



# GPA

## Parent Connection

Fall 2020

### Welcome Back 2020-2021 School Year

Georgia Preparatory Academy welcomes back all faculty, staff, students and parent partners to the 2020-2021 school year. It has been a challenging time for all of us over these last few months. We have endured closure of schools during the COVID-19 pandemic which resulted in our students and teachers stepping out of our schools during the middle of Spring semester and into a creative and alternative learning model in partnership with our facility staff members. As we start this new school year off, we start it off with optimism and gratitude. We are appreciative of the opportunity to educate your child. We look forward to learning, exploring and growing in all areas throughout this year. The parent-teacher relationship is vital to your child's success in school. We believe that open and positive two-way communication is the key to a great parent-teacher-school relationship. By working together, we can bridge the gap between home and school so that every child may have a very fulfilling learning experience. Please feel free to contact your child's school to get actively engaged as a parent partner in family engagement activities and other events.



### Virtual Open House

The Department of Juvenile Justice School System implemented a Virtual Fall Open House as one way to maintain the home to school connection.

A big "Thank You" to those families, staff members and stakeholders who attended our first virtual open house during the months of September and October 2020. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child's school to inquire if a recorded version of Open House is available. We hope to see you at our next family engagement event.

Please visit our website listed below for updates and upcoming events.

<https://djj.georgia.gov/events>

### Community Resources

Emergency Food  
Phone: 404-373-2300  
Website: [www.deamdecatur.org](http://www.deamdecatur.org)

Salvation Army Financial Emergency Services  
Centers  
Address: 3500 Sherrydale Lane Decatur GA, 30032  
Phone: 404-486-2714

### Child Find

Child Find is a process designed to identify, locate, and evaluate individuals from birth to 21 years of age who are suspected of, or have a disability or developmental delay that may result in a need for special education and related services.

The Department of Juvenile System School has Child Find responsibility for all students within its jurisdiction suspected of having disabilities, regardless of the severity of their disabilities. We provide child find for all students enrolled in DJJ through Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS).