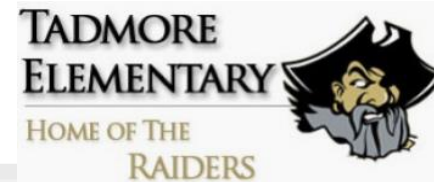


## Elementary and Middle Magnet Schools / Programs of Choice

### Parent Information: For Fall 2020 Enrollment



# Elementary Community Schools

- Community Schools serve students from the neighborhoods in their attendance zone. Our community schools offer a variety of programs, developed by the teachers and leaders of each school, to meet the needs of their students and respond to students' interests.
- If families who live in the Hall County School District are interested in their children attending a Community School to which they are not zoned, they may apply for a transfer using the procedures outlined in HB 251 from Feb. 1 – March 31. Details: <https://www.hallco.org/web/public-school-choice-information-house-bill-251/>

- **Chicopee Woods Elementary**
- **Flowery Branch Elementary**
- **Friendship Elementary** (ASP Program)
- **Lanier Elementary**
- **Lula Elementary** (DOG Academy)
- **Lyman Hall Elementary**
- **Myers Elementary**
- **Oakwood Elementary**
- **Riverbend Elementary** (ASA Program)
- **White Sulphur Elementary** (Dual Language Immersion Path)

# Elementary Programs of Choice

- Students are selected to participate in Programs of Choice through a competitive application process during which they are evaluated for the match between their strengths and interests and the program goals, specialized content, and instructional approaches. Our Programs of Choice are described at this link:  
<https://www.hallco.org/web/programs-of-choice/>
- Parents of selected students who live outside a school's attendance zone must provide transportation. For applications and information about the selection process, please see the school's web page.
- Elementary Programs of Choice include:
  - **Advanced Scholars Academy at Riverbend Elementary School -**  
<https://res.hallco.org/web/>
  - **Advanced Scholars Program at Friendship Elementary School -**  
<https://fes.hallco.org/web/asp-program-information/>
  - **Discovering our Gifts Academy at Lula Elementary School -**  
<https://lula.hallco.org/web/>
  - **Dual Language Spanish Immersion Path at White Sulphur Elementary School -**  
<https://wses.hallco.org/web/>

# Elementary and Middle Magnet Schools

- Like Charter Schools, Magnet School concepts were developed through a thoughtful, comprehensive planning process during which parents, teachers and administrators “dreamed a school.” After reaching consensus on innovative or unique educational options for *all* students, these schools gained approval from the Hall County Board of Education to use a focused, school-wide approach for increased engagement and achievement.

## Elementary Magnet Schools:

### Middle Magnet Schools:

- Chestatee Academy
- World Language Middle

- Chestnut Mountain Creative School of Inquiry
- Martin Technology Academy of Math and Science
- McEver Arts Academy
- Mt. Vernon Exploratory School
- Sardis School of Enrichment
- Spout Springs School of Enrichment
- Sugar Hill Elementary: Talent Development and Career Readiness
- Tadmore Elementary: A Communication Magnet School
- Wauka Mountain Multiple Intelligences Academy
- World Language Academy

**How do I apply to Chestatee Academy?** Please visit our website at [www.chestateeacademy.com](http://www.chestateeacademy.com) or pick up a magnet application at the school.



We have a longstanding **commitment** to **gifted** education at Chestatee. We use that **experience** and **expertise** to extend the same sort of **enrichment** to ALL students through our **SOAR academies**.

Through our SOAR academies all students can earn **Pathway Certificates** in

- STEM
- Arts and Culture
- Health and Wellness

We serve 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders



# We are Chestatee

Learn, Lead, Family!



**Chestatee Academy, 2740 Fran Mar Drive**  
**Gainesville, Georgia**  
770-297-6270

Jennifer Kogod, Principal



Visit us at [chestateeacademy.com](http://chestateeacademy.com) or scan to learn more.





# WORLD LANGUAGE ACADEMY

*"Respect yourself. Respect and serve others."*

At WLA, our mission is to empower and inspire future globally-minded citizens that create lasting solutions. We provide an innovative, dual-language immersion environment, as we strive to develop world changing individuals that respect and serve others.



