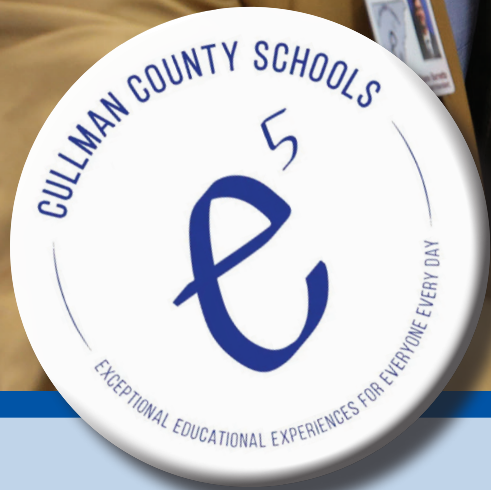


Cullman County Schools



Community REPORT

Exceptional Educational Experiences for Everyone Every Day

I am excited to provide this Community Report that gives a brief snapshot of the great things occurring throughout Cullman County Schools. I hope this report is informative and inspiring to you all, but as you know, there is no way to include everything currently happening throughout our district. At every school, there are students and adults achieving and accomplishing more than we ever have in the history of our school system. Beyond this report, you can find our more in-depth Strategic Plan at each of our schools and on our website. This plan drives our continuous improvement in all areas of our district, and is the blueprint for our future and how we will continue to guarantee **Exceptional Educational Experiences for Everyone Every Day**.

Being a life-long resident of Cullman County, I am so proud to witness the growth and improvement of our school system over the past few years. Our exceptional teachers, outstanding administrators, caring counselors, excellent support staff and involved community are the reasons for this continued success. They are second to none and are supported by incredible school board members that put students first.

Cullman County Schools has over 9,900 students enrolled in Pre-K through 12th grade. Our students find success and their own personal niche in many different areas, such as academics, career tech, clubs, drama, athletics, band, math team, scholars' bowl, robotics, cheerleading, agriculture, and so many others. We are always looking for new opportunities for students to connect with one another and the school community.

I hope this report gives you some idea of how special each of our schools is. All 28 schools are successful and unique in their own way. We are working hard to continuously improve in all areas while creating new pathways to help all of our students be successful. As always, I welcome your questions, comments, and suggestions as we continue to make our school system the best it can be.

Dr. Shane Barnette
Superintendent
Cullman County Schools



1874

The first public school in Cullman County was established 150 years ago.

96.68%

Graduation rate districtwide in 2023, an increase of more than 10% over the past decade.

\$15.4M

Capital improvement projects completed, in progress or planned throughout the district.

54%

Teachers with a Master's degree; 14% have their Education Specialist or Doctor of Education.

2,002

Employees makes Cullman County Schools the largest employer in the county.

99.67%

Cullman County students who meet the College and Career Readiness Indicators (CCRI).

New Facilities Support Student Success

Creating an environment for the best student experience requires facilities that provide comfort, connectivity and safety. Campuses across the Cullman County School system have been undergoing much-needed upgrades. In addition to multiple new rooms and HVAC renovations across the district, recently completed or planned projects include the following:

- Family/Consumer Science & Ag facility at FVH.
- New gymnasium at CSH.
- New welding shop at HPH.

- New Family/Consumer Science & Ag facility and a science lab at HVH.

- Safety and Entrance upgrades at VME.
- Lunchroom expansion at WPE, WPH, and Vinemont.
- LED lighting upgrades with automatic controls at all schools.
- Replacing the last window A/C units with more efficient alternatives.
- Old window wall replacements at WPH and CSE.
- New classroom and lunchroom additions at HVE.
- New office complex, library and gym at GHM.
- New library, science lab and special ed classrooms at VHS.
- New multi-sensory playground for special needs at CDC.
- Air conditioning at all seven of our high school gyms

Plans are also in the works for new multipurpose facilities on our high school campuses. These facilities will be used by K-12 students for anything from large gatherings and indoor practices to archery tournaments. Our schools struggle to find space to hold practices and other events during inclement weather, so these facilities will also provide that space.



Nutrition

Research shows students who eat a more balanced diet are healthier, more able to learn, typically have fewer absences, and are better behaved in school. Cullman County Child Nutrition promotes the wellness and nutrition of our students by providing access to healthy meals throughout the day. We employ trained Servsafe certified staff that promote the National School Nutrition Program.

