



KELL HIGH SCHOOL

Mission: One Team, One Goal, Student Success | School Celebrations

QUICK FACTS

- Located in Marietta, GA in Northeastern Cobb County
- 2026-27 Student population of approximately 1560.
- Named for the legendary Carlton "Corky" Kell, a highly respected coach and athletic director for the Cobb County School District.
- Opened in August 2002

RECOGNITIONS & CELEBRATIONS

- 2025 Graduation Rate of 93.7%.
- US News & World Report's Top High Schools in the United States for the last 7 years
- Kell's CCRPI score is 90.3, which is 3.1 points higher than the state average
- 90.6% of AP Tests were 3 or higher (a Kell record!)
- Over 25% of 2026 Seniors received the Presidential Scholar Award

ACADEMICS

STEM Program

The Kell STEM Academy is designed to give students the chance to pursue advanced opportunities in the four broad areas of STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

AP Program

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses allow students to experience college-level content and course work and to possibly earn college credit before leaving high school!

- Kell's AP Program offers 26 different AP courses, including AP Capstone.
- In 2025, Kell HS earned the distinction of an AP Honor School, earning honors in six distinct categories:
 - AP Humanities School & AP Humanities Achievement School
 - AP STEM School & AP STEM Achievement School
 - AP Access and Support School

FINE ARTS

Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Drama, and the Visual Arts make-up our Performing Arts department. In addition to continuously achieving superior ratings at yearly evaluations and offering opportunities for students to perform and show artwork across the region, these programs regularly produce students who earn county and state-level accolades.

Marching Band

- Blue Ridge Marching Music Festival – 1st in Class 5A, 1st in Gold Division, Overall Grand Champion, Outstanding Music, Visual, General Effect, and Drum Major Awards
- Carrollton Legacy of Champions – 1st in Open Class, 1st in Gold Division, Overall Grand Champion, Don Hall Music Award Winner, Outstanding Music, Visual, General Effect, and Drum Major Awards
- White Columns Invitational – 1st in Class 5A, 1st in Gold Division Outstanding Music, Visual, and Drum Major Awards

Concert Band

- 17 students made the District Honor Band
- 17 students made the 2nd round of All-State auditions
- 11 students accepted to the UGA January High School Music Festival
- 7 students accepted to the Georgia All-State Band
- 2 students accepted to the Atlanta Youth Symphony Orchestra

Orchestra

- The Kell Chamber Orchestra performed at the GMEA State In-Service Conference for the first time in the program's history.
- All three orchestras – Chamber, Sinfonia, and Concert Orchestra – earned "Superior" ratings at LGPE, with each ensemble receiving a perfect score in sight-reading.
- 1 student selected to the GMEA District Honor Orchestra

Visual Arts

- Recognitions from the Atlanta Dogwood Festival, the Capitol Art Show, the All-State Art Symposium, and Kennesaw Depot and Smith Gilbert Garden featured artists
- NAHS team recognized by the #CobbArtRocks Throwdown

LONGHORNS



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ATHLETICS

Kell boasts 17 different sports program offerings for its student body, and it has a long history of athletic achievement that includes not just numerous post-season appearances but State Championship titles too:

- Ten State Championships in the sports of Baseball, Softball, Girls Lacrosse, Boys Track, and Girls and Boys Basketball.
- State Runner-Up placements in Girls Lacrosse, Girls Tennis, Girls and Boys Basketball, and Girls Track.

The 2025-2026 sports season was no different in our athletic achievements:

- Girls Softball won the Region Championship and went to the GHSA State Championship Series, finishing the State Runner-Up.
- Football advanced to the GHSA AAAA State Semifinals (Final Four), completing an outstanding postseason run.
- Girls Volleyball earned a berth in the GHSA State Playoffs, advancing to the postseason.
- Girls Flag Football team made a playoff appearance in only their second season as a program
- Girls Varsity Basketball won the Region Championship and went to the GHSA State Championship, finishing the State Runner-Up
- Girls Lacrosse advanced to the GHSA AAAA State Playoffs Sweet 16, continuing a strong postseason run.
- Track & Field celebrated two individual GHSA AAAA State Champions
- Baseball made school history by winning Kell High School's first-ever GHSA Baseball State Championship, capturing the 2026 AAAA State Championship.

LONGHORN TRADITIONS

Kell has a long history of traditions and community building. Below are some of our favorite traditions that celebrate our students and support our larger Kell family:

- **The Millie Threeton World of Work Fair** – Over 100 colleges and businesses partner with Kell to provide students the opportunity to see and learn what it takes to get into different career fields.
- **The International Festival** – Over 35 different countries are represented by our Kell student body, and this event highlights our diverse backgrounds with an evening of food, music, and fellowship.
- **Shop With a Longhorn** – Kell students give back to the community by raising money and serving our younger Longhorns in need by giving them a holiday morning of their dreams.
- **Homecoming Parade** – An all-community event that culminates in a festival on the Kell Football field.
- **Bright Lights Parade** – A celebration of Kell's graduating seniors under the night sky and lots of lights.

