



Superintendent Vacancy Clarke County School District Athens, Georgia

The Clarke County School District (CCSD) is a public school district based in Athens, GA serving the communities of Athens, Winterville, and part of Bogart. Its central office is located in Athens, GA, 75 miles northeast of Atlanta. Athens is known for its strong and vibrant culture as well as its accessibility to the Atlanta area (see www.visitathensga.com and www.georgia.gov). The University of Georgia and the CCSD have a strong partnership due to the University's main campus in Athens, located 75 miles east-northeast of Atlanta. There are fourteen elementary schools, four middle schools, and three high schools (one non-traditional) serving over 13,000 students, allowing CCSD to offer students both diversity and a culture of academic excellence. Salary range and benefits are competitive to area. Screening is ongoing and immediate. The School Board hopes to name the new superintendent by April 1st, with a start date of June/July 2017. Ability to be licensed as a superintendent in Georgia is required.

Clarke County is looking for a dynamic and committed superintendent who can assume the leadership of a high achieving school district and provide an educational vision and mission of continuous and sustained improvement for all students.

Recent CCSD Awards include:

- 2015 Georgia State and National Superintendent of the Year
- 2015 Middle Level National Distinguished Principal
- 2014 Lt. Gov.'s #1 Career Academy in Georgia
- 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 Best Communities in Music Education

For additional information and/or to apply online, go to www.hyasearch.com



The Clarke County School District is committed to ensuring that all students have opportunities to experience innovative and engaging learning environments. CCSD students receive support to meet their personal goals through choices in a post-secondary program aligned to their interests and talents. The district's goal is for all students to graduate as lifelong learners with the knowledge, skills and character to succeed in our Athens-Clarke County community and the global society.

Recent Accolades

- 2015 National Superintendent of the Year
- 2015 Georgia Superintendent of the Year
- 2015 Middle Level National Distinguished Principal
- Over \$7 million in scholarships (not including the HOPE Scholarship) offered to 2015 graduates
- 2015 NAPDS (National Association of Professional Development Schools) Award for Exemplary Professional Development Schools Achievement
- 2015 Golden Radish Outstanding District Award for School Nutrition program excellence
- 2014 School Library Journal and Scholastic Finalist for School Librarian of the Year
- 2014 Lt. Gov.'s #1 Career Academy in Georgia
- 2013 Georgia Principal of the Year
- 2013, 2014 and 2015 Best Communities in Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants
- 2010 Title I Distinguished District
- Both Cedar Shoals and Clarke Central High Schools are annually named Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Schools by the Georgia Department of Education

Programs

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME (IB MYP)

The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IB MYP) is designed for students in grades 6-10, and provides a framework for teaching and learning that encourages students to become creative, critical and reflective thinkers. The IB MYP develops conceptual understanding in eight subject groups, while encouraging students to make practical connections between what they are learning and the real world.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP

Professional Development Schools (PDS) are designed to improve education at all levels, including Pre-K through 12th grade students, as well as college students taking courses on site, observing and student teaching. In addition, current Clarke County School District teachers and University of Georgia faculty participate in continuous learning. Because of this, student learning is strengthened through improved teacher preparation and professional development.

EXPERIENCE UGA

Experience UGA is a partnership between the Clarke County School District and the University of Georgia, which aims to bring every Clarke County student (Pre-K through 12) to UGA's campus every year. Through a variety of educational field trips, CCSD students participate in hands-on, curricular-based learning activities.

ATHENS COMMUNITY CAREER ACADEMY

The Athens Community Career Academy is a partnership between the Clarke County School District and Athens Technical College. Eligible high school students can take courses as dually-enrolled college students in a variety of career fields, as well as general academic courses such as Algebra, English and more. Courses are taught by Athens Tech faculty members, and major-specific courses are transferrable to any institution in the Technical College System of Georgia, while general academic courses are transferrable to member institutions of the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia. Students do not pay the cost of tuition, books and fees - it's all covered!

THE ARTS

A strong arts component is central to the school district. Students express themselves in many ways through a variety of programs. From visual art to choirs to drama and more, students and groups regularly earn top honors. Whether students enjoy dancing, painting, singing or more, there is a place for them to have a creative outlet. Students are able to begin playing an instrument in elementary school, as the district offers elementary band (grades 4-5) and the University of Georgia Strings Project (grades 2-5). From the earliest years and beyond, no matter a student's creative interest, there is a place for them in the district to thrive.

DIGITAL LEARNING

Accessing information digitally provides a platform for students to work in real time, using multiple media formats. Plus, this allows for a much higher level of collaboration between teachers and students, as well as among students themselves as they work together on projects. From Skype sessions with authors to using Google Apps for Education to 3-D printing, expertise in technology is a crucial tool in ensuring students succeed in today's 21st century world. Plus, all students in grades 3-10 are provided with a device.

WELLNESS

Healthy students are much better able to learn, and so there are a variety of initiatives that support wellness in the school district. The School Nutrition Department places an emphasis on local, organic and whole grain meals. Through a federal program, all students are provided with free breakfast and lunch. In addition, there are school gardens at every school and the district also helps support a Young Urban Farmers program. Most schools have been recognized as Athens-Clarke County Green Schools due to excellence in environmental education.



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