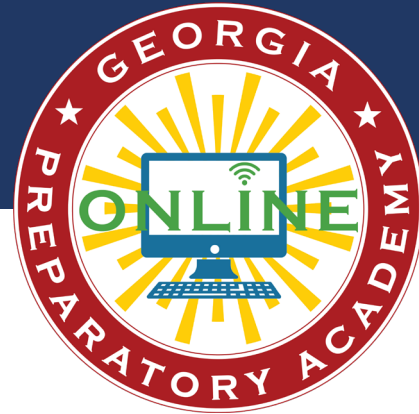


# DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE SCHOOL SYSTEM



Zane Shelfer  
Deputy Superintendent

## OUR MISSION

The **Mission** of the **Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice** is to transform young lives by providing evidence-based rehabilitative treatment services and supervision, strengthening the well-being of youth and families, and fostering safe communities.

### **School System's Mission Statement**

We are committed to providing an education that empowers life-long learners to reach their potential and become college and career ready

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE



# CULTURE WHEEL

## POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Forming relationships with colleagues that enhance our mental and emotional wellbeing, making our jobs more enjoyable.

## RESPECT AND CARE FOR EVERYONE

When our actions align with our words through consideration and compassion, we exhibit respect for one another.

## RESTORE YOUTH

Restoring our youth by strengthening their wellbeing and providing high-quality education and essential services in a supervised rehabilitative environment.

## SERVANT MINDSET

Fostering an environment that allows personnel to focus on their team members' needs before considering their own, leading to stronger relationships with team members and other stakeholders.



## DOING THE RIGHT THINGS

Sustaining an effective organizational value system allowing us to maintain our integrity and principles over popular decisions.

## SUPPORT HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Providing employees with resources to promote their emotional, financial, spiritual, physical, mental, and occupational health.

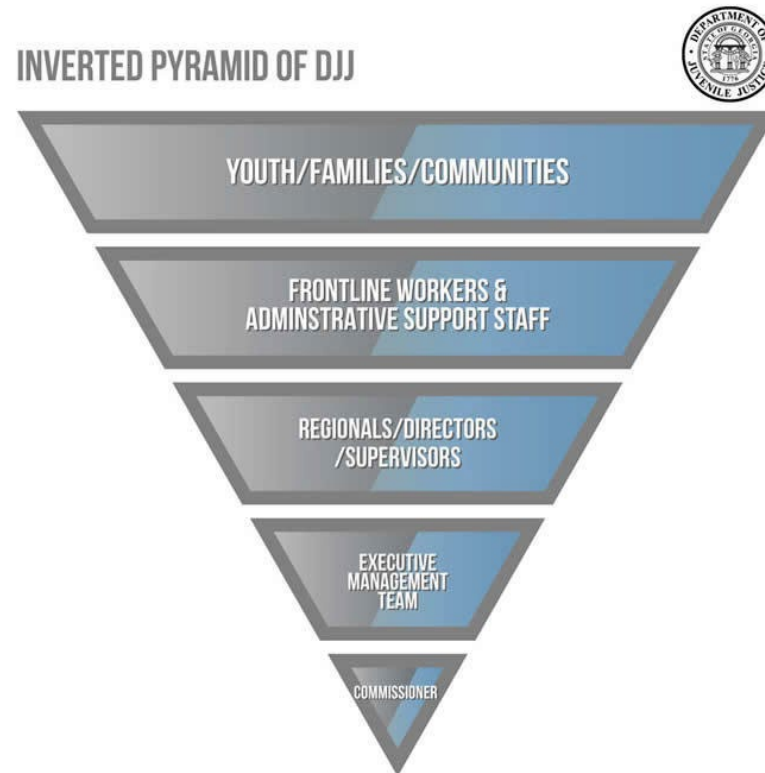
## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Investing in how our employees manage their careers ensures they have the training and skills to progress in their chosen career paths.

## TEAMWORK

Building and developing a team that can help get the work done.

