

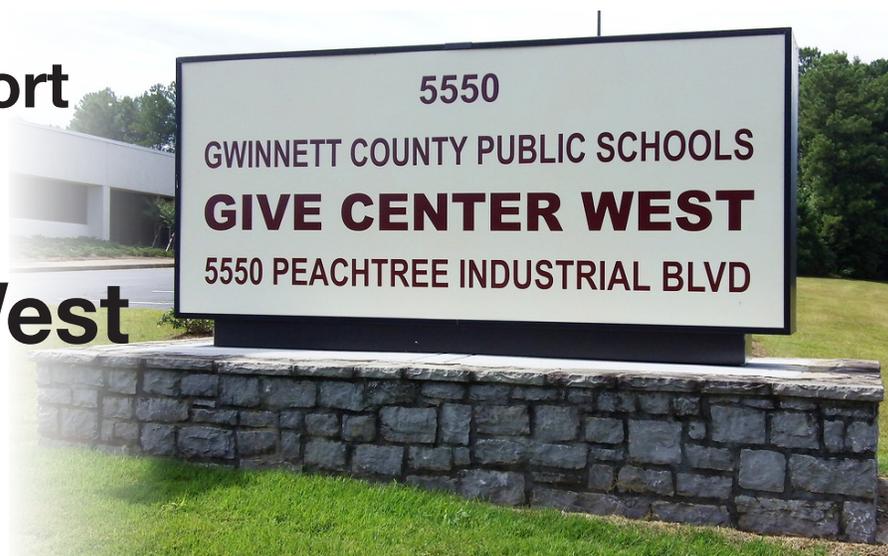
Accountability Report

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GIVE Center West

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About GIVE (Gwinnett InterVention Education) Center West

The mission of GIVE Center West is to provide a structured and supportive alternative school environment which holds high academic and behavioral standards and fosters excellence in GCPS academic knowledge and skills as measured against local, national, and world-class standards.

GIVE Center West is one of two GCPS alternative schools. GIVE West serves 23 traditional schools with a variety of programs. The vision of GIVE Center West is to become a model alternative school which achieves measurable gains in students' academic knowledge and skills in order to enable them to make positive behavioral choices, return to their home school, graduate, and become productive citizens.

The GIVE Center is a unique institution, which offers academic opportunity to students whose behaviors have precluded them from attending the traditional school. In addition to awarding academic credit, the staff at GIVE West works diligently to identify and address the individual deficiencies of each student.

Individual needs are addressed through a variety of scheduling strategies and options, including block courses, trailer courses, course acceleration (self-paced), course recovery support, credit recovery support, academic support courses, and West Hope Academy.

The ultimate goal of the GIVE Center is to provide each student with the tools and skills needed to transition seamlessly

back to the home school in better academic and behavioral standing than when the student arrived at GIVE West.

The faculty and staff are driven by the belief that working at GIVE West is a privilege, understanding that they must go above and beyond normal duties and responsibilities to best support the at-risk population that GIVE serves. Having a unified and dedicated staff that believes every student can learn is crucial to the success of each student in the academic and postsecondary setting.

Employees at GIVE are committed to lead, teach, counsel, and serve each student and parent with a sense of urgency that is necessary for the GIVE environment. Every moment that is spent with the students of GIVE must be approached as a valuable teaching opportunity.

The GIVE Center West leadership team is committed to ensuring that every student enrolled is provided with a world-class education in a safe and secure environment. Through creativity, innovation, and research-based practices, our leadership team works to provide staff and students with the information, tools, and training that result in highly engaging teaching and authentic learning.

The leadership team is committed to forming a cohesive, empowered staff that operates to serve the best interests of our children.

Local school improvement connected to district's strategic direction

Gwinnett County Public Schools' accountability system for improving schools is called the Results-Based Evaluation System (RBES). RBES fairly and systematically measures a school's progress, providing a process that clearly communicates expectations; reviews, monitors, and supports school performance; and evaluates that performance. With a waiver from federal requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Georgia Department of Education did not administer state tests in the spring or produce related reports on school effectiveness. This abbreviated report reflects available data from the 2019–20 school year. Using local data, school administrators, teachers, and parent advisory groups

developed this year's Local School Plans for Improvement (LSPI) which outline our improvement goals and guide the work we will do throughout the 2020–21 school year to support student learning. These improvement plans are connected to the school district's strategic direction and our core business of teaching and learning. Find our school's LSPI on the website. The GIVE Center West school council and school leaders collaborated on the highlights in this accountability report, which also serves as the school's annual report.

