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Gate City Middle School

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Strategic School Plan

2021-2022

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**GATE CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
Vision & Mission Statements**

<b>GCMS Vision</b>
Every Child, Every Opportunity

<b>GCMS Mission</b>
It is the mission of Gate City Middle School to develop lifelong learners who value themselves and others, contribute to their community, and are college and career ready.

**GATE CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
Strategic School Plan Committee**

Amy Sallee	Principal
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## **GATE CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL Priorities**

### **Priority 1 - High Academic Standards**

#### **Goal Statement 1 - Academics**

Gate City Middle School understands the importance of student achievement on Standards of Learning and Growth Assessment tests (VGA). We plan to prepare middle school students to meet and exceed the requirements mandated by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

#### **Measurable Objectives**

- GCMS will meet or exceed the required state accreditation benchmarks in English, math, science, and history and will continue to maintain or improve on the previous year pass rates during the current school year.
- GCMS will show measurable progress for all students on Virginia Growth Assessments (VGA).

#### **Strategies**

- Teachers will utilize the VDOE SOL Curriculum Framework.
- Teachers will correlate lesson plans to Standards of Learning.
- Adequate funding will be provided for the purchase of SOL instructional materials.
- Teachers will utilize data from Virginia Growth Assessment (VGA) to identify strengths and areas of improvement, and to guide instruction.
- Teachers will utilize Bloom's Taxonomy and teach with high standards of rigor.
- Teachers will provide additional remediation as needed.
- Specific needs will be addressed in the area of writing.
- Teachers will utilize differentiated instruction to meet the needs of every student.
- GCMS will offer an after-school program (ASP) to help students with identified gaps in learning.

#### **Indicators**

- Virginia Growth Assessments
- Benchmark and Local Tests
- Percentage of Highly-Qualified Teachers

#### **Goal Statement 2 - Attendance**

Gate City Middle School understands that students must be present at school to obtain academic success. We plan to communicate attendance policies and work with families to maintain good attendance for our students.

#### **Measurable Objectives**

- Chronic absenteeism at GCMS will be less than 15%
- GCMS will assign attendance mentors to students with high absenteeism
- GCMS will communicate attendance policy to students and families.

- GCMS will develop an attendance plan for students with 5 or more unexcused absences.
- GCMS will work with the SCPS Truancy Officer to assist families with attendance issues.
- Teachers will notify administration with concerns regarding attendance.

#### Indicators

- GCMS Daily Attendance Report
- GCMS Consecutive Absences Report
- Teacher Referrals

### **Priority 2 - Career/College Readiness**

#### **Goal Statement 3 - Career/College Readiness**

Gate City Middle School understands the importance of preparing students for college and careers beyond high school. We plan to prepare middle school students for entry into high school and career readiness.

#### Measurable Objectives

- Students will take Career Investigations in 8th grade.
- Students will complete a graduation plan.
- Teachers will refer students to the school counselor as needed.
- GCMS will participate in United Way's *Ignite* program.
- GCMS SPED teachers will meet with GCHS SPED teachers to assist with transition.

#### Indicators

- Individual graduation plans
- Major Clarity

### **Priority 3 - Communication/Community Involvement**

#### **Goal Statement 4 - Communication/Community Involvement**

Gate City Middle School understands the importance of a strong home-school relationship in student success. We plan to form partnerships with families and work together to help each child be successful.

#### Measurable Objectives

- GCMS will hold an orientation for 7th grade students and families.
- GCMS will utilize School Messenger to communicate with families.
- GCMS will encourage teachers to make positive contacts with families.
- GCMS will work to meet with all students during the school year.
- GCMS will create a schoolwide Twitter account to improve home/school communication

#### Indicators

- Number of calls on School Messenger
- Number of families participating in 7th grade orientation

- Number of students that GCMS administration meets during the school year.
- Number of tweets about school activities.

#### **Priority 4 - Social and Emotional Wellness**

##### **Goal Statement 5 - Social/Emotional Wellness**

Gate City Middle School understands the importance of social and emotional wellness of our students. We plan to proactively work with students and families to meet the needs of our students.

##### **Measurable Objectives**

- GCMS will implement the new SCPS Social Emotional Learning program.
- GCMS administration and the school counselor will be available to support students as needed.

##### **Indicators**

- Number of discipline referrals
- Number of school counseling sessions
- School climate survey