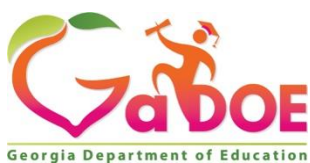


Literacy for Learning, Living, and Leading (L4GA) 2019 Grant Competition

School System Rankings for Priority Points



December 20, 2019



Introduction

School districts were ranked for Priority Points using the following variables:

- Percentage of students at the poverty level – defined by the percent of children in the school district ages 5 to 17 years’ old in poverty.
- Percent of students reading below grade level – defined as percent of students in the school district with a Lexile score less than 540 in the 2019 Reading Georgia Milestones Test.
- School System’s growth rate in reading for the last three years (2017-2019) – defined as the percent of students in the school district reading above grade level, a Lexile score above or equal to 540, in the Reading Georgia Milestones Test.
- Percentage of schools in a school district identified in the lists of Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) and Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI)

NOTE: Rural preference is also indicated by systems applying for the grant in order to receive additional points. The systems must indicate their rural status in their application.

Table 1. Total number of Priority Points for each variable.

Variable	Maximum Number of Points	Total Points
Poverty level*	16.34	56
Percentage of students reading below grade level*	23.31	
Rate of Growth	16.34	
Percentage of schools in the CSI and TSI lists		44
Total Points		100

Points for the poverty level and percent of students reading below grade level were calculated based on the school district’s beating the odds of performing at the level expected in their ELA Georgia Milestones Test based on their percentage of students in poverty and reading below grade level. For these two variables, school districts were divided in 8 groups according to their success or lack of success in beating the odds. School districts farthest away from beating the odds were selected to receive the maximum number of points (8) while school districts having the most success in beating the odds received the minimum number of points (1).

A weighting factor of 1.43 was used to adjudicate the different amount of points to each school district for the beating the odds performance on the percentage of students reading below grade level compared with the percentage of students in poverty. This was a consequence of the strength of the correlation between the percent of students reading below grade level and their performance in the ELA Georgia Milestones Test mean scale score (Pearson coefficient of -0.87) compared to the correlations between the percent of students in poverty and their performance in the same ELA Georgia Milestones Test mean scale score (Pearson coefficient of -0.61). No correlation was found for the school system’s rate of growth in the percent of students reading above grade level and the ELA Georgia Milestones Test mean scale score.

Table 2 shows the total number of points by variable received by each school district. Table 3 shows the school districts ranked according to the total number of points they received.

Table 2. Total number of points earned by each school system.

System Code	System Name	Point Sources		Final Score
		Points from Poverty, % of Students Reading Below Grade Level, and Growth Rate (56 Total Points)	Points Based on Number of Schools Identified as Targeted or Comprehensive Need Assistance (44 Total Points)	
601	APPLING COUNTY	32.71	0.00	32.71
602	ATKINSON COUNTY	36.80	0.00	36.80
603	BACON COUNTY	39.72	0.00	39.72
604	BAKER COUNTY	51.98	0.00	51.98
605	BALDWIN COUNTY	37.08	0.00	37.08
606	BANKS COUNTY	33.28	0.00	33.28
607	BARROW COUNTY	40.29	0.00	40.29
608	BARTOW COUNTY	46.13	0.00	46.13
609	BEN HILL COUNTY	49.05	0.00	49.05
610	BERRIEN COUNTY	38.84	4.67	43.51
611	BIBB COUNTY	28.03	8.47	36.50
612	BLECKLEY COUNTY	16.06	0.00	16.06
613	BRANTLEY COUNTY	27.74	0.00	27.74
614	BROOKS COUNTY	51.10	0.00	51.10
615	BRYAN COUNTY	20.14	0.00	20.14
616	BULLOCH COUNTY	34.75	0.00	34.75
617	BURKE COUNTY	44.97	0.00	44.97
618	BUTTS COUNTY	40.29	0.00	40.29
619	CALHOUN COUNTY	43.21	14.00	57.21
620	CAMDEN COUNTY	18.98	0.00	18.98
621	CANDLER COUNTY	35.04	0.00	35.04
622	CARROLL COUNTY	34.16	0.00	34.16
623	CATOOSA COUNTY	35.92	0.00	35.92
624	CHARLTON COUNTY	32.71	0.00	32.71
625	SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY	43.21	5.71	48.92
626	CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY	26.58	0.00	26.58
627	CHATTOOGA COUNTY	34.75	11.67	46.42
628	CHEROKEE COUNTY	33.28	1.75	35.03

