

## School Mission

The school, community, and parents will work together to create a nurturing and challenging environment which will cultivate high self-esteem, acceptance of others, and academic excellence in every student.

## Extra Curricular Opportunities

- 4-H Club
- Art Club
- Band & Orchestra
- Boy Scouts
- Beta Club
- Cheerleading
- Chess Club
- Chorus
- Cool Girls Inc.
- Morning Broadcast
- Pretty Brown Girls
- Safety Patrols
- STEM Club
- Student Council
- Student Library Assistants
- Technology Club
- Obama Gents



## Barack H. Obama Elementary

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## Magnet School of Technology



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## Two Programs – One Newly Constructed School Site

- In January 2017, the **newly constructed** school site opened, serving students in Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> grades.
- **Technology Magnet** Program for students in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades.
- Each student is assigned his/her own **Chromebook**. Laptops, iPads and Macbooks are also available for student use.
- **Dual-Language Spanish Immersion** Program for students in Kindergarten through fifth grade.

## Application Process

Students from all over the District may apply to Obama Elementary's School Choice Programs in the Spring of each school year. Selection is made in the form of a lottery of qualified students. All applicants must complete the School Choice application by the given deadline and meet all eligibility requirements. The online application is available at

[www.dekalbschoolsga.org/school-choice/](http://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/school-choice/).

## Technology Magnet Program

The **Technology Magnet** program is currently for students in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades. There are 3 magnet classes on each grade level. The program provides rigorous, exciting and engaging instruction for high achieving students who are interested in technology.

- Students who are selected must behave appropriately, have a **3.0 GPA**, and possess a strong interest in technology. Students should also be reading within the Lexile band for their grade level.
- All magnet students participate in **STEM classes taught by a certified, gifted teacher**.
- **Teachers have specialized training in technology** and students go on several field trips throughout the year.
- Magnet students are given the opportunity to collaborate with **engineering/science students from local colleges** and universities.
- All magnet students are required to participate in the **Social Studies Fair, Technology Fair, and Georgia Student Media Festival**.

## Dual-Language Spanish Immersion Program

The Barack H. Obama **Dual-Language Spanish Immersion Program** is the **only one of its kind in Region VII**. Students begin the program in kindergarten, and are taught English and Spanish simultaneously. Students receive instruction in **Spanish and English for the four content areas**. Extra support in English is provided for enhanced literacy development. **Students study the Spanish language, as well as cultural diversities associated with Spanish-speaking countries.**

- Smaller class sizes.
  - **Bilingual** teachers.
  - Adherence to State standards and district curriculum requirements.
  - Print and online resources in both languages.
  - **Increased cultural competence** for students.
  - Student **preparation for entrance into a global workforce**.
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