The National School Lunch, Breakfast and Snack Program provides over a million meals a year to Cullman County students. This year based on the district wide free and reduced percentages of 67%, we were able to qualify for the Community Eligibility Program. This program allows us to serve student meals at no charge.



**Meals Served
2022-2023**

Breakfast	61,759
Lunch	1,113,627
Supper	468,660
Snack	4,900

Transportation

Cullman County School buses transport approximately 5,500 students daily to and from school, traveling 4,500 miles per day in addition to safe transportation for athletic and academic trips.



Our fleet of 150 school buses – 127 regular route, 72-passenger buses and 23 special needs buses – are maintained by six state-certified mechanics and two shop assistants that work diligently to ensure our buses are safe for transporting Cullman County Schools’ students.

Safety and comfort are top considerations. In 2023, Cullman County purchased 49 new buses equipped with air conditioning, cameras, extended front bumper arms, and anti-roll over technology. Twenty-four of these are energy efficient propane buses.

Campus Safety

Safety upgrades have been completed across all Cullman County School campuses. A districtwide video surveillance system has approximately 820 security cameras – an increase of approximately 200 cameras systemwide – and is in the process of converting analog to digital cloud storage.

This new state of the art system includes facial and vehicle recognition in an effort to improve security and provide a safe learning environment for our students and employees.

The system is part of the nSide safety platform utilized by all school districts in the State of Alabama. Cullman County Schools is in the process of updating drawings and schematics within the platform to ensure all new capital construction projects are included. In addition, each school updates its information and contacts annually. The platform allows documentation of safety drills, mandatory safety training, and other important safety information.

School Resource Officers

Student and staff safety is a top priority, and we continue to make safety improvements on all of our campuses. Cullman County Schools work with Sheriff Matt Gentry and the Cullman County Commission to provide 13 School Resource Officers throughout the district. We recently added a second SRO at Fairview, Good Hope, and West Point.

CATA – Sgt. Randall Chambers

Cold Springs – Anthony Auston

Fairview – Sgt. Terry Smith

Good Hope MS/HS – Lt. Doug Duke

Good Hope Primary – Sgt. Justin Bates

Hanceville – Darryl Dailey

Harmony/CARE – Sgt. Jeff Rainwater

Holly Pond – Lt. Erik Ryan

Parkside – Patrick Bishop

Vinemont – Daniel Cummings

Wolti – Richard Suits

West Point Schools – Andrew (Andy) Wray



Mental Health

Cullman County Schools has been at the forefront in recognizing the importance of student mental health and the impact on academic achievement, overall student well-being, and the social and emotional development of each child. In recent years, school counselors, nurses, administrators, district-wide social workers, and central office personnel completed Youth Mental Health First Aid Training. All school faculty and staff also complete Mental Health Awareness Training at the start of each school year to stay current on critical components of student mental health.

Cullman County Schools has partnered with a variety of agencies to provide students with access to mental health information and services. To date, the Stephen K. Griffith Memorial Fund has donated \$29,400 to expand mental health services in the form of school-based therapy to students and families within our school district. Currently, our school system contracts with two privately owned agencies to offer school-based therapy. Another \$13,000 has been donated by other organizations to provide mental health services in the form of outside speakers, training and assemblies for students and/or their families.

Cullman County Schools utilizes curriculum that teaches and reinforces student well-being and positive mental health in the form of advisory and guidance lessons monthly. We believe mentally healthy students are more likely to attend school ready to learn, actively engage in school activities, and have supportive and caring connections with adults and classmates.



BlueRIBBON Schools of Excellence

The Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence Program is a comprehensive school self-assessment with a special focus on low socioeconomic, culturally diverse, and low performing communities of learning in assessing the quality of their academic and instructional programs and in developing a school-wide action plan to ensure measurable student achievement. The BRSE Program develops and supports educational policies that improve student performance and enable comprehensive school reform.

