



## Quality of Life: Education

[Houston County School System](http://www.hcbe.net/) (<http://www.hcbe.net/>)

Nationally Acclaimed Public School System

\*Schools within the Houston County School System are routinely recognized as *Georgia Schools of Excellence* and *National Schools of Excellence*.\*

Accreditation: Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)

### Houston County School System 2004-2005

Elementary (K-8) Enrollment	16,996
Secondary (9-12) Enrollment	6,992
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	<b>23,988</b>
Number of Elementary Schools	21
Number of Middle Schools	7
Number of High Schools	4
Number of Teachers	1,945
Total Expenditure per Pupil	\$10,476
Instructional Expenditure per Pupil	\$5,541
Graduation Rate	77.5%

<b>Student/Teacher Ratios</b>	
Kindergarten	22:1
Grades 1-3	20:1
Grades 4-8	27:1
Grades 9-12	24:1
<b>Iowa Test of Basic Skills</b>	
Grade 3	67
Grade 5	64
Grade 8	57
<b>Advanced Placement Exams</b>	
Number of Students Taking Tests	365
Number of Tests Taken	511
Number of Test Scores 3 or Higher	318
Percentage of Test Scores 3 or Higher	62.2%
<b>Percentage of Student Population Enrolled in Selected Programs</b>	
Gifted (Grades K-12)	8.3%
Vocational Labs (Grades 9-12)	53.8%
Alternative Programs (Grades K-12)	1.0%
<b>Average SAT Scores</b>	
All Test Takers	
Verbal	486
Math	493
Total Score	979
Top 10%	
Verbal	571
Math	595
Total Score	1,166
<b>Average ACT Scores</b>	
Composite	19.3
English	18.4
Mathematics	19.4
Reading	19.7
Science	19.3

Source: Georgia Department of Education

Houston County's 2004-2005 Annual Report Card on K-12 Public Schools from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement can be viewed at <http://reportcard2005.gaosa.org/k12/Reports.aspx?TestType=gcc&ID=676:ALL>

***The Westfield School, Inc.***

\*Local principal pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade independent school  
Accreditation: Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS), Georgia Accrediting Commission, Inc. (GAC)

<b>The Westfield School, Inc. 2004-2005</b>	
Total Enrollment	648
Graduates	36
Expenditure per Pupil	\$6,960
Student/Teacher Ratio - Grades K-5	17:1
Student/Teacher Ratio - Grades 6-12	16:1
Average ACT Composite Score	22
Average SAT Score	1,078

Source: *The Westfield School, Inc.*