



# Get **MORE** with Thomas County Schools

*Maximizing Opportunities to Realize Excellence*

## MORE ACADEMICS



Enrichment and accelerated instruction is available for gifted, talented, and high achieving students beginning in kindergarten.

MERIT, the area's most comprehensive program for gifted and high achieving students, begins in fifth grade.

Opportunities are available for both enrichment and grade acceleration gifted programs with up to seven high school courses available for students in the middle school. Twenty-six percent of TCMS students complete one or more high school classes each year.

Thomas County offers the area's most comprehensive foreign language program with fully certified instructors teaching Spanish, French, German, and Latin. Students begin foreign language instruction in fifth grade. Thomas County Central High School has been certified since 2016 to award the International Skills Diploma Program and is the only school in the region to offer this program.

Nineteen College Board approved Advanced Placement Programs are available: AP - 2D Art & Design, AP - 3D Art & Design, AP Art - Drawing, AP Art History, AP Biology, AP Calculus, AP Chemistry, AP Computer Science, AP English Literature, AP Environmental Science, AP Government, AP Human Geography, AP Latin, AP Music Theory, AP Physics, AP Psychology, AP Statistics, AP U.S. History, and AP World History.

During the 2019 school year, 164 students earned credit for 557 college courses while still in high school through either the College Board's Advanced Placement Program or Dual Enrollment.

Students compete successfully each year in a full range of academic competitions including literary competitions, math competitions, Mock Trial, Model UN, National History Day, Quiz Bowl, science fair, technology festivals, Science Olympiad, and much more!

The Thomas County School System offers a full continuum of support for students with individual learning needs. Thomas County is recognized as a regional leader in special education services.

All educational services and supports are available on every campus, ensuring equitable access for all students to Thomas County's full range of educational opportunities.

## MORE STEM

The Thomas County School System is recognized as a state-leader in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education with programs to introduce ALL students to computer coding beginning in kindergarten.



Every student in the system is provided a technology device, either an iPad or a Chromebook, for digital learning.

ALL students in grades K-8 complete the Project Lead the Way Computer Science curriculum with a robust computer programming pathway option available for high school students. The high school computer science pathway culminates with Advanced Placement Computer Science.



Middle school MERIT students participate in a makerspace laboratory as part of their STEM experience.

## MORE FINE ARTS



**DR. BOYAN BONEV**  
String Orchestra  
Program Director

The Thomas County School System is dedicated to providing fine arts instruction for students pre-kindergarten through high school.

Art and music instruction are part of the elementary curriculum for even the youngest learners. Beginning in fourth grade, students may begin participating in string orchestra classes.

Fine arts programs available beginning in fifth grade include art, band, chorus, dance, drama, and string orchestra.

Drama students are routinely selected for regional acting awards.

Thomas County's "Best of the Nest" band program routinely captures more seats in the District Honor Band than any other band program in Southwest Georgia.



Both middle and high school students have been selected for All-State Chorus.

After school fine arts classes are available for elementary and middle school students in the areas of art, dance, and string orchestra. The school system provides free transportation after school each day to the Center for the Arts for students who take private lessons there.

## MORE CAREER EXPLORATION



Thomas County offers more middle school exploratory options than any other middle school in our area. In addition to fine arts and physical education exploratory classes, Thomas County Middle School students may choose to participate in any of the following programs: Agriculture, Business Education, Family and Consumer Science, Computer Technology

which includes App Creators, Coding, Robotics and Automation. High school credits are available for eighth graders in Agriculture and Computer Programming.

Thomas County Central High School offers more industry certified career education classes than any other high school in the region. Programs available include Agriculture, \*Audio Video, \*Automotive, \*Business, CCAE, \*Early Childhood, \*Health Science, \*Information Technology, \*Welding, and Work-based learning. The asterisk (\*) denotes programs that have been awarded industry certification by the State Department of Education and state-level business associations which verify that the programs meet or exceed national standards and that the classrooms and laboratories are equipped with state-of-the-art technology.



## MORE EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

From interscholastic athletics to career-technology student organizations, to service-based clubs, to intramural sports, Thomas County Schools provides a place for every student to thrive. Whether serving their local community or traveling nationally to compete or serve as an officer at a national convention, students gain real-world experiences that prepare them for life beyond high school.

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| Baseball      | Softball (Fast & Slow Pitch) |
| Basketball    | Swimming                     |
| Cheerleading  | Tennis                       |
| Cross Country | Track & Field                |
| eSports       | Volleyball                   |
| Football      | Wrestling                    |
| Golf          | AND...                       |
| Gymnastics    | Intramural Sports            |
| Soccer        | Numerous Clubs               |



# ENROLL NOW!

**Hand-In-Hand Primary School**  
Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten

**Garrison-Pilcher Elementary School**  
First and Second Grades

**Cross Creek Elementary School**  
Third and Fourth Grades

**Thomas County Middle School**  
Fifth - Eighth Grades

**Thomas County Central High School**  
Ninth - Twelfth Grades

**Bishop Hall Charter School**  
Eighth - Twelfth Grades



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