

## Elementary and Middle Magnet Schools / Programs of Choice

### Parent Information: For Fall 2023 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, 2023
- 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 (LSi3)
- 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/asa-program/>
- **Advanced Scholars Program at Friendship Elementary School**  
<https://fes.hallco.org/web/advanced-scholars-program/>
- **Discovering our Gifts Academy at Lula Elementary School:**  
<https://lula.hallco.org/web/dog-academy/>
- **Dual Language Spanish Immersion Path at White Sulphur Elementary School:**  
<https://wses.hallco.org/dual-language-path/>

# 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 *a//*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:

- Chestnut Mountain Creative School of Inquiry
- Lanier School for Inquiry, Investigation, and Innovation
- 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
- Tadmor Elementary: A Communication Magnet School
- Wauka Mountain Multiple Intelligences Academy
- World Language Academy

## Middle Magnet Schools:

- Chestatee Academy
- World Language Middle

**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

Parent Information Meetings coming up on Feb. 9, Feb. 16, and Feb. 17. For exact times and how to sign up go to: <https://wla.hallco.org/web/>.

- \*Portuguese taught as a Foreign Language
- \*Develop appreciation for all cultures to be successful in an international community

Application available at: <https://wla.hallco.org/web/join-our-school/>





Warriors learning & growing together through...

## CREATIVITY:

- Authentic projects and learning opportunities to showcase creativity

## CHOICE:

- Developing questions based on student interest

## INQUIRY:

- Students exploring a variety of learning experiences

<https://cmcsi.hallco.org/>



# 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 STEM Enrichment Courses (SEC)
- 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!**

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

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

**Connect**

**Reflect**

**Explore**

**Apply**

**Think**

**Experience**



# 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/>

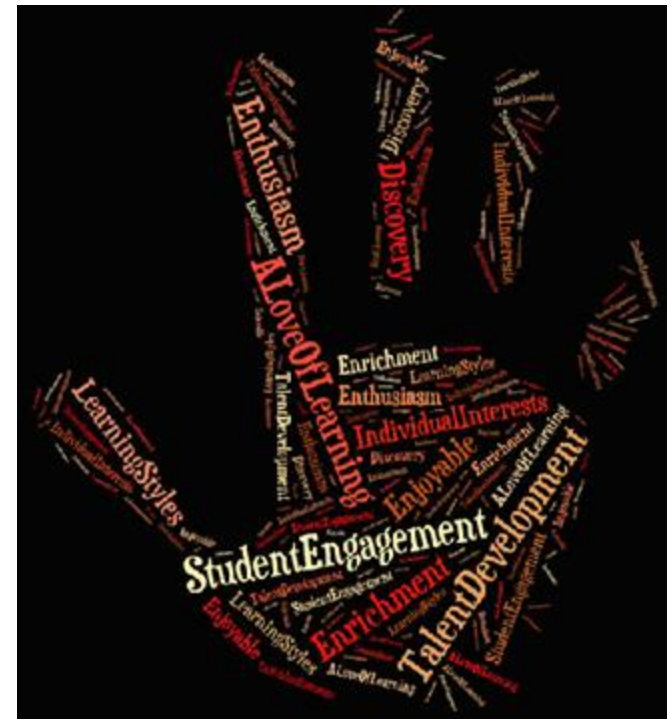


## Schoolwide Enrichment Model

Focuses on higher levels of engagement,  
critical thinking, enrichment, and  
deeper exploration of subjects

Focuses on bringing meaning and relevance  
to the learning

Serves to enhance the teaching of the  
Georgia Standards of Excellence







## Academy of Talent and Career Awareness (TAC)

- School-Wide Enrichment Model
- 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?*
- Parallel Curriculum based on the research of Renzulli and Reis
- 3 levels of implementation: Exposure, Cluster Groups, Service Learning
- Sample Cluster Group Choices: Computer Coding, STEM kids, Art Studio