- \*K-5 Dual Language Immersion Elementary School**
- \*Academic content taught in Spanish and English**
- \*Students learn to listen, speak, read, and writing in both languages**
- \*Rigorous coursework and inquiry-based learning**

**\*Portuguese taught as a Foreign Language**

**\*Develop appreciation for all cultures to be successful in an international community**

**World Language Academy Application Deadline is March 1, 2020**

**More information at: <https://wla.hallco.org/web/>**



# CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN

*Creative School of Inquiry*

QUESTION ♦ RESEARCH ♦ DISCOVER ♦ CREATE

Home of the *Warriors*



## CREATING:

- Authentic Projects based on formats of choice

## SUPPORTING:

- Teachers as facilitators of learning

## INQUIRING:

- Developing questions based on student interest

<http://cmcsi.hallco.org/web/>



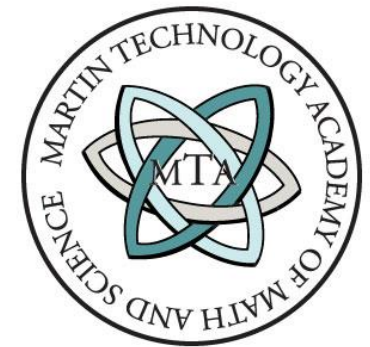
# Martin Technology Academy of Math & Science

## A Georgia STEM Certified School

Martin Technology Academy is dedicated to creating an environment where ALL students are engaged in learning through relevant real world experiences. Students build a strong foundation of integrated science, technology, engineering and math skills that are applied to problem solving.

### **MTA offers a different educational experience for your child by...**

- Purposefully using technology
- Creating cooperative problem solvers
- Engaging all students in math and science problem solving classes (TNT)
- Providing a STEM Integrated Curriculum



[mta.hallco.org](http://mta.hallco.org)





## Arts Integration Model...

*utilizes the art of dance, drama, music, movement, visual arts, and technology to teach the Common Core Curriculum!*

The McEver Arts Mission is: **CREATE** **Connect**

<http://mcever.hallco.org/web/>

**Reflect**

**Explore**

**Apply**

**Think**

**Experience**

McEver Arts Academy offers Pre-K as well as Bilingual immersion from Pre-K through 5th grade.



# Mt. Vernon exploratory School

A Project Based Learning School



 [@MVESGainesville](https://twitter.com/MVESGainesville)

[mves.hallco.org](https://mves.hallco.org)



# Sardis Enrichment School

*A Rising Tide Lifts All Ships*



## Schoolwide Enrichment Model

provides enriched learning experiences and higher learning standards through...

1. Developing gifts and talents in all learners
2. Providing a broad range of advanced-level enrichment experiences
3. Facilitating general exploratory activities based on interest

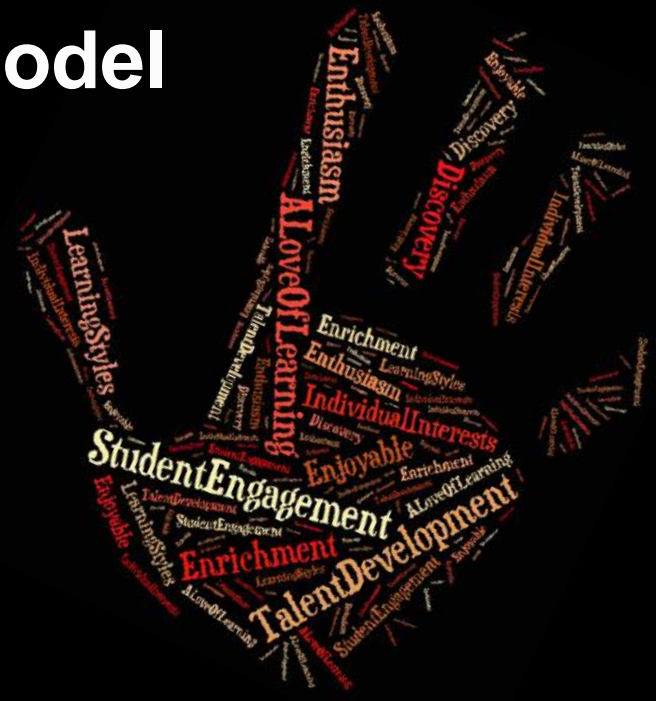


<http://ses.hallco.org/web/>



## Schoolwide Enrichment Model

- Identifies and develops student interests
- Focuses on higher levels of engagement and talent development
- Focuses on bringing meaning and relevance to the learning
- Serves to enhance the teaching of the Georgia Standards of Excellence and focuses on teaching for enrichment