BRSE Lighthouse Schools

Cold Springs Elementary	Harmony School
Cold Springs High	Holly Pond K-8
Fairview Elementary	Parkside School
Fairview High	Vinemont Elementary
Farview Middle	Vinemont Middle
Good Hope High	Vinemont High
Good Hope Elementary	Walti School
Good Hope Middle	West Point Intermediate
Good Hope Primary	West Point Elementary
Hanceville High	West Point High
Hanceville Middle	West Point Middle

Preparing Students for the Real World

Fast Track: Beyond the Traditional Classroom

The CCBOE Fast Track program allows students to successfully pursue and excel in a chosen career field while in high school. Fast Track allows 11th and 12th grade students to jump-start their future by compressing their time spent in high school by taking college-level courses for credit at the same time they are taking high school classes. Students simultaneously receive college and high school credit with a more flexible classroom schedule.

Through this innovative program, students may pursue an associate degree, college certificate, or pathway in the arts to complement their academic plan. Many of our students

complete their two-year associate degree and graduate college before they walk across the stage to receive their high school diploma.

Located on the Wallace State Community College campus, Fast Track provides students with highly qualified teachers and counselors to ensure they are prepared with the knowledge and skills needed to secure successful employment in local industries or to transfer to a four-year institution. Our teachers stay up to date in college courses and technical field requirements, provide one-on-one instruction regularly, and attend other professional learning to improve the effectiveness of our program and promote continuous improvement.



Cullman County Schools, in partnership with Cullman Electric Cooperative and TVA, has developed a lineman and fiber-optics technician training program. Students have an opportunity to earn multiple industry-recognized credentials such as OSHA 10 and Certified Fiber Optic Training (CFOT). This program allows students to enter the workforce with the fundamental skills needed to further their education through work-based training or in a pre-apprenticeship program. This is just one of the many programs available to Cullman County students through Cullman Area Technology Academy (learn more about CATA on page 23).

It takes a village...

An entire community of people must provide for and interact positively with children for those children to experience and grow in a safe and healthy environment. In addition to education professionals, the success of our students depends on support from local businesses and industries, non-profit organizations, elected officials, and public service entities.

If you would like to partner with Cullman County Schools, please contact the Special Projects Coordinator at (256) 734-2933.



Wallace State Community College
State Sen. Garlan Gudger
State Rep. Randall Shedd
State Rep. Corey Harbison
District Judges
Juvenile Probation
School Resource Officers

WellStone Mental Health
Dept. of Human Resources
Brooks Place - Child Advocacy Center
Cullman Caring for Kids
The Link of Cullman County
Cullman City & County Economic
Development

Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce
Local Banks
The Steven K. Griffith Foundation
Cullman County Imagination Library
Numerous local businesses
and industries

Cold Springs

Since 1936 Cold Springs Schools have served the area of southwest Cullman County. Our schools generally serve approximately 750 students each year. The Cold Springs community is one that has long prided itself on being our schools' greatest supporter. With their assistance, we have been able to create the best educational experience for students.

It is important for us to make sure that our students have a sense of belonging when they enter our schools. Beginning in the Fall of 2022, our system began a Families Initiative in an effort to make sure that no student was left behind socially.

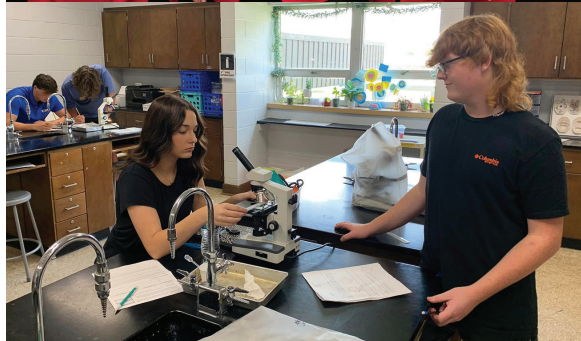
The underlying goal is to strengthen our culture of belonging at Cold Springs Schools. We want every student who enters our schools to feel supported, engaged, and prepared.



Academically, our schools perform well above the state average. On the latest ALSDE State Report Card, our schools scored exceptionally well — Cold Springs Elementary earned an 89, and Cold Springs High earned a 92 while the state average was a score of 83. Our graduation rate and college and career readiness indicators were at 100% for the 2022-23 school year.

Athletically, we excel not just on a district level but among the best in the state with 19 AHSAA state championships among five different programs.

At Cold Springs, we do what's best for kids.