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629	CLARKE COUNTY	37.37	9.17	46.53
630	CLAY COUNTY	33.59	14.00	47.59
631	CLAYTON COUNTY	37.08	6.76	43.85
632	CLINCH COUNTY	26.27	0.00	26.27
633	COBB COUNTY	31.24	0.67	31.91
634	COFFEE COUNTY	27.74	1.75	29.49
635	COLQUITT COUNTY	42.92	9.33	52.26
636	COLUMBIA COUNTY	18.10	0.00	18.10
637	COOK COUNTY	38.25	0.00	38.25
638	COWETA COUNTY	23.07	0.00	23.07
639	CRAWFORD COUNTY	29.20	0.00	29.20
640	CRISP COUNTY	36.80	0.00	36.80
641	DADE COUNTY	35.63	0.00	35.63
642	DAWSON COUNTY	28.91	7.00	35.91
643	DECATUR COUNTY	27.74	14.00	41.74
644	DEKALB COUNTY	29.20	5.63	34.82
645	DODGE COUNTY	45.85	14.00	59.85
646	DOOLY COUNTY	53.14	21.00	74.14
647	DOUGHERTY COUNTY	40.88	5.50	46.38
648	DOUGLAS COUNTY	35.04	0.64	35.67
649	EARLY COUNTY	37.37	0.00	37.37
650	ECHOLS COUNTY	18.98	0.00	18.98
651	EFFINGHAM COUNTY	28.32	0.00	28.32
652	ELBERT COUNTY	51.10	0.00	51.10
653	EMANUEL COUNTY	31.83	0.00	31.83
654	EVANS COUNTY	48.18	0.00	48.18
655	FANNIN COUNTY	33.87	0.00	33.87
656	FAYETTE COUNTY	20.14	0.00	20.14
657	FLOYD COUNTY	23.94	0.00	23.94

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658	FORSYTH COUNTY	19.27	0.00	19.27
659	FRANKLIN COUNTY	32.40	4.67	37.07
660	FULTON COUNTY	24.23	1.69	25.92
661	GILMER COUNTY	26.27	0.00	26.27
662	GLASCOCK COUNTY	34.75	0.00	34.75
663	GLYNN COUNTY	23.94	0.00	23.94
664	GORDON COUNTY	32.40	0.00	32.40
665	GRADY COUNTY	37.96	4.67	42.63
666	GREENE COUNTY	14.02	4.67	18.68
667	GWINNETT COUNTY	24.23	2.97	27.20
668	HABERSHAM COUNTY	30.07	0.00	30.07
669	HALL COUNTY	34.16	3.19	37.35
670	HANCOCK COUNTY	35.04	28.00	63.04
671	HARALSON COUNTY	47.01	0.00	47.01
672	HARRIS COUNTY	16.94	0.00	16.94
673	HART COUNTY	28.32	0.00	28.32
674	HEARD COUNTY	29.79	0.00	29.79
675	HENRY COUNTY	46.13	2.44	48.57
676	HOUSTON COUNTY	23.07	3.89	26.96
677	IRWIN COUNTY	27.74	0.00	27.74
678	JACKSON COUNTY	22.19	0.00	22.19
679	JASPER COUNTY	47.30	0.00	47.30
680	JEFF DAVIS COUNTY	30.67	0.00	30.67
681	JEFFERSON COUNTY	44.97	7.00	51.97
682	JENKINS COUNTY	28.32	0.00	28.32
683	JOHNSON COUNTY	24.82	0.00	24.82
684	JONES COUNTY	23.94	0.00	23.94
685	LAMAR COUNTY	48.18	14.00	62.18
686	LANIER COUNTY	35.04	0.00	35.04