[Link to School Website](#)



Academy of Talent and Career  
*What we believe, we can achieve!*



### ***School Wide Enrichment Model***

*Parallel Curriculum based on the research of Renzulli and Reis*

*3 levels of implementation: Exposure, Cluster Groups, Service Learning*

*Sample Cluster Group Choices: Art Studio, Fitness, Chorus, Culinary, Fabric Arts, Cosmetology, Lego Robotics, and Pod Casting.*

*Allows students to begin thinking about talents, interests, and associated career pathways*

*All students will have the opportunity to explore three questions:*

*What am I good at?*

*What am I interested in?*

*How can I use my interests and talents to choose a job for my future?*







# TADMORE ELEMENTARY

## A COMMUNICATION MAGNET SCHOOL

Tadmore Elementary Communication Magnet is a school-wide program where students explore communication as a part of daily instruction in all content areas. We believe that students require a structured and supportive environment in which they are encouraged and challenged to listen for understanding, speak with clarity and engage in purposeful 'accountable talk' to explore a variety of topics.

Teachers support speaking and listening skills by providing students with core academic content and related vocabulary, asking open-ended questions, engaging students in conversational, procedural, and other specific types of talk, and providing opportunities for students to speak and listen to each other. Communication through written word, art, music, movement, and digital formats is a component of daily instruction.

**PUBLIC  
SPEAKING**

**NUMBER  
TALKS**

**GUIDED  
CONVERSATIONS**

**INTENTIONAL &  
INDIVIDUALIZED  
VOCABULARY  
INSTRUCTION**

***“Our task is to help children communicate with the world using all their potential, strengths, and languages, and to overcome any obstacle presented by our culture.”***  
*Loris Malaguzzi*

<http://tes.hallco.org/web/>



**Based on Howard Gardener's Theory of Multiple Intelligences, Wauka Mountain offers unique choice classes, in addition to a rigorous standards, based curriculum, that allow children to explore and develop each of their eight intelligences.**

Choice classes include:

**Spanish & Chinese**

**Violin, Flute, Piano, Guitar, and Choral Performance**

**Dance, Baton, Cheerleading, Flag Corp, Stepping  
Archery, Golf, Fitness, Soccer, Kickball, and Tennis**

**Peer Leadership, Community Services**

**Writer's Lab, Math Lab, Literacy Lab, Sewing Lab**

**Sculpture, Pottery, Art**

**Equestrian Studies, Science Lab, LEGO Robotics, Astronomy**

**Horticulture, Environmental Studies, International Studies**

**Advanced Technology, Online Gaming, Geo-caching, High Tech Literacy**

**Culinary Arts**

**and more**



**<http://wmmia.hallco.org/web/>**

# Elementary School Programs of Choice

Programs of Choice are designed to match students with clearly defined strengths, interests, abilities and goals with specialized programming options that focus on those traits. Interested students submit applications to programs of choice.

- **The Advanced Scholars Academy (ASA) at Riverbend Elementary School** *(open for applications from any of our Hall County students)*
- **Friendship Elementary: Advanced Scholars Program (ASP)** *(open for applications from any of our Hall County students)*
- **Lula Elementary: Discovering Our Gifts Academy (DOG)** *(open for applications from any of our Hall County students)*
- **White Sulphur Elementary: Dual Language Spanish Immersion Path** *(available to K-2 Hall County Students and Grades 3-5 WSES students)*