# 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:

**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**

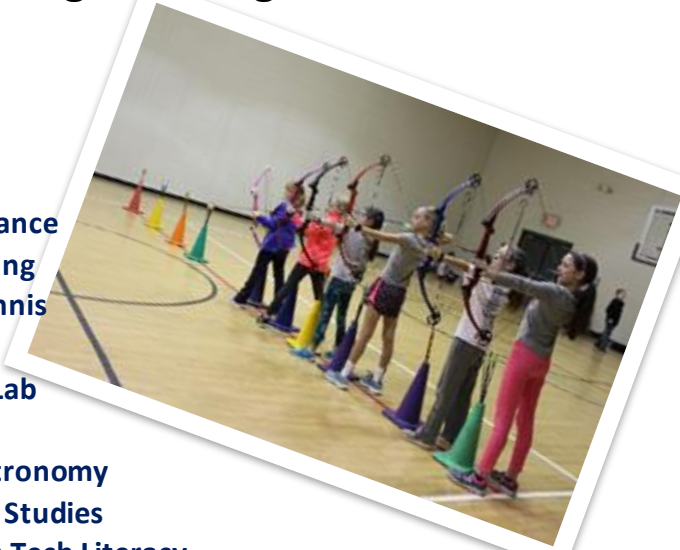
**Writer's Lab, Math Lab, Literacy Lab, Sewing Lab  
Sculpture, Pottery, Art**

**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. These programs/schools are open to all Hall County students.

- **The Advanced Scholars Academy (ASA) at Riverbend Elementary School**
- **Friendship Elementary: Advanced Scholars Program (ASP)**
- **Lula Elementary: Discovering Our Gifts Academy (DOG)**
- **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: March 1, 2023*
  - Regular Admission Deadline: March 17, 2023*

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

Contact ASA Coordinator Erin Blair at [Erin.blair@hallco.org](mailto:Erin.blair@hallco.org)

# FRIENDSHIP ELEMENTARY™

**How do I apply to the Advanced Scholars' Program?** Please visit our website at <https://fes.hallco.org/web/advanced-scholars-program/> or pick up an ASP application at the school.

## Important Dates

**February 1<sup>st</sup>**- ASP Applications are available

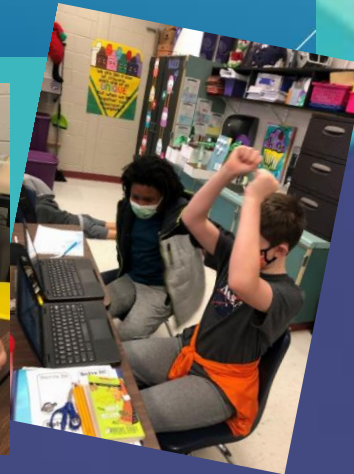
**February 23<sup>rd</sup>**- ASP Q&A Meeting at Friendship Elementary 7:00PM

**March 31<sup>st</sup>**- ASP Application Deadline (applications may be accepted after the deadline if space remains)

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Parent Notification of Acceptance

**Advanced Scholars Program (ASP) at Friendship Elementary School** is designed to create an academically rigorous, inquiry based, program to facilitate the growth of creative thinkers. ASP classrooms foster an environment that encourages each student to display their own talents while learning to work cooperatively. ASP classrooms incorporate character education and leadership skills through service learning.

➡ ["para español, haga clic aquí"](#)



**RESPECT**

**RESPONSIBILITY**

**HONESTY**

**SERVICE TO OTHERS**



*"Where learning begins with wonder."*

**Mission Statement:** Lanier School for Inquiry is a school for creating interesting spaces and places for students to engage in inquiry-based learning so students compassionately contribute to their communities and world.

- Dedicated time each day for inquiry
- Increase student's role in the learning process
- Community involvement through outreach and learning opportunities
- Increased student involvement and ownership of curriculum

For additional information, please visit <https://lanier.hallco.org> or call 770-532-8781 to learn more about *Lanier School for Inquiry, Investigation, and Innovation.*







## 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.

For additional information: Please visit <https://lula.hallco.org/web/dog-academy/> or call 770-869-3261 to learn more about the Discovering Our Gifts Academy.





# Spanish Dual Language Path

- 🐾 Program of Choice in Kindergarten-5<sup>TH</sup> Grade
- 🐾 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 [wses.hallco.org](https://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.

- **If your child is not a currently enrolled student, please register your child first at his/her zoned elementary school. See the link below for more information.**
  - Student Registration Information:  
<https://www.hallco.org/web/student-registration/>
- **Kindergarten registration:**

In order to be enrolled, children entering kindergarten must be five (5) years of age on or before September 1, 2023.

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 31, 2023
- 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 31, 2023**.
- Please go to <https://hallcogac.scriborder.com/> to apply to a Magnet School.
- Rising kindergarteners must first be registered at their zoned elementary school. Rising kindergartener acceptances will be sent out in late April, after kindergarten registration.
- Parents will be notified of acceptance by April 22.