100%

Cold Springs High graduation rate in 2023, as well as CCRI among graduating seniors for 2022 and 2023.

“Cold Springs is a special place where the school is the community, and the community is the school. Our school may not be large in stature, but in terms of pride and resilience, we want to compete with the best in everything we do.”

Eric Dickerson
Principal
Cold Springs High School

Fairview



At Fairview Schools, we pride ourselves on providing a transformative educational experience that goes beyond traditional boundaries. We believe in nurturing not just students, but future leaders, innovators, and global citizens.

Our dedicated team of experienced educators is committed to fostering a dynamic learning environment. With a curriculum

designed to challenge and inspire, we ensure that every student reaches their full potential academically. We understand that education extends beyond textbooks. Our comprehensive approach focuses on developing well-rounded individuals. From arts and sports to leadership programs, we offer a diverse range of extracurricular activities to nurture talents and instill essential life skills.

We recognize the unique strengths and needs of each student. We provide personalized attention, creating an environment where students can thrive academically and personally.



Fairview Schools value community involvement. We encourage students to actively participate in community service initiatives, promoting empathy, compassion, and a sense of responsibility towards society.

We embrace the latest in educational technology to prepare students for the challenges of the future. From interactive learning tools to coding classes, we ensure students are well-equipped with the skills necessary for success in the digital age.

Fairview Schools have a history of academic success and positive student outcomes. Our alumni have gone on to excel in various fields, a testament to the quality of education and values instilled during their time at our institution.

Choosing Fairview Schools is not just a decision for today; it's an investment in a brighter, more successful future. Join us at Fairview Schools, where excellence is not just a goal — it's a way of life!

“Fairview is a close knit community that we are proud to be a part of. Our school is just one great aspect of the Fairview community. The parents and students we serve here allows us to make a positive impact in their daily learning. Together this is what makes our community and school awesome!”

Trina Walker
Principal
Fairview Middle School



Good Hope

Welcome to Good Hope Schools — where academic excellence meets a vibrant and lively community spirit! Our schools pride themselves on fostering a warm and supportive environment where students are not just part of the school but integral members of this community. Our dedicated faculties strive to create an engaging learning environment that goes beyond textbooks, fostering critical thinking, creativity, and innovation. We pride ourselves on tailoring a

personalized approach to ensure we meet each of our students' unique needs.

Good Hope High School has focused on providing diverse extracurricular activities that combine academic and social emotional needs and enable students to discover their talents and build lasting friendships. We've also had academic and athletic teams recognized nationally, including our archery team and scholar's bowl program that have competed on a national level. Academically, the high school has worked hard to attain a 90% on the state report card.

At Good Hope Middle School, it is not uncommon to walk



through hallways that are decorated for a collaborative lesson between all academic areas. Learning is truly an immersive experience for our students, and the joy and excitement is contagious. On certain days, a visitor may witness the student body cheering on other students in a lip sync battle, or people of all grade levels participating in games that cultivate collaboration, communication, and problem solving.

In our elementary and primary grades, students have opportunities to awaken their artistic side while maintaining excellence in academics. Visual arts classes and music classes are offered weekly where students gain hands-on experiences that expose them to skills that will serve them the rest of their life. These talents and skills are often showcased throughout the halls of our schools.



We are not just shaping students; we are cultivating future leaders who embody the integrity and resilience needed to be successful in today's world. We believe that personal growth is as essential as academic excellence. Join the Good Hope Raiders, where the beauty and kindness of a close-knit community create a perfect environment for growth and achievement.

"I love Good Hope because it is more than a school. Our staff cares about each other professionally as well as personally. Our staff encourages each other as well as our students. We celebrate the successes of everyone in our school and make sure that everyone knows they have a true purpose in being a part of the GHP team. We are blessed with involved community members who seek to enrich the educational experiences of our students, and support our teachers and staff."