# RIVERBEND ELEMENTARY

Home of the Advanced Scholars Academy

- **The Advanced Scholars Academy (ASA) at Riverbend Elementary** is an innovative program of choice, appropriate for self-motivated, passionate students who are ready for rigorous, personalized learning experiences. ASA provides instruction that challenges advanced students.
- ASA teachers design customized schedules and instruction to meet the unique needs of each student, including flexible part-time enrollment for a limited number of home-schooled students. Character development is practiced daily, and all students take part in community service.
- Application Deadlines:  
*Early Admission Deadline: February 28, 2019*  
*Regular Admission Deadline: March 15, 2019*

**For additional information:** <https://res.hallco.org/web/asa-program/> or 770-534-4141

Contact ASA Coordinator Heather York at [Heather.York@hallco.org](mailto:Heather.York@hallco.org)



---

## Advanced Scholars' Program

*ASP Parent Meeting: **February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**  
in FES Learning Commons.*

ASP teachers will be on hand to showcase and discuss the academically rigorous, inquiry based program. Students currently in ASP will need to re-apply.

***Una reunión para información del programa ASP: El 4 de febrero @ 6:30 PM***

*Habrà una reunión para obtener información del programa ASP. Los maestros estaràn presentes para responder a las preguntas. Los estudiantes actuale en el programa necesitaràn solicitar otra vez.*

**The Advanced Scholars' Program at Friendship Elementary is open for applications. More information is available on the Friendship Elementary website at the following link:**

**<https://fes.hallco.org/web/asp-program-information/>**

*Application Deadline: March 15, 2020  
Applications may be accepted after the deadline if space remains.*



# Discovering Our Gifts Academy

**Discovering Our Gifts (DOG) Academy:** The D.O.G. Academy is for high achieving 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students, where learners have opportunities to learn, transfer, and apply their understanding of the content while developing research, technology, and inquiry skills to become competitive 21st century learners. The students learn how content connects and relates to other topics, disciplines, events, time, and cultures. The D.O.G. classroom allows the students to work independently, collaboratively, and through whole groups depending on the assignment, concept, needs, and delivery model.

**Promoting Unlimited Potential (P.U.P.) Academy** begins in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. The students in our P.U.P. academy classrooms have advanced curriculum in specific concept areas, move at a faster pace, and use in depth hands-on activities through a variety of learning experiences. The classrooms focus on allowing the students to develop a deeper understanding of concepts while providing opportunities to participate in project based learning, teamwork, and problem solving activities.



# Spanish Dual Language Path



- ▶ Program of Choice in Kindergarten & Grades K-4
  - ▶ Students will receive 50% of instruction in English; 50% in Spanish
  - ▶ English and Spanish-speaking students learn together
  - ▶ Academic subjects are taught in Spanish and English
  - ▶ Enrollment open to Hall County District students, as space allows
- ▶ Visit [www.wses.hallco.org](http://www.wses.hallco.org) for more information



# How Do I Apply to an elementary magnet school or program of choice? Please start by registering your kindergartener or child at your zoned elementary school.

- **Please register your child at his/her zoned elementary school. See the link below for more information, including what is necessary for parents to bring to registration.** Enrolling kindergarteners should accompany parents for pre-registration.
    - Student Registration Information: <https://www.hallco.org/web/student-registration/>
  - **Kindergarten registration** will be held at each of the Hall County School District elementary schools on:
    - **March 24 – 26, 2020**
- In order to be enrolled, children entering kindergarten must be five (5) years of age on or before September 1, 2020.
- Kindergarten Registration Information will be available on the Hallco website.

# How do I apply to an Elementary Magnet School or Program of Choice?

- ❑ Please go to the elementary school's website for specific program of choice application procedures.
- ❑ Deadline is March 16, 2020
- ❑ Visit <https://www.hallco.org/web/programs-of-choice/> to find links to school websites.

# How do I apply to an Elementary Magnet School?

- For all Elementary Magnet Schools, applications are due by **March 16, 2020**.
- **Please go to the magnet school's website for specific magnet school application procedures.**
- Rising kindergarteners must first be registered at their zoned elementary school.
- Letters will be mailed by April 3.
- Please respond by April 17.





# What happens next?

- **If accepted, you either accept or decline the magnet invitation.**
- Your new magnet school will request registration records from your child's zoned elementary school.
- For magnet schools, if you are not accepted, you may still apply for a transfer via HB 251.

# Questions?

Go to school websites for contact information!

