

SOUTH PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AT A GLANCE



Mission	Vision
South Paulding Middle School seeks to create a safe and positive environment in which all stakeholders work together to help students be ready for graduation, ready for work, and ready for life.	Our vision is to create lifelong learners through rigor, relevance, and relationships.
Goals	
Accountability Goal 1: During the 2025-2026 school year, we will implement rigorous Tier I instruction and establish high leverage gifted instructional strategies to increase the percentage of students scoring at Level III (proficient) and Level IV (distinguished) on ELA GA Milestones from 33% to 38%.	
Accountability Goal 2: During the 2025-2026 school year, we will implement rigorous Tier I instruction and establish high leverage gifted instructional strategies to increase the percentage of students scoring at Level III (proficient) and Level IV (distinguished) on Math GA Milestones from 33% to 38%.	

SPMS Snapshot

South Paulding Middle School is one of Paulding County's best kept secrets. Established in 1991, it is one of ten middle schools in the Paulding County School District. SPMS is located in the Metro Atlanta community of Dallas, GA in the southern end of the county. The community is predominately rural with small businesses and minimal light industry. We strive for student success inside and outside the classroom. Within SPMS there are a variety of extracurricular clubs and partners with Paulding County High School and South Paulding High School feeder programs for athletics. These extracurricular opportunities contribute to positive relationships between students, staff, parents, and the community

Beliefs

- We believe every child will learn in a safe orderly environment.
- We believe each person is unique and makes a difference.
- We believe learning through rigorous and engaging activities prepares students for academic achievement.
- We believe that integrating technology enhances a child's educational experiences.
- We believe that establishing school-wide expectations for behavior, attendance, and academics supports student achievement.
- We believe education is the pathway to the future.

Demographics

SPMS serves approximately 530 students in grades 6-8. The student population is diverse, with the following racial and ethnic composition: 13% Hispanic/Latino, 23% Black/African, 58% White, 1% Asian, and 5% identifying as two or more races. Approximately 58% of students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch, indicating a significant percentage of low-income families. 1% of the student body is classified as English Language Learners (ELL), and 15% receive Special Education services.

Honors/Awards/Certifications

- Achieve 3000 School of Excellence
- Instructional Technology Floppy Disk Award
- PCSD Teaching and Learning Highlighter Award
- National BETA School of Distinction
- Staff and Student Celebrations SY2 2025
 - Star Staff Member of the Month
 - Academic Wall of Honor
 - Panther's Read Level Up! Lexile Growth
 - Renaissance Members