Shanda Garner
Principal
Good Hope Primary

Hanceville



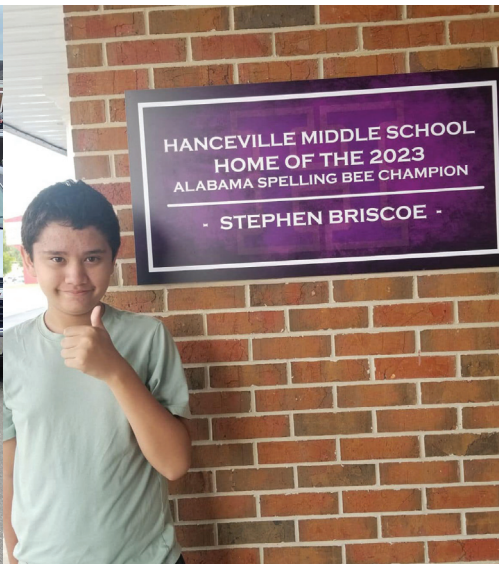
Hanceville Schools are community-centered, located in the heart of downtown Hanceville. For 100 years, we have been cultivating future leaders to be the best they can be. We are unique in that our K-12 campus has 1,300 students on one site. We have almost 150 staff members on our campus, many of whom returned to serve the schools where they were previously educated.

Hanceville students have a unique opportunity to further their

education at the collegiate level by attending Wallace State, which is also in our city. Hanceville High sends more students to the Wallace State Dual to Degree program than any other school in our system.

Dr. Barnette and the Cullman County Board of Education continue to invest in our campus by improving many of our facilities. Our school has grown to the point where we needed a second cafeteria to serve our students. We also have 15 new classrooms, a state-of-the-art Family and Consumer Science Center, and the newest science lab in our district.

We have a century-long tradition of excellence in academics and athletics, and work hard to match our students with an



area in which they can grow, learn, and master. Hanceville High recently joined Hanceville Middle to earn Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence Lighthouse status, a prestigious award that is earned through strict parameters of academic and community success. The Hanceville High Math Team is a 7-time state champion. A Hanceville Middle student recently won the Alabama Spelling Bee and competed at the national level. Our music program has experienced steady growth. We have multiple All State Band members, and a band program that wins dozens of awards each year. We have something for everyone here in Hanceville.

As a Hanceville Bulldog, you will experience a family atmosphere where all students thrive. Our school system motto is Exceptional Experiences for Everyone Every Day. You'll find that at Hanceville, along with a spirit of success that is Purple and Gold.



"I love being a part of the Hanceville community because we are one big family. Our schools all work together and strive to provide our students with the best opportunities K-12. Our schools are also celebrating our Centennial, making this year even more special."

Elizabeth Watwood
Principal
Hanceville Middle

100 years

Hanceville school hosted a Centennial celebration in November 2023.

Holly Pond



Holly Pond holds a unique charm and a tight-knit sense of community where close relationships, genuine connections, and shared values create a warm, welcoming environment where all can truly thrive. The sense of belonging and the common love and pride for Holly Pond Schools, the town, and its surrounding communities are undeniable as evidenced by the unwavering support of our students, businesses, and residents, who actively participate in community events such as the long-standing Spring Festival, Fall Festival, and Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament which is the longest running basketball tournament in the state of Alabama.

Nestled in the heart of a picturesque town, Holly Pond Schools offer an exceptional educational experience that addresses strong academics, character development, and personal growth. With a rich history dating back to 1924, Holly Pond Schools have become synonymous with excellence. Our schools offer a variety of educational experiences for all students including advanced placement courses and extracurricular



activities like clubs, sports, band, and the arts. Resolute teachers and staff go above and beyond to ensure each student receives personalized support in a family-oriented atmosphere inside and outside the classroom. We remain committed to upgrading our infrastructure to provide the best possible learning environment for our students. Our schools strive to provide a well-rounded education that prepares students for success throughout life.

In conclusion, if you are seeking an exceptional educational experience within a close-knit community that values both academic achievement and personal growth, look no further than Holly Pond Schools and community. Join us on this journey of excellence and, as always, "It's a great day to be a Bronco!"



"Holly Pond holds a unique charm and sense of community that is truly special. The close relationships, genuine connections, and shared values create an environment where individuals seem to truly thrive. There is a common love for this town, and its community, which comes from the warmth and support that is felt here on a daily basis. It's a place where everyone supports and looks out for one another and I could not be prouder to call it home."

Danny Weaver, Holly Pond K-8 Assistant Principal

Vinemont **V**

At Vinemont Schools, we pride ourselves on cultivating an educational environment centered around the individual student. Our commitment to nurturing academic excellence and character development sets us apart as an institution where tradition and innovation beautifully merge.

