

## Dawson County School System vs Regional School Systems (Using the GreatSchools Student Progress Rating data)

### DISTRICT STUDENT PROGRESS

The GreatSchools Student Progress Rating compares the academic progress over time for each school to all schools in the state, using student growth data provided by the state Department of Education. In this section you can see a summary of the percentage of students in this district with above, below, or about average Student Progress Ratings.

For the following comparison we are using data from Dawson County, Forsyth County, Hall County, Cherokee County, Pickens County, Gilmer County, Lumpkin County, White County and Habersham County – all chosen as representative of our surrounding region.

County	Above Average	Average	Below Average
White	71%	29%	0%
Forsyth	65%	27%	8%
Gilmer	60%	20%	20%
Hall	48%	39%	12%
Habersham	46%	31%	23%
Cherokee	33%	58%	8%
Pickens	29%	57%	14%
<b>Dawson</b>	<b>29% *</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>29% **</b>
Lumpkin	0%	20%	80%
“State Average”	<b>34%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>28%</b>

\* Dawson County Schools had the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lowest “Above Avg” rating in the comparison group.

\*\* Dawson County Schools had the 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest “Below Avg” rating in the comparison group.

**NOTE:** Dawson County wasn’t even close to the ratings of the Top 50% of School Systems in the comparison group.

And the above should be considered in a Financial Environment in which Dawson County Schools are spending More Money (*by a substantial amount*) than any of these other school systems. This is more proof that simply spending “More Money” doesn’t equate to a “Good Education”. It just means that you have fiscally irresponsible people in charge of your Board of Education, and your Taxes are Higher.

<data sources provided on the following page>

**Data Compiled from “District Student Progress” (2<sup>nd</sup> pie chart down) sections at the following pages:**

<https://www.greatschools.org/georgia/dawsonville/dawson-county-school-district/>

<https://www.greatschools.org/georgia/cumming/forsyth-county-school-district/>

<https://www.greatschools.org/georgia/gainesville/hall-county-school-district/>

<https://www.greatschools.org/georgia/canton/chockley-county-school-district/>

<https://www.greatschools.org/georgia/jasper/pickens-county-school-district/>

<https://www.greatschools.org/georgia/ellijay/gilmer-county-school-district/>

<https://www.greatschools.org/georgia/dahlonega/lumpkin-county-school-district/>

<https://www.greatschools.org/georgia/cleveland/white-county-school-district/>

<https://www.greatschools.org/georgia/clarksville/habersham-county-school-district/>