



Spring 2018 Facts

What you should know	Why is it important?
WHAT IS NEW AND NOTEWORTHY IN SPRING 2018?	
<p>Centennial High School achieved a 92 percent graduation rate in 2017, exceeding the Fulton County goal of 90 percent.</p> <p>Average SAT (1109) and ACT (24) scores for 2016-2017 are at an all-time high and exceed the national and Fulton County average.</p> <p>55 students are in dual-enrollment, taking college-level courses for simultaneous credit towards high school and college graduation requirements.</p> <p>Centennial students are accepted into world-class schools. We have had 6 students in the last five years admitted to Harvard; including 2 on full scholarships in 2017. Over 70 students were accepted at UGA, well over the state average.</p>	<p>Centennial is competitive within Fulton County, the state of Georgia and the country.</p>
<p>Centennial continues to have a comprehensive and award-winning Counseling Program focused on increasing student achievement by providing academic, social/emotional, and career counseling to help all students reach their fullest potential.</p> <p>An action-packed College Week is run every year and made available to all students (not only juniors and seniors) and parents. Workshops address a wide and varied list of topics.</p>	<p>The Counseling and Administrative teams are passionate about supporting my student, facilitating student achievement and opening doors to opportunities for them. http://www.mycentennialcounseling.com/</p> <p>The workshops in College Week appeal to all students and include a free College Fair.</p>
<p>The Centennial High School PTSA was recognized as a National PTA School of Excellence for August 2017—2019. Centennial is one of 150 schools across the country to be awarded this honor and one of only 16 schools in Georgia</p>	<p>Our family will belong to an active community in which all students are valued and supported and in which all families are welcomed and encouraged to contribute.</p>
<p>Centennial added a partnership with STE(A)M Truck, a mobile makerspace, to expand its already extensive SPaCE. Student SPARK Days challenge students in a fast-paced environment and a year-end Student Expo in May 2018 will showcase the students' innovative work.</p>	<p>At Centennial, my student can learn skills "outside the box" to strengthen creativity, problem-solving, communication, team work, and technology application.</p>

Centennial High School was awarded its 5th Charter School Grant (formerly called Seed Fund) for \$80,000 in 2017-2018 from Fulton County.	My child is in a school that wins monies for continuous improvement and creates innovative, leading-edge learning environments.
Using the 4th Seed Fund Grant for \$95,000 in 2016-2017, we are excited to report all furnishings (modular chairs, high tables and interactive boards) have been delivered and assembled. Students are now utilizing an amazing new array of work spaces. Teachers from all departments are leveraging the flexibility these enhanced spaces offer. These modern classrooms better engage students with opportunities to work both in a group or independently within the same space. All revamped classrooms are a depiction of the school-wide initiative to integrate active student participation into all classes. We look forward to seeing the results of the student collaboration and versatility these 21st century learning spaces bring.	Flexible Classroom Spaces ensure that my student will have educational experiences that align with the skills needed to succeed in college and in their career. Furthermore, my child will have teachers that are committed to maintaining a level of excellence in teaching in an ever-changing academic landscape.
<p>Centennial students continue to excel in Leadership Programs in preparation for future careers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Executive Council raised \$15K through Homecoming to sponsor Centennial clubs and organizations. Some examples include: German, Spanish & French Exchange programs; Career Tech Fair; Avalon Literacy Magazine; Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). • Students in the Chick-fil-A Leadership program complete service projects and leadership modules. Examples include working at a daycare center for Syrian immigrants and hosting a cross-cultural movie night; problem-solving for Love Beyond Walls and MAP18, projects associated with homelessness and poverty; delivered 150 food packets to Atlanta/Fulton area food shelters • Student Leadership Johns Creek recruits approximately 45 students each year from 4 high schools for a 2-year leadership program. Sample programs include working with the Johns Creek police department to update the Billy Badge program; helping Hillside Elementary raise funds for hurricane victims; conducting Mayoral and City Council debates for the Nov 2017 election. 	My student will have many opportunities to apply skills learned in the classroom in real-world, leadership environments, thus better preparing them for the future.
Centennial has many talented educators and it would be difficult to list them all here. A recent highlight: Mr. Bob Kuhn won 2017 National Biology Teacher of the Year by the National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT) and was recognized at their annual conference in St Louis.	Principal Kibbey Crumbley is focused on attracting and retaining top teaching talent. Centennial High School has great teachers.
The Centennial Model UN team continues to be one of the premier teams in the U.S. Recent accolades include winning Outstanding Small Delegation at Rutgers Model UN	Centennial is focused on preparing its students to understand world issues. My student can learn about these challenges, as well as how

