019-22 Capital Needs
- Opening Denmark HS and Alliance Academy for Innovation
- Dual Language Immersion at 3 Elementary Schools