



#BACHAMPION

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OUR CHAMPION NAMESAKE

Benjamin Banneker

Life of a Scientist: Benjamin Banneker



We Are Champions!

cham·pi·on

noun:

one who fights/argues for a cause on behalf of others



Vincent G. Golden
Principal

Email:

goldenv1@fultonschools.org



Home of the Trojans

6015 Feldwood Road
College Park, GA 30349

Main Phone:

470-254-3410

Student Services:

470-254-3479

verb:

to support the cause of; defend

Website: <https://www.fultonschools.org/bannekerhs>

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Benjamin Banneker High School's New Principal Mr. Vincent G. Golden!

Mr. Golden earned his bachelor's degree from Florida Memorial University, a master's degree from Union Institute & University, and an Educational Specialist degree from Wingate University. Mr. Golden began his professional education career as a teacher assistant with Miami-Dade County Public Schools during his undergraduate studies in 1988. He continued his career in education as a general education and music teacher in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.



Launching his career as a music educator, Mr. Golden moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, in 2004 to teach at Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. He began his career in educational leadership in 2006 as an assistant principal and then a principal in 2011. He was named the principal at Lebanon Road Elementary School in 2011. In 2014, he was appointed principal at Northridge Middle School, and in 2020, principal at David W. Butler High School.

Mr. Golden has a "children-first mentality" and believes that all students can grow and achieve when the school, home, and community unite. This is embodied in his service as an instructional leader who fosters a family-oriented environment for students, staff, parents, and community members. Mr. Golden is the proud father to three daughters, a grandfather to a five-year-old grandson, and a one-year-old granddaughter. He is thrilled to start his journey as principal at Banneker High School.

Principal Golden looks forward to building effective and impactful relationships with students, dedicated teachers and staff, and a caring community and fully embraces Banneker's motto: *"Striving for Excellence. Learning for life.:"*

**CLICK HERE TO UPDATE YOUR EMERGENCY
CONTACT INFORMATION**

Parents and families is it extremely important that we are able to contact in case of an emergency or when someone other than yourself is picking your scholar up. Please [click here](#) for more information and instructions on how to update your emergency contact information.



TACKLING TECHNOLOGY PRESENTATION: [CLICK HERE TO GET HELP WITH INFINITE CAMPUS](#)

MEET OUR ESOL FACULTY



Dionne E. Smith, Lead
ESOL Teacher



We Are Here For You!



Tangle Butterfield, ESOL
Teacher

WE NEED YOUR INPUT TO BUILD A COMMUNITY OF CHAMPIONS!



PLEASE CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO SHARE YOUR
THOUGHTS WITH US

https://bit.ly/Input-Survey_MS_HS_2023

CLICK HERE TO REVIEW BANNEKER'S
STAKEHOLDER INPUT PRESENTATION
AND SURVEY

BRAGGIN' ON BANNEKER!

BRAGGIN ON BANNEKER SEPTEMBER 2023

Meet & Greet
with
Principal Golden

BENJAMIN BANNEKER HIGH SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 7, 2023



"EXCELLENCE WITHOUT EXCUSES"



Principal Golden Sharing
the GREAT News



B-TOWN PARENTS
ENGAGED



PRINCIPAL GOLDEN
TAKING QUESTIONS

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

- **Early Dismissal Procedure**

We make every effort to ensure that our scholars are safe at all times. Parents, please, when you come to check your scholar out for early dismissal, please bring your State-issued photo ID. **Early dismissal ends at 3 p.m. each day. Scholars not picked up by 3 p.m. will be released at the usual time, 3:30 p.m.** Only those identified in your scholars' records are able to check them out. Anyone checking a student out must be identified in their school records and must have a State-issued photo ID. If you need to add someone to your student's records to be able to pick them up, please send a copy of their ID and their full name to our data clerk, Ms. Willingham at willingham@fultonschools.org. For our scholars' safety, we will not release any student to anyone who is not listed in their records to pick them up.

- **Student Tardiness and Late Drop Off to School**

We need our students who are car riders or who choose to take public transportation, to arrive at school on time. There are several students that are arriving well past 30 – 45 minutes late. This will affect their instructional time and will eventually turn into a disciplinary incident.