Please review this report to learn more about our improvement efforts and progress.

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Other 2019–20 Highlights...

- GIVE Center West was named a National Alternative Spotlight School for its data program. Staff will be presenting these systems at the national and state Alternative School conferences.
- Two members of the staff—Alex Robson and Karen Vaught—have been named Georgia Alternative Teacher of the Year by the Georgia Association for Alternative Education.
- Every GIVE Center West student is given an individualized schedule and long-term plan, ranging from one year to graduation. In determining a student’s plan, we consider academic history and current placement as well as specific aspects of the education program at the student’s home school such as block scheduling and whether the home school is organized by academies. A unique plan is created for each student so that he or she is put in the best possible situation to succeed and make a smooth transition between GIVE Center West and their home school.
- West Hope Academy helps students recover or accelerate their GCPS coursework with the opportunity to earn college credit through dual enrollment. West Hope also acts as the accountability and support system for students who are unable to attend GIVE Center West as a traditional student.
- Our dual-enrollment program is offered in partnership with Gwinnett Technical College. Students prepare for and take the ACCUPLACER, an untimed, computer-based test that helps colleges evaluate reading, writing, and mathematics skills in order to place students in appropriate courses. GIVE staff members assist West Hope Academy students as they complete the application process and register for Gwinnett Tech courses, and also provide support for students in their college courses. Students may take college courses online, in our West Hope Academy lab, or at Gwinnett Tech.
- Behavior management is addressed through the GIVE Accountability Program (GAP). During Tier II interventions (restorative practices), students participate in a series of exercises dealing with anger management, coping skills, problem-solving, goal-setting, conflict avoidance, positive relationship-building, and life skills. Students completing the session return to regular classes without a referral. Intensive one-on-one behavior intervention (Tier III) includes check in/check out, classroom observations, daily mentoring meetings for two to three weeks, and anecdotal behavior assessments for special education students who have a Behavioral Intervention Plan.
- Inspire Academy for 8th and 9th graders offers a supportive team structure for academics and behaviors. This system allows students to recover missing classes and prepares them for a smooth transition back to their home school.

Student Data (2017–18 to 2019–20)

	School Year		
	17–18	18–19	19–20
Enrollment	217	253	270
+American Indian/Alaskan Native*	0%	0%	0%
+Asian*	4%	3%	4%
+Black/African American*	34%	40%	33%
+Hispanic or Latino, any race	57%	51%	51%
+Multiracial, two or more races*	1%	3%	2%
+Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander*	0%	0%	0%
+White*	4%	4%	9%
Special Education	32%	30%	30%
English Learner**	23%	19%	15%
Gifted Eligible	1%	0%	0%
Free/Reduced Lunch	77%	75%	61%
Average Attendance***	89%	90%	87%

*Not Hispanic or Latino

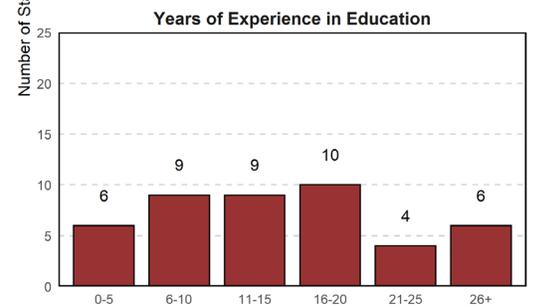
**Since 2017–18, the category for English Learners has reflected both students who qualify for services and those being monitored.

***Based on in-school attendance through March 12, 2020. Students participated in online learning from March 16 to May 20.

School Safety Perceptions

When fewer than 10 parents or fewer than 10 students respond to school safety survey items on the RBES Perception Survey, the school does not report survey results. Responses will not be reported for the 2019–20 reporting year.

2019–20 Staff Data



The mission of Gwinnett County Public Schools is to pursue excellence in academic knowledge, skills, and behavior for each student, resulting in measured improvement against local, national, and world-class standards.

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