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687	LAURENS COUNTY	19.86	0.00	19.86
688	LEE COUNTY	28.03	0.00	28.03
689	LIBERTY COUNTY	33.87	0.00	33.87
690	LINCOLN COUNTY	14.02	0.00	14.02
691	LONG COUNTY	38.84	0.00	38.84
692	LOWNDES COUNTY	25.11	2.00	27.11
693	LUMPKIN COUNTY	24.23	0.00	24.23
694	MACON COUNTY	34.45	0.00	34.45
695	MADISON COUNTY	18.10	0.00	18.10
696	MARION COUNTY	31.24	0.00	31.24
697	MCDUFFIE COUNTY	49.93	0.00	49.93
698	MCINTOSH COUNTY	26.27	0.00	26.27
699	MERIWETHER COUNTY	32.40	7.00	39.40
700	MILLER COUNTY	49.93	0.00	49.93
701	MITCHELL COUNTY	30.36	9.33	39.69
702	MONROE COUNTY	40.00	0.00	40.00
703	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	31.54	0.00	31.54
704	MORGAN COUNTY	33.00	0.00	33.00
705	MURRAY COUNTY	36.20	10.11	46.31
706	MUSCOGEE COUNTY	35.04	6.25	41.29
707	NEWTON COUNTY	46.13	4.33	50.47
708	OCONEE COUNTY	13.14	0.00	13.14
709	OGLETHORPE COUNTY	46.13	0.00	46.13
710	PAULDING COUNTY	38.25	0.00	38.25
711	PEACH COUNTY	41.17	4.67	45.83
712	PICKENS COUNTY	41.17	3.50	44.67
713	PIERCE COUNTY	32.12	0.00	32.12
714	PIKE COUNTY	47.01	4.67	51.68
715	POLK COUNTY	40.88	2.33	43.22

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716	PULASKI COUNTY	30.36	0.00	30.36
717	PUTNAM COUNTY	32.71	0.00	32.71
718	QUITMAN COUNTY	41.76	0.00	41.76
719	RABUN COUNTY	37.08	0.00	37.08
720	RANDOLPH COUNTY	31.54	28.00	59.54
721	RICHMOND COUNTY	38.25	10.13	48.37
722	ROCKDALE COUNTY	43.21	0.00	43.21
723	SCHLEY COUNTY	21.31	0.00	21.31
724	SCREVEN COUNTY	16.06	0.00	16.06
725	SEMINOLE COUNTY	21.31	14.00	35.31
726	GRIFFIN-SPALDING COUNTY	18.10	7.21	25.31
727	STEPHENS COUNTY	19.86	0.00	19.86
728	STEWART COUNTY	34.16	0.00	34.16
729	SUMTER COUNTY	44.38	0.00	44.38
730	TALBOT COUNTY	38.84	0.00	38.84
731	TALIAFERRO COUNTY	12.26	0.00	12.26
732	TATTNALL COUNTY	44.38	0.00	44.38
733	TAYLOR COUNTY	47.01	0.00	47.01
734	TELFAIR COUNTY	37.08	0.00	37.08
735	TERRELL COUNTY	44.97	0.00	44.97
736	THOMAS COUNTY	35.32	10.50	45.82
737	TIFT COUNTY	24.23	0.00	24.23
738	TOOMBS COUNTY	26.58	0.00	26.58
739	TOWNS COUNTY	25.70	0.00	25.70
740	TREUTLEN COUNTY	37.67	7.00	44.67
741	TROUP COUNTY	40.29	0.00	40.29
742	TURNER COUNTY	27.74	0.00	27.74
743	TWIGGS COUNTY	22.19	0.00	22.19
744	UNION COUNTY	54.02	0.00	54.02

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		Points from Poverty, % of Students Reading Below Grade Level, and Growth Rate (56 Total Points)	Points Based on Number of Schools Identified as Targeted or Comprehensive Need Assistance (44 Total Points)	
745	THOMASTON-UPSON COUNTY	31.24	0.00	31.24
746	WALKER COUNTY	37.96	0.00	37.96
747	WALTON COUNTY	25.99	0.00	25.99
748	WARE COUNTY	34.75	2.33	37.09
749	WARREN COUNTY	35.63	0.00	35.63
750	WASHINGTON COUNTY	15.18	0.00	15.18
751	WAYNE COUNTY	9.05	0.00	9.05
752	WEBSTER COUNTY	11.09	0.00	11.09
753	WHEELER COUNTY	11.09	0.00	11.09
754	WHITE COUNTY	15.18	0.00	15.18
755	WHITFIELD COUNTY	11.09	3.50	14.59
756	WILCOX COUNTY	15.18	0.00	15.18
757	WILKES COUNTY	18.10	0.00	18.10
758	WILKINSON COUNTY	15.18	0.00	15.18
759	WORTH COUNTY	17.22	14.00	31.22
761	ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	34.75	8.05	42.81
763	BREMEN CITY	29.79	0.00	29.79
764	BUFORD CITY	20.14	0.00	20.14
765	CALHOUN CITY	28.03	14.00	42.03
766	CARROLLTON CITY	19.86	0.00	19.86
767	CARTERSVILLE CITY	23.94	0.00	23.94
769	CHICKAMAUGA CITY	18.98	0.00	18.98
771	COMMERCE CITY	24.23	0.00	24.23
772	DALTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	33.59	7.00	40.59
773	CITY SCHOOLS OF DECATUR	27.15	0.00	27.15
774	DUBLIN CITY	22.78	4.67	27.45
776	GAINESVILLE CITY	18.10	0.00	18.10
779	JEFFERSON CITY	40.88	0.00	40.88
781	MARIETTA CITY	20.14	1.75	21.89

