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Education report card gives Georgia a B-minus

Atlanta Journal-Constitution, published 01/10/08

"In the evaluation released Wednesday by Education Week — a newspaper for educators — Georgia scored near or above U.S. averages in policy areas such as setting K-12 curriculum standards…"

GEORGIA’S REPORT CARD
Education Week graded every state in six categories:

- **Overall grade: B- (11th in the Nation)**
- Children's chance for success: C
- K-12 achievement: D+
- Standards, assessments and accountability: A-
- Education policy alignment: B
- The teaching profession: B
- School finance: C+
Education

Graduation rate up
Dropout rate down
Teachers highest paid
Graduation Coaches + Community Coaches
Education

Making progress, but we still have a ways to go.

What’s missing?

Parents
VIP Recruiters

- "Very Important Parent" Recruiters
- Targets high truancy schools
- 551 elementary, middle and high schools
- Will help involve parents in their child’s academic career – focus on parents with little or no connection to school
Attendance and Achievement

Other measures:
- 3rd, 5th, and 8th grade CRCT scores
- Georgia High School Graduation Test
- 9th grade on-track rate
Education

Keeping score ...
Georgia’s Education Scoreboard

http://www.gaosa.org
Four Principles of Fiscal Discipline

Managing Efficiently

Spending Wisely

Investing Prudently

Conserving for the Future
Fiscal Discipline

Prior Yrs Reserves Spent in Following Year

RSR

Year


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Georgia
Georgia Research Alliance Venture Capital Fund

- State to partner with private sector
- Early stage financing to commercialize technology developed in Georgia’s research universities
- $10 million state investment
- Matched by private dollars to create a total of $40 million venture capital fund
Economic Development: Georgia Goes Global

New Trading Partners
Jobs Across the State
Diverse Industries
Logistics and Infrastructure
Projects
Located/Expanded
Calendar Year 2007

57% of all new jobs announced are located in rural Georgia, with an investment of $1.6 billion

325,200 new jobs grown in Georgia since 2003
Port of Savannah
Gateway to American Commerce
Georgia Ports Authority
Top 10 US Port Rankings – Percentage Growth
January 2007 through October 2007
Transportation

Georgia’s Goal: A sound, value-driven transportation system
Transportation

$15.5 billion Fast Forward program:

- In 2004, doubled investment in DOT projects to finish in 6 years
- Now, 3 ½ years later, 60% of projects should be completed
- Today just 21% are completed

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