Conference , as well as Distinguished and Outstanding individual awards.	to problem solve and communicate across a culturally diverse group.
<p>Centennial continues to have a strong Fine Arts program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several Visual Arts students were selected to represent Centennial in the Hartsfield-Jackson Airport Youth Art Galleries, on display in the International concourse from October 2017-January 2018 The fall theatre production, "Doubt, a Parable" was awarded 2nd place in the Region. Centennial students were also awarded best actor and supporting actress. The spring production will be "Mary Poppins." Eight artists from Centennial placed at the prestigious Georgia National Fair Youth Art Contest including four 1st place ribbons The Marching Band earned 1st place in its class at the "Conquest" marching band competition 22 students from the school's band, orchestra and chorus are finalists at the State, GHP, District or Honors level. 	<p>Centennial has a well-rounded student body that does well across academics, arts and athletics. There will be a place for my student.</p>
<p>Centennial Athletics continues to thrive. Highlights include: <u>2017-2018</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sophomore Cathryn Gray was named 2017 U.S. Paralympics All-American in two events. Varsity Football Region 7 AAAAAA Runner Up; Advanced to Sweet 16 of GHSA AAAAAA State Playoffs, winning its first state playoff game since 2002 under new head coach Michael Perry. Broke the single season scoring record with 445 points, had six 1st Team All-Region players. Our QB was named North Georgia Touchdown Club's Offensive Player of the Year. Girls Varsity Volleyball advanced to the Sweet 16 of GHSA AAAAAA State Playoffs for the first time since 2013. CHS Swim and Dive team finished 4th at the County meet, setting a meet record in the Girls 200 Medley Relay. Eight swimmers on the Men's team advanced to State. <p><u>2016-2017</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gymnastics – Finished #6 in GHSA State Meet Boys Soccer – Region 7 AAAAAA Runner Up; advanced to Elite 8 of GHSA AAAAAA State Playoffs Girls Lacrosse – Area 7 6A-7A Champions Boys Lacrosse – Area 7 6A-7A Champions, advanced to Semi-Finals of GHSA 6A-7A State Playoffs 	<p>If athletics are of great interest to my student, Centennial is a strong environment in which to grow, with top-notch coaches and a wide range of competitive athletic programs.</p> <p>There are also many club activities and sports for my students whose skills are developing.</p>

THE BIG PICTURE: CHARTER SYSTEM AND WHAT IT ALLOWS US TO DO	
<p>Fulton County Schools became Georgia's largest charter system in July 2012. Fulton County is one of four metro area charter school systems (Atlanta Public Schools, Marietta City and Decatur City are the others)—out of only 42 that exist in the state.</p> <p>Furthermore, Centennial High School was one of the first schools to embrace the charter system within Fulton County.</p> <p>Schools in the charter system are led by a School Governance Council.</p>	<p>Being in a charter system is good for my student—it allows flexibility to meet the needs of our community.</p> <p>Centennial High School has proven experience in leveraging the charter system model for the benefit of its student population. CHS faculty and staff are prepared to think outside the box to engage every student to their full potential.</p> <p>Having a School Governance Council means I can have direct influence on my school. The school is led by a team of elected parents, teachers, local community members, and school administrators. All of them are very invested in doing what is best for students.</p>
<p>As part of the charter system, curriculum changes can be made to support each school's strategic plans (if approved by the Fulton County Board).</p> <p>Two of the more innovative waivers that Centennial High School has been granted include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internship Waiver: Work-based learning experiences can be selected as a part of a student's chosen course curriculum to develop skills and prepare them to be successful professionals in the workplace. • Personal Fitness Waiver: Students in varsity sports, JROTC, marching band or other approved club sports (fencing) can waive taking Personal Fitness and replace that class time with electives and additional academic options suited to each person's unique college and career path. 	<p>Centennial High School provides innovative ways to maximize the individual learning experience to meet the needs of its student body.</p>
<p>Another tremendous benefit of the Fulton County Charter System is its Seed Fund/Charter System Grant Program. The Seed Fund was established in 2013 using \$7.8 million appropriated by the Georgia State Legislature to support the Fulton County Charter System.</p> <p>Centennial High School has successfully navigated the rigorous application process to improve the school, including winning over \$700,000 in grants in 5 years. Key highlights:</p>	<p>Centennial High School has been a leader in creating big ideas that effect positive change for its students.</p> <p>It has won significant seed money to invest in new programs that benefit my student using existing taxpayer dollars, versus my having to pay for a private school environment or capital campaign.</p>

