

SEPTEMBER 2025

SUPPORT SERVICES UPDATE



Gadsden Technical College
Director Dr. Willie Jackson

Activities/Events: Agriculture EXPO Field Trip to Moultrie (Oct 13th), Future Builders of America/SkillsUSA Induction Ceremony (Sep 23rd)

Milestone Accomplishments: Articulation Agreement with Florida Coastal University (Sep 2025), acquisition of all GATE and Applied Engineering program equipment, award letters for all grants except adults with disabilities (ADW), **Six of six nurses passed NCLEX...five awaiting testing in October**, 72 students completed the summer youth program, Open door, GATE, and Dual Enrollment Scholarships fully funded by the State, and Enrollment increase (an increase of 15%).

Ongoing Projects: Associate in applied science classroom renovation by Carpentry students and Tiny Houses Partnership with Jones Construction.

Day-to- Day Activities: Branding GTC for recruitment and marketing, survey data preparation, financial aid and budget tracking, and alignment of the curriculum and instruction with certification/licensure.

Anticipated Projects: Florida Postsecondary Transition Program (adults with disabilities) implementation in January 2026, Building Maintenance and Management PD/certification for maintenance and custodian workers, Safe Serve certification for food services workers, and Nursing Bootcamp (Nursing Prep Course) starting January 2026.

Transportation Department Director Matthew Bryant

- The Gadsden County School District Transportation Department was selected to be in a commercial for Syntech/Fuel Master. Syntech is partnered with Fuel Master and manages the transportation department's fuel pump system. The video shoot for the commercial took place on Friday, September 19, 2025. As soon as the editing is complete, we will be notified when the commercial will air.
- FTE (Full Time Equivalency) begins Friday, September 26, 2025
- Bus evacuation training for all transportation staff will be completed by Friday, September 26, 2025 in preparation for evacuation drills scheduled for the month of October 2025.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 25, 2025

**JASMS vs WGMS Volleyball
WGMS @ 5:30pm**

September 30, 2025

**HMS vs CACS Volleyball
CACS @ 5:30pm**

October 6-10, 2025

Survey 2 Enrollment Window

October 9, 2025

**Head Start Fire Prevention &
Fall Festival Family Night
6:00-7:00pm**



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GADSDEN COUNTY HEAD START FIRE PREVENTION AND FALL FESTIVAL FAMILY NIGHT

Valencia R. Denson, Director

Gadsden County Head Start/Pre-K is excited to host **Fire Prevention & Fall Festival Family Night**, themed “*Stop, Drop & Glow: A Spark-Safe Fall Festival.*” This free event combines life-saving fire-safety education with a fun, family-friendly fall celebration for preschoolers and their families.

Event Details

- **Date & Time:** Thursday, October 9, 2025 • 6:00 P.M.–7:30 P.M.
- **Location:** Quincy, Florida (specific site to be announced upon field approval)
- **Vendor Set-Up:** Thursday, October 9, 8:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M.
- *Vendors will be required to bring their own table(s), tent(s), and chair(s). Electricity will not be available. If needed, you must have your own access.*

We invite you to support this community initiative as a partner, sponsor, or volunteer in any of the following ways:

Carnival Style Activities & Education Stations

- Fire-safety demonstrations and “Stop, Drop & Roll” practice
- “Crawl Low & Go” smoke-escape maze
- Crafts (firefighter hats, family escape plans)
- Bounce house/safe physical play mini-games and prizes at partner stations

Food & Supplies (for approximately 200–300+ guests)

- Hot dogs and buns (Youth)
- Hamburgers and buns (*Adults Only*)
- Chips and Capri Suns and 8 oz water bottles
- Self-standing lunch bags (100-count packs)
- Foil sheets to wrap hot dogs and hamburgers
- Condiments (mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup) (*Items can be pre-ordered/prepaid for pick-up by Head Start Staff*)



