



## ADMINISTRATIVE & STUDENT SUPPORT

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**Instructional Coach** - Benjamin Moore

**PEC Lead Teacher** - Dr. Stephanie Govan

**Social Worker** - Liz McCarthy

**Welcome Desk / PTA Liaison** - Jennifer Miller

**IB Coordinator:** Nina Edelstein

## A SCHOOL WITHIN A SCHOOL

To help students adjust to middle school as well as become more comfortable with its vast array of choices, Sutton successfully implements a “School within a School” concept. Each grade of students actually operates as its own separate school within the larger Sutton facility. This means each grade of students moves through its schedule of classes and lunch at different times responding to a different bell system. This organization allows each student to experience and grow into the middle school adventure at an age-appropriate pace.

## CURRICULUM

The SMS curriculum consists of homeroom and seven courses of study: five academic courses and two Connections classes. All courses implement the IB philosophy and practices. The academic classes are:

**Math:**

- Accelerated
- Honors
- Standard
- Double Dose/Remedial

**Language Arts:**

- Challenge
- Honors
- Standard
- Double Dose/Remedial

**Foreign Language:**

- Advanced
- Intermediate
- Beginning

**Social Studies & Science:**

- Single Level

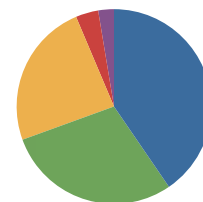
Connections classes are: Health and Fitness, PE, Art, Drama, Mac Lab, Business PC Lab, Guitar, Chorus, Band, Orchestra, and General Music.

## ENROLLMENT

**Total Enrollment: 1303**

6<sup>th</sup>: 476  
7<sup>th</sup>: 431  
8<sup>th</sup>: 396

## STUDENT POPULATION



**Of the 476 current 6th grade students % that are from:**

- Bolton: 9%
- Brandon: 10%
- E. Rivers: 9%
- Garden Hills: 16%
- Sarah Smith: 25%
- Warren T. Jackson: 20%
- Other: 11%

- White 41%
- African American 28%
- Hispanic 24%
- Other 4%
- Asian 3%

## STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

Over the past three years, Sutton’s students have shown a marked, consistent improvement in CRCT scores in every subject. We now see the majority of students meeting or exceeding at the 800+ mark with nearly half of those students performing at the 850+ level.

Meets or Exceeds on CRCT 800 or Higher	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Reading/ELA	91%	93%	96%
Math	84%	83%	86%
Science	76%	79%	81%
Social Studies	76%	77%	84%

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE SCHOOL

Sutton Middle School is an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) World School offering the Middle Years Programme (MYP) in collaboration with North Atlanta High School. This program promotes active lifelong learning through interdisciplinary planning. Students are encouraged to question and evaluate information critically, to seek out and explore the links between their classroom subjects, and to develop an awareness of their place in the world.

Few systems in the country offer the I.B. MYP as it spans five years (from 6th through 10th grades), and this usually involves multiple schools. In the spring of 2008, Sutton and North Atlanta High School received joint authorization as an I.B. MYP, becoming the only school in the city of Atlanta or Fulton County, public or private, to offer this course of study. In addition, all of Sutton’s feeder elementary schools offer the I.B. Primary Years Programme. Therefore, the North Atlanta cluster offers the only fully articulated International Baccalaureate K-12 educational model in Georgia.



## Business Partners

Park Tavern  
East West Mfg.  
Tutor Doctor  
Nancy G's  
WIFH  
Big Frog  
Jason's Deli  
Menchie's  
US Cafe Buckhead

## Partners in Education

PriceWaterhouseCoopers  
The Buckhead Business Association  
Emory University  
The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra  
Chastain Horse Park  
AGAPE  
LaAmistad  
The Ritz Carlton

## ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS

Debate  
Geography Bee  
Math One Fair  
Science One Fair  
Social Studies One Fair  
Technology One Fair  
Sigma Math  
MathCounts  
MathLeague  
Odyssey of the Mind  
Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl  
Social Studies Fair  
Spelling Bee  
Future Business Leaders of America

## *Fine Arts*

Sutton Night Live	Orchestra
Showcase at Chastain Amphitheatre	Band
Winter Concert	Drama
Black History Program	Art
8th Grade Celebration Concert	Performance Chorus
Hispanic Heritage Program	Spring Concert
Classical Music Concert	

### **Awards and Accomplishments:**

- Sutton participates in statewide orchestra, chorus and band competitions and has a 25 year history of achieving the highest ranking in the city at these competitions.
- In 2010, Sutton received "Outstanding Strings" and "Exceptional Achievement" awards at the National Adjudicators Invitational.
- Sutton is the only middle school within APS to have students selected to participate in the Georgia All-State Middle School Orchestra.

### **Did you know?**

Sutton has partnered with the Bill Clinton Foundation and the Alliance for a Healthier Generation / Healthy Schools Program in order to empower our students to make healthy lifestyle choices. Sutton earned the bronze award in 2010 for its implementation of positive wellness activities and behaviors and is currently working toward a Silver Level award.



Art Club  
Student Aide  
Foreign Movie Club  
Knitting Club: Cougar Knitters  
Student to Student  
Book Club  
Hispanic Initiative Girl Scouts  
Digital Photography  
"Coda" Music Ensemble  
Shakespeare Club  
Boys Reading Club  
Girl Talk  
Student Council  
Sutton Community Garden Club  
Sutton Stream Keepers  
Hispanic Heritage Club & Hispanic Culture Club  
Monday Morning Stress Release  
Morning Mile Club  
Drama Club

## Clubs

## SPORTS & INTRAMURALS

Baseball  
Basketball Boys  
Basketball Girls  
Cheerleading  
Cross Country  
Football  
Golf  
Lacrosse  
Soccer Boys  
Soccer Girls  
Softball  
Step Team  
Tennis  
Track and Field  
Volleyball