- **Banneker HS Daily Schedule:** The school day **starts at 8:10 am** and **ends at 3:30 pm**.

- **Morning Parent Drop Off:** **Parents cannot drop off students before 7:45 am** as we need to ensure staff is available to provide appropriate supervision

- **College Board Account**

To ensure your scholar can view his\her PSAT/NMSQT scores as soon as they are available, please ensure that your scholar creates a College Board Account. Please click on or copy and paste the link below into your browser to complete a College Board Account.

<https://pages.collegeboard.org/account-help/why-create-college-board-account>

Scholars should not create multiple accounts. If your scholar has forgotten which email address, he\she used to create an account, or already has multiple accounts, please have your scholar contact College Board customer service at 866-315-6068.

Please contact Mr. Rolle at rollea@fultonschools.org with any questions.

- **Social Media**

Unfortunately, altercations happen in all schools and social settings, but ***please encourage your child not to be a part of it nor record and post any of these instances on social media.*** We must work in partnership to make our school safe and secure for all stakeholders. ***Please monitor your child's social media accounts and activity.*** This is necessary to keep you and the school informed of any potential safety issues or conflicts. ***Please report any such issues to the school immediately.***

- **Reporting School Safety Issues**

There have been several reported incidents in the Atlanta Metropolitan area where weapons have been found in schools. Even with clear and mesh bookbags, please check your child's bags daily and talk to them about the dangers and consequences of carrying weapons. We also ask all our students to report any suspicious activity or chatter about weapons or dangerous situations. They can do this anonymously through the Fulton County Schools Tip Line, using the below link:

<https://www.fultonschools.org/fcstipline>

There are also posters with QR Codes located throughout the school (also attached) that students can use to access the Tip Line. Additionally, students can access this Tip Line directly from their student devices.

Remember, ***if students SEE or HEAR anything about school threats, weapons, violence, bullying, drugs, self-harm, or have other school safety suspicions*** or concerns, they should **REPORT** it **EVERY** time, **anonymously** using the **SHARE TIP LINE**. Please **do not use this to ask general questions. It is for SAFETY CONCERNS only.**

Door Alarms

In the interest of safety and security, we have had alarms installed on all exterior doors with the exception of a few entry/exit points. Please ***remind your children that they are to enter and exit from the school through the front doors and bus ramp areas only, and only during authorized times. No student should ever open the door for ANYONE to enter the building.***

We have several students who attempt to leave campus during the school day. First, they are not authorized to do so. Also, students have been exiting through exterior doors in unauthorized areas. ***Please be aware that disciplinary action will follow for any student who leaves campus during the school day without proper credentials*** (i.e. worked-based learning, dual enrollment, etc.), any student who leaves from an unauthorized area, or any student who opens any door, allowing any

This is a very serious matter as our number one goal is to keep our students and faculty safe. You will also see more security measures put in place to strengthen safety and security. Thank you for your help and partnership in this effort.

Thank you for your continued partnership!

Vincent G. Golden

Principal

A Special Note From Mr. Golden on Mitigating Student Conflict

Parents as always, we need your partnership. Please talk to your students about reporting any conflicts that have occurred or potentially may occur, immediately to the Administration. Our goal is always to avoid student conflict and focus on student academic and social growth. Additionally, please continue to encourage students to use social media appropriately and not to create or instigate conflict. No student can afford to miss any instructional hours because of verbal or physical confrontations. I also encourage parents to reach out to us with any potential issues that you become aware of. Thank you again for your partnership!

**BE A CHAMPION AND JOIN BANNEKER'S PTSA;
SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES EXIST!**



Benjamin Banneker High School

Members Are Needed So We Can Be Empowered!

JOIN OUR PTSA

BANNEKER IS BECOMING EMPOWERED AND NEEDS ALL PARENTS, TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO JOIN THE EFFORT BY BECOMING A MEMBER OF OUR PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION!

ONLY \$10 TO JOIN!



Thank you for joining the work to build an even better
Banneker High School as a PTSA Member!