# INVERTED PYRAMID



# Department of Juvenile Justice

Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb

78 Community Service Offices (CSO) across the state – DJJ Community

19 Regional Youth Detention Centers (RYDC) – Pre-adjudication

6 Youth Development Campuses (YDC) – Post-adjudication

3 Education Transition Centers (ETC) – Columbus, Macon, and Savannah

Behavioral and Mental Health

DJJ School System

Medical

Nutrition

Security

## School System Overview

**2020 Georgia Code Title 49 -Social Services Chapter 4A -Department of Juvenile Justice§ 49-4A-12.**

**Special School District Universal Citation: GA Code § 49-4A-12 (2020)**

Created through legislative action in **1992**

School district 891 in Georgia

19 Regional Youth Detention Centers, 6 Youth Development Campuses, 3 Education Transition Centers

Accredited by Cognia/Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) – since **2005**

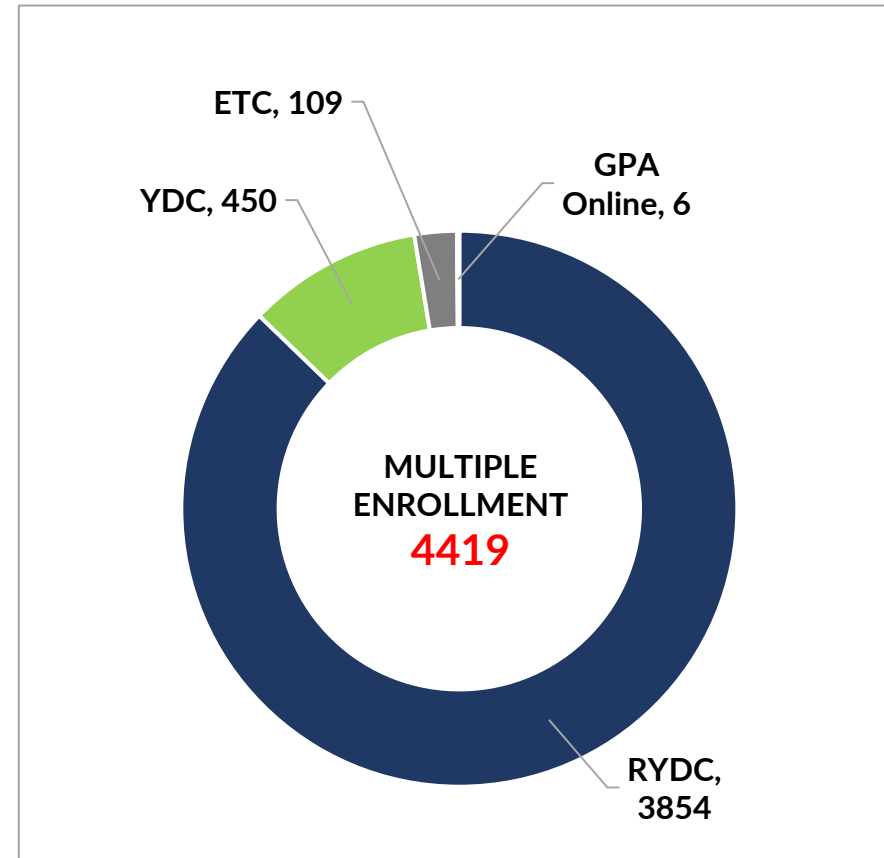
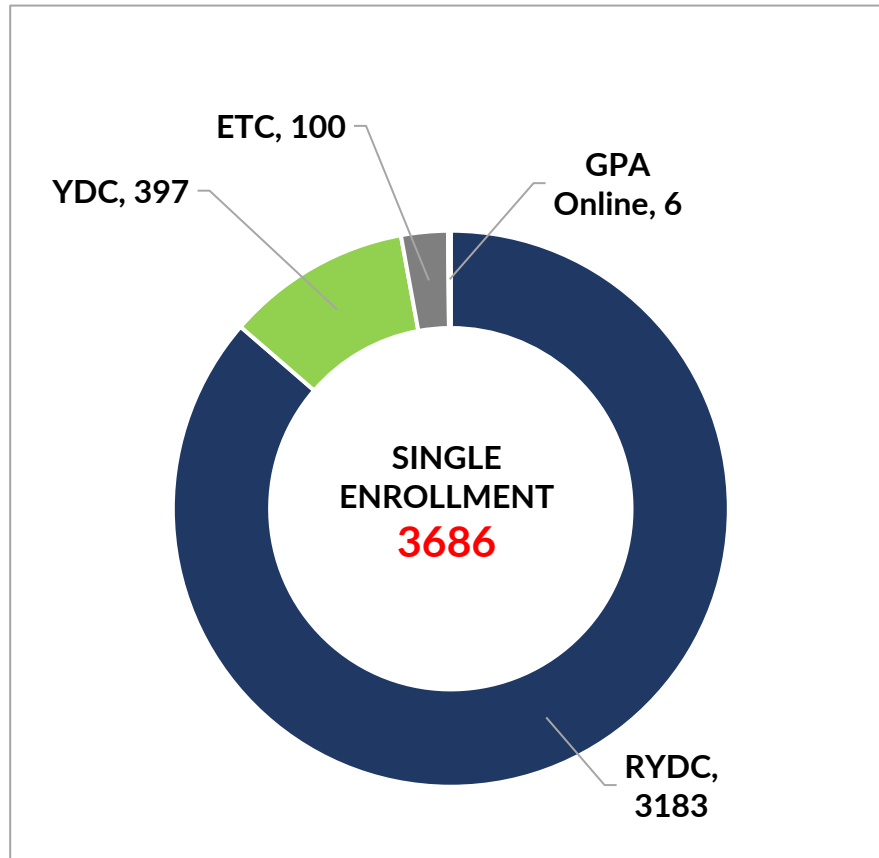
DJJ Board of Education Bylaws: Updated **2022**

