



Griffin's Magnet Programs

Pre-Information Technology Program

- Integrates technology into traditional curriculum classrooms. All classrooms are equipped with wireless technology, Active Expressions, and voice enhancement systems.
- Curriculum includes honors, pre-AP, and high school credit courses.
- Electives offered range from basic computer classes to a high school credit technology course.
- Our middle school program is designed to prepare students for a seamless transition into Leon County's high school Information Technology (IT) Program and beyond into an information technology career.

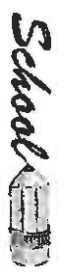
Pre-Advanced Placement Program

- Designed for students who show motivation towards the learning process and enjoy being challenged academically.
- Emphasizes analytical skills that expand students' knowledge and proficiency.
- Project based curriculum

CAPE Academy at Griffin MS

Griffin IT Prep School students are the first cohort to participate in the newly awarded Career and Professional Education Act (CAPE) Academy. Griffin has been selected to participate in the Florida Middle School IT Career Academy Technical Assistance demonstration project. The project will be conducted by The Whetstone Group and is sponsored by Workforce Florida Inc. It will provide technical assistance to 15 newly established middle school Information Technology career academies throughout the state of Florida that will focus on Microsoft and Adobe Certifications. *This will be a great addition to the already established Information Technology Magnet Program that currently offers Microsoft Office Certification.*

The CAPE Academy alongside our Information Technology magnet program will provide students with the cutting edge training and certifications they need for high-skill, high wage jobs in Florida's target industries. The CAPE Academy will offer courses that will give our students the opportunity to become certified in Adobe (Photoshop, Dreamweaver, Flash, InDesign) and Certified Internet Web (CWI).



Office: 617-5353
 FAX: 617-5354
 Cafeteria: 617-5359
 Clinic: 617-5352
 Guidance: 617-5355
 Guidance Fax: 617-5356
 Web Page:
www.griffin.leon.k12.fl.us

Pre-pay for School Meals
www.PayPAMS.com

Apply for Free/Reduced Lunch:
www.applyforlunch.com

Parent Portal: parentportal.leon.k12.fl.us



Nondiscrimination Contact Information

"No person shall on the basis of gender, marital status, sexual orientation, race, religion, national origin, age, color or disability be denied employment, receipt of services, access to or participation in school activities or programs if qualified to receive such services, or otherwise be discriminated against or placed in a hostile environment in any educational program or activity including those receiving federal financial assistance, except as provided by law."

An employee, student, parent or applicant alleging discrimination with respect to employment, or any educational program or activity may contact:

Kathleen L. Rodgers, Ph. D.
 Equity and Title IX Compliance Officer
 Leon County School District
 2757 West Pensacola Street
 Tallahassee, Florida 32304
 (850) 487-7306
rodgersk@leonschools.net

A student or parent alleging discrimination as it relates to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act may contact:
 Dr. Margaret Palazesi, 504 Specialist
 Leon County School District
 2757 West Pensacola Street
 Tallahassee, Florida 32304
 (850) 487-7161
palazesiim@leonschools.net

Leon County School District
 Tallahassee, Florida
 Jackie Pons, Superintendent



Annual Title 1
 Open House
 September 13, 2012

Agenda

- 5:50-6:00 Parents locate Homerooms
- 6:00-7:20 Parents visit classrooms traveling through 1st - 6th Periods

Tonight's Schedule:

- 1st period: 6:00 - 6:15
- Video—"What is Title 1?"
- 2nd period: 6:20 - 6:28
- 3rd period: 6:33 - 6:41
- 4th period: 6:46 - 6:54
- 5th period: 6:59 - 7:07
- 6th period: 7:12 - 7:20

Topics -

- The curriculum in use at the school
- The forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress
- Grading Policy—The proficiency levels students are expected to meet
- Homework Policy
- Classroom Management System
- Major Projects - due dates, etc.
- Parent/Teacher Communication
- Parent Portal

