Georgia State Senate Study Committee-
Educational Development of African American Children

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Southern Education Foundation
The Southern Education Foundation’s mission is to advance creative solutions to ensure equity and excellence in education for students of color and low income students in the South.
SEF History

- **1867-1907** the Peabody, Slater, and Jeanes Fund are created to:
  - Establish public education in the South for Black & poor White students
  - Support the development of HBCUs in the South
  - Enhance number of qualified teachers
  - Improve curriculum & instruction in Southern schools
Georgia’s 2018 K-12 Student Enrollment

1,767,000 - All Students

647,000 - Black Students (37%)

Source: Georgia Department of Education
African American Children in Georgia Living in Poverty

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<th>2015</th>
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<td>(# of AA Children From Low-Income Families)</td>
<td>302,000</td>
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<td>(% of AA Children From Low-Income Families)</td>
<td>36%</td>
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Roughly 33% of African American children live in poverty in Georgia as opposed to 11% of white children.

Source: As reported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation KIDS COUNT Data Center
GA Milestones End of Grade Exams 2018 Results

English Language Arts
Percent of students scoring “Proficient” or “Distinguished” Learners, by grade-level

Source: Georgia Department of Education
GA Milestones End of Grade Exams 2018 Results

Math
Percent of students scoring “Proficient” or “Distinguished” Learners, by grade-level

All 3rd – 8th Grade Students

Source: Georgia Department of Education
GA Milestones End of Grade Exams 2018 Results

English Language Arts
Percent of students scoring “Proficient” or “Distinguished” Learners, by grade-level and Race/Ethnicity

3rd - 8th Grade Opportunity Gap Results

Source: Georgia Department of Education
GA Milestones End of Grade Exams 2018 Results

**Math**
Percent of students scorings “Proficient” or “Distinguished” Learners, by grade-level and Race/Ethnicity

### 3rd - 8th Grade Opportunity Gap Results

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Source: Georgia Department of Education
Georgia ACT Test Scores

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UGA Admitted Freshman

- 28
- 28
- 28

Avg. Georgia Students

- 20.8
- 21
- 20.8

Source: Georgia Department of Education
Georgia School Funding

Per-Pupil Expenditures

Avg. US Per-Pupil Expenditure

Georgia Per Pupil Expenditure

Recommendations

1. Increase Funding for Historically Disadvantaged Populations
   - Update the Quality Basic Education funding formula to what it costs to educate low-income students
   - Provide additional funding to districts for educating low-income students, such as an “Opportunity Weight” suggested by GBPI
   - Defund all school vouchers and tax-credit scholarship programs

2. Streamline Wraparound Services to Meet Academic and Non-Academic Needs – Community Schools (Services are to be determined at the community level)