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784	PELHAM CITY	26.87	0.00	26.87
785	ROME CITY	24.82	0.00	24.82
786	SOCIAL CIRCLE CITY	50.22	14.00	64.22
789	THOMASVILLE CITY	18.98	4.67	23.65
791	TRION CITY	41.76	0.00	41.76
792	VALDOSTA CITY	42.92	2.80	45.72
793	VIDALIA CITY	47.01	0.00	47.01

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Table 3. School systems ranked by final score.

System Code	System Name	Final Score	System Code	System Name	Final Score
646	DOOLY COUNTY	74.14	617	BURKE COUNTY	44.97
786	SOCIAL CIRCLE CITY	64.22	735	TERRELL COUNTY	44.97
670	HANCOCK COUNTY	63.04	740	TREUTLEN COUNTY	44.67
685	LAMAR COUNTY	62.18	712	PICKENS COUNTY	44.67
645	DODGE COUNTY	59.85	729	SUMTER COUNTY	44.38
720	RANDOLPH COUNTY	59.54	732	TATTNALL COUNTY	44.38
619	CALHOUN COUNTY	57.21	631	CLAYTON COUNTY	43.85
744	UNION COUNTY	54.02	610	BERRIEN COUNTY	43.51
635	COLQUITT COUNTY	52.26	715	POLK COUNTY	43.22
604	BAKER COUNTY	51.98	722	ROCKDALE COUNTY	43.21
681	JEFFERSON COUNTY	51.97	761	ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	42.81
714	PIKE COUNTY	51.68	665	GRADY COUNTY	42.63
614	BROOKS COUNTY	51.10	765	CALHOUN CITY	42.03
652	ELBERT COUNTY	51.10	718	QUITMAN COUNTY	41.76
707	NEWTON COUNTY	50.47	791	TRION CITY	41.76
697	MCDUFFIE COUNTY	49.93	643	DECATUR COUNTY	41.74
700	MILLER COUNTY	49.93	706	MUSCOGEE COUNTY	41.29
609	BEN HILL COUNTY	49.05	779	JEFFERSON CITY	40.88
625	SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY	48.92	772	DALTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	40.59
675	HENRY COUNTY	48.57	607	BARROW COUNTY	40.29
721	RICHMOND COUNTY	48.37	618	BUTTS COUNTY	40.29
654	EVANS COUNTY	48.18	741	TROUP COUNTY	40.29
630	CLAY COUNTY	47.59	702	MONROE COUNTY	40.00
679	JASPER COUNTY	47.30	603	BACON COUNTY	39.72
671	HARALSON COUNTY	47.01	701	MITCHELL COUNTY	39.69
733	TAYLOR COUNTY	47.01	699	MERIWETHER COUNTY	39.40
793	VIDALIA CITY	47.01	691	LONG COUNTY	38.84
629	CLARKE COUNTY	46.53	730	TALBOT COUNTY	38.84
627	CHATTOOGA COUNTY	46.42	637	COOK COUNTY	38.25
647	DOUGHERTY COUNTY	46.38	710	PAULDING COUNTY	38.25
705	MURRAY COUNTY	46.31	746	WALKER COUNTY	37.96
608	BARTOW COUNTY	46.13	649	EARLY COUNTY	37.37
709	OGLETHORPE COUNTY	46.13	669	HALL COUNTY	37.35
711	PEACH COUNTY	45.83	748	WARE COUNTY	37.09
736	THOMAS COUNTY	45.82	605	BALDWIN COUNTY	37.08
792	VALDOSTA CITY	45.72	719	RABUN COUNTY	37.08
			734	TELFAIR COUNTY	37.08
			659	FRANKLIN COUNTY	37.07
			602	ATKINSON COUNTY	36.80

