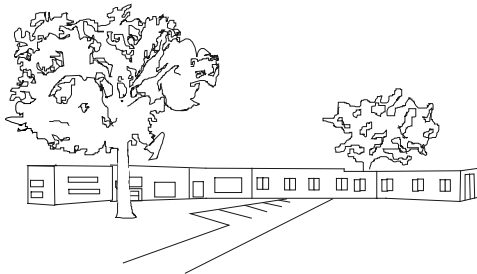


RESA **A**CADEMY

“We’re In It Together!”



Visitors' Guide

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Introduction

Established in 1994, RESA Academy is a regional alternative school administered by Griffin RESA and a Board of Education composed of the superintendents and school board members of participating school systems. It serves students in grades 6 – 12 providing an alternative educational program for Butts, Griffin-Spalding and Lamar County. Approximately 160 students are enrolled at any one time. The school is only one of four schools of any type in Georgia to have received a Pay for Performance Award for the past seven consecutive years.

RESA Academy is located on the campus of the former West Griffin School at 814 Experiment Street, Griffin, Georgia 30223.

The school provides chronically disruptive students in grades 6-12 with the social services, individualized instruction and/or transitions to other programs they need to become successful students and good citizens in the school and larger community. RESA Academy works with students to help them achieve one of four goals:

1. Return to their base schools and meet with behavioral and academic success there.
2. Work toward earning a GED.
3. Enroll in Griffin Tech.
4. Meet as many of their base schools' requirements for graduation as possible at our school.

The school teaches classes that are comparable in content to the classes at the base schools it serves, using the Georgia Quality Core Curriculum (QCC) and the Georgia Performance Standards (GPS) as the guide.

RESA Academy also works with students to achieve therapeutic success. Through small groups and classes promoting social skills, we try to equip each student with the life skills necessary to work through his/her own problems.

School is in session Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Academics at the Academy

We teach classes that are comparable in content to the classes at the home schools we serve. We do this by using the QCC as our guide. We try to ensure as much as reasonably possible that students returning to their home schools have covered the same objectives at our school as they would have had they been enrolled in their home schools.

The Academy has excellent computer facilities which are frequently used as an integrated part of our classwork. The computers promote more individualized attention to the needs of each student.

Behavior Management at the Academy

We use a version of the points and levels behavior management system. The purpose of the points and levels system is to encourage the development of self-discipline to help address emotional and academic difficulties. This system also allows for a clear definition of limits and expectations. Motivational aspects of the program, for example field trips and rank advancement, serve to reinforce and shape more appropriate classroom behaviors.

- Levels range from Level 0 (the lowest) to Level 5 (the highest).
- Students enter RESA Academy on Level 2.
- When students attend class, act appropriately, and do their work, they earn points.
- When students do not act appropriately and do not do their work, they earn infractions.
- In order to advance to a higher level, a student must earn enough points without earning too many infractions.
- Students must successfully remain on levels a certain amount of time in order to be promoted to the next level.

One of the requirements to exit the Academy is that the student must be on Level 5 for the fourth consecutive week. This implies ten weeks of fairly appropriate classroom behavior.

Staff

Middle School Team:

Jamie Jones
Science

Gail Sauer
Social Studies

Leslie Fagin
Language Arts

Charlie Armour
Math

Jimmy Brittain
Interrelated

High School Team:

Mike Walter
English

Jim Chapman
Science

Steve Magner
Social Studies

Bobby Joe Smith
Math

Tracey Ellis
Interrelated

School-wide:

Rodney Sizemore
Director

Wendi Kirby
Self-Contained Tchr.

Lajuana Carlisle
Social Worker

Terry Ponder
Resource Officer

Brenda Kendall
School Secretary

Ira Washington
Custodian

Tami Banks
Food Services

Directions

Visitors are always welcome at RESA Academy. Please check in at the office upon arrival.

RESA Academy is located at the intersection of 14th and Experiment Streets in a white painted building.

From east of downtown Griffin:

- Take Highway 16 into Griffin.
- Turn right onto 14th Street at Taco Bell.
- 14th Street dead-ends into Experiment Street. RESA Academy is at that intersection on the left.

From south/west of downtown Griffin:

- Take U.S. 41 north to Highway 16.
- Turn right onto Highway 16.
- Turn left onto 14th Street at Taco Bell.
- 14th Street dead-ends into Experiment Street. RESA Academy is at that intersection on the left.

From north/west of downtown Griffin:

- On U.S. 19/41 south, take the Griffin Business exit.
- Turn left at the light onto Ellis Road.
- Ellis Road dead-ends into Experiment Street. Turn right onto Experiment Street.
- RESA Academy is about 1/2 mile on the right.