PTSA memberships are annual and include full voting rights and responsibilities as stated in our bylaws.
For additional information, contact Dione Mickens at dionemickens@gmail.com



**CLICK HERE TO LEARN HOW TO KEEP SCHOLARS
SAFE FROM BULLYING**

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Urban League of
Greater Atlanta

JOIN ULGA YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS FOR OUR WEEKLY INFORMATION SESSIONS!

**INFO SESSIONS ARE
WEEKLY VIA ZOOM**

**WEDNESDAYS
1:00PM – 2:00PM**

**TO REGISTER VISIT:
bit.ly/yyasinfosession**



The ULGA Youth & Young Adult Services Division supports disengaged and disconnected youth, ages 16-24, who are out of school, underemployed, and/or not employed. Our goal is to provide them with resources that will help them tap into their talents and achieve their highest potential.

Learn more about YAAS programs and services for youth and young adults 16-24, such as:

- GED Services and Assistance
- Job Readiness and Placement Assistance
- College and Career Readiness
- Youth Entrepreneurship
- High school Programs

CONTACT:

Charles Dayquon Strother
College and Career Specialist
cstrother@ulgatl.org
404-931-1087

Click Here to Open

2023-2024 Annual Title I Parent Meeting Presentation

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR FAMILY
ENGAGEMENT EXPERIENCES!**

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Benjamin Banneker High School 8015 Feldwood Road College Park, Ga 30349 470-254-3400	
Family Engagement Calendar 2023-2024* Mr. Vincent G. Golden, Principal	
FALL Semester 2023	
Engagement Opportunity	Event Date/Time
2023 Input Meeting	Aug. 17 th 9 a.m. & 6 p.m. (Microsoft Teams)
Principal Meet & Greet	September 7 th 8 a.m. & 6 p.m. (Blackbox)
Annual Title I Parent Meeting	September 14 th 6 p.m. (Auditorium)
"Running Bostons @ Banneker: Spades Tournament"	September 26 th 9 a.m. (Microsoft Teams-Preview) 6 p.m. (Cafeteria)
Technology Workshop: "Tackling Technology"	October 17 th 9 a.m. & 6 p.m. (Microsoft Teams)
Assessment Workshop: "Testing Triumphantlly"	October 31 st 9 a.m. (Media Center) 6 p.m. (Microsoft Teams)
Curriculum Workshop: "The Champions Cypher"	November 28 th 9 a.m. (Microsoft Teams) 6 p.m. (Small Gym)
"Breakfast of Champions"	December 12 th , 9 a.m. (Blackbox)
SPRING SEMESTER 2024	
Engagement Opportunity	Event Date/Time
Transition Workshop: "Movin' on Up"	January 10 th & 11 th at Banneker Feeder Schools
Curriculum Workshop #3: "For Love of Self"	February 13 th 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Spring Input Meeting	March 5 th , 9 am & 6 pm (Microsoft Teams)

*Please note, dates/times may change

*Interpreter services may be available with two-week notification

*Look for invitations via email, our weekly newsletter, "Parent Power" Banneker website and Facebook page.

CLICK HERE FOR RESOURCES TO HELP NAVIGATE TRAUMA/GRIEF

OUR NOBLE HANDS CENTER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Noble Hands Center which includes our clothes closet and grocery store needs volunteers to staff the center when it's open.

[Click here](#) to register with Fulton County as a volunteer, then reach out to Igola Jordan for additional information at richardsoni@fultonschools.org.



New SAFE Center Mentor Programs!!!

During the months of September and October, the Noble Hands SAFE Center will introduce 5 new mentor programs at Banneker. Most of the mentor groups will meet twice a month for an hour-long session. They are:

- **Phenomenal Women (PW)** educates, equips, empowers, and supports underserved women and girls to live a healthier, fulfilled lifestyle by making well-informed decisions about their mind, body, fiscal and spiritual health. PW's goal is to positively affect the complete life cycle of women from their youth into adulthood. Students will experience guest speakers, cultural excursions and off campus workshop. Capacity (20-25)
- **Be Gr8rr Gems:** designed to teach girl's self-love through a curriculum created to demonstrate "power moves" that foster confident, strength, self-discipline, and self-awareness through sisterhood. Capacity (10-15)
- **100 Black Men of Metro South Atlanta:** designed to improve the quality of the student's life by supporting and enhancing educational and economic opportunities designed specifically for African American youth in the Atlanta community. Capacity (20-25)
- **Stand-up Fulton:** offered via the SAFE Centers at Banneker, Tri-Cities and North Springs. The mentors will be selected from Fulton County Central Office staff members and will meet with their mentees for lunch in the SAFE Center 2 x per month to offer support. (Capacity 15)
- **Upward Bound (Atlanta Metropolitan State College/Fulton County):** The second of its kind at Banneker, offers support to 1st time college students. The program offers Dual Enrollment Opportunities, a 6-week summer program on a college campus, a Summer Bridge for Senior (includes 2 Atlanta Metro classes), college tours, and SAT/ACT/College Application Fee Waivers. Application Required- 2.5 GPA (Capacity 15)

Parents, here's what you need to do:

Email your scholar's name and the program you are interested in to Mrs. Jordan at richardsoni@fultonschools.org

SAFE Center Staff will:

- Speak with the student to determine the interest level
- Speak with the parent to obtain consent
- Connect the student with the organization
- Support the mentor group with the logistics of creating passes for students during their sessions if during school hours.

For more information, please contact:

Igola Richardson, Ed.S., NBCT

Noble Hands SAFE Center Coordinator

470-254-3404 (office)

470-254-3418 (fax)



PARENTS OF GRADUATING CHAMPIONS THIS PADLET'S FOR YOU!

Welcome to the home stretch. It's time to celebrate all the hard work you and your scholar have invested in producing another champion equipped to enter the next phase of an impactful and productive journey in life. Below is a special section for you and your champion keep up to date with all the information graduating Seniors need, just click on the link below:

RISE OF THE TROJAN SAMURAI

Benjamin Banneker High School - Class of 2024

Your one-stop-shop for Class of 2024 information | 6015 Feldwood Road Atlanta, Georgia 30349

padlet.com

INSPIRE YOUR CHAMPION

POWERFUL MOTIVATIONAL Video for Students!!

@1JEREMYANDERSON

**DO YOU KNOW
WHO YOU
ARE?**



6 Ways to Build a Network of Support for Your Child at School | Alliance for a Healthier Generation

English | español Getting involved in your school community is a great way to help your child succeed. Family engagement improves academic achievement, builds self-esteem, and increases parents' and caregivers' confidence in their own decision-making at home and with their child's teachers.

🔗 healthiergeneration.org



New Digital Signature Process for the School-Family Compact

- Effective October 3, 2022, all students above 10 years of age and their parents/ guardians are asked to digitally sign the School-Family Compact in the Infinite Campus Parent/Student Portal
- Your digital signature acknowledges you have read, received, and agree to the School-Family Compact.
- Must have a User I.D. and password to access the Infinite Campus Parent/Student Portal (Contact your child's school for login details)

<https://www.fultonschools.org/domain/4850>

What is a School-Family Compact?

A School-Family Compact for Achievement is an agreement that families, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how families and teachers will work together to make sure all students reach grade-level standards.

NEED MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US

If you need support or assistance logging in to Infinite Campus, please contact Ms. Neal at neale@fultonschools.org

 **470-254-3405**

INFINITE CAMPUS PARENT/STUDENT PORTAL

 https://bit.ly/InfiniteCampus_Portal



Parent & Family Engagement



YOU MAY VISIT YOUR SCHOOL'S WEBSITE <https://www.fultonschools.org/domain/4850>
OR CONTACT A SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE TO REQUEST A COPY OF THE SCHOOL-FAMILY COMPACT

Please Read and Follow the Instructions Below to Digitally Sign Your Compact!

Use the QR Code Below to Access the District Parent-Family Engagement Plan



Fines for Device Damage, Loss, or Theft

If for any reason a scholar's device is lost, stolen, or damaged during the time it is issued to the scholar, whether intentionally or due to negligence, parents and scholars are responsible for the following fines:

***Full replacement cost** for devices includes the device, all accessories, software licenses, and setup.

- **Lost/Damaged Devices**

- Lost/stolen \$250

- Damaged \$100

- **Lost/Damaged Accessories:** \$30 per accessory

These fines apply to instances of willful alteration of the device, its operating system, or network functionality either through the download of applications or by any other means. Additional disciplinary consequences for this behavior include up to 10 days out of school suspension if such tampering is determined to be part of a habitual pattern of behavior on the part of the scholar.