DJJ Policy Chapter 13: Education/School System

Member of Metro Regional Educational Service Agency (Metro RESA)

# SCHOOL SYSTEM ENROLLMENT

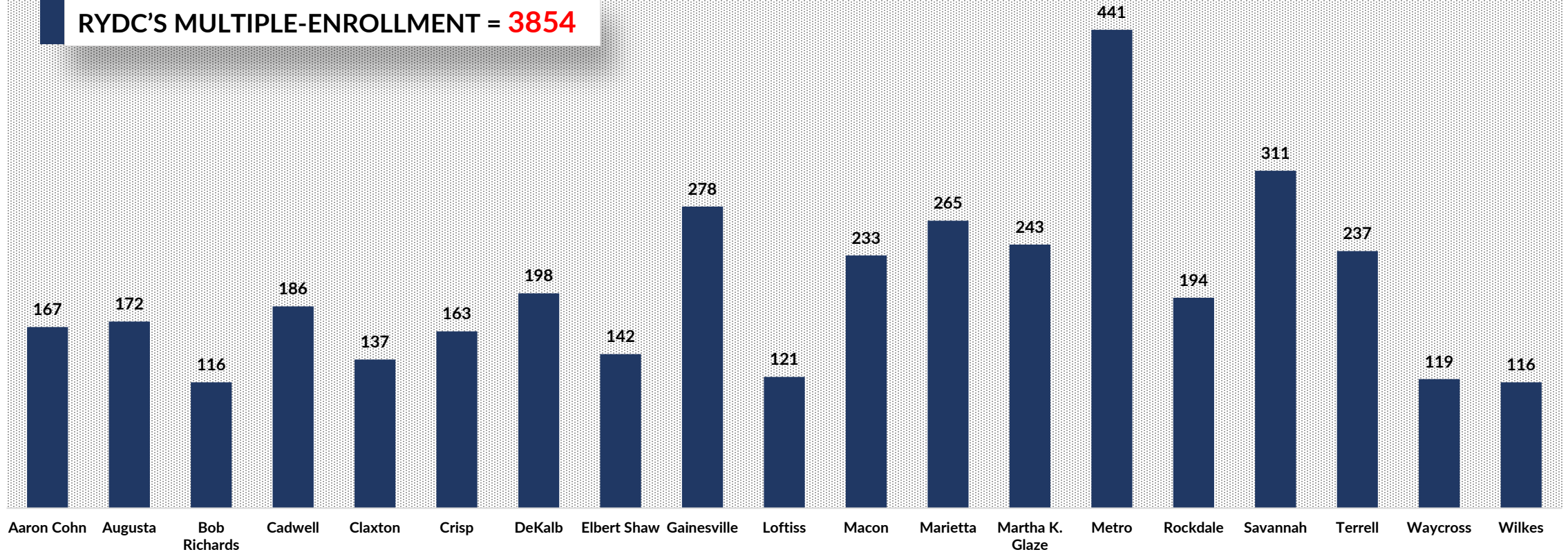
## SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023



