

The Clinch County School System is proud to report on this year's release of the Georgia high school graduation rate for students who graduate within four years of entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

Dr. John Barge, our State School Superintendent, confirmed Clinch County's rate as **87.2% for the 2014 graduating class** (almost 15% higher than the state rate of 72.5%).

Principal Denise Brown proudly reminds us, "Our impressive graduation rate is a reflection upon our entire school system. It's not just about the excellent teaching and learning that goes on day to day from Pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. More importantly, it's about the relationships that are formed. Students know we genuinely care about them, and in return they are willing to go the extra mile for us. The employees of Clinch County School System do an incredible job loving and caring about students."

One can lose a lot of things over the course of their life, but nobody can take away the knowledge gained from a solid education! Superintendent of Clinch County Schools, Dr. Donna Ryan knows it truly takes a community to achieve this level of excellence. "I cannot say enough about the tremendous efforts put forth by our teachers, administrators and support staff every day to ensure our students' readiness to learn is at optimal levels thanks to supports wrapped around them."

Ryan attributes the greater percentage of students walking across our stage each May to the leadership of the members of our board of education and the contributions of parents, faith-based organizations and local businesses. "Without a doubt, graduates of Clinch County Schools are entering our workforce **respectful, responsible and ready!**"

Congratulations Clinch County! Our collaborative efforts to build caring and lasting relationships with students places us head and shoulders above most schools for graduating college and career ready within four years of starting 9<sup>th</sup> grade.