Entertainment & Equipment

- Family-friendly DJ
- Stage, for announcements, and prize drawings

Community Partners & Vendors

- Local businesses to set up activity stations or donate age-appropriate (ages 3–4) prizes and door prizes for parents
- Vendors to provide small carnival style prizes or treats at their station
- Organizations or individuals to supply purchased treats or healthy snacks and/or host an activity station

Gadsden County Schools/District Departments

High/Middle/Elementary school principals to host an activity station with carnival-style prizes

Volunteers

- Teen volunteers (high school clubs, church youth) – *community service hours available*
- Set-up and clean-up crews
- Station leaders and helpers
- Registration and welcome table hosts (with Head Start staff)
- Food preparation and serving teams (Fire Department or Mr. Lloyd)

Your contribution, whether a donation, hosted activity station, or volunteer service will help children gain essential fire-safety skills while enjoying a memorable evening of safe fall fun.

Please confirm your participation by **Wednesday, October 1, 2025** (*or sooner*) so we can reserve space and coordinate logistics.

Contact for Questions or Confirmation

Mrs. Cametra Gibson-Bryant

Email: bryantca@gcpsmail.com

Parent/Male Involvement Coordinator, Gadsden County Head Start/Pre-K Phone: 850-627-6951 ext. 1702 (8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.)

Monday - Friday Cell: 850-322-0489 (4:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.) Monday – Friday

Together, we can **Stop, Drop & Glow**, making safety exciting for our youngest learners and strengthening our community.

Human Resource Department

Director Dr. Sonya Jackson

Status of Ongoing Key Departmental Activities/Projects

- New Hires in the District: September New Hire (10), Death (3), Resignations (14), Terminations (0), Retirements (1)
- Office visits for September in the Human Resources Department (130)

Anticipated Activities/Projects for the Subsequent Month

- Career Source Training on October 31, 2025
- Verification of vacancies in schools
- Site visits with Principals
- Union Meetings, GCCTA and Supplement Committee
- Attend Job Fairs
- Performance Pay

MIS Department

Darlene Youmans, Coordinator

Ongoing Key Departmental Activities/Projects

Activity	Status
Create Files for User Provisioning in the FLDOE SSO migration	Ongoing
Set up a Process to improve In/Out of field designation in FOCUS	Ongoing
Correct data issues within Performance Matters	Ongoing
Preparing for Survey 2: student and staff	Ongoing
Processing Survey 6: student	Complete
Work with HR to facilitate the teacher increase	Ongoing
Submitted new student file for Transfinder	Complete
Processing Direct Certification Data	Ongoing
Send the Safety Shield reunification data file	Ongoing
Creating Parent Portal letters for schools	Ongoing
Engaging in the State AGO audit process	Ongoing
Setting up New Threat Management SSO Portal access	Complete
Roll out District-Wide Uniform Gradebook changes	Complete
Processing Survey M : Staff	Complete
DMV and Learnfare Configuration	Ongoing

Safe Schools

Lt. Tiffany Buckhalt, Coordinator

- September 3rd & 4th the Office of Safe Schools conducted training for principals and threat management team members of each school.
- Leon County Safety Team came to GCHS to see a demo of our new portable metal detectors.
- The safety department has trained approximately 10 new substitute teachers this month with the crisis response manual and the active assailant procedures & response.
- Attended Office of Safe School new portal training online.
- Conducting safety checks while walking through campuses weekly.
- Attended several school-based threat management team meetings and assisted with threat assessments.
- Attended the college fair at GCHS and assisted with ISS due to a staff shortage.
- Completed a School Safety Specialist webinar provided by FS3 and OSS.
- While conducting campus walk throughs, I discovered several safety issues and submitted work orders for repair.
- Conducted active assailant drills at several schools and assisted with documentation.
- Prepared and maintained a Threat Assessment log for compliance.
- September 23rd, the Office of Safe Schools will be conducting another Day 1 threat management training for new district staff.
- Will be attending the District School Board Meeting on September 23, 2025.
- Continue to prepare schedules, invoices, and maintain coverage for safety officers at CPA, GBES and JASMS.

TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Dr. Sheantika Wiggins – Director John Thomas - Network Coordinator Darlean Youmans - MIS Coordinator

Status of Ongoing Key Departmental Activities/Projects

The Technology Department has completed and supported several key projects across school sites to ensure safety, security, instructional continuity, and testing readiness. Below is a summary of recent work completed:

- ❖ **Gadsden County High School (GCHS)** - Implemented student security scan system; set-up completed and fully operational; Installed and tested **HonorLock** for the Dual Enrollment program; system is fully functional.
- ❖ **George W. Munroe (GWM)** - Installed a new **2-way radio system** for intercom and safety communication, replacing the damaged paging system (struck by lightning); Repaired the staff gate twice within the last 30 days to ensure safety and accessibility.
- ❖ **West Gadsden Middle School (WGMS)** - Reconfigured and restored **ExactVision camera system**, which had been disabled due to a lightning strike.
- ❖ **Greensboro Elementary (GEB)** - Replaced and set up **TrueTime iPad** for staff use.

- ❖ **Chattahoochee Elementary School (CES)** - Updated all **FSA testing devices**; updates completed over the weekend to avoid instructional disruption.
- ❖ **James A. Shanks Middle School (JASMS)** - Relocated and set up the **nurses' office** in Building 3, including full technology support.
- ❖ **Stewart Street Elementary School (SSES)** - Installed a **new HVAC system**, pending network team configuration. Currently addressing **network disruptions** caused by original wiring being cut during installation.
- ❖ **Gadsden Technical College (GTC)** - Provided technical support and assisted with the successful **re-opening of the GED testing center**.
- ❖ **Districtwide Support** - Rectified access issues for teachers across multiple sites to ensure full use of the district's online digital resources.

These efforts reflect the department's continued commitment to maintaining secure, functional, and reliable technology resources across all campuses, while responding quickly to site-specific challenges.

FALL FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

GCHS

GCHS			
Date	Opponent	Location	Time
8/22	Tift	AWAY	7:30pm
9/12	Coffee	AWAY	7:30pm
9/19	Clearwater	AWAY	7:00pm
9/26	First Academy	HOME	7:00pm
10/3	Lincoln	AWAY	7:00pm
10/10	Florida High HOME COMMING	HOME	7:30pm
10/17	Zarephath Academy	HOME	7:00pm
10/24	BYE		
10/31	Wakulla Senior Night	HOME	7:30pm

HMS			
Date	Opponent	Location	Time
9/4	Jefferson County	HOME	5:00pm
9/9	Shanks Middle	HOME	5:00pm
9/16	West Gadsden Middle	AWAY	6:00pm
9/25	Jefferson County	AWAY	6:00pm
10/7	Florida High Middle	HOME	5:00pm
10/14	West Gadsden	HOME	5:00pm
10/21	Shanks Middle	AWAY	6:00pm
10/30	Florida A&M	HOME	5:30pm

JASMS			
Date	Opponent	Location	Time
9/4	Florida High	AWAY	6:00pm
9/9	Havan Magnet	AWAY	5:00pm
9/18	FAMU DRS	AWAY	6:00pm
9/23	West Gadsden	AWAY	5:30pm
9/30	Madison County	AWAY	6:00pm
10/7	West Gadsden	HOME	6:00pm
10/16	Jefferson County	AWAY	6:00pm
10/21	Havan Magnet	HOME	6:00pm

WGMS			
Date	Opponent	Location	Time
8/26	Florida High	HOME	6:00pm
9/9	Jefferson County	AWAY	6:00pm
9/16	Havan Magnet	HOME	6:00pm
9/23	Shanks Middle	HOME	5:30pm
9/2	FAMU DRS	AWAY	5:30pm
9/7	Shanks Middle	AWAY	6:00pm
9/14	Havan Magnet	AWAY	5:30pm
9/21	FAMU DRS	HOME	5:30pm



GADSDEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES