



## Education

The future looks as bright as the past and present; our leaders are aware that an educated citizenry is the only way to progress in the 21st century. Preparing our children for the transition between school and the workplace is a top priority. The Griffin-Spalding County Board of Education currently operates 18 schools (eleven elementary, four middle and three high schools) and employs 1488 people, of whom more than 844 are certified employee (670 classroom teachers) of which 557

hold advanced degrees.

With three private schools available, during the 2016 - 2017 school year, there were 10,359 students enrolled in the public school system (representing 91% of students). There were 490 graduates from public schools. Of these graduates, 129 were honor graduates, and 186 graduates received the HOPE Scholarship. Also, during this year, the county experienced a 4.7% dropout rate.

Adding to our ability to serve both residents and the business community, Southern Crescent Technical College contributes by offering top quality technical and vocational instruction in a number of fields. The Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce - in conjunction with the Board of Education - sponsors Partners in Education, a program whose purpose it is to improve the quality of education, and which has won five State Excellence Awards and been recognized nationally for its results. High schools offer two curricula: Technology/Career-Preparatory Education and College Preparatory.

A number of two-year and four-year degree programs are offered at several colleges and universities within a 60-mile radius- Southern Crescent Technical College, University of Georgia - Griffin Campus, Mercer University (Macon, Atlanta, and several Regional Academic Centers), Clayton State University, Kennesaw State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Chattahoochee Technical College, Emory University, University of Phoenix - Atlanta Campus, DeKalb Technical College, University of West Georgia, Central Michigan University - Atlanta Campus, DeVry University, Southern Polytechnic State University, Georgia Gwinnett College, Atlanta Technical College, Gordon College, Central Georgia Technical College, Columbus Technical College, American InterContinental University, Argosy University, Bauder College, Brown College of Court Reporting & Medical Transcription, Brown Mackie College, Everest Institute, Herzing College, ITT Technical Institute, Javelin Technical Training Center, Atlanta Metropolitan College, Beulah Heights Bible College, Clark Atlanta University, Gammon Theological Seminary, Institute of Paper Science & Technology, Interdenominational Theological Center, John Marshall Law School, Morehouse College, Morehouse School of Medicine, Morris Brown College, Oglethorpe University, Beacon College & Graduate School, Columbus State University, Agnes Scott College, Columbia Theological Seminary, Atlanta Christian College, Fort Valley State University, Lagrange College, Gwinnett Technical College, Luther Rice Seminary & University, Macon State College, Life University, and Brewton Parker College