# RYDC'S ENROLLMENT

## SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023

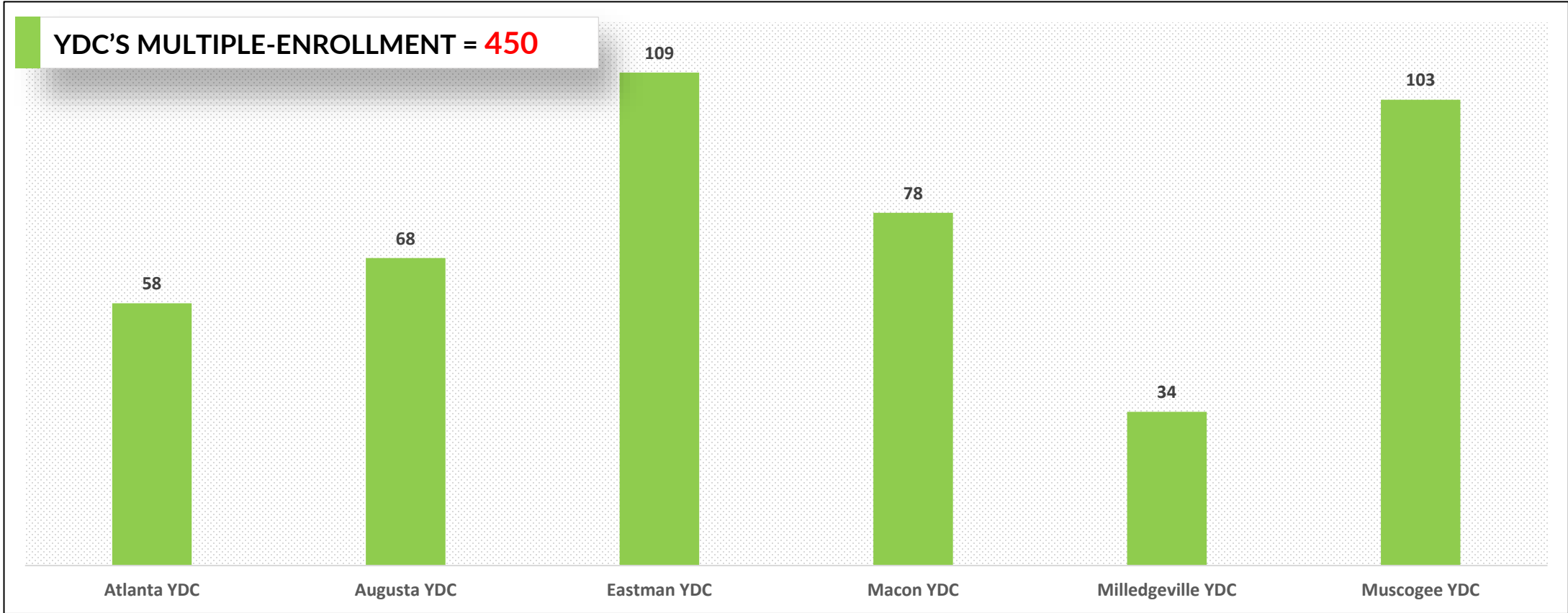
RYDC'S MULTIPLE-ENROLLMENT = 3854





