



Georgia Partnership
FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

A Better Future for Georgia

Begins with Education

2026 ELECTION ISSUES GUIDE

TODAY'S REALITY

GEORGIA STUDENTS NEED STRONGER OUTCOMES

Georgia has made progress — 87% of students graduate high school within four years¹ — but too many students are still falling behind:

- ▶ **Only 35%** of students read on grade level by third grade
- ▶ **Only 47%** of students are proficient in 8th grade math²
- ▶ **Only 31%** of high school graduates are ready for college or career³

WHAT THIS MEANS

Too many students are not on track for long-term success—impacting Georgia's workforce, economy, and communities.

WHY THIS MATTERS TO YOU

Strong public schools benefit every Georgian by enabling:

- ▶ **A skilled workforce** that attracts jobs and grows our economy
- ▶ **Higher earning potential** for individuals and families and
- ▶ **higher tax revenues** for the state
- ▶ Healthier, more **stable communities**

¹ <https://bit.ly/GeorgiaMilestones>

² <https://bit.ly/GeorgiaMilestones>

³ <https://bit.ly/GAPostSecReadiness>

WHAT'S AT STAKE?

GEORGIA'S FUTURE IS ON THE BALLOT

In 2026, voters will elect leaders who will shape the future of public education in our state, particularly:

- ▶ Public education priorities and funding
- ▶ Teacher recruitment and retention initiatives
- ▶ Workforce readiness program

These decisions directly impact students, families, and communities across Georgia.

THE CHOICE AHEAD

Your vote can help secure a stronger future for Georgia, one where we are a national leader in public education, workforce readiness, and economic opportunity.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Education isn't just a school issue—it's a Georgia issue. The decisions we make now impact the strength of our workforce, our communities, and our state economy!

TAKE ACTION

BEFORE YOU VOTE, ASK EVERY CANDIDATE...

- ▶ What are your key priorities for the state government to continue to improve Georgia's public education system?
- ▶ How should the state ensure all Georgia students have access to high-quality public schools and early education programs?
- ▶ What state initiatives will you support to recruit and retain great teachers?
- ▶ How will the state increase proficiency metrics in reading and math at each grade level to develop college and career ready high school graduates?
- ▶ How will the state expand access to career pathway and workforce training programs?

BE AN INFORMED VOTER

Learn more. Ask questions.
Vote with education in mind.



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