<p>FY15 Fair and Appropriate Fitness Training for Female Students - Expanded Centennial's fitness capabilities to offer a wider range of options to female students to raise participation rates in elective classes by the female population and to create a better-rounded, positive atmosphere for all students. \$10,330</p> <p>Transformed the Media Center into a 21st Century Learning Commons - Transformed the Media Center into a model 21st Century Learning Commons, creating new learning and teaching spaces that leverage students' current technology savvy; encourage and support personalized learning opportunities; and provide a true hub for educational innovations. \$189,778</p> <p>FY16 Collaborative Opportunity Labs (CoLabs) for STEM and Humanities - Renovated its existing computer labs into 21st Century Collaborative Opportunity Labs (CoLabs) for STEM and Humanities. \$112,077</p> <p>FY17 Over \$100,000 invested to create a Makerspace for our students called the SPaCE</p> <p>FY18 Flexible Classroom Spaces – Centennial is implementing a program to provide state-of-the-art and flexible classrooms to more closely mirror the needs of the modern student. Each department will have at least one model classroom that will allow teachers to easily engage students with collaborative and critical thinking opportunities. These model classrooms will also serve to provide staff with learning opportunities for our faculty. \$95,000</p> <p>FY19 Centennial is considering several options for utilizing the \$80,000 grant it was awarded.</p>	
<p>Fulton County saw the success of the transformation of the Centennial High School media center into a “Learning Commons” and remodeled the remaining 14 high school media centers after Centennial High School within a 2-year period.</p> <p>Video: https://vimeo.com/181760395</p>	<p>Centennial High School is an innovator in the county, which is a great thing for students and parents alike.</p> <p>The Learning Commons feels like a cross between an Apple Store and a Starbucks, combines the functions of libraries, labs, lounges, and seminar areas in a single community gathering space which will benefit my student—whether they struggle with learning, are middle of the pack, or exceed standards.</p>
<p>Centennial High School received many building upgrades over the summer through SPLOST, including upgrades to the auditorium, cafeteria, kitchen, our beautiful new façade, and athletic facilities.</p>	<p>Centennial is a beautiful and modern learning environment in which my student will thrive.</p> <p>After property taxes, I do not have to pay a second-time for private school amenities.</p>