Please see sections 18 E – 18F in the Code of Conduct for further discussion.

Theft:

If the device is stolen during the time that it is issued to the scholar, ***parents and scholars will be responsible for filing a police report and submitting it to the school administration.*** A fine for this device may still be assessed, depending on the situation.

Failure to Return a Device or Accessories upon Withdrawal from the School:

A scholar who fails to return a device or any accessories without reporting them lost or stolen will be responsible for the full replacement cost of the items that were not returned.

Sometimes messages youth need to hear are better received when they come from others. Below is a video to share with your scholar to give them some additional inspiration and be empowered:

Hats Off--Hoods and Full-face Masks Also

In the interest of our scholars' safety, headgear will no longer be allowed. This includes hats, hoods, and full-face masks covering the head. Only standard masks will be allowed. **If your child wears any of these items, they will be confiscated.** We will issue masks to students who need and desire to wear them.



STUDENT SUCCESS SKILLS

Student Success Skills will be taught in all schools, by all teachers, to all students. There are six skills that are broken down into several standards across grade levels. Teaching Student Success skills will support students in creating a foundation for managing emotions, healthy relationships, understanding and empathizing with others, being responsible and safe, and learning to cope with difficult situations. The standards will be taught throughout the school year.

Click Here to Access Our New COVID Reporting Portal

All students will be face-to-face this year, **Fulton County Schools will not offer a virtual option at the student's school of record.** However, please rest assured that our team is doing everything in our power to keep your children along with our faculty and staff safe. Hand sanitizing stations remain throughout the building, and we continue to update procedures for enhanced cleaning and social distancing when possible. **Additionally, masks are suggested for all students, staff, and visitors** as COVID numbers in our area have been on the rise. You may check COVID numbers and COVID trending for each area at the Fulton County Board of Health Epidemiology Division at the following website <https://www.fultoncountyga.gov/covid-19/epidemiology-reports>

The Fulton County Board of Health (FCBOH) and Fulton County Schools have developed an online portal for FCS parents/guardians to report student COVID-19-related cases. Please report to the FCBOH when your student is **COVID-19 positive, has a pending COVID-19 test result, or has been in direct contact with a COVID-19 positive person**. Also, please use this resource for official reporting rather than alerting the school and/or teacher. If you must engage the school/teacher, please do so after you have made an official report to the FCBOH.

To ensure the protection of our school community, ***please do not*** allow your child to attend a school or school-sponsored event when they are ill and/or have any of the above COVID-19 concerns. **Please reference the attached flyer and consider posting it in a visible location for easy access.**

You can also use the link below for quick access to report any student-related COVID-19 issues. COVID-19-related issues include students testing for COVID-19 for any reason, being exposed to or having direct contact with individuals testing positive for COVID-19, or students testing positive for COVID-19 themselves.

[Parent \(Student\) COVID-19 Reporting Portal](#)

How To Teach Students to Solve Their Own Conflicts

[Click here](#) for tools and information that will equip you to help your scholar with conflict resolution.

CHAMPIONS STAY ENGAGED!

What is the School-Family Compact and What is the Parent-Family Engagement Plan for?

The School-Family Compact:

The School-Family Compact is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop together. The Compact explains how parents and teachers will partner together to ensure that all students receive the individual support they need to reach and exceed grade-level academic standards. It is jointly developed with input from parents, staff, students, and the community to support the academic success of our scholars. To provide your input, click [here](#).

How the Parent-Family Engagement Plan (PFEP) is used?

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, Benjamin Banneker High School receives Title I, Part A funds and therefore must jointly develop with, agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement plan that contains information required by section 1116(b) and (c) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The policy establishes the school's expectations for parent and family engagement and describes how the school will implement a number of specific parent and family engagement activities, and it is incorporated into the school's plan submitted to the local educational agency (LEA). The district has a similar plan.

Look for all three of these very important engagement tools to be delivered to you via email. They are also available via the school [website](#).

