

# North Metro GNETS Service Areas

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## North Metro Georgia Network for Educational & Therapeutic Supports (GNETS)

### Educational Services



## Mission Statement

The mission of the North Metro GNETS Program is to provide a nurturing, academic, behavioral and therapeutic setting in collaboration with parents, local school systems, and community agencies, in which eligible students may experience academic, behavioral, and therapeutic support services so they will learn to be successful in their communities, home school, or appropriate LRE.

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## Welcome to North Metro GNETS...



North Metro GNETS has professionally qualified teachers serving our students.

### What is North Metro GNETS?

North Metro GNETS is one of 24 GNETS programs across the state that support local school district's continuum of services for students with disabilities, ages 5 - 21. The programs provide comprehensive educational and therapeutic support services to students who might otherwise require residential or other more restrictive placements due to the severity of one or more of the characteristics of the disability category of emotional and behavioral disorders (EBD). The North Metro GNETS Program serves students from: Atlanta Public Schools, Fulton County Schools (North), and Gwinnett County Schools including students from Buford County Schools.

### Example of Services Offered:

- Educational Services & Supports by Certified Teachers and Curriculum Specialists
- Social Skills Training
- Academic Instruction
- Behavioral Interventions & Therapeutic Support Services provided by in-house Licensed School Psychologists, Licensed School Social Workers, Behavior Specialists (BCBAs), Registered Behavior Technicians (RBTs), etc.
- Local Interagency Planning Team (LIPT) and Other Interagency Linkages
- Parental Support
- District and Home School Collaboration
- Professional Development
- And much more...



**NM GNETS provides intensive therapeutic interventions and educational supports designed to meet the individual needs of our students.**

### How does my child obtain services?

Services are determined by the Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team Process. An IEP team may consider GNETS services for a child based upon documentation of the severity of the duration, frequency, and intensity of one or more of the characteristics of the disability category of emotional and behavioral disorders (EBD). This documentation must include prior extension of less restrictive services and data that indicate such services have not enabled the child to benefit educationally. For children receiving services, local schools are actively involved and exit criteria must be developed upon, or prior to, entry into the GNETS program.

### Is there a cost?

There is no charge for services. The Georgia General Assembly appropriates a GNETS grant (SED) each year.

### Which Children Are Served?

Most students served by GNETS programs are those with severe emotional and behavioral disorders and other mental health related disabilities. Other eligible students with disabilities may receive GNETS services when the frequency, intensity, and duration of their behaviors is such that GNETS services are deemed appropriate by the student's IEP team.