We believe in the power of a close-knit community, where every student is known, valued, and supported. At Vinemont Schools, your child will become part of our tight-knit family, benefiting from a warm and inclusive atmosphere that fosters

personal growth and strong relationships. Our faculty comprises dedicated teachers who are not only highly qualified in their respective fields but are also great people. They genuinely love and care for their students, creating a supportive environment that allows every individual to thrive.

Vinemont Elementary School was recognized as one of the twelve Spotlight on Reading Schools in the State of Alabama. We foster critical thinking, emphasize the importance of ethics and morality, and instill a sense of responsibility, integrity, and respect in our students.

We understand that education goes beyond textbooks and exams. At Vinemont Schools, we emphasize a holistic approach that focuses on the physical, mental, and spiritual



well-being of our students. We encourage participation in extracurricular activities, clubs, and community service projects to foster leadership skills, teamwork, and character development. All Vinemont Schools have been Alabama State Archery Champions in both the Bullseye and IBO Divisions multiple times over the last five years. Our schools participate in the Hope Institute Character Program. Through this program we have developed a foundation for character education and character building focusing on doing things the Eagle Way.



“Vinemont High School is not just a place of learning or a building; it’s a vibrant tapestry of aspirations, where students weave their dreams into reality. As the principal, I am privileged to witness the magic of education unfold daily. Our school isn’t just a building; it’s a heartbeat, resonating with the collective spirit of an exceptional community that cherishes growth, embraces hard work, and nurtures success. Together, we are not just shaping minds; we are building a legacy of excellence and fostering a sense of belonging that makes Vinemont special.”

Robin Netherton
Vinemont High School Principal

West Point



At West Point Schools, we pride ourselves on offering a dynamic academic environment tailored to every student's needs. With a robust Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment program, we ensure our students are challenged and prepared for success in higher education.

At West Point, we provide all of the resources of a large school,

while maintaining the feel of a smaller school, where every child has a place and an opportunity to thrive. In our schools, we offer a wide array of clubs, sports, and fine art programs at all levels. We believe in cultivating well rounded individuals, while maintaining a commitment to each individual student.

Our commitment to top-ranked academics sets the stage for student success. We proudly offer dynamic learning experiences that challenge and inspire our students. Our distinguished teachers are not just educators; they are mentors on a mission to reach every student. We don't just teach; we elevate learning to new heights and cultivate a



community of scholars who are ready for success in an ever-changing world.

Our nationally recognized Scholars Bowl program and State Champion Math Team provide platforms for intellectual growth and competition. Our service organizations like BETA, Mu Alpha Theta, and National Honor Society instill the values of leadership and community engagement. We believe in community stewardship, and we are proud to be a part of the West Point community.

For the artistically inclined, our theater, art, and band programs offer a stage to shine and express creativity. For the sports enthusiasts, West Point boasts more sports offerings than any other school in our county, ensuring every student finds their place to excel.

Join us at West Point Schools and experience the perfect balance of academic excellence, extracurricular enrichment, and a supportive community that fosters success at every turn!



"I love being a part of the West Point High School community! Our school is committed to excellence in academics, athletics, and school culture. We have rich history and tradition which creates a unique environment that fosters growth, engagement, thinking, and connectedness, making it a truly exceptional place to lead!"

**Wes Black
Principal
West Point High**

Cullman Area Technology Academy



The Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA) is a career-focused academy which provides electives in career pathways to prepare students for in-demand, high-wage jobs. CATA offers 15 programs which include something for every type of student. Students come to CATA to find their passion, and they are the focus of everything we do. CATA serves all seven Cullman County high schools as well as Cullman High School.

Students come to CATA to find their niche, where they not only learn program-specific skills but also employability and leadership skills which translate across all career trajectories. Students participate in career technical student organizations where they compete and win in district, state, and national

contests. Students also have the opportunity to obtain credentials in their chosen program. These credentials range from safety certifications such as OSHA 10 and OSHA 30, to Certified Nursing Assistant, to Solid Edge in engineering, and many more. Each of our 15 programs offers at least one credential to set students on the road to success after graduation. Many of these programs also offer articulated credit at Wallace State Community College for students who opt for postsecondary training.