# YDC'S ENROLLMENT

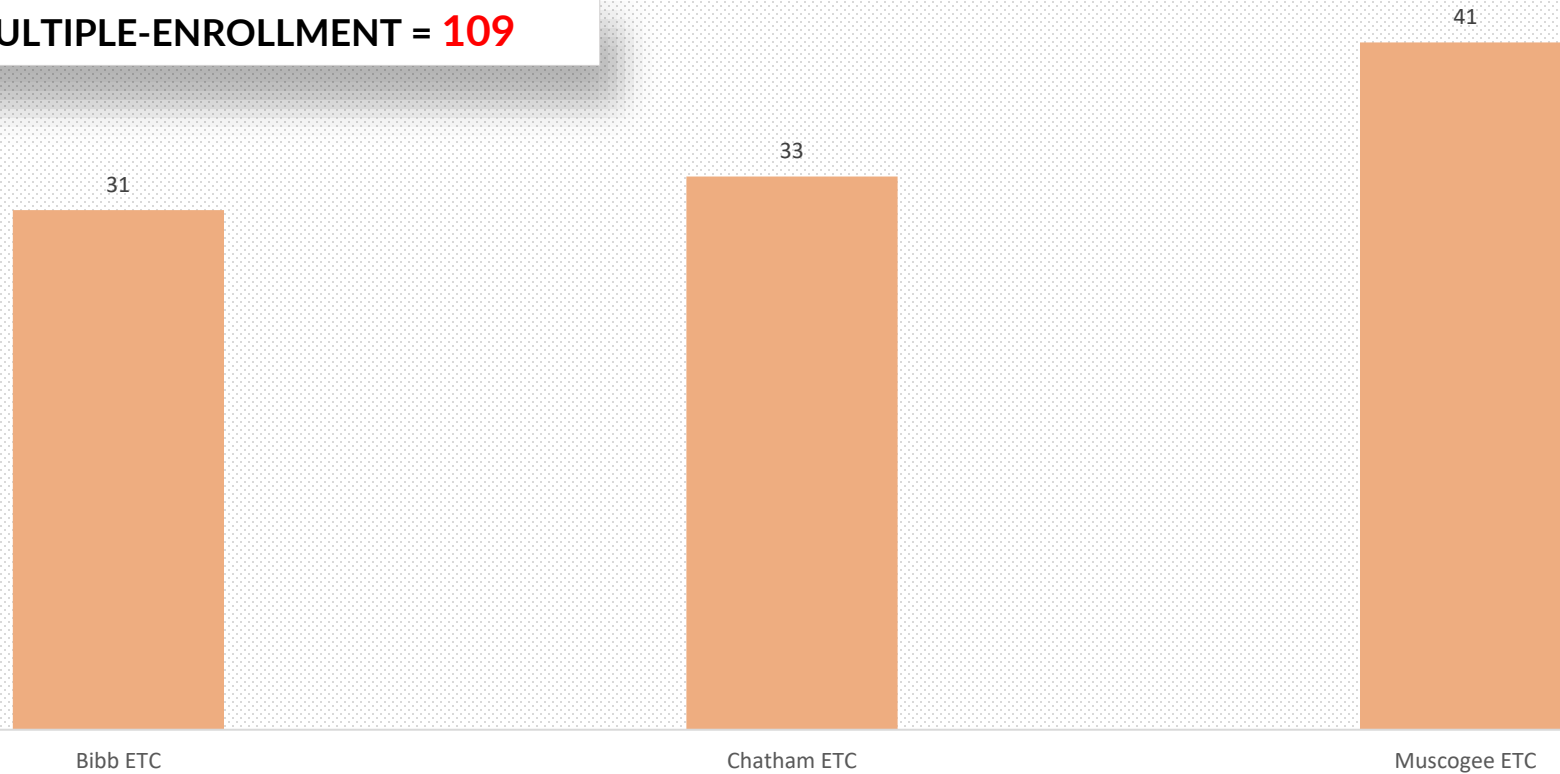
## SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023



