



It's a statistical fact that Adventist education prepares students to be uniquely successful. They're academically prepared. College bound. Clear thinkers motivated to achieve. The ingredients are simple: Great teachers, the latest technology and an obsessive commitment to quality improvement.



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**A Passion for Quality,  
Standards-based,  
Adventist Education**



**GROW EXCELLENCE**



## It's not easy growing up these days.

Young people face challenges, pressures and temptations unimaginable just a few years ago. In a world of turmoil and constant change, parents increasingly look to Adventist education to offer their children the tools they need to survive and succeed in this life—and for eternity.

Academically, the numbers speak for themselves:

Adventist Schools	Public
% of graduates who attend college: 85+	66
% of graduates who complete college degrees: 80+	14
% of applicants accepted to medical schools: 34	9
% of teachers certificated: Nearly 100	58*
Percentile performance on nationally normed tests: 70%ile, or better than 70% of all schools taking the test nationwide, which includes public and private schools	* in some states

But some things—perhaps those that are most important—just can't be measured in test scores and college completion rates. Around the world, in more than 6,709 schools and through the inspired efforts of more than 65,679 Adventist teachers, young lives experience critical transformation.

It happens in morning worships. In earnest prayers. In community service projects and mission adventures. In so many little ways each day, our children find God and a future on their journey to excellence. And isn't that worth everything?



## Principal's Message

Welcome to GFAA, one of the exceptional schools found in the Carolina and South Atlantic Conferences of Seventh-day Adventists. We are excited to partner with you to bring quality, standards-based Adventist education.

GFAA is unlike any public or charter school. We have teachers working on innovative, cutting-edge processes with a and true blueprint for success dating back 1853 with the first Adventist school, and then formalizing a world-wide system in 1874, under a divine command to rightly train an army of youth.

While each of our schools are unique, they are shaped by our shared mission to show children Jesus, nurture their love for Him and others, teach them to think, and empower them to serve. GFAA is a part of the Carolina and South Atlantic system of Adventist schools and participates in a process that will serve as our road map for ensuring that individual students know Jesus as their personal, loving savior, and they will be able to reach their full, God-given potential.

## Academics

Standards are what learners should know (content) and be able to do (skills). They serve as the framework for curriculum development. The standards used in all South Atlantic Conference schools are established by the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventist Office of Education. These standards reflect the Adventist worldview across the K-12 curricula as well as the integration of national and state standards.

The Adventist worldview accepts the Bible as the standard by which everything else is measured. Four key concepts emerge from a biblical worldview that can be used as a lens for curriculum development, as well as informing the essential questions and big ideas of any content area:

1. Creation - What is God's intention?
2. Fall - How has God's purpose been distorted?
3. Redemption - How does God help us to respond?
4. Re-creation - How can we be restored in the image of God?



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