When you receive your email, please reply with, "I have received Banneker's School-Family Compact, the Parent Family Engagement Plan (PFEP), and the District's PFEP." Also, include your scholar's name and grade.

Friend Us On Facebook

We want to keep parents engaged in a variety of ways, so please become our friend on [Facebook](#).

CHAMPIONS STAY INFORMED!

The resources below will provide you tools and information that will equip you to support your scholars at home. Feel free to share other resources you discover so that we grow together! Send your discoveries to neale@fultonschools.org.

How Parents Can Help Scholars Study

"I'd like to give you some pointers for assisting your child with studying. As a parent of three children, I get it—this can be tough, especially when you don't know the content well yourself. I have some advice on how to help, no matter how much—or how little—you understand about a subject. [Click here](#) for the full article.

Building Relationships With Teachers

Engaging in relationships with your scholar's teachers will have a positive impact on your child's academic success. [Click here](#) to learn how to build better relationships with teachers.

15 Questions to Replace "How Was School Today?"

How many times have you asked your child, "How was school today?" and been frustrated by the lack of response? As a parent, I'm guilty of asking my son this question all the time, even though I usually don't get much in return. Sometimes (to be honest), I haven't had the energy for a real conversation. Other times, I just can't think of what to ask. As a teacher, I have often wished that kids would share stories of the awesome things we were doing with their parents, but I couldn't figure out how to make that happen...for the full article, [click here](#)

Help Your Scholar Develop a Daily Routine

Having a daily routine will help your scholar develop discipline and increase their capacity to focus throughout the school year and in their life endeavors. [Click here](#) for tools that will help you help your scholar shape a routine for a successful year!

Help Your Scholar Be a Responsible Digital Citizen

The internet is a powerful part of our lives with a wealth of opportunities to learn and explore, but with it comes great responsibility. [Click here](#) for resources and tools on how to help your scholar build and maintain a responsible digital footprint and reputation.

Harms of Copyright Policy

Learn what copyright policy is and help your scholar avoid violating it. [Click here.](#)



Never abandon your vision.
Keep reaching to further your
dreams.

~ Benjamin Banneker

AZ QUOTES

Now Is the Time to Apply For College Financial Aid

Today is the day your and your 12th-grade scholar should be researching and applying for financial aid for college. [Click here for tips.](#)

College Board Opportunity Scholarships

The College Board offers your scholar the opportunity to earn up to \$40,000 for college when they complete their step-by-step scholarship program. For more information, [click here.](#)

Counselor's Corner



Karla Sutherland, Ed.S., Our New Head Counselor

School Counselors are responsible for assisting in the social, emotional, academic, and college and career development of high school students. Counselors engage in classroom guidance, individual student meetings, and small group lessons, to further develop our students.

Who Is My Scholar's Counselor?

Students' guidance counselors are assigned alphabetically, by their last name:

Dr. Beaty-A-Di: beatyz1@fultonschools.org

Ms. Sutherland: Do-Johnakin: sutherlandk@fultonschools.org

Ms. Muneer: Johnson-Q: muneerfa@fultonschools.org

Mr. Lawrence: R-Z: lawrencee@fultonschools.org

Ms. Onuoha: 10th-12th Grade 3DE: onuohan@fultonschools.org

How Many Credits Does My Scholar Need to Get Promoted?

Students must earn the following number of credits to be promoted to the next grade level:

- **10th grade:** 5 credits
- **11th grade:** 11 credits
- **12th grade:** 17 credits

Banneker Social Workers Support Scholars



Mr. Silver serves as the School Social Worker for the 9th and 12th grade students. He is in the building *EVERYDAY* Monday-Friday. My role as a School Social Worker is to act as a liaison between students, Fulton County Schools and parents by administering conferences, home visits, and additional activities. His main goal is to be your child's champion by putting them first!

School Social Work Services

What are the responsibilities of the School Social Worker?

The School Social Worker serves as the liaison between the home, the school, and the community at large. The School Social Worker also acts as an advocate for students and their families.

What does a School Social Worker do?

A School Social Worker alleviates obstacles at home and school that interfere with students' learning capabilities. The School Social Worker works together with the school administration, teachers, staff, students, parents, on numerous issues in order for students to achieve academically.

