

## Graduation Rates\*

The graduation rate is defined as the percentage of students who graduate from secondary school with a regular diploma in the standard number of years.

### Graduation Rates - Class of 2023

New Manchester High School	87.1%
Douglas County Overall	89%
Georgia	84.9%

## Dual Enrollment

Through Dual Enrollment, students in grades 9-12 who qualify to participate may enroll on a part-time or full-time basis to take college courses. Students receive high school and college credit simultaneously when attending and passing approved college classes.

### # of NMHS Students

Chattahoochee Technical College	1
Central Georgia Technical College	1
Georgia Highlands College	1
Georgia State University	1
Gwinnett Technical College	1
Kennesaw State University	2
Middle Georgia State University	1
University of West Georgia	36
West GA Technical College	208
<b>Total</b>	<b>253</b>

To access state-mandated test scores including the GA Milestones Assessment System (GMAS), please scan the QR code.



Information contained in this document reflects the most recent data as of August, 2024.



## NMHS Highlights

- Industry Certifications in Business (2022), Marketing (2022), and Health Occupations (2023)
- Future Business Leaders of America Club awarded \$10,000 Lead 4 Change Grant (2023 & 2024)
- Georgia Business Education Association Teacher of the Year (2024)
- FBLA recognized among Superior Chapters in Georgia (2022)
- Atlanta Urban Debate League Outstanding Member Club (2024)
- Atlanta Urban Debate League Coach of the Year (2024)
- Winner of the DCSS & MRESA Young Georgia Authors Creative Writing Competition (2024)
- Senior student selected Youth Leader of the Year by the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (2024)
- NMHS Counseling Department earned RAMP Certification (2024)
- Two Posse Foundation Scholarship Recipients (2024)
- First place in the Georgia Congressional Art Competition (2024)
- One hundred and twelve AVID elective graduates in the past 3 years
- Twenty-eight students earned International Skills Diplomas in the past 3 years
- Districtwide Teachers of the Year (2022 and 2021)
- State Champions in Girls High Jump, and Boys Long Jump and Triple Jump (2023)
- State Champion in Boys Triple Jump (2024)
- Girls Basketball Sweet 16, Second Round of State Playoffs (2024)
- Girls Track & Field Region Runner-up (2024)
- State Runner-up in E-sports (2023)

**NMHS Class of 2024 earned over \$15.7 million in scholarships.**

**Approximately 147 students qualified for HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships.**



# NMHS facts

2024-2025 School Year

## New Manchester High School

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School website: [nmhs.dcssga.org](http://nmhs.dcssga.org)

Principal Casey Bethel

Student Enrollment 1,800

Total Staff 165

Certified Staff 115

Certified Staff with Advanced Degrees 75%

*Numbers for enrollment and staffing are from November, 2023.*

## Mission

To provide meaningful learning experiences that develop the character, academic ability, and talent of all students in order to prepare them for college and careers.

## #JaguarSTRONG

Where Scholarship, Talent, Respect, Opportunity, Noble intentions, and Gratitude are our focus.

Freshmen will StartSTRONG,  
Sophomores will BeSTRONG,  
Juniors will StaySTRONG, and  
Seniors will FinishSTRONG.



## Message from the Principal

As the fourth principal of New Manchester High, it is an honor to lead the school where I taught. I am excited about developing many more treasured relationships with Jaguar students and parents. It is my responsibility to push the school higher while upholding its rich legacy, and I am up to the task. I am committed to the success of every student and you can expect me to lead with service, focused on high expectations and results.

NMHS is a fertile place to learn and grow. The Latin origin of the word educate means to 'draw out' and that is exactly what we do. We pull out the excellence that already exists in our students through creative and energetic instruction delivered in a nurturing environment. Our students are motivated to dream bigger and work harder. Our graduates are prepared to be responsible individuals, independent thinkers, and productive citizens in a global society.

Quality education begins with healthy collaboration between the school and community, and we invite you to partner with us. We value parent involvement, so we encourage you to contact and visit us throughout the year. Let us work together so that every student can accomplish more than they imagine.



