



Deer Chase Elementary School



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Hephzibah, GA 30815



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The Mission of Deer Chase Elementary is to provide a foundation for our students' life-long learning by furnishing opportunities for them to flourish academically, physically, artistically, socially and emotionally in a nurturing, yet rigorous environment.

Quick Reference

Grades: Pre-K - 5

Principal: Dr. Valerie Squire-Kelly

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School Hours: 8:15 - 3:15

Area Asst. Superintendent: Dr. Malinda Cobb

Superintendent: Dr. Angela Pringle

Grading System

- A (90-100)
- B (89-80)
- C (79-75)
- D (74-70)
- F (below 70)

Student Enrollment

540

Average Daily Attendance

97.22

Special Programs\Fine Arts

Music
Orchestra

Points of Pride

- Deer Chase has an award winning PTA and has been recognized by the state
- 2014-2015 First Place School Canned Food Drive (The Salvation Army)
- 2015 Relay for Life Team of Augusta (Most Team Spirit-3rd Place)
- 2015 Richmond County Teacher of the Year
- 2014-2015 Top Energy Efficient School

School and Community

Deer Chase is a Title I school located in South Augusta (Hephzibah) near the Gate 5 entrance to Fort Gordon. The school was opened in 2006 to serve the following subdivisions and apartment complex: Sand Ridge, Pinnacle Place, Farrington Highpointe, Walton Hills, Walton Acres and Pinnacle Place. Many of these students are from military families. The school serves students ranging in grades Pre K through Fifth grade. The school's mascot is a Deer and we are called "Trailblazers". A trailblazer is a pathfinder, a pioneer, one that helps open a new line of thought or activities to prepare the way for others. The school colors are hunter green and white. The feeder middle schools are Morgan Road Middle School and Spirit Creek Middle School. The feeder high school is Cross Creek High School.

General Information

Deer Chase is recognized for a strong academic program. Students are provided rigorous instruction in Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. In addition, our students are also offered courses in Music, Physical Education, Technology, and Gifted Education. Our students have placed first or second on district level events such as STEM, Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl and Math competitions. Deer Chase has a large population of students who qualify for the gifted program. A full time gifted teacher is assigned to our staff in order to provide services with these students. Deer Chase has a full time guidance counselor. He provides services for emotional, academic, personal/social development with character education. He sponsors an afterschool small group program called TYEIL (Today's Youth Empowered to Impact Lives). The school has a strong fine arts program including drama, dance, music and arts. Peer Safety Patrol and Student Council are also components of our campus. Our third grade students are provided Fire Safety Instruction from our local Fire Department and our fifth grade students are provided instruction through the C.H.A.M.P.S. (Choosing Healthy Activities and Methods Promoting Safety) program which is sponsored by the Sherriff's Department. Our school also offers a mentoring program, The Gentlemen's Project, for our boys. Our school has a Special Education Program as well as an Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) program that provides instruction for students with Autism. The school hosts various events throughout the year that promote student achievement and communication between the school and community.

College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI)

College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) is Georgia's statewide accountability system. The CCRPI assesses how well students are prepared for college and careers and ensures that schools are focused on improving achievement among all students. The index measures progress on indicators such as content mastery, student attendance, and preparation for the next school level. Schools earn CCRPI points based on indicators that vary by grade and school level and align with measures of college- and career-readiness. Schools may earn up to a set number of points in three main categories, for a total of 100 possible points.

