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**Note to media: If you would like to attend, please arrive between 9:00 and 10:00 am.**

### Houston County School District to Host Teacher Recruitment Fair

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County School District will host its annual Teacher Recruitment Fair on Saturday, February 25 from 9 a.m. until noon at Veterans High School. Teachers interested in employment are invited to participate in mini-interviews and learn more about each of Houston County's schools. Twenty-four elementary schools, eight middle schools, and five high schools will be on site, as well as three specialty programs to include Houston Virtual, WIN Academy, and the Houston County Career Academy.

While the recruitment fair typically attracts teachers who are already certified, those who already hold at least a bachelor's degree and are seeking alternative routes to teacher certification are welcome to attend. There will be information on-site regarding the Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy (GaTAPP) Program and a Master of Arts in Teaching Program.

The District offers a competitive salary and excellent benefits package. Houston County's current salary for a first-year teacher with a bachelor's degree is \$46,455. First-year teachers with a master's degree currently earn a salary of \$52,735. Current salary range for teachers within our District is \$46,455 - \$97,540. The benefits package begins at over \$23,000.

Benefits include medical, dental, disability, paid sick leave and retirement. Two types of Flexible Spending Accounts - healthcare and dependent care – are also offered, which allow paying out-of-pocket costs with pre-tax dollars. All employees receive free gym membership and access to an Employee Assistance Program to include counseling, financial information and resources, legal support resources and free online will preparation.

Teacher candidates are encouraged to arrive before the fair starts to allow time to check-in and attend a brief information session in the auditorium. Doors open at 8 a.m. Veterans High is located at 340 Piney Grove Road in Kathleen. For more information, contact Human Resources at 478-988-6244 or visit [www.hcbe.net/teachhouston](http://www.hcbe.net/teachhouston).

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