



Turner Middle School

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Why Turner Middle School?

“What makes Turner Middle School special is a combination of the faculty and the opportunities that are made available to the students. Turner has made it a priority to provide enrichment and academic activities for the students to help each and every one there find their interests and unique potential. That kind of connection to learning is so important in the development of our kids and community.”

—Turner Middle School Parent

Achievements

- ◇ 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 Douglas County Middle School Teachers of the Year
- ◇ Eight art students had entries in the 2020 DCSS Middle School One Reach Georgia Scholar
- ◇ Band Students consistently earn more than 50% of District Honor Band seats
- ◇ Two students advanced to 2021 State Science and Engineering Fair
- ◇ All Conference softball, football and basketball players

Inside the Classroom



Turner is DCSS's first AVID Middle School. AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) fosters a safe and open culture, high expectations for teachers and students, and collaboration in all classrooms. As Turner works toward its goal of consistently creating a student-centered, academic environment in which teaching and learning occur at high levels and students are self-directed learners, Socratic Seminar is one instructional strategy that a number of teachers have sought to employ. Socratic Seminar is a formal discussion, based on a text, in which the leader asks open-ended questions. Within the context of the discussion, students listen closely to the comments of others, thinking critically for themselves, and articulate their own thoughts and responses to the thoughts of others. Turner's desire is to increase rigor and interaction among its students. The picture above reveals Socratic Seminar in action during Mr. Payano's 7th Grade Social Studies class.

Mrs. Houston facilitates students-conference (top, right) as a means to better equip students to collaborate, create and thinking critically about their learning. As students become more discriminate in their knowledge and abilities, they are more apt to be able to exemplify the type of learners requisite of the 21st Century demands.

Our Mission

The mission of Turner Middle School reflects the Douglas County School System mission. Our mission is to provide a quality education for all students in a safe, supportive environment.

Our Vision

The vision of Turner Middle School is to develop R.A.R.E.3 students in Academics, Arts, Athletics and Service to the Community. R.A.R.E.3 stands for Respectful, Accountable, Responsible students who give Earnest Effort Everyday.

Principal's Message

Turner desires to foster relationships with its students, parents, and community to harken back to the days and notion of "It takes a village to raise a child." In my 31 years as an educator, the students who have succeeded in their chosen path of life are those who were convinced that there was a support system in place for them as they navigated life as adolescents and young adults. Come be a part of the village.

-Principal Darron Franklin

Student Enrollment: 775

Total Staff: 85

Certified Staff: 48

% of Certified Staff with Advanced Degrees: 75%

Numbers for enrollment and staffing current as of 10/21

To access state-mandated test scores including the Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMAS), please scan the QR code.



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Beyond the Classroom

Turner Middle School (TMS) has perhaps the most diverse ethnic student population. That diversity serves as our strength. Students are being educated in an environment that is reflective of the world in which they will live for decades to come.

TMS highlights the accomplishments of its students in terms of Academics, Arts, Athletics, and Service to the Community. TMS was the first middle school to forge the acceleration path by offering Algebra to its students more than four years ago. Additionally, two students were 1st Place winners in the Regional Science Fair making them eligible to participate in the State Science Fair. TMS boasts one the district's Reach Georgia Scholars. Over the past couple of years, Turner has had students submit pieces to DCSS Middle School Mania Art Exhibit. For the last seven years of DCSS Middle School Honor Band, TMS' band students have constituted at least 50% of the group. The band has also increasingly had students hear GMEA District VII Honor Band spots. TMS' Chorus also has students who have been selected for DCSS Honor Chorus. Before COVID, TMS' SGA demonstrated service to the community through its food drives and visits to local care homes for the elderly.