Whether our students get a job immediately after high school or choose to further their education, CATA is preparing our students for the next level and for success in life.



Automotive Collision Repair

Students repair and restore vehicles to “new” condition following manufacturer specifications. Projects include sheet metal and structural repair, grinding, sanding and replacement of auto parts.

Automotive Service Technology

Students diagnose and repair advanced computerized control systems in today’s vehicles. Skills include tire/wheel alignment, battery, engine, brakes, steering, suspension, air conditioning, lubrication, cooling, fuel/exhaust, electrical, charging and ignition systems.

Business Management & Administration

Students gain knowledge and skills for college and career readiness. Instruction is reinforced through learner participation in career and technical student organizations (DECA and FBLA).

Cosmetology

Hands-on courses provide students with knowledge of salon safety, sanitation and fundamentals in hair, skin and nails while gaining employability skills.

Construction/Carpentry

Students learn tool and equipment safety, blueprint reading and site preparation. They

also layout floor, wall, and roof systems, interior and exterior finishing techniques in residential and commercial construction.

Culinary Arts & Hospitality

Students train in a commercial, restaurant-style kitchen and prepare meals monthly for paying customers. Lessons covered include nutrition, menu planning, safety, and sanitation.

Engineering Technology

Students use robotics, rocketry, and green energy to learn engineering systems, mechanical and electrical design processes, teamwork, and leadership.

Health Science

Students learn essential skills for careers in many healthcare occupations. Content includes a variety of instructional strategies, work-based learning experiences, simulation, CPR credentialing, and on-site clinical rotations.

Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning

Students learn to install, repair, and maintain residential, commercial, and industrial heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration units. Freon Recovery Certification and NCCER credentialing are offered.

Industrial Maintenance

Students gain knowledge and hands-on experience in a wide array of industrial skills including electrical, electronics, hydraulics, pneumatics, mechanical skills, PLC’s/robotics, and industrial software.

JROTC

Army Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) provides leadership, responsibility, citizenship, patriotism, life skills, and adventure training to the students of Cullman County.

Precision Machining Technology

Students learn the technical craftsmanship required to transform metal into precision components and products through hands-on experience as well as classroom instruction in all aspects of basic machining.

Utility Line Worker

Students learn skills that will translate into career pathways related to electrical line and fiber optic technology trades.

Welding Technology

Students learn a multitude of welding processes applicable to many metal fabrication industries. This program is certified by the American Welding Society and offers NCCER credentialing.

CDC



The Cullman County Schools Child Development Center serves students from kindergarten through 12th grade who have significant needs and have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Currently, there are 155 students, 14 teachers, and 28 paraprofessionals along with many other therapists, nurses, and custodial staff members. Our staff is well trained to meet the needs of our students, and all staff members have a unique attribute of being flexible.



The CDC offers specific classrooms that provide academic instruction along with behavior interventions to help students with chronic behaviors. We also have classrooms that meet the needs of students with significant behaviors along with language and communication delays. We offer classrooms that meet the needs of students with severe cognitive delays, and our staff works to meet the needs of the students on an individualized level. Finally, we offer classrooms geared towards students being able to build soft skills and work skills. Students have the opportunity to work in the community with support from local businesses.

All of the classrooms play a part in working towards one of the main goals of the CDC – to create an inclusive school culture that provides our students with an opportunity to achieve postsecondary success.

Harmony



Harmony school opened in 2006 as a union of three feeder schools (Dowling, Jones Chapel, and Logan). These were already close-knit communities, and the goal of the school was to become the heart of the community; a place for families to come together for ball games, academic competitions, carnivals, and school programs.

The school climate is family oriented in which every teacher knows every student as well as most parents.

Academically our goal is to break down educational barriers for students by providing hands-on, project-based learning activities utilizing the P3 initiative/grant in grades K-3, and project-based learning models in grades 4-8. These activities motivate students to master complex academic concepts and practice lifelong skills such as critical-thinking skills and team building.

One of our greatest achievements is our success with the P3 approach used in our K-3 classrooms. It ensures students establish a strong foundation in early learning, hands-on experiences that is based on the most successful Pre-K model in the nation.



Parkside **P**

Located within the serene rural community of Baileyton, Parkside School stands as a beacon of educational excellence, catering to the needs of 385 students. Parkside School boasts a remarkable history in academic performance. Its graduates consistently earn the esteemed titles of valedictorian and salutatorian in high school.



