Why Stewart Middle School?

“Stewart is special because the students and staff work together to create a learning environment that welcomes all stakeholders.”

—Stewart Middle School Partner

Achievements

◊ Increase in CCRPI scores for five consecutive years and highest score to date
◊ Named a Beat the Odds school for third year in a row
◊ 2018 and 2019 back-to-back county football champions
◊ Beta Club recognized as a National School of Distinction
◊ School climate rating highest score to date
◊ Recipient of Google Grant

Inside the Classroom

In January of 2019, Stewart Middle School had an enrollment of 603 students, the highest enrollment in quite a long time. The campus is comprised of grades 6 through 8 and offers integrated reading and writing in the Language Arts classroom. Core classes are 73 minutes, and connections classes are 45 minutes. Stewart offers gifted/advanced content in all the grade levels in the academic core classes.

Stewart students are engaged in the Learning Focused Schools instructional framework where they learn the standards with common board essentials. All teachers use an essential question which is posted in the classroom, an activating strategy, a teaching strategy, and a summarizer that helps students answer the essential question. This consistency in instructional focus helps support our learners.

In addition to the academic core, students at Stewart may take two revolving connections classes each nine weeks. Connections courses include physical education, band, music, French, Spanish, visual art, careers, and reading lab.
Our Mission
The mission of Stewart Middle School is to provide a quality education for all students in a safe, supportive environment.

Our Vision
The vision of Stewart Middle School is to build a community of lifelong learners that become responsible individuals, independent thinkers, and productive citizens.

Beyond the Classroom
At Stewart Middle School, our goal is to meet the needs of the whole child. We offer a variety of extracurricular clubs and activities, including Reading Bowl, Chess Club, First Priority, Yearbook, Band and Sports.

All students wishing to become part of the athletic teams must maintain a passing grade in all subjects and maintain good school citizenship. The fundamentals of sports stress the desire to be the best, to work hard to improve one’s character, sportsmanship, and teamwork. A tournament at the end of the season is played within the Douglas County Conference, with trophies awarded to the county champions. Anyone who meets state eligibility requirements may try out to be a Stewart Middle School athlete.

Junior Beta Club encourages effort, rewards merit, and promotes good citizenship. Meetings are held during school and after school. Membership is by invitation and is based on academic performance.

Other student activities at Stewart include DIVAS, a program for teen girls which provides leadership experience in a sisterhood-type setting. Students who desire to study higher level mathematics may choose to participate in Mathletes and compete in a county-wide competition.

The mentoring program is strong at Stewart and provides students the opportunity to experience a meaningful relationship with a responsible, caring adult role model. The goal of the mentoring program is to help students succeed in school, complete their education, and grow up to be contributing citizens.

Principal: Dr. Donita Cullen
Student Enrollment: 603
Black 79%; White 3%; Hispanic 13%; Two or more races 4%;
Total Staff: 63
Certified Staff: 48
Cert. Staff with Adv. Degrees: 31
2018 CCRPI: 70.4
2018 GMAS Scores (% of students scoring at Developing, Proficient, and Distinguished Learner levels)
6th Grade: ELA 57%; Math 64%
7th Grade: ELA 63%; Math 71%
8th Grade: ELA 80%; Math 68%;
Science 44%; Social Studies 71%
School Climate Star Rating: 3 (out of 5)

Numbers for enrollment and staffing were current as of 10/18. Go to www.gadoe.org for additional information on CCRPI and GMAS.

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