

CAMDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

The Camden County School system has nearly 10,000 students enrolled in its 13 schools located throughout the area. Of the 13 schools, there are 9 Elementary, 2 Middle and One High School with a separate Ninth Grade Center. Most of the schools have been built in the last 15 years.

The school system places a strong emphasis on the student's development of basic learning skills at the elementary school

level. Partnered with local area business, the Board of Education publishes the "Word of the Month" that is displayed throughout the school system and businesses to help reinforce basic learning skills for our students. When your child reaches Middle School, the comprehensive curriculum is designed to help the student's knowledge expand, making the transition to High School easier. Camden County High School boasts strong academic and athletic competency and is also one of only six model SAT prep sites in the state.

All Georgia High School students who graduate with an A-B average are eligible for the HOPE (Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally) Scholarship. The HOPE Scholarship, available through the Georgia Student Finance Commission, rewards students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges. Since 1993, more than \$2.7 billion has been awarded to more than 850,000 Georgia's students.

The Camden County Board of Education publishes the following purpose for the Camden County School System:

The purpose of the Camden County School System is to educate its students to become positive, contributing members of society. The school system strives to provide educational excellence through viable programs and responsible partnership with the community.

We strive to maintain safe schools and campuses throughout our system. We believe that all students should have opportunities for learning, which will help them develop their fullest intellectual, personal and societal potential.

For more information on Camden County Schools, contact the Board of Education located at 311 South East Street in Kingsland, GA 31548 by calling (912) 729-5687. Visit the Camden County School System's award-winning website at www.camden.k12.ga.us.

Information about Camden County Schools and all other Georgia Public Schools is available at the Georgia Department of Education website at www.doe.k12.ga.us.



Entrance Requirements

(Excerpted from Camden County School Board Policy Manual)

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All children and youth who meet the following conditions are eligible for enrollment in the appropriate general education programs of the school system and are also eligible for state funds if appropriated by the General Assembly:

All children entering Camden County schools shall present proof of age upon their initial enrollment. Pre-k, kindergarten, and first grade students shall present a certified copy of the birth certificate. Students entering all other grades, for the first time, may present proof of age through any of the following means: birth certificate, driver's license, school records, or other official documents on which the child's birth date is indicated.

Each school's principal may grant a 30-day waiver for Georgia residents or a 90-day waiver for the proof of age requirement for children born in or transferring from another state.

All children who have attained the age of four by September 1 shall be eligible for application to the pre-kindergarten lottery program.

2. All children who have attained the age of five by September 1 shall be eligible for enrollment in the kindergarten program.
3. All children who have attained the age of six by September 1 shall be eligible for enrollment in the first grade if they meet all the requirements in state board policy IHE.
4. A child who was a legal resident of one or more other states for a period of two years immediately prior to moving to this state, and who legally enrolled in a public or state/regional accredited kindergarten or first grade, shall be eligible for enrollment in the general education programs if such child will attain the age of five for kindergarten or six for first grade by December 31 and is otherwise qualified.
5. Any child who has completed a kindergarten program under the provisions of the preceding paragraph and who resided in one or more other states for a period of two years immediately prior to moving to this state shall be eligible for first grade if such child attains the age of six by December 31 and is otherwise qualified.
6. All youth who have not attained the age of 20 by September 1 are eligible for enrollment in appropriate education programs, unless they have received a high school diploma or the equivalent.
7. Students who have not dropped out of school for one quarter or more and who have not attained the age of 21 by September 1 are eligible for enrollment, provided that they have not received a high school diploma or the equivalent.
8. All youth who are classified as special education students are eligible for enrollment in appropriate education programs through age 21 unless they have received a high school or special education diploma or the equivalent, provided they were enrolled during the preceding school year and had an approved Individualized Education Program (IEP) which indicated that a successive year of enrollment was needed.