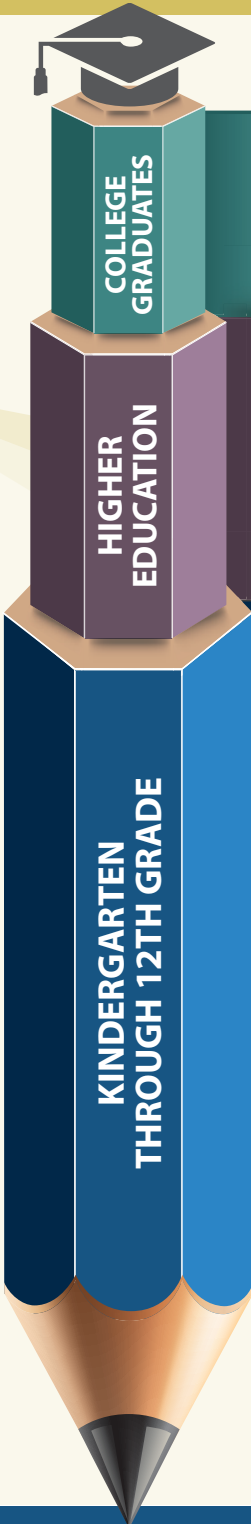



# DOUGLAS COUNTY EDUCATION

The Development Authority of Douglas County is an independent agency charged with Economic Development for both Douglas County and Douglasville, Georgia. Our goals are to increase the local tax base, increase the number of high quality jobs in our community and improve the quality of life through increased economic opportunity.




**ADULTS WITH SOME COLLEGE OR HIGHER**  
*(25 years and older)*


<b>51.5%</b> Douglas County	<b>49.4%</b> Georgia	<b>49.4%</b> USA
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**HIGHER EDUCATION** Douglas County employers have access to world-class educational resources throughout the Metropolitan Atlanta area, including Georgia Tech, Georgia State University, Emory University, Kennesaw State University, and the Atlanta University Center. Within Douglas County, employers also have access to regional centers of Mercer University, West Georgia Technical College, University of West Georgia, and Georgia Highlands College.



- **BEULAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** was the first school in the state to offer a dual language emersion program which started in the fall of 2008 (Spanish and English) and is now the model program for other schools in the state.
- **BRIGHTEN ACADEMY** (Charter School) was named #1 Charter School in the State of Georgia in 2014 and the Director, Lisa McDonald, was named Charter School Leader of the Year in 2015.
- **DOUGLAS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS** All 5 offer magnet and AP programs. The AP program gives students the opportunity to study college-level material in high school with the potential to earn credit at many U.S. colleges.
- **INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) PROGRAM** Douglas County High School serves as the district's IB Magnet School and offers qualifying students a pre-university course of study. The IB program is offered in more than 145 countries and students can transfer from one IB diploma school to another.
- **THE COLLEGE AND CAREER INSTITUTE (CCI)** offers high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to learn a skill and receive college and high school credit at the same time.
- **STEM HIGH SCHOOL** Lithia Springs High School serves as the STEM Magnet School and offers qualifying students a comprehensive college preparatory program emphasizing science, mathematics, and technology.
- **NASSP NATIONAL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR 2015**, Jessica Ainsworth of Lithia Springs High School.



## Educating Douglas County Kindergarten through College