

Back to School Highlights

2026 – 2027

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Seamless Coordination Across Divisions

DeKalb County School District teams delivered the essential tasks for a strong 2026–2027 opening, synthesizing complex operational workflows into four readiness pillars.



1) Logistics & Infrastructure



100%

2) Safety & Wraparound Supports



100%



3) Student & Community Onboarding



100%

4) Academic Core & Talent



100%



One seamless coordination effort for a great opening of schools.

Securing the Physical and Digital Foundation



DeKalb County School District teams delivered the essential tasks for a strong 2026–2027 opening, synthesizing complex operational workflows into key readiness milestones.



85%



Summer Construction Complete

Doors open; reopening targeted no later than July 24.

93%



Network Connectivity Verified

Connected classrooms verified across all schools.

100%



Deployment of Chromebooks

100% deployment of Chromebooks districtwide.

100%



Personnel Hired for Safety & Security

100% of safety and security positions filled for schools.



TEACHING & LEARNING



Elevating Experiences



Strategic Foundation

Intentional, well-planned learning for all.



Active Engagement

Dynamic, student-centered instruction and enrichment.



Growth for Every Learner

Building skills, curiosity and a culture of excellence.

Engaged Minds.

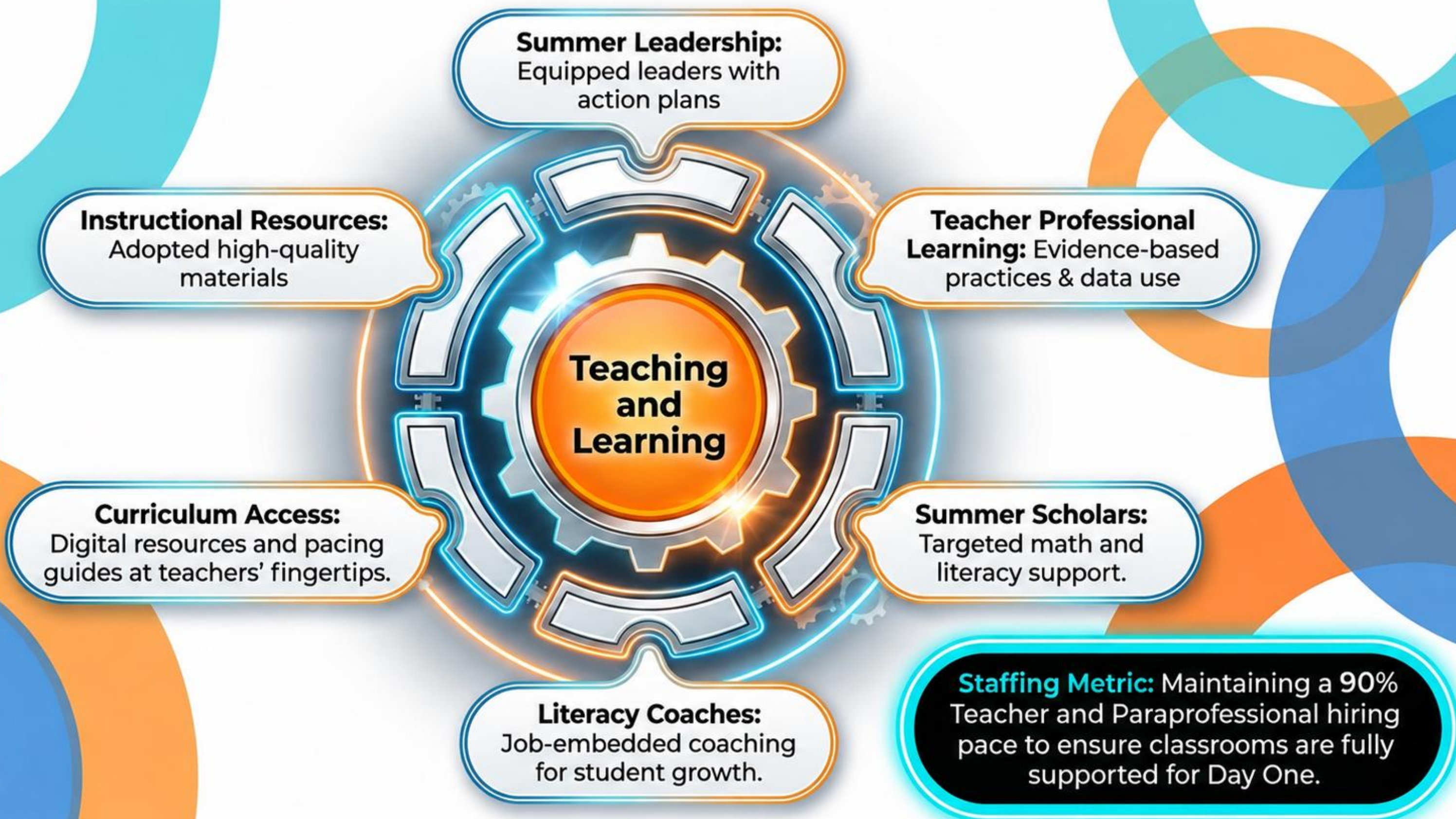
Inspired Futures.

