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Developing Futures™ in Education – Atlanta Public Schools

Atlanta Public Schools is located in the heart of Georgia’s capital city and is one of the primary educational agents for the area’s 5,207,180 metropolitan residents. The Atlanta Public School system supports 59 elementary schools, 16 middle schools, 14 high schools, 7 charter schools and 2 non-traditional programs that serve a student population of 49,392. 74 percent of the district’s students are eligible for free and reduced meals.

Atlanta ranks third in the nation among cities with the most *Fortune 500* headquarters, including Home Depot, UPS, The Coca-Cola Company, BellSouth, Delta Airlines, Sun Trust Bank, Turner Broadcasting and Cox Communications. According to the 2005 U.S. Census estimations, 83 percent of the population holds a high school diploma and 42 percent hold a bachelor’s degree or higher. The median family income is slightly higher than \$42,000 and the cost of the median home is estimated to be \$218,000. Approximately 26.9 percent of the population lives below the poverty line and 31 percent of those over the age of 16 do not participate in the labor force.

Atlanta Public School Facts

Size

Students	49,392	
Teachers	3,465	
Schools	98	Not including charter schools

Resources

Budget	\$582,839,767
Per-Pupil Expenditure	\$11,512
Student : Teacher Ratio	14.6 : 1

Outcomes

Math Proficiency	
Grade 3	85%
Grade 5	85%
Grade 8	60%
Grade 11	84%
Science Proficiency	
Grade 3	76%
Grade 5	83%
Grade 8	60%
Grade 11	61%