EDUCATIONAL SUITABILITY ASSESSMENT REPORT

COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
3230 COLUMBIA WOODS DR. DECATUR, GA 30032
COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUMMARY

Grades Served: PK - 5
Year Built: 1961
Number of Classrooms: 44
Number of Portable Classrooms: 0
Region: 6
Cluster: Columbia

Columbia Elementary School is a PK-5 that serves 424 students in Region 6 (Columbia Cluster). The original school was built in 1961 with additions in 1966, 2000, and a gymnasium in 2000. 44 Instructional Units are in the main building with 0 trailers located on the property.

The following pages is a scorecard based on the Educational Suitability Assessment. All facilities are scored on a scale of 0 - 100. Trailers are not scored as part of this assessment. Each facility is scored based on multiple categories: Non-Instructional Spaces, Outside Spaces, Safety and Security, Technology Readiness, Environmental Quality, Controllability of Systems, Learning Neighborhoods, Special Education, Fine Arts, Food Services, Media Resources, and Athletic and Wellness.

Columbia Elementary School scored a 53.4% on Educational Suitability.
COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PHOTOS

Main Entrance

Classroom

Art Classroom

Cafeteria

Corridor

Gym
## EDUCAUTIONAL SUITABILITY ASSESSMENT

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<td>Are conference rooms easily accessed for public / parent use?</td>
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<td>Does the administration area feel welcoming?</td>
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<td>02-Outside Spaces</td>
<td>Are outdoor play spaces and playfields adequate in size and configuration?</td>
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<td>Lighting aged, seems insufficient</td>
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<td>Are community use areas arranged so that the school can allow night functions without full school access?</td>
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<td>Media center far from exterior entrance</td>
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<td>Is there enough interior transparency for faculty to passively supervise learners and their activities who are not in classrooms?</td>
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<td>03-Technology Readiness</td>
<td>Are there adequate charging locations for devices?</td>
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<td>Stored in classrooms, extras in media center. Storage room in media center too small</td>
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<td>How well equipped are the facilities with instructional technology?</td>
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<td>One projector or smart board per classroom</td>
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<td>Is there adequate AV for presentations spaces – cafeteria, gym, aux gym?</td>
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<td>AV only present in media center</td>
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<td>Does the building provide adequate opportunities for students/teachers to collaborate in varying group sizes?</td>
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