



The Promise of GWINNETT

Innovation: Dreaming Bigger to Expand the Promise of Gwinnett

During the month of March, Gwinnett County Public Schools is focusing on the role that innovation plays in helping students to fulfill their Promise. We know that big dreams can sputter out if students don't have the knowledge and skills to make good on their dreams. Every student deserves a conducive learning environment and a range of diverse opportunities to expand their learning. Just as impor-

tantly, kids need encouragement to take intellectual risks and spread their wings in pursuit of their dreams. In Gwinnett, we're committed to transforming the learning experience for our students. From hands-on opportunities and out-of-the-box thinking to a robust digital toolbox and innovative classroom instruction, we're priming students for success... now and in whatever future they can imagine!



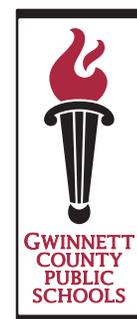
Strategic Priorities... A part of "The Promise"

The Strategic Priorities for 2010–2020 reflect Gwinnett County Public Schools' ongoing commitment to excellence, instructionally and operationally. They outline the qualities and characteristics stakeholders believe are desirable for 10 major components of the school district. We see an innovation focus throughout these components, certainly in the Components for both **Students and Employees**, but also those for **Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment; Information Management and Technology; and Facilities and Operations**. We believe that pursuing the attributes outlined below will help our students to fulfill their promise and will move us closer to realizing our vision of being a system of world-class schools.

On Curriculum and Instruction: Innovative and challenging learning activities will be student-centered and designed for collaboration and flexibility. Proven, research-based Quality-Plus Teaching Strategies and appropriate technology will be used to engage students and to tailor instruction for different learners and learning styles. ... Gwinnett's curriculum will emphasize development of media, technology and information-processing skills. ... Continuous improvements in curriculum, instruction, and assessment will help students develop the skills required for success in a changing, competitive, global environment.

On Technology: Technology will permeate the education of Gwinnett's learners. Digital tools will expand the walls of the classroom, fostering collaboration and nurturing creativity and innovation in students and teachers. Appropriate technological tools and resources that are part of students' everyday, media-rich lives will be incorporated into the school day, making learning real and relevant to a student population that has never known a world without sophisticated technology. The district will provide a robust online environment to meet the evolving needs of students and staff and will promote safe, responsible use of technology. ... Innovative technology will facilitate teaching and learning, enhance communication, strengthen the link between school and home, and ensure operational and analytical excellence in the day-to-day operations of the school system.

On Facilities and Operations: The school system will look beyond today's classroom to provide learning environments for tomorrow's students, including alternative, non-traditional, and specialized academic programs. Schools will be designed, organized, and managed to allow the flexibility needed to serve students best. Our facilities will have the infrastructure and technological resources to advance teaching and learning.



Explore The Promise of Gwinnett and meet highlighted staff and students at promise.gwinnett.k12.ga.us.
Learn more about the Strategic Priorities and GCPS' strategic direction by visiting the district's website.

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