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640	CRISP COUNTY	36.80	682	JENKINS COUNTY	28.32
611	BIBB COUNTY	36.50	688	LEE COUNTY	28.03
623	CATOOSA COUNTY	35.92	613	BRANTLEY COUNTY	27.74
642	DAWSON COUNTY	35.91	677	IRWIN COUNTY	27.74
648	DOUGLAS COUNTY	35.67	742	TURNER COUNTY	27.74
641	DADE COUNTY	35.63	774	DUBLIN CITY	27.45
749	WARREN COUNTY	35.63	667	GWINNETT COUNTY	27.20
725	SEMINOLE COUNTY	35.31	773	CITY SCHOOLS OF DECATUR	27.15
621	CANDLER COUNTY	35.04	692	LOWNDES COUNTY	27.11
686	LANIER COUNTY	35.04	676	HOUSTON COUNTY	26.96
628	CHEROKEE COUNTY	35.03	784	PELHAM CITY	26.87
644	DEKALB COUNTY	34.82	626	CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY	26.58
616	BULLOCH COUNTY	34.75	738	TOOMBS COUNTY	26.58
662	GLASCOCK COUNTY	34.75	632	CLINCH COUNTY	26.27
694	MACON COUNTY	34.45	661	GILMER COUNTY	26.27
622	CARROLL COUNTY	34.16	698	MCINTOSH COUNTY	26.27
728	STEWART COUNTY	34.16	747	WALTON COUNTY	25.99
655	FANNIN COUNTY	33.87	660	FULTON COUNTY	25.92
689	LIBERTY COUNTY	33.87	739	TOWNS COUNTY	25.70
606	BANKS COUNTY	33.28	726	GRIFFIN-SPALDING COUNTY	25.31
704	MORGAN COUNTY	33.00	683	JOHNSON COUNTY	24.82
601	APPLING COUNTY	32.71	785	ROME CITY	24.82
624	CHARLTON COUNTY	32.71	693	LUMPKIN COUNTY	24.23
717	PUTNAM COUNTY	32.71	737	TIFT COUNTY	24.23
664	GORDON COUNTY	32.40	771	COMMERCE CITY	24.23
713	PIERCE COUNTY	32.12	657	FLOYD COUNTY	23.94
633	COBB COUNTY	31.91	663	GLYNN COUNTY	23.94
653	EMANUEL COUNTY	31.83	684	JONES COUNTY	23.94
703	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	31.54	767	CARTERSVILLE CITY	23.94
696	MARION COUNTY	31.24	789	THOMASVILLE CITY	23.65
745	THOMASTON-UPSON COUNTY	31.24	638	COWETA COUNTY	23.07
759	WORTH COUNTY	31.22	678	JACKSON COUNTY	22.19
680	JEFF DAVIS COUNTY	30.67	743	TWIGGS COUNTY	22.19
716	PULASKI COUNTY	30.36	781	MARIETTA CITY	21.89
668	HABERSHAM COUNTY	30.07	723	SCHLEY COUNTY	21.31
674	HEARD COUNTY	29.79	615	BRYAN COUNTY	20.14
763	BREMEN CITY	29.79	656	FAYETTE COUNTY	20.14
634	COFFEE COUNTY	29.49	764	BUFORD CITY	20.14
639	CRAWFORD COUNTY	29.20	687	LAURENS COUNTY	19.86
651	EFFINGHAM COUNTY	28.32	727	STEPHENS COUNTY	19.86
673	HART COUNTY	28.32	766	CARROLLTON CITY	19.86

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658	FORSYTH COUNTY	19.27	750	WASHINGTON COUNTY	15.18
620	CAMDEN COUNTY	18.98	754	WHITE COUNTY	15.18
650	ECHOLS COUNTY	18.98	756	WILCOX COUNTY	15.18
769	CHICKAMAUGA CITY	18.98	758	WILKINSON COUNTY	15.18
666	GREENE COUNTY	18.68	755	WHITFIELD COUNTY	14.59
636	COLUMBIA COUNTY	18.10	690	LINCOLN COUNTY	14.02
695	MADISON COUNTY	18.10	708	OCONEE COUNTY	13.14
757	WILKES COUNTY	18.10	731	TALIAFERRO COUNTY	12.26
776	GAINESVILLE CITY	18.10	752	WEBSTER COUNTY	11.09
672	HARRIS COUNTY	16.94	753	WHEELER COUNTY	11.09
612	BLECKLEY COUNTY	16.06	751	WAYNE COUNTY	9.05
724	SCREVEN COUNTY	16.06			

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