Parkside stands at the forefront of educational innovation and is dedicated to advancing pedagogical practices. A dedicated data room underscores our emphasis on evidence-based instruction. With 100% of K-3 educators trained in the science of reading, Parkside ensures proficient literacy development among young learners. Parkside School also extends its commitment to early childhood education by offering essential Pre-K classes.

Parkside has spearheaded the implementation of Conscious Discipline, pioneering social-emotional learning within the county. Furthermore, Parkside's nationally recognized school counseling program serves as a cornerstone of student well-being.

Parkside School stands as a testament to the transformative power of education, epitomizing excellence, innovation, and community partnership in every facet of its operation.

Welti

Steeped in tradition and a love of community, Welti Elementary School was established in 1890. We are a small-town school with a big family feel. A place where all students feel welcome and like they are truly part of a family.

Welti Elementary is a place where learning happens. It is our goal to help students reach their full potential while learning life skills. Welti houses four Pre-K classrooms, which include two special needs classrooms. These programs build a strong foundation for later learning and help to develop critical social-emotional skills that lay the groundwork for a child's education. Welti Elementary is a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and consistently scores 100% in the area of academic growth on the state report card.



We are proud to be the home of an outdoor classroom and to host activities such as special programs, grade-level assemblies, parent nights, archery team, math team, robotics team, and the annual chicken supper.

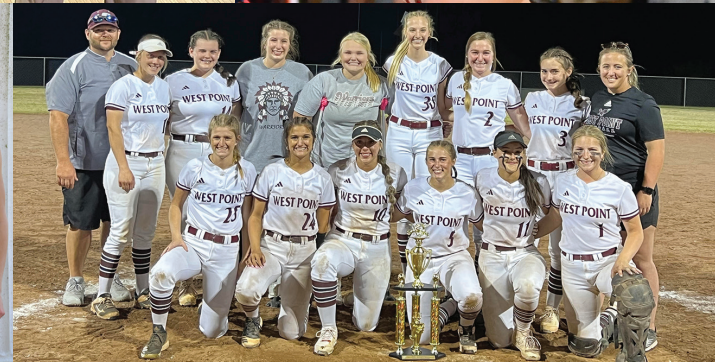
Welti offers a greater sense of communal connection as we strive to promote new friendships and create a nurturing, safe environment that ensures every student feels like they belong.

Athletics

Dedication. Teamwork. Perseverance. Discipline. Overcoming adversity. Students that participate in school athletics learn valuable lessons and develop skills that prepare them for success long after they graduate high school.

Cullman County student-athletes consistently compete at the highest level, with teams and individuals in recent years winning state championships in basketball, cross country, and track and field.

Several schools have recently added new sports. Teams competing in soccer, archery, fishing and bowling provide opportunities for more young men and women to discover their competitive nature while developing critical life skills.





Extracurricular

The school “experience” is much more than what happens in the classroom. Cullman County Schools understands that learning, personal growth and developing relationships can be achieved in a variety of ways, and that requires students have opportunities to participate in a variety of exceptional experiences.

Cullman County Schools offers outstanding “traditional” extracurricular activities such as band, choir, theater arts, academic competitions like Scholars Bowl and Math Team, as well as career and tech organizations like FFA, FCCLA and Skills USA.

Many schools have added new programs that appeal to students with a passion for technology. Robotics teams compete against other schools in state and national events. Cullman County hosted its first drone competition in 2023, and several schools have established video gaming teams.

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Our Vision

Cullman County Schools, in partnership with our community, will be the driving force to empower all students with skills and knowledge that are vital to becoming responsible, successful, well-rounded citizens in a rapidly changing society.

Our Mission

Cullman County Schools is committed to preparing students for life after graduation, achieved by providing a safe and supportive learning environment through a foundation of highly effective educators and positive community relationships.

Strategic Plan

Our strategic planning committee and school board members have created a strategic plan to guide our school system over the next five years with the following five strategic priorities:

- Academic Growth and Achievement;
- College, Career and Workforce Ready;
- Safe and Supportive Learning Environments;
- Highly Effective Educators;
- Public Relations and Communication.

Scan the QR code to view the full plan.