Thank you for choosing NMHS and entrusting the learning and development of your students to us. We will provide an academically empowering and socially enriching experience.

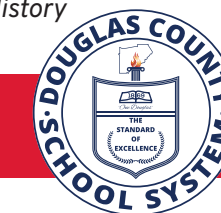
— CASEY BETHEL, PRINCIPAL

## Advanced Placement Courses

American Government  
Biology  
Calculus  
Chemistry  
Economics  
English Literature  
Environmental Science  
French  
Human Geography  
Language & Composition  
Physics  
Psychology  
Seminar  
Spanish  
Statistics  
Studio Art  
US History  
World History

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**FAME Courses**

- FAME Drawing I, II, III, IIII
- FAME Painting I, II
- FAME Ceramics I, II, III
- FAME Photo I, II, III
- FAME Sculpture I, II
- FAME AP Studio Art: Drawing
- FAME AP Studio: 2D Design
- FAME AP Studio: 3D Design
- FAME Art History and Criticism I
- FAME Ballet I, II, III, IV
- FAME Jazz I, II, III, IV
- FAME Modern Dance I, II, III, IV
- FAME Dance Composition
- FAME Theatre Arts/Fundamentals I, II, III, IV
- FAME Musical Theater I, II, III, IV
- FAME Technical Theatre I, II, III, IV
- FAME Theatre Technology I, II, III, IV
- FAME Advanced Drama I, II, III, IV
- FAME Acting I, II, III, IV
- FAME Theater Arts Literature I, II
- FAME Theatre Marketing
- FAME Music Theory and Comp I
- FAME Music History
- FAME Keyboarding I, II, III
- FAME Intermediate Band I, II, III, IV
- FAME Advanced Band I, II, III, IV
- FAME Mastery Band I, II, III, IV
- FAME Intermediate Choral Ensemble I, II, III, IV
- FAME Advanced Choral Ensemble I, II, III, IV
- FAME Advanced Instrumental Ensemble I, II, III, IV
- FAME Beginning Keyboard Techniques
- FAME Intermediate Keyboarding I
- FAME Advanced Keyboarding I
- FAME Intermediate Chorus I, II, III, IV
- FAME Mastery Chorus I, II, III, IV

**FAME - Fine Arts Magnet Education Program**

New Manchester is home of the Fine Arts Magnet Education (FAME) program, which offers concentrations in Dance, Drama, Vocal Music, Instrumental Music, and Visual Art. Because New Manchester was established as the magnet school for fine arts in Douglas County when it opened in 2011, the school has ample resources for the fine arts student, including a fully equipped dance studio, acoustically designed vocal and instrumental music studios, and a state-of-the-art theater.

The rigorous FAME program trains and prepares students for post-secondary collegiate or professional options. FAME has a variety of community partners including: The Alliance Theatre, The Atlanta Ballet, Centre for Dance Education, and Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre.

In addition to a faculty of seven full-time teaching artists, FAME engages a host of adjunct teaching artists in the fields of sound design, lighting design, dance, instrumental music, and vocals.

FAME's nationally recognized a cappella group, InToneNation, has won numerous vocal competitions in recent years including the 2018 ICHSA National a Cappella championship.

**Magnet Program Admission Process**

Students in the district for New Manchester as well as students outside the attendance zone may apply for the FAME program during fall of their 8th grade year. Current 9th through 11th graders may also apply for the program. In the application process, New Manchester considers audition and interview scores, grades, teacher recommendations, and records of attendance and discipline. Each FAME concentration includes additional application requirements:

- Band: Audition and interview
- Chorus: Audition
- Dance: Audition and interview
- Drama/Acting and Musical Theatre: Audition and interview
- Drama/Technical Theatre: Submit and discuss an art, craft, sewing or carpentry project
- Visual Art: Portfolio of 10 visual art pieces and interview

**Magnet Program Application Timeline**

This is an approximate timeline for students who wish to enter the magnet program for the 2025-2026 school year. Specific dates will be provided when they become available.