Meet the Griffin Middle School

Administrative Team

Gwendolyn Lynn Thomas, Principal
Vivian Cooley, Assistant Principal for Curriculum
Darren Wallace, Assistant Principal for Administration
Arva Demps, Dean
LaToya Montgomery, Programs Coordinator
Deputy Carey, School Resource Deputy

21st Century Before & After School Program- As part of Title 1, Griffin is able to offer your child both early morning and after school supervision free of charge. The early morning session begins at 8:00 until 8:50 a.m. and the after school session is 4:00-6:00 p.m. If you need a safe place for your child during these hours when there is no other supervision available, please contact Mr. Nero, 21st Century Program Director, 617-5353. Registration forms are available in the front office and must be completed before your child can participate.

Griffin's Weekly e-Letters — Join our List Serve and receive weekly e-letters from the school. Go to Griffin's webpage and click on Griffin List Serve under Links on the right hand side. Click on Join List Serve and enter your email address. Respond to the confirmation email and that's it. It's that simple. This is the most accurate source for up to date information from GMS.



Student Dress Code Policy—GMS students are expected to dress in a way that does not distract from the learning environment. No flip flops, slides, open toed shoes, or bedroom slippers. Pants are to be worn at the student's natural waistline. Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be worn no shorter than middle finger tip length. Please refer to the school dress code policy in the student agenda book. Garments that expose the bosom, chest, back or sides are not permitted. Any head gear including hats are not permitted. Please refer to the school dress code policy in the student agenda book for a more detailed listing.

Book bags, backpacks, gym bags, and large purses are not permitted in the classrooms during the school day. These items are to be stored in lockers during the day.

Griffin Middle School Campus Life

GMS provides many opportunities for students to participate in on-campus activities outside of the classroom. Through these offerings students can have fun, learn and live the middle school experience.

Student activities include: Brain Bowl, Black History Brain Bowl, cheerleading, Tiggerettes, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Educators of America, Beta Club, Math Counts, Spanish Club, Student Council, Green Team, Builders Club and drum-line.

Athletics include basketball, football, volleyball, track, cross-country, golf, softball, and soccer. Students must have a minimum 2.0 grade point average to participate. All athletes must have a current physical in order to try out/ or participate.



In addition, students can exhibit their knowledge in the History Fair, Science Fair, Geography Bee, Spelling Bee and the Tropicana Speech Contest.

Important Information

Hall Locker Rental Fee: \$5.00

Band/PE Locker Fee: \$4.00

Agenda Book Replacement: \$5.00

GMS Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Breakfast Bell: 9:00 a.m., Students receive free breakfast and lunch.

Bell Schedule:

Warning bell:	9:25
Tardy bell:	9:30
Homeroom:	9:30-9:50
A Period:	9:50-10:35
B Period:	10:40-11:30
C/Lunch Period:	11:35-1:05
D Period:	1:10-2:00
E Period:	2:05-2:55
F Period:	3:00-3:50
Bus Dismissal:	3:55



Progress Monitoring Dates:

Civics, Science, and Math
(Progress Monitoring): August 20-31st, October 10-26th, December 10-20th, March 4-15th

Writes Upon Request: October 2nd, November 27th, February 26th, April 30th

Biology I End of Course Assessments:
November 28-December 19th, April 29-May 10th

Algebra I End of Course Assessment:
November 28-December 19th, May 6-7th

FCAT Writing: February 26-27th

FCAT: April 15-26th

Interim Progress Reports: Sept. 26, Nov. 20,

Feb. 6, Apr. 24

Report Cards: 1st 9 weeks-Oct. 30; 2nd 9

weeks-Jan. 16; 3rd 9 weeks-Apr. 3; 4th 9

weeks-June 11

Parent Involvement
Eli Bryant
Parent Liaison

Visit our Parent Resource Room

Building 12, Room 107

850-627-5353, ext. 3106

Our next Lunch & Learn Parent Activity

October 26