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**Georgia Department of Education 2016 CCRPI Rankings**

The Georgia Department of Education released the 2016 CCRPI rankings on December 8, 2016. The College and Career Performance Readiness Index (CCRPI) is a comprehensive school improvement, accountability, and communication platform for all educational stakeholders that promotes college and career readiness for all Georgia public school students. Union County High School is extremely proud of our 96.7 score for 2016, which was a 13.7 point increase from 2015 and well above the state average of 75.7.

The College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) is Georgia's annual tool for measuring how well its schools, districts, and the state itself are preparing students for the next educational level. It provides a comprehensive roadmap to help educators, parents, and community members promote and improve college and career readiness for all students (GA Dept of education).

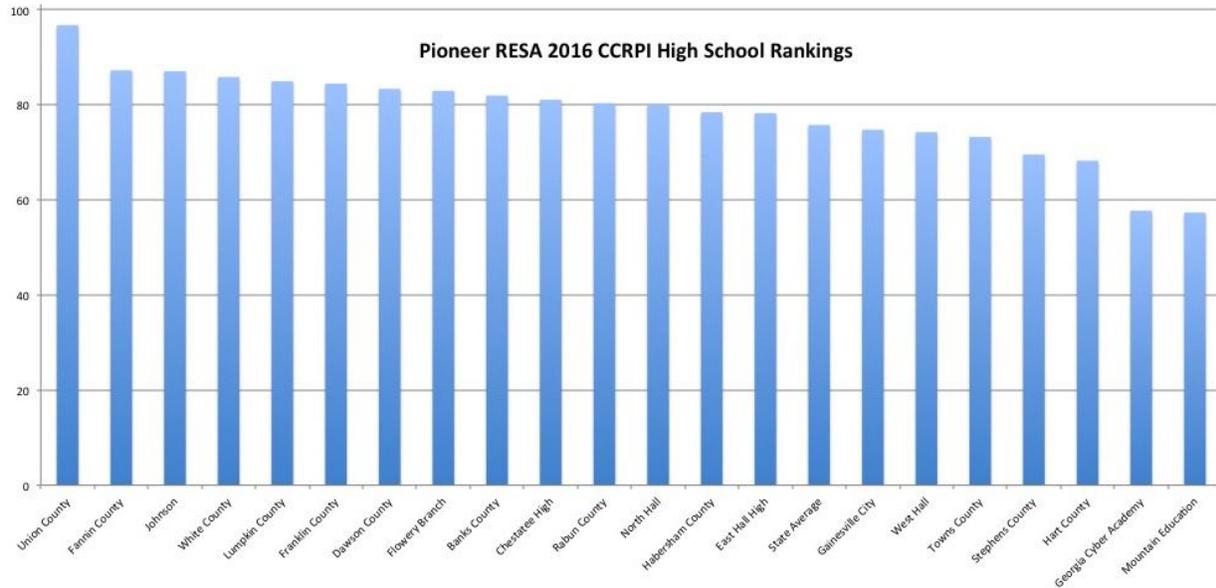
The CCRPI includes four main components: state test achievement levels, student progress in comparison to the state, closure of the achievement gap with at-risk students, and challenge points. These components, encompassing multiple indicators, are combined for a total CCRPI score on a scale of 0 to 100, with a possible ten additional points. Percentages of students completing CTAE pathways, CTAE National Certification credentialing, Advanced Placement (AP) courses, dual enrollment courses, graduation rates, and attendance rates. The CCRPI also reports other information, such as performance of student subgroups, school climate, and financial efficiency status. CCRPI reports and data files can be accessed through the Georgia Department of Education's website.

Union County Schools has placed a heavy emphasis on literacy instruction, which has served our students well. Students take a quick assessment three times per year to determine their Lexile reading level. This is a valuable tool for teachers and students in measuring students' reading abilities, choosing appropriate text complexity, and setting goals for literacy growth. Additionally, students are given the opportunity to demonstrate mastery of new concepts and ideas through written expression across all content areas and in every classroom. UCHS staff understands that by strengthening the level of literacy for our students, we are empowering them to be more effective communicators and enabling them to interpret the complexities of the world in which they live. Therefore, within each classroom, our staff implements research-based strategies designed to improve all students' abilities to read and write well.

Teachers at Union County High School have worked diligently to close the achievement gap for economically disadvantaged students (UCHS 52.12% of student body) and students with disabilities. The data shows that our lowest students and highest (gifted) students outperformed other students in these respective sub-groups throughout the state. "I am so proud of the level of dedication to student success our staff displays on a daily basis. This is not limited to our teaching staff. Our alternative education program, paraprofessionals, clerical staff, bus drivers, custodians, security, and maintenance personnel put forth tremendous effort in ensuring the children of Union County have a safe environment in which to learn and are provided with the highest quality of education. Additionally, our counseling department plays a huge role in this equation by meeting with students to ensure they are on track for graduation and have pathways and post-secondary plans aligned with their individual career interest and life goals. As a result of these outstanding efforts, Union County High School boasts a 98.7 graduation rate, which is one of the highest in the state!"

The district-level support we receive from Superintendent Dr. Fred Rayfield and all of the district employees at Union County Board of Education is outstanding. The board members in our county are dedicated to student success and extremely supportive of the mission of Union County High School: Employability for All Students. The community is very supportive of our schools and the education of the children of Union County as well. Taxpayers and voters continue to enable us to provide the human capital and facilities to serve all of our students at a high level.

Union County High School was ranked number one in Pioneer Resa (Regional Education Service Area). Pioneer RESA is the highest performing RESA in the state.



As a district, Union County High School was ranked fourth in the State of Georgia behind Buford, Peach, and Oconee counties. Our students realize that graduation from high school and post-secondary education are simply steps toward our goal of employability. Students are focused and prepared to learn when they enter our doors. We appreciate our parents impressing upon their children the importance of a quality education. Please join me in celebrating the success of our students and staff at Union County High School.

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 Union County High School Principal