# ETC'S ENROLLMENT

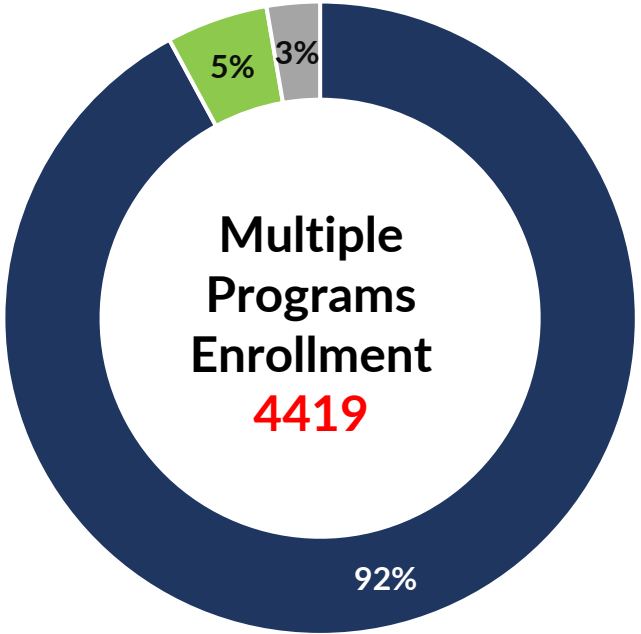
## SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023

ETC'S MULTIPLE-ENROLLMENT = 109



# PROGRAMS ENROLLMENT

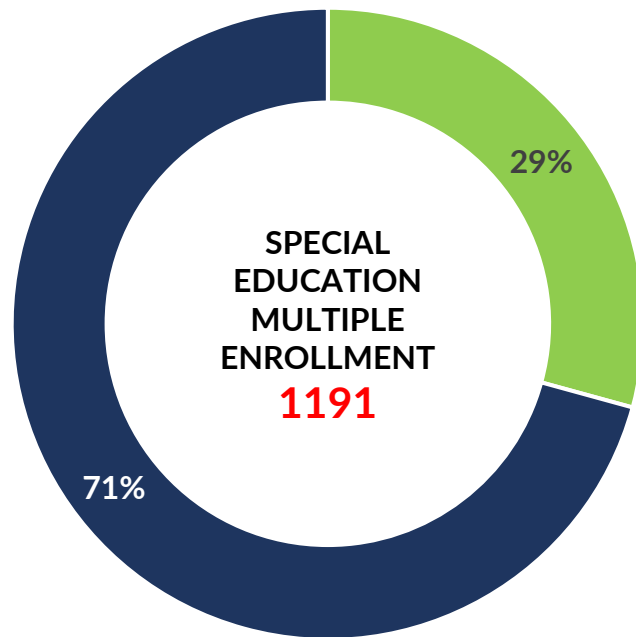
SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023



- GEORGIA PREPARATORY ACADEMY = 4070
- PATHWAY TO SUCCESS = 229
- CONNECTIONS GRADUATE PROGRAM = 120

# SPECIAL EDUCATION ENROLLMENT

## SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023



GENERAL EDUCATION = **2879**

SPECIAL EDUCATION = **1191**

# PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

# CURRICULUM & ASSESSMENT

## SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023

- **Teachers, Principals, School Counselors are all certified through Professional Standards Commission**
- **In-person standards-based classrooms – use Georgia Standards of Excellence**
- **Offer Edgenuity/Odysseyware online learning for credit recovery and new credit**
- **Online Testing for Standardized Testing – Georgia Milestones End of Grade and End of Course**
- **New K-12 Mathematics Standards – training and implementation for 2023-2024**
- **Monthly Meetings with Content Teachers – continuous professional development**

# SPECIAL EDUCATION

## SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023

- Offer a full continuum of special education services including psychological assessments, eligibility reports, individualized education program (IEP), and speech and language services.
- Participate in GO IEP through the Georgia Department of Education
- Special Education teachers in each location
- Special Education Technical Assistants across the state
- Receive VI-B Federal Special Education grant