- Informational Meeting: October, 2024
- To apply: (link to online application will be provided)
- Interviews and auditions conducted: November, 2024 - January, 2025
- Applications Due: December, 2024
- Student Notifications Mailed: February, 2025
- Commitment Letters Due: February, 2025

**Magnet Program Contact**

Ashley Cleveland, FAME Coordinator, email: ashley.cleveland@dcssga.org



**FAME Achievements**

**VISUAL ARTS**

- First and fourth places in the Georgia Congressional Art Competition (2024)
- FAME Visual Arts alumnus working with Nike corporation in New York.
- FAME Visual Arts seniors awarded over \$300,000 in scholarships (2024)
- FAME Visual Arts alumni awarded merit scholarships to the Art Institute of Chicago and the Maryland Institute College of Art

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

- GMEA District 7 Honor Band Representatives (2024)
- District and All State Representatives
- DCSS County Honor Band Representatives (2024)
- Superior ratings at Large Group Performance Evaluation for concert band
- Superior ratings and grand championships at various marching festivals and competitions throughout the United States
- Performed at the Chicago Thanksgiving Parade in 2022
- FAME Band students earned over \$750k in scholarships in the last three years.

**CHORAL MUSIC**

- First high school chorus to perform at the Atlanta Symphony Hall (2024)
- FAME Chorus 'Jaguar Singers' performed with Grammy award winning vocalist Samara Joy (2024)
- Third place in the International Championship of High School A Capella (ICHSA) Competition (2022)
- Over \$60,000 in vocal scholarships awarded to students (2024)
- Superior ++ ratings with distinction at LGPE for the past three years

**DANCE**

- Dancers collectively earned \$640,000 in talent based scholarships for college during the 2023-2024 school year.
- \$84,000 in scholarship funds to Atlanta Ballet (2024)
- Dancers were honored for their talent and service in a Proclamation from Mayor Rusty Paul and the City of Sandy Springs, GA. (2024)
- Dancers traveled to the Dominican Republic (2024)
- Dancers were selected to participate in the Lyrric Jackson Dance Company in partnership with Impact UK, for a foreign exchange dance program to London. (2024)
- Dancer participated in The Superbowl 57 Halftime performance with recording artist Rihanna (2023)

**DRAMA**

- Member of the International Thespian Society.
- FAME Drama students have been accepted into the top schools for Acting - NYU, Carnegie Mellon, and SCAD on full scholarships.
- Drama Student recognized as a Young Arts National Finalist in Acting, (2024).
- Student selected as the winner of the Atlanta Regional True Colors Next Narrative Monologue Competition (2024).
- FAME Drama alumnus performed at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City (2024).
- FAME Drama alumnus currently performing in Broadway hit 'MJ the Musical' as Michael Jackson.
- Multiple Georgia Governor's Honors Program State Finalists.
- Proud partnerships with: The Dominion Arts Foundation, Broadway Dreams, True Colors Theatre, Theatrical Outfit, and the Palefsky Collision Project at the Alliance Theatre.



**Career Pathways**

- Audio Video Technology and Film
- Business and Technology
- Computer Science and Programming
- Entrepreneurship
- Early Childhood Care and Education
- Food & Nutrition
- Healthcare Services
- Law Enforcement/Criminal Investigations
- Marketing Communications and Promotion
- Sports and Entertainment Marketing
- Web and Digital Design

**World Languages**

- French
- Spanish

**Athletics**

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|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Baseball      | Flag Football | Swimming        |
| Basketball    | Football      | Tennis          |
| Cheerleading  | Golf          | Track and Field |
| Cross Country | Soccer        | Volleyball      |
| E Sports      | Softball      | Wrestling       |

**Student Organizations**

- Anime Comic Book Club
- Art Club
- BETA Club
- Culture 365
- Debate Team
- Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA)
- Drama Club
- Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)
- French National Honor Society
- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
- Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)
- Interact Club
- International Club
- Key Club
- Marching Band
- Math Club
- National Art Honor Society
- National Honor Society
- Nu Mu Psi Step Team
- Social Media Club
- Spanish Honor Society
- Student Ambassadors
- Student Government Association (SGA)
- Tabletop Gaming Club
- TOME Society
- Yearbook