

# OUR SCHOOLS:

## Accident Elementary School - 5-Star School

534 Accident-Bittering Road, Accident, MD 21520  
301-746-8863 ~ [www.gcps.net/accident](http://www.gcps.net/accident)

## Crellin Elementary School - 5-Star School

115 Kendall Drive, Oakland, MD 21550  
301-334-4704 ~ [www.gcps.net/crellin](http://www.gcps.net/crellin)

## Northern Garrett High School - 4-Star School

86 Pride Parkway, Accident, MD 21520  
301-746-8668 ~ [www.gcps.net/northern-garrett-high](http://www.gcps.net/northern-garrett-high)

## Northern Garrett Middle School - 4-Star School

371 Pride Parkway, Accident, MD 21520  
301-746-8165 ~ [www.gcps.net/northern-garrett-middle](http://www.gcps.net/northern-garrett-middle)

## Route 40 Elementary School - 4-Star School

17764 National Pike, Frostburg, MD 21532  
301-689-6132 ~ [www.gcps.net/route-40](http://www.gcps.net/route-40)

## Swan Meadow School - 4-Star School

6709 Garrett Highway, Oakland, MD 21550  
301-334-2059 ~ [www.gcps.net/swan-meadow](http://www.gcps.net/swan-meadow)

## Grantsville Elementary School - 4-Star School

120 Grant Street, Grantsville, MD 21536  
301-895-5173 ~ [www.gcps.net/grantsville](http://www.gcps.net/grantsville)

## Yough Glades Elementary School - 4-Star School

70 Wolf Acres Drive, Oakland, MD 21550  
301-334-3334 ~ [www.gcps.net/yough-glades](http://www.gcps.net/yough-glades)

## Friendsville Elementary School - 3-Star School

841 First Avenue, Friendsville, MD 21531  
301-746-5100 ~ [www.gcps.net/friendsville](http://www.gcps.net/friendsville)

## Southern Garrett High School - 3-Star School

345 Oakland Drive, Oakland, MD 21550  
301-334-9447 ~ [www.gcps.net/southern-garrett-high](http://www.gcps.net/southern-garrett-high)

## Broad Ford Elementary School - 3-Star School

607 Harvey Winters Drive, Oakland, MD 21550  
301-334-9445 ~ [www.gcps.net/broad-ford](http://www.gcps.net/broad-ford)

## Hickory Environmental Educational Center

604 Pride Parkway, Accident, MD 21520  
301-746-8461 ~ [www.gcps.net/hickory](http://www.gcps.net/hickory)

*More information about each location may be found on our website.*

# CONNECT WITH US!

## Dennett Road Educational Complex

770 Dennett Road

Oakland, MD 21550

[www.gcps.net](http://www.gcps.net)

[public.info@gcps.net](mailto:public.info@gcps.net)

**301-334-8900**



*Above: Dr. Nicole Miller, Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Brenda McCartney, Superintendent; Mrs. Anne Ross, Yough Glades Principal; Mrs. Dawna Ashby, Director of Early Childhood/Elementary Education; **GCPS 2024-25 Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Kaitlyn Bolyard**; Dr. Chelsie Manges, Director of Special Education; and Ms. Katherine Landen, Yough Glades Assistant Principal.*

## Board of Education

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Dr. Brenda E. McCartney, Superintendent  
Mr. Brandon J. Hoover, Attorney



GARRETT COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# Annual Report 2023-24



## BUILDING STRONG PARTNERSHIPS:

*Fostering Education and Collaboration  
Among Garrett County Schools, Families,  
and Communities*



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*An investment in education  
pays the best interest.*

— Benjamin Franklin

## About Us

Welcome to Garrett County Public Schools! We are committed to providing our students with a high-quality education that prepares them for success in an ever-changing world. With a dedicated team of educators and staff, we strive to create a safe and supportive learning environment where students can reach their full potential. From our innovative curriculum to our extracurricular activities and athletics, we offer many opportunities to help our students grow academically, socially, and personally. We believe that every student can achieve greatness, and we are here to help them every step of the way. Join us in our mission to empower our students and create a brighter future for our community.



Above left: A student participates in a glass-blowing demonstration during a visit to Simon Pearce.



Above right: Students take part in the Inaugural GCPS Unified Bocce Tournament held at Garrett College.

## From the Superintendent

Dear Families and Staff Members,

I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to the 2024-25 school year. As the Superintendent of Schools, I am thrilled to be a part of a community that is dedicated to providing the best education possible to all students. In recent years, GCPS has implemented many positive changes that will continue to benefit our students and staff. We have invested in new technology to enhance the learning experience and are providing more opportunities for our students to succeed. Our pre-kindergarten programs have expanded to include a three-year-old program, support systems have broadened, and high school accelerated learning opportunities have grown significantly.

As we step into a new academic year, I want to emphasize the crucial role that each and every one of you plays in our school community. Our schools are not just buildings, they are the heart and soul of our communities. By uniting our efforts, we can continue to provide challenging, relevant educational initiatives and expand learning opportunities for all.

I want to personally express my heartfelt gratitude to all students, parents, staff, and community members for your support and commitment to our schools. Your dedication is the driving force behind our success, and I am truly excited about the opportunities that lie ahead as we embark on another fruitful year together.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brenda E. McCartney  
Superintendent of Schools

## 2023-24 Test Results at-a-Glance

- GCPS schools averaged a 4-star rating (2023-24).
- English Language Arts proficiency for Grades 3-8 demonstrated a rate of 49.0%, above the state average of 47.1%, and ELA 10 at 56.3%, compared to the state average of 55.3%.
- Mathematics Grades 3-8 show a proficiency rate of 28.7%, above the state average of 25.2%, and Algebra I at 28.7%, above the state average of 20.0%.
- Science Grade 5 demonstrated proficiency of 26.5%, above the state average of 23.9%, and Grade 8 proved 28.4% proficiency, above the 24.9% state average.



Of note, every category for GCPS was higher than the state average.  
**Complete testing data:** <https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/>



Above: Members of FIRST Robotics Team #1629 (GaCo) pose with their robot.

## Why choose us?

Graduation Rate  
92%

Attendance Rate  
93%

High-Quality  
Education

Average school  
rating of 4-stars  
2023-24

Caring and  
Experienced  
Teachers

Community  
partnerships and  
support

Safe  
Environment

Technologically  
Advanced

Beautiful  
Location

## Student Enrollment

Enrollment in GCPS begins as early as the three-year-old Pre-K program. GCPS enrollment is for students of all backgrounds and abilities. Call, click, or visit us to learn more! [www.gcps.net/enrollment](http://www.gcps.net/enrollment)