Stronger Together.



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Powering the Academic and Instructional Engine



Building Frontline Capacity for Holistic Support

Equipping our teams with the training, tools, and partnerships to support every student, every day.



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- Youth Mental Health First-Aid
- Behavior Threat Assessment Management (BTAM) Training
- Mindset Verbal De-escalation Training
- Restorative Practice Foundations
- Accident Insurance Panel Communication



OPERATIONAL & ADVISORY

- Counselor Keys Effectiveness System (CKES)
- After School Care Program (ASCP) Director & Bookkeeper Training
- SchoolLinks College, Career, and Life Readiness (CCLR) Platform
- District Due Process Hearings



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- Social Work Services & Latin American Association Collaborative
- Cross-training for Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) Social Workers and Attendance Specialists



ENRICHMENT

- Title IV funds actively utilized to celebrate fine arts by purchasing music equipment across all grade levels
- Aligned training, strategic partnerships, and targeted investment that empower staff and uplift students



In All Areas of Our District, *We Have Successfully Supported Student Enrollment.*



15,774

online registration
applications processed

for the 2026–2027 school year
since the application cycle opened.



2,400

exceptional education
students routed

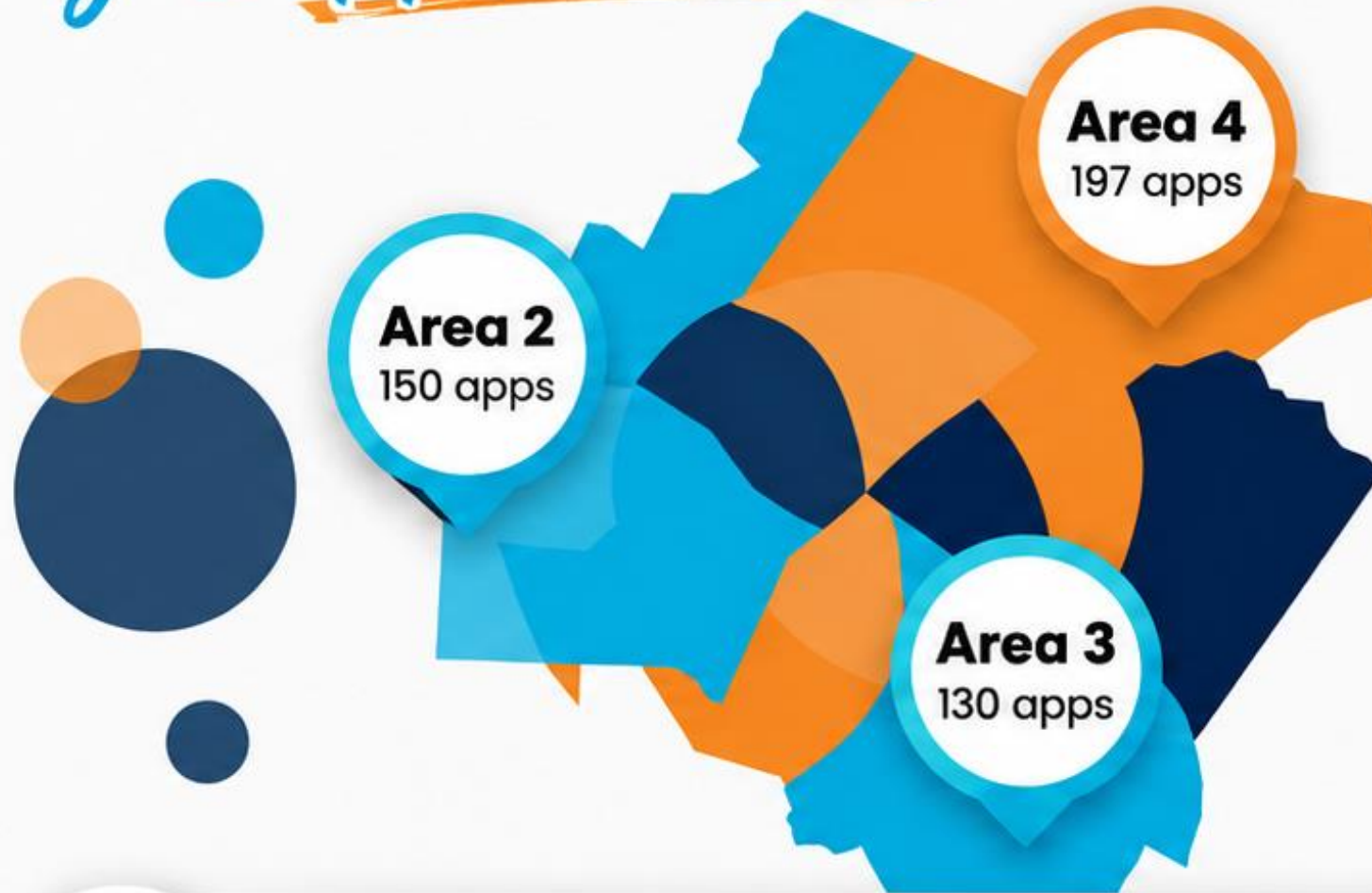
to ensure appropriate placement
and supports for the 2026–2027
school year.