What types of issues do School Social Workers address?

Academics Parent Support Community Resources
Health Attendance Abuse/Neglect/Domestic Violence
Economic Needs Homelessness Emotional /Social Issues

Don't Be Tardy to the Learning Party

It is extremely important that you have your children at the school every morning by 8 am. **School starts officially at 8:10 am.** Students are marked absent if they are not in their seats when the bell rings. **If your child misses at least 2 periods in a full day, he or she will be considered absent for the entire day.** Banneker's school days consist of four 90-minute class periods. If your child is absent from two (periods), they have missed half of the seat time minutes according to the Fulton County Board of Education policy.

Some of you have or will receive a letter from Banneker's School Social Work Department in regard to your child's attendance. If you have received a letter, please feel free to reach out to me and schedule a phone conference about your child's absences.

I am here to work with you in any way possible. Please feel free to reach out to me, if you have ANY questions in regard to your child's attendance and or personal needs to facilitate their success at Benjamin Banneker High School.

Mr. Carlton Silver Jr
silverc1@fultonschools.org
470-254-3547

Grades 9th & 12th

Family Counseling Available to Help You!

Fulton County Schools has partnered with the Odyssey Family Counseling Center to provide school-based counseling services to students! Students who may benefit from counseling should be referred regardless of their insurance status. Odyssey Family Counseling Center has an on-site mental health clinician that is here in the building two days out of the week. Please feel free to reach out to your School Social Workers if you have any questions or are interested in receiving services.



PARENT WORKSHOPS
Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday
6:00pm to 7:00 pm
Click or Scan

Come Join Us
For an evening of information, conversation and community

[Zoom Link](#) 

<u>August 16, 2023, January 17, 2024</u> Understanding and helping a child with ADHD/how can counseling help	<u>October 18, 2023, March 20, 2024</u> Recognizing and understanding the effects of bullying
<u>September 6, 2023, February 7, 2024</u> Helping your child/ren manage school related anxiety	<u>November 1, 2023, April 17, 2024</u> Let's learn about grief and bereavement for healing
<u>September 20, 2023, February 21, 2024</u> The importance of social emotional learning skills	<u>November 15, 2023, May 1, 2024</u> How to improve communication with your children
<u>October 4, 2023, March 6, 2024</u> Let's talk about drug education and prevention	<u>December 6, 2023, May 15, 2024</u> How to keep your child/ren safe on the internet during winter break

270 Carpenter Drive, Suite 400
Atlanta, Georgia 30328
678-460-0345 (Call for more info.)

referrals@familytiesinc.com
www.familytiesinc.com



CHAMPIONS ARE UP TO DATE!

What Is Collaborative Structured Reading (CSR)?

Collaborative Structured Reading (CSR) is a multi-component reading approach developed to help students improve their reading comprehension. Its overall goal is to improve reading comprehension in a way that maximizes student engagement.

For the past four weeks, your 9th -11th-grade students have been using the CSR strategy in their Personalization Block classes. They work together in a collaborative setting to read grade-level informative text, identify unfamiliar vocabulary and use fix-up strategies to understand the text.

The texts are focused on a range of topics that are relative to the students' lives such as social justice, environmental issues, and personal development. An example of one of the fix-up strategies or clunk cards is below:

For more information and resources please reach out to your scholars' teacher or a grade-level administrator.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is a temporary FCC program to help households struggling to afford internet service during the pandemic. Eligible households can enroll through an approved provider or by visiting [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](https://www.fcc.gov/efbf).

OUT AND ABOUT: LEARN ABOUT FREE OR LOW-COST ENTERTAINMENT FOR YOUR FAMILY!

Fulton Count Library Partnership Passes

[Click here](#) for free or reduced passes to major attractions like the Georgia Aquarium, Zoo Atlanta, the Alliance Theater, and historic sites! You must have a library card.

Get a library card [here](#). The branch nearest to Banneker is the Gladys S. Dennard Library, 4055 Flat Shoals Road, Union City, GA 30291. Phone: 404-613-3092

We are eager to assist you and value your time, so before you call the school have you:

1. Checked on the District website: <https://www.fultonschools.org>
2. Checked the School's Website: <https://www.fultonschools.org/bannekerhs>
3. Read Dr. Stamper's Weekly Email to Parents

These sources empower you with the information you need. Should you need further support, please reach out to us!