WHAT MAKES CENTENNIAL DIFFERENT IN OUR COMMUNITY?	
<p>Principal Kibbey Crumbley has been leading Centennial High School for over five years with a strong team Administrative team. Under her leadership, the school continues to improve and excel.</p>	<p>It is reassuring to know that my student will be at a school with a consistent, talented, dedicated and strong administrative team—which makes all the difference in a school's success.</p>
<p>Centennial High School is on track to become an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, a designation that is recognized globally. It will be the only high school in the Northeast Learning Community in Fulton County to have this designation.</p> <p>We anticipate offering the IB Diploma Programme courses to juniors in the fall of 2018.</p> <p>International Baccalaureate (IB) schools aim to go beyond traditional curriculum by developing inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people motivated to succeed. IB offers a continuum of programs from elementary through high school. The programs encourage both personal and academic achievement, challenging students in their studies and personal development.</p>	<p>The IB program can be a huge opportunity for my student and Centennial High School will be one of only four IB high schools in Fulton County to offer this program.</p> <p>My student can earn a diploma recognized by colleges and universities around the world.</p>
<p>In April 2016, Centennial High School became one of the first in the State of Georgia to offer the International Skills Diploma Seal.</p> <p>Less than 7 percent of the 956 Georgia high schools currently offer this seal to graduating seniors.</p>	<p>My student has an opportunity to differentiate him/herself in the college application process through this rigorous program, as well as become better prepared for operating in a global environment.</p>
<p>Centennial High School offers an International Relations elective and hosts a nationally-acclaimed Model United Nations team. The school is a leader in the nation with its Model UN program and the only school in Georgia named in the Top 150 Model UN programs.</p> <p>Other local high schools have visited the Centennial program to learn from its successes.</p> <p>Centennial also hosts a Middle School Model UN event each year to encourage middle schoolers interest in global issues.</p>	<p>Centennial is focused on preparing its students to understand world issues and has added an International Relations class to its curriculum as well as supporting a vibrant and competitive Model UN Club.</p> <p>*Note that middle school students attending Holcomb Bridge Middle School can join its Model UN Club before even attending Centennial H.S.</p>
<p>Centennial H.S. offers the Army JROTC program, a three-year Career Pathways course that strives to build life skills and strong citizens. It is one of only two programs in North Fulton and is award-winning.</p> <p>Established in 1997, roughly the year the school opened, the program continues to flourish. Recent activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JROTC Color Guard presented the National Colors at over 15 events at school and in the community 	<p>My student could benefit from and enjoy Army JROTC—which contrary to the popular myth—is not a military-feeder program but a 3-year elective program that builds life skills and citizenship.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twenty JROTC cadets spent Veterans Day at the Roswell Olive Garden restaurant welcoming and thanking Veterans and their families for their military service. • JROTC Service Learning Project- Sixty cadets taught community service classes to 3rd through 5th grade students at Barnwell Elementary School as a part of Junior Achievement. 	
<p>Centennial High School offers the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program, one that Principal Kibbey Crumbley brought to Fulton County three years ago and which has been adopted by the core Centennial High School feeder schools (Esther Jackson, Hillside, Northwood, River Eves, Haynes Bridge, Holcomb Bridge).</p> <p>AVID is a College Readiness System that transforms leadership, instruction, and culture to focus on the academic and social skills needed in higher education and beyond. Schools implementing AVID operate with a guiding principle: hold students to the highest standards, provide academic and social support, and they will rise to the challenge.</p> <p>AVID builds a college-going culture by bringing best practices and methodologies to middle and high school students.</p>	<p>Centennial was the first AVID certified high school in Fulton County.</p> <p>The Centennial School Cluster is one of the only AVID-certified clusters in the entire state.</p> <p>AVID could be a wonderful program for my student. AVID has increased both graduation rates and the number of college-bound students.</p> <p>The Centennial High School administration and School Governance Council are committed to bringing the best programs available to its student population.</p>
<p>The school fosters a culture of community service, including its annual Senior Service Day. During PSAT testing, Centennial students give back to the community, working in small groups at 19 volunteer sites, including Autrey Mill and Chattahoochee Nature Centers, parks, Safehouse, Furkids, Tapestry House, Senior Services, elementary schools, libraries and more.</p>	<p>Values that are important to me will be reinforced in my student at the school.</p>
<p>Centennial is a highly diverse school in every meaning of the word, and we love it! We are proud to have differences based on ethnicity, race, socioeconomic status, exceptionalities, language, religion, gender, and geographic origin. We are a community of tolerance and encouragement.</p> <p>The Centennial High School PTSA is a warm, welcoming, inclusive team that works with teachers, administrators, students and the community and is highly committed to supporting the school and all students.</p>	<p>I feel comfortable that my student will fit in at Centennial High School and will be celebrated for who they are.</p> <p>Our family will belong to an active community in which all students are valued and supported and in which all families are welcomed and encouraged to contribute.</p>