## **Greenville County Schools**



Building College- and Career-Ready Graduates Inspired | Supported | Prepared

# **Overview** | AdvancED Visit | October 14–17, 2018

## Where have we been?

**Balanced Literacy** - focus on reading, writing, and word study

Graduation Plus - college and career ready

**OnTrack** including GCSource & Intervention Connection System

**Personalized Learning -** devices, training, instruction, 24/7 learning

**Professional Development -** targeted and expanded offerings to specific groups

**Safety -** strengthened crisis and security plans and protocols

**Counseling -** reduced the counselor:student ratio and added mental health specialists

**FANS and facilities -** created an environment conducive to learning

**Stewardship -** issued QZA and GO bonds with net interest of 1% or less

**Savings -** saved \$68.7 million through refunding BEST bonds

Teacher pay - competitive in SC and the Southeast

**Energy Efficiency -** delivered energy conservation, significant savings, and positive environment impact



## Where are we now?

**Graduation Rate** - all-time high of 87.3% and 15 point increase since 2012

#### Subgroup Achievement Increases -

- During the same period, African-American subgroup has risen 20 points,
- The subsidized student group is up 19 points, and
- The Hispanic subgroup has improved 21 points to 88%
- Greenville County Schools' students outperformed their peers in the State at all grade levels and in all subjects of SCPASS and SCReady.
- GCS students outperformed the State and the nation on the college-readiness SAT (1089)
- 86.1% of our district's juniors earned a National Career Readiness Certificate based on earning bronze or higher on WorkKeys.

#### **Graduation Plus**

- 2015-16 we awarded 300 industry certifications; in 2016-17 that number increased to 601 and last year was over 1600.
- Dual credits awarded increased from 1497 in 2014-15 to 3,543 in 2016-17

#### Partnerships

- Greenville Chamber and LaunchGVL
- United Way, Riley Institute, Communities in Schools and OnTrack
- Michelin and the Michelin Reading Challenge and Youth Apprenticeships
- Greenville Health Systems and MedEX
- The Drive -
- Teach864 nights and career focused evenings - Greenville Federal Credit Union -
- The Branch at Greenville High

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## Where are we going?

**PURPOSE** - Inspire, support, and prepare students for their next steps in life, work, and education.

**VISION** - Students inspired, supported, and prepared for their next opportunities in life, education, and employment.

## **Five Goals**

**Student Success** Deliver high-quality curriculum, instruction, and interventions that meet the needs of each student



#### **Premier Workforce**

Recruit, retain, and develop exemplary personnel in all positions



## **Caring Culture and Environment**

Provide a safe and healthy environment that promotes learning and respectful relationships



#### **Resource Stewardship**

Ensure efficient use of resources through effective management and development



#### Community Engagement and Communications

Generate support and system effectiveness through partnerships, communications, and recognitions **MISSION** - We build college- and career-ready graduates by connecting students to engaging classes and meaningful experiences that cultivate world-class knowledge and skills, while developing character, leadership, and citizenship.

## **Priority Areas**

#### Improve Reading Performance

Enhance focus on early literacy and K-8 reading.

#### Improve Classroom Environment

Provide more hands-on learning, reduce class size, and decrease teacher burden.

#### **Increase Choice Options**

Offer more educational options, approaches and pathways for students and families.

#### **Provide Excellent Teachers and Principals**

Recruit, develop, and retain high quality teachers and school leaders.

#### **Expand Whole Child Supports**

Promote student well-being in the learning process by increasing mental health supports and teaching social, emotional and life skills.

#### **Expand Graduation Plus,**

providing comparable support and equitable opportunities across multiple college or career pathways.

### Challenges

Preparation for all students to achieve college/career readiness

Education funding Act 388 (property tax to sales tax swap)

Recruitment and retention of quality personnel



## Inspired

Supported

Prepared