HERE'S A QUICK REFERENCE TO IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

What Does Being A Title I School Mean?

Title I is a federally funded program designed to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging state academic standards and state academic assessments.

The Title I program focuses on the academic needs of the most disadvantaged students.

[Parents Right to Know](#)

When Can I Drop My Scholar Off?

Parents cannot drop off students before 7:45 am as we need to ensure staff is available to provide appropriate supervision.

When Will My Scholar Be Counted As Tardy?

As of August 22, 2023, we will begin strictly enforcing our classroom tardy policy. Students will have had two weeks to learn their schedule and the school layout. We need our students in class and on time. There are always several staff members on the hallways to assist students if they need help navigating their way to class, but ***they must move directly to class and be ready for instruction***, every minute is valuable. Please encourage your child to report to class each period, on time.

THESE ARE DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS



Spandex/Leggins/Jeggins



Sagging Pants



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Midriffs

What Is Banneker's Dress Code?

Parents, we need your help to make sure your child adheres to the dress code daily to ensure no instructional time is missed. The Banneker High School dress code is based on the Fulton County Schools dress code. Based on the interest of climate and order, this dress code has been reviewed with them and is also in the [Student Handbook](#).

The following ***will not be allowed***.

- Spandex
- Leggings
- Jeggings
- Midriffs
- Shirts with backs out
- Spaghetti straps

- Sagging pants,
- Jeans with rips above the knee
- Do-rags
- Bandanas
- Bonnets
- Clothing related to gang paraphernalia or that promotes drugs, alcohol, violence, sex Any other prohibited item as identified by the Fulton County Schools dress code policy

Hats or hoodies may not be worn in the hallways or as students travel throughout the building. This is a safety issue that hinders our capability to quickly identify students, especially in this season when masks are required.

How Can I Access My Scholar's Schedule and Register for Infinite Campus?

You may access your child's schedule in Infinite Campus. Please register for Infinite Campus using the below link/information. Infinite Campus is a wonderful tool that helps you track your child's schedule grades, attendance, and overall progress. If you have any issues or questions, please contact our Parent Liaison, Erika Neal, at 470-254-3405 or NealE@fultonschools.org

Enter your email address below to receive parent portal activation information

https://campus.fultonschools.org/campus/K12_Custom/cParent/cParentLookUp.jsp?appName=fulton

How Can I Find My Scholar's Bus Number?

The Transportation Department has placed all bus information on the Fulton County Schools website. Simply type in your address, and it will give you all route information along with pick-up and drop-off times. [Click here to get your bus information.](#)

What Type of Book Bag Does My Scholar Need?

All students must carry **CLEAR or MESH** book bags. This is done to keep everyone safe. If your child does not have a clear or mesh backpack/bookbag, **we can provide them one, free of charge.** We will collect the backpacks/bookbags of all students who bring them to campus and return them to them when they exit the building. However, **if the same students continue to bring backpacks/bookbags that are not mesh or clear, their bags will be confiscated and only returned to the parent.**

Can My Scholar Bring Outside Food to School?

Outside food (this includes Uber Eats, Door Dash, Grub Hub, Postmates, etc.) is STRICTLY PROHIBITED. Also, **students are not permitted to bring outside food, for sale or distribution, for any reason.** This includes homemade meals/dinners, treats, birthday cakes, prepackaged items, and meals provided by delivery services like those listed above.

Any violation of this policy will result in these items being confiscated by school officials and held until further notice or discarded. Violation of this policy is also a Tier II offense in our student code of conduct and could result in disciplinary action. I know this may sound extreme, but the overall intent is to keep our students safe. Several students have food allergies coupled with the fact that outside items may be compromised.

Students may certainly bring their own lunch from home for their individual consumption but must

VOTING IS POWER! REGISTER ALL ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS HERE!

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YOUR RIGHT
TO VOTE



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I am here to help you with tools and information that will empower you to support your scholar at home as they evolve to being champions. Please mark your calendars for our parent workshops, follow us on Facebook and become our partner for success!

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