



# West Fannin Elementary

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## GaDOE STEM Certified School 2018-2023

### About Our School

The entire faculty/staff at West Fannin is committed to campus-wide STEM/STEAM education. We strive to instill critical thinking, problem-solving ability, and confidence in all of our students. We focus on a form of outdoor, environmental education that allows our students to learn about life cycles and ecosystems in kinesthetic fashion. We also put on a school-wide theatrical production every other school year that allows for meaningful integration of the fine arts and provides our students with empowerment and self-worth. One of our future goals is to become a GaDOE STEAM certified school.



### Unique Characteristics

- Middle-school and high-school level scientific investigative research team comprised of 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Math/Science/Arts integration through the use of STEM/STEAM blocks for all grade levels
- Project-based learning across all grade levels (both short-term and long-term)
- Outdoor classroom, nature trail, butterfly garden, greenhouse, bat habitat, chicken coups with chickens, a goat habitat, indoor bee hive and apple orchard
- Georgia Adopt-a-Stream partnership with lessons in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- Consistent collaboration between STEM Lab teacher, Tech. Lab teacher, Music/Art/Drama teacher, and Homeroom STEM/STEAM teachers
- School-wide theatrical productions every other school year
- Dynamic local community and long-distance partnerships

### Partnerships

West Fannin is blessed to have local business and community members as partners for our STEM/STEAM education program. Dr. Gilda Lyon, Dr. Dillon Miller and Jocelyn Miller, Master Gardeners, Mercier Orchards, Oyster Fine Bamboo Fly Rods, Blue Ridge Mountain Arts Association, and many others offer continuous support and guidance for our students. We are thankful for all of our educational partnerships!



## Links

[School Website](#)

[Happy Trails Outdoor Classroom Video](#)