

Education

Prepare students for high-skilled, high wage careers through advanced training and community support.

Lowndes County and the Cities of Dasher, Hahira, Lake Park, Remerton, and Valdosta share two school systems – Lowndes County Schools (LCS) and Valdosta City Schools (VCS); five private schools, as well as Valdosta State University, Wiregrass Technical College, and Georgia Military College. The Lowndes County Schools system serves students in unincorporated Lowndes County, Dasher, Hahira, Lake Park, and Remerton while the Valdosta City Schools system serves the students of Valdosta specifically. Both school systems provide over 10 elementary schools, five middle schools, and two high schools which enroll over 18,900 students every school year. Each public school system must conduct a strategic plan that highlights goals, objectives, and performance measures. Each public school system wishes to focus on the following goal areas collectively:

- *Student achievement/academics*
- *Student services and support systems*
- *Operations, maintenance, safety, and facilities*
- *High quality workforce*
- *Technology*
- *Positive culture and climate*

Valdosta State University exists as a regional university offering over 50 bachelors programs, over 30 masters programs, and 4 doctoral programs to South Georgia and neighboring states.

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College serves students in South Georgia through campuses and specialized instructional sites across its eleven-county service area, offering more than 100 associate degree, diploma, and technical certificate programs designed to prepare students for careers immediately following graduation.

Georgia Military College serves South Georgia and the Moody Air Force Base community by offering associate and associate of applied science degree programs through flexible in-person and online learning opportunities designed to support a diverse student population.