# CAREER TECHNICAL AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

## SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023

- **CTAE Programs:**

- Music Production Studios- Metro RYDC & Milledgeville YDC
- C-Tech- Milledgeville YDC & Atlanta YDC
- Barbering- August YDC & Eastman YDC
- Cosmetology-Macon YDC
- Culinary Arts -Macon YDC & Eastman YDC
- Automotive Service Technology-Eastman YDC
- Construction -Augusta YDC & Eastman YDC
- Horticulture- Eastman YDC & Augusta YDC
- Graphic Arts and Design- Macon YDC
- Law and Public Safety-Muscogee YDC
- Business Education- Terrell RYDC, Cadwell RYDC, & Macon YDC

- **TCCs**

- Eastman-Nursery Greenhouse Specialist (CGTC)
- Shampoo Tech Specialist (Oconee Fall Line Tech)
- Barbering Fundamentals (Central Georgia Technical College)
- Muscogee- Criminal Justice Fundamentals (Columbus Tech)
- Macon- Salon & Spa Support Specialist (Central Georgia Technical College)
- Shampoo Tech (CGTC)
- Microsoft WORD Application Specialist (CGTC)
- Prep Cook (CGTC)
- Augusta- Nursery Greenhouse Specialist (Augusta Tech)
- Barbering Fundamentals (Augusta Tech)

Awarded 21 Technical Certificates of Credit (TCC) in Spring Graduation and 9 Fall Graduation



# CONNECTIONS GRADUATE PROGRAM

## SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023

### **Kennesaw State University New Connections Collision Project:**

- 12 students participated
- Performance based on The Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds

### **Georgia State University Juvenile Justice Education Program**

- Pre-College program
- 31 graduates participated
- 106 certificates earned

### **SHOWCASE Group Mentor Program**

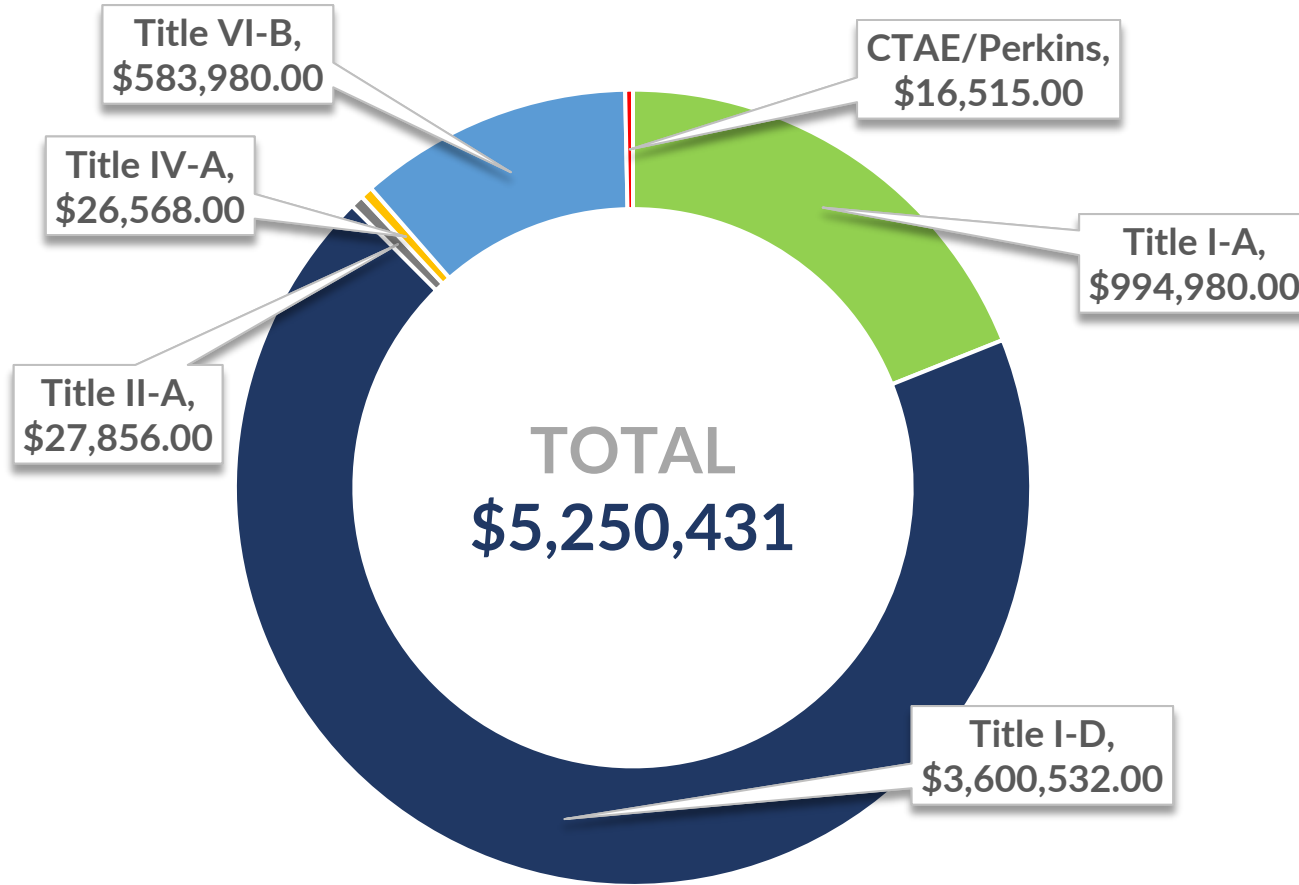
- 8 graduates
- 10-week workshops via Zoom

