



## Paulding County School District

### REACH Scholars Program

Realizing Educational Achievement Can Happen

REACH Scholars are nominated and selected by the school system and community based on demonstrated academic promise and commitment. REACH Scholars will be provided with the social and academic support they need to be successful in middle school, high school and in their post-secondary pursuits. Additionally, REACH Scholars are given a college scholarship award upon successful completion of the program, with award amounts up to \$10,000 which are matched or double-matched at qualifying University System and Technical College System of Georgia schools.

#### Student Selection Criteria

To be eligible for the REACH Georgia Program, a student must be nominated and meet the following qualifications:

- ◆ Be a rising 8th grader at a participating eligible Georgia middle school (note: student begins as a REACH Scholar in the 8th grade)
- ◆ Qualify for the Free or Reduced Lunch Program
- ◆ Have legal status in the United States (U.S. Citizen or legal resident)
- ◆ Have and agree to maintain above average attendance and behavior,
- ◆ Have grade reports reflecting at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average in all core course (English, mathematics, science, social studies and foreign language)
- ◆ Have and agree to maintain a crime and drug-free record
- ◆ Have the support of a parent, legal guardian, or other caring adult.
- ◆ Students who are nominated will be interviewed by school district and community volunteers. REACH scholars will participate in the program from the beginning of 8th grade through high school graduation.

#### Scholar's Commitment

- ◆ REACH Scholars sign a contract committing to:
- ◆ Maintain a Cumulative Grade Point Average of a 2.5
- ◆ Maintain good attendance
- ◆ Maintain good behavior
- ◆ Remain drug and alcohol free
- ◆ Meeting with his/her assigned mentor a minimum of 8 times per semester
- ◆ Meeting with his/her academic coach at least once per month
- ◆ Attend REACH program activities
- ◆ Graduate from high school
- ◆ Enroll in a University System of Georgia or Technical College System of Georgia institution or an eligible private postsecondary institution of their choice
- ◆ Complete college

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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