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**Summer
Registration
Hubs**

Chamblee HS, Tucker MS, Columbia HS,
DeKalb Arts Academy provided direct
assistance to **557** walk-in families.



Every Student.
Seen and Supported.



Every Family.
Welcomed and Assisted.



Every School.
Ready to Succeed.



Every Area.
Stronger Together.



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BACK *to* SCHOOL Rally



UNITED. FOCUSED. READY TO WIN.



United in Purpose. Focused on Students. Ready to Win!

Removing Barriers for Day One Engagement

Launching the Family-First Strategy



Community Celebration

Back-to-School Rally ready,
serving over **9,000+** participants.



Digital Front Door

Website fully live.



First-Day Buzz

Reopening
campaign complete.



OPEN

Access points are
ready (clear entry
points for
enrollment/info).



VISIBLE

Opportunity
pathways are clear
(supports easier
to find).



CONNECTED

Supports move
together
(schools/partners
coordinate to
close gaps).



RESULT

Every family has a
clear next step;
every student has a
place to plug in.

More Than A School Day

Strategic Foundation



Committed to creating environments that **inspire, engage, and empower.**

Our strategic foundation drives intentional experiences that promote student growth, well-being, and success both inside and beyond the classroom.

Active Engagement

Rapid rollout of summer enrichment driving holistic engagement:



Aviation Film Camp, AP Bridge Camp, Health and Medicine Exploration Camp, Chef in Training Culinary Camp, Ologist Discovery Camp, DSCD Gamers Camp, Fashion Studio Interior Design Camp, and others.



Hosted **MS & HS Football 7x7** Camps, Flag Football, and Volleyball clinics.



Hosted **Elementary clinics** for Track, Wrestling, Soccer, Basketball, and Flag Football.



Executed **Media Day** for High School Football and Flag Football.



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Forward Together.

In a Strategic Process.

Guided by our strategic plan, we are aligning resources, strengthening systems, and building capacity across every division to ensure student success.



LOGISTICS

Streamlined operations and efficient resource management.



SAFETY

Safe, supportive, and equitable learning environments.



COMMUNITY

Strong family and community partnerships that connect and empower.



ACADEMICS

High-quality instruction and rigorous learning that prepares every student for the future.

Our Strategic Priorities



STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Ensure all students achieve academic excellence and are college, career, and life ready.



PEOPLE & CULTURE

Attract, develop, and retain high-quality talent and foster a culture of belonging and support.



OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Strengthen systems and processes that enhance efficiency, transparency, and accountability.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Build meaningful partnerships that leverage resources and advance shared outcomes.



SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Maximize resources to ensure long-term financial health and sustainability.



Together, these priorities drive our mission forward—creating safe, high-performing schools where every student, every day, is **known, valued, and prepared to thrive.**

Forward Together. | Engaged Minds. | Inspired Futures. | Stronger Together.



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Thank You!



Your dedication.
Your partnership.

Our students' success.

Together, we are stronger.

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