### **eCore - Online College Program**

- 12 graduates taking online college classes Fall, Spring, and Summer Semesters

# Federal Grants

## FEDERAL FUNDS (JULY 2023)



# GEORGIA PREPARATORY ACADEMY ONLINE

## SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023

- Began in **January 2021**
- Partnership with **Edgenuity**
- Working collaboratively with **DJJ Community** (Probation Officers) and the **Reentry Department**
- Provide students with a **device with internet**
- **Three** high school graduates during 2022-2023 School Year

High School Equivalency  
**PATHWAY TO SUCESS**  
**SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023**

**Total GED Graduates – 40 Total GED graduates**

- 24 Spring Semester
  - Highest GED from Macon YDC
- 16 Fall Semester 2023
  - Highest GED Elbert Shaw RYDC

2022-2023 was first year completely online for GED Testing

First full year with part-time GED instructors at Savannah RYDC, Macon RYDC, and Crisp RYDC

**Percentage** of graduates from RYDC's continues to grow

# STUDENT INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

## SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023

- Successful in the coordination, setup, and deployment of 500 new student computers to DJJ school system RYDC's, YDC's, and ETC's
- Successful in the coordination, setup, and deployment of the GA Milestone Online Testing for DJJ school system
- Successful in the compilation, error correction, and submission of all GA Department of Education annual data reports
- Provided multiple Infinite Campus training sessions to education staff

# SCHOOL COUNSELING

## SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023

- **Five on-site School Counselors in Youth Development Campuses**
- **Four regional counselors**
- **Ensuring accurate transcripts and schedules**
- **Evaluating and approving high school graduates**
- **Providing reentry and transition counseling**

# PANDEMIC RELATED ISSUES

## SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023

**March 2020 – converted to unit instruction for two and a half months**

**June 2020 – returned to classroom instruction with safety measures in place (smaller classrooms, masks, distanced seating, hand sanitizer, cleaning products)**

**DJJ students historically enter the DJJ system working below grade level (example: Beginning Learner on standardized tests)**

- Remained consistent throughout the pandemic
- Math is most challenging subject

**Access to devices and online learning had dual effects**

- Less structure, time at home, needed more supervision
  - Online learning availability is an option when physical enrollment is questioned
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- Offer after-school and small teacher/student ratio

# TOTAL GRADUATES & Certificates

# 101



HIGH SCHOOL  
DIPLOMAS



GED  
DIPLOMAS



TCC  
CERTIFICATES

SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023